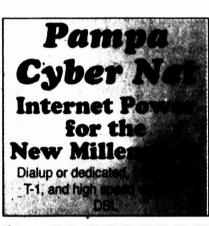
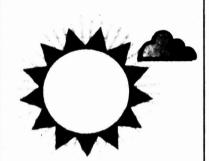
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#### Four dead in house fire: one found shot to death

AUSTIN (AP) — Four family members are dead after a fire blazed through a mobile home in rural Lee County and authorities say at least one of victims had been shot to death.

Gary Steiwig Jr., 28, was shot at close range in the back of the head with a small-caliber pistol, Lee County Sheriff be Goodson said. Steiwig body was found outside the back door of the home, which burned Monday afternoon.

"I think that someone burned the mobile home down to cover up the evidence," Goodson told the Austin American-Statesman.

Autopsies were ordered on. 28-year-old Michelle Steiwig, Gary Steiwig's wife; Lane Steiwig, the couple's 2-monthold son; and Haley Broussard, an 11-year-old niece who was visiting.

Because of heat and damage from the fire, officials didn't discover the children's bodies inside the home until Tuesday. The couple's 7-yearold son, Logan, was at school when the fire occurred.

#### Eight-year-old caught in school with weapons

DENTON (AP) — An 8year-old student has been suspended for taking a gun to

The Wilson Elementary School student was immediately suspended after a .22caliber handgun, a bullet, a pocketknife, a hobby knife blade, and metal throwing stars were found in his backpack Friday, said Sharon Cox, Denton school district spokes-

Oscar H. Ernst, 86, U.S. Army veteran. Dorothy E. Gardiner, 84, retired Pampa Country Club manager.

Vergie J. Taylor, 94, home-

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## **West Texas** LANDSCAPE

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# Travelers face money laundering charges

# \$400,000 found in a duffel bag

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Someone somewhere isn't going to get a valuable "Christmas present" now that a gift-wrapped package containing \$399,950 in cash is in the hands of the district attorney's

That's due to the money being seized Tuesday by Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Henderson after he made a traffic stop about

12:50 p.m. on West Interstate 40, two miles east of Alanreed.

It's the largest seizure of suspected drug money ever made in Gray County, according to DPS Sgt. Don Cameron. Another money seizure this year made by Trooper Jerome Ingle netted more than \$200,000.

And Henderson's wasn't the only I-40 seizure in the area this week. Another DPS trooper near Groom confiscated 118 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$66,000, according to DPS Public Information Officer Wayne Beighle.

cases – the drivers were stopped initially for traffic violations.

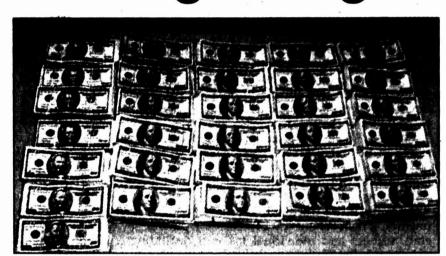
In the instance involving the cash, neither occupant of a 2001 Pontiac bearing Washington state tags was wearing a seat belt which prompted the traffic stop, Henderson said.

After talking with the female driver and male passenger, Henderson said their stories "were out of whack ... they gave conflicting stories.

Henderson said the pair lied to him when he asked if they were carrying a large amount of U.S. currency. That, and questions about drug and weapon possession were also asked as they often are at traffic stops, he added.

After getting consent to search, Henderson said he found the "Christmas package" inside a large duffel bag. He opened It was a familiar story in both—the package—and—found—the

Henderson quoted the pair as saying they were unable to prove where the money, in 20s, 50s, and 100s, came from. Thirty percent of the money will stay in the district attorney's office and the remainder will go to the



Lots of "green" was on a table at the McLean DPS office Wednesday as the seizure of just under \$400,000 was spread out for evidence photographing.

bank, officials said.

state. It was being recounted this dering and taken to the Gray morning and deposited at a local County Jail were Kara Rae Gold, 32, Centralia, Ill., and Jude

Charged with money laun-(See TRAVELERS, Page 3)

# PISD board hears '00-'01 audit report

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Financial matters, including presentation of the annual audit, topped the Pampa Independent School District's board of education meeting Tuesday night.

Gary Brown of Brown, Graham & Company which conducted the audit reviewed the school district's audit report with board "We found no violations," Brown assured the board. "The dis-

According to the report, no problems with internal controls or questioned costs were discovered in the audit. No recommendations for change were made.

trict is in compliance as far as federal rules and regulations are

"The general fund balance as of Aug. 31, 2001 of approximately \$1.5 million is a little low, but nothing to be concerned about,"

He also noted that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$473,877 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. "That's a positive aspect,"

Almost all fund balances ended the year in the black, according to the report, which is "favorable," he added.

He pointed out that an adjustment of \$3.94 million in general fixed assets for the district was not a matter for concern. A change in the PISD's capitalization policy, requiring capitalizing of only those fixed assets costing \$5,000 or more, made it necessary to remove a number of fixed assets from the general fixed asset group of accounts.

"This was done by the district, cleaning house as far as recordkeeping goes," the auditor explained.

On Aug. 31, the district showed total fixed assets of more than

In his quarterly financial report, Business Manager Mark McVay said his prediction that expenditures would exceed revenue this quarter came true.

"Because of our changing in classification (from a propertyrich to a property-poor school district) means the revenue from the state comes in slower," he explained. "That's why our state revenue for this period is down. Last year we had received about \$5.6 million by this time. This year, we've getten about \$4.3 mil-

"Our revenues from taxes is greater, however, and that's helped a little bit," he added.

Property tax revenue through Nov. 30 is \$1.26 million, according to the report, compared to \$787,470 received by Nov. 30, 2000 - a difference of almost \$600,000.

Still, the district is showing a shortfall of \$183,000 this quarter.

(See PISD, Page 3)

### Ramey. Standing is Bryce Hendrick and seated in the rear are Lacey Renner and Paige 4th graders help with Angel Tree By KATE B. DICKSON And when he took the proposal before his class-

Gathered around the Travis Elementary School's Christmas tree are members of Dr. Jerry Lane's

class who went shopping for gifts for their Angels. Seated on the front row from left, are Serina

Wagner, Braden Hunt, Janae McNeely, Allison Bell, Kristin Roy, Ashley Shipman and Alley

**Associate Publisher** 

At an age when youngsters usually think first

about what they'll get for Christmas, students in Dr. Jerry Lane's fourth-grade class have been thinking about the opposite – what they can give.

It all started a few weeks back when Braden Hunt came to his class with an idea. He and his parents, Kevin and Stacie Hunt, had participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program before and he thought it would be a good class

mates, Braden said, "They liked the idea really

"My Dad and I thought it up," he said. "I did one (Angel) last year by myself.

So after a class vote to give to an Angel and a decision not to give each other gifts this year, the students went about collecting money.

Collect they did. Instead of being able to provide several items of clothing and a toy for one child, the students came up with almost \$200. Then they picked three Angels whose ages are

(See ANGELS, Page 3)

# Local author enjoying Guthrie book's success

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A Pampa woman is enjoying the success of her new book. Thelma Bray's new book Reflections: The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie has received rave reviews from Amarillo to New York.

"It is a job well done," said Harold Leventhal, Guthrie's first agent and now on the board of the Woody Guthrie Foundation, headquartered in New York City.

Michael Smith, head of the sales department for the Woody Guthrie Publications in New York, said the book has been added to their website on the internet.

Dr. Guy Logsdon, of Tulsa, Okla., the archivist that organized and (See **BOOK**, Page 3)



Joe Martinez

## Martinez to run for Justice of Peace



Judge Joe Martinez Tuesday four years during the Viet Nam for Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace.

Martinez has served in the position since April after he was appointed by Gray County Commissioners Court to fill the vacancy created when former 1980. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns retired.

"Many of you know of mi pride in serving you as Justice of the Peace since April 2." Martinez said in his announce-

Originally from El Paso. Martinez enlisted in the United banking. States Air Force after graduating from high school. After serving

announced his decision to run era, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Entering the consumer finance industry, Martinez was eventually transferred to Pampa in

"My banking career began in 1981 with employment with First National Bank in Pampa,' he said. "Changes in the banking industry brought a series of mergers, which in tern through a series of events eventually caused me to have to leave

Since Martinez and his family (See MARTINEZ, Page 3)



Happy Holidays from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce

# Legislators reach impasse on economic stimulus bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Discord over how to deliver health insurance coverage to the unemployed has led to an impasse between Republicans and Democrats on an economic stimulus bill. House GOP leaders promised a new package of their own unless an 11th-hour deal is struck.

"It's never too late to sit down and say, 'Let's work this out," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "It's getting very late in the game for us to continue to hold the door open."

The legislation drafted by GOP leaders, which could reach the House floor later Wednesday, includes versions of the individual and business tax cuts that were part of a \$100 billion stimulus bill passed by the House in October. The new bill, however, would provide more generous unemployment benefits, including a tax credit for health insurance that many Democrats oppose.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., and Armey told Hastert in a letter late Tuesday that a bipartisan House-Senate conference committee was unable to break the stalemate, largely over the health issue. "Fundamental differences remain," they said.

sides toward an agreement, was expected Wednesday said. on Capitol Hill to address a caucus of House Republicans, but it appeared less likely that a compromise would occur.

Agreement has essentially been reached to extend unemployment benefits by 13 weeks and provide several business and individual tax cuts, including a Center. reduction in the 27 percent personal income tax rate to Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The main divide is over health care.

ers," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. pay is so low they have no federal tax obligation.

The House GOP bill includes a a 60 percent tax credit a laid-off worker could use to purchase their own insurance policies on the open market; Democrats want a direct 75 percent subsidy for the COBRA policies already available to many workers and beefed-up Medicaid payments for other unemployed people.

To Democrats, the GOP approach would simply throw jobless people on the mercy of the marketplace, where they could be denied coverage for pre-existing conditions or be forced to pay exorbitant premiums. Republicans say the tax credit would cover all unemployed people, allow greater choice and would be available up front when a worker won approval for jobless benefits.

Several lawmakers were proposing a combination of the two approaches, or perhaps using a federal employee health plan to temporarily provide coverage to laid-off people with no alternatives. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said the tax credit would never get the 60 Senate votes necessary to overcome opponents' delaying tactics.

Once they come to that realization, then I believe President Bush, who continued to prod the two we'll be able to solve these other problems," Baucus

> Republicans showed a willingness to add numerous other provisions to the measure in an effort to pick up support. One would authorize \$15 billion in taxexempt "Liberty bonds" to spur recovery and rebuilding in the area around the demolished World Trade

Other elements have largely been resolved and are 25 percent beginning Jan. 1. Both sides also support reflected in the latest House bill. They include an additax breaks to help New York City recover from the tional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for workers laid off since the March 15 onset of the recession. The measure would provide income tax rebates of "The only way we can ensure success in the next 72 \$300 for individuals and \$600 for couples who did not hours is to ensure that we help these laid-off work- receive them earlier this year - often those whose

### Accidents

lowing accident report.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

cited for failure to maintain a single lane after the thing inside the vehicle. She was not hurt.

The Pampa Police Department released the fol- 1997 Toyota SUV she was driving in the 1400 block of West Somerville hit a parked 1993 Ford Escort owned by Robert C. Pomerhn, 1058 N. Dwight. Chelsey Roshell Davis, 16, 2418 Mary Ellen, was The report said Davis became distracted by some-

## City Briefs

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## Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. becoming south. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows

in the upper 20s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, mos

Highs in the mid 60s. South where. winds 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE —

surged through the region. Moisture from the Gulf of

Mexico moved into the lower resulted in mostly dry condi-Rio Grande Valley, with patchy tions in all but far South Texas. fog reducing visibility in the Brownsville area.

The front stretched along a Panhandle to mid-50s across Variable winds 5 to 15 mph, line from near Longview South Texas. through Junction to Marfa, the National Weather Service said. Dalhart and 56 at Brownsville.

Wind gusts above 20 mph sunny. Texas, with lighter winds else- Tyler.

F o g 10 to 20 mph north of the front, and virtually clear across Texas shrouded parts of South Texas with light westerly to north- over the next 24 hours. early Wednesday as a cool front westerly winds ahead of the front across South Texas.

The northwesterly winds winds return in most areas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s in the

Extremes were 23 degrees at

Other readings included 39 were observed across North degrees at Wichita Falls to 49 at

The weather service expected Winds were northwesterly at to conditions to remain rainless

> A warming trend should develop Thursday as southerly

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## **Hurst man accused** of cannibalism

FORT WORTH (AP) - A Hurst man accused of killing his mother and cannibalizing her body has been indicted on a count of murder by a Tarrant County grand jury. The indictment against Joseph

Frank "Joey" Cala II also includes a count of serious bodily injury to an elderly person. A murder conviction could bring a sentence of life in prison.

A trial date has not been sched-

Robert Ford, Cala's attorney, said the indictment, which was returned Monday, is not a surprise. He declined to say how his client will plead.

"It's not any secret he probably has some psychological problems we might look at," Ford said. "We'll get a copy (of the indictment) and move on from there."

Police found Cala and the body of his mother, Lydia Cala, 79, on Oct. 15. Joey Cala had moved into her home in December 2000 after he was paroled for his third drunken driving conviction.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

BRYAN, Edward Lee "Edbo" - 2 p.m., Cole Community Center, Canyon. ERNST, Oscar H. — 2 p.m., Zion Lutheran

Church, Pampa GARDINER, Dorothy E. — 2 p.m., St.

Thomas Episcopal Church, Garden City, Kan. TAYLOR, Vergie J. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

### **Obituaries**

#### B.F. 'BUD' BUSSARD

AMARILLO — B.F. "Bud" Bussard, 91, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo with the Rev. John Phillips, pastor of West Amarillo Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bussard was born Nov. 13, 1910, in Lipscomb County and graduated from Lipscomb High School. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1932, moving from Lipscomb County, and held a degree from Fleming Business College in Amarillo. He married Buna King in 1938 at Amarillo; she died in 1988.

He was longtime owner-operator of Bud's Office Supply in Amarillo and belonged to West Amarillo Christian Church and ABC Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra McCartt of Amarillo; a son, Bill Bussard of Charlotte, N.C.; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to West Amarillo Christian Church, 3701 Soncy Road, Amarillo TX 79119.

WILLIAM 'BILL' KELLEY

WHEELER — William "Bill" Kelley, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001. Graveside services are be at 2 p.m., today in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Kelley was born Jan. 7, 1925, at Thackerville, Okla. He married Joyce Fincher on June 24, 1950, at Reno, Nev. He had been a Wheeler resident for the past 13 years, moving from Chickasha, Okla., and was a retired vibrator operator for Geophysical

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

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of Wheeler; a son, William E. Kelley of New Iberia, La.; three daughters, Beverly Beel of Bakersfield, Calif., Cathy Diera of Wheeler and Betty Sue Benavidez of Erick, Okla.; a brother, James Kelley of San Jose, Calif.; three sisters, Betty Dasher of Livermore, Calif., Francis Krintzein of Riverbank, Calif., and Margaret Blackman of Modesto, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA block of Ward; no transport. Hospice in Amarillo.

OSCAR H. ERNST

Oscar H. Ernst, 86, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in Zion Lutheran

Church with the Rev. Leif Hasskarl, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Ernst was born Dec.

26, 1914, at Winters, Texas, and graduated from high school there in 1932. He married Helen Cooper on May 31, 1941, at Miami, Texas; she died in September of

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II and attaining the rank of sergeant. He received the Purple Heart and other awards of merit. He belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 and Zion Lutheran Church. He also volunteered with Good Samaritan Christian Services.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, a sister and three grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Norine Greer of Pampa and Rachel Garcia and Rose Miller, both of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, TX 79065. DOROTHY E. GARDINÊR

GARDEN CITY, Kan. — Dorothy E. Gardiner, 84, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in St. Thomas Episcopal Church with Larry Steadman, deacon, officiating. Interment will be in Valley View Cemetery under the direction of Price and Sons Funeral Home of Garden

Mrs. Gardiner was born Feb. 11, 1917, at Ozona, Texas, to Everett E. and Samantha Patrick Finigan. On Jan. 12, 1937, she married Allen D. Burns. She later married Ralph Gardiner on April 22, 1960, at Liberal, Kan.; he died May 3, 1998. She had been a Garden City resident since 1957, moving from Lakin, Kan., and was a sales clerk for The Vogue Shop in Garden City. She moved to Pampa with her husband in 1972 and the couple co-managed Pampa Country Club, retiring in 1975 and returning to Garden City in 1995.

She was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Garden City and was a past member of Order of the Eastern Star in Lakin.

She was preceded in death by a brother, a greatgranddaughter and a step-son.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat LeClerc of Garden City and JoAnn VanKoughnet of Albuquerque, N.M.; a step-daughter, Sally Gardiner of Longmont, Colo.; a step-son, Robert R. Gardiner of Wichita, Kan.; a sister, Louise Reischling of San Antonio; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren. The family requests memorials be to St. Thomas

Episcopal Church in care of Price and Sons Funeral Home, 620 N. Main, Garden City, KS

Visitation will be from 12 noon to 8 p.m. today at Price and Sons Funeral Home.

## Police report

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

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Verbal assault on a minor at Pampa High Criminal trespassing was reported in the 700

ages to a door. Teresa G. Mundell, 27, 505 Cuyler, arrested on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection, no headlamp.

block of Bradley where there was \$100 in dam-

Wednesday, Dec. 19

A possession of drug paraphernalia report was taken in the 1000 block of Varnon. Mark Allen Haynes, 33, 613 Roberta, posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia. Donald Ross Haynes, 37, 628 Roberta, arrested on theft warrants from Potter County, Cooke County and Grayson County and for possession

of drug paraphernalia. Scott Evans Maxwell, 27, Panhandle, arrested on municipal warrants for driving while license suspended, expired motor vehicle inspection and speeding.

## **Sheriff's Office**

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

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Thomas Roy Taylor, 44, Stinnett, arrested on Hutchinson County warrants charging him with driving while intoxicated/second offense, no driver's license and no insurance.

Marc Stuart Covalt, 21, Rt. 1, Pampa, driving while intoxicated and theft over \$40, under \$500. Jude Austin, 33, Albuquerque, N.M., arrested by the DPS and charged with money laundering. (See related story)

Kara Rae Gold, 32, Centralia, Ill., arrested by the DPS and charged with money laundering. (See related story.)

### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, Dec. 18

7:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Cinderella and transported one to

12:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital

in Amarillo. 2:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital. 6:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400

## Fires

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

Tuesday, Dec. 18 7:27 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of Cinderella.

## Wednesday, Dec. 19

4:08 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 100 block of South Russell. No cause for the alarm was found.

## **Stocks**

The following grain quotations are		Coca-Cola	467.73	up I
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Enron	0.46	dn 0
		Halliburton	13.13	up 0
Wheat	2.39	KMI	54.10	up 1
Milo	3.43	Kerr McGee	51.20	up 0
Corn	3.64	Limited	13.75	dn 0
Soybeans	3.49	McDonald's	26.18	dn 0.
Oil Sunflowers	8.20	Exxon Mobil	37.91	up 0.
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## **Obituaries (cont.)**

**VERGIE J. TAYLOR** 

AMARILLO - Vergie J. Taylor, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, at Everett, Wash. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer with John Collis, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Taylor, a longtime White Deer resident, moved to Washington 15 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of White Deer First

She was preceded in death by her husband, O.P. Taylor of White Deer; and a son, Hoyt Taylor

Survivors include three daughters, LaVone Pearston of Everett, Erma Jean Honaker of Fritch and Freda Thurman of Spokane, Wash.; and 15 grandchildren.

## Clarification

A possession of drug paraphernalia charge against John Wyatt Roe, 32, of Pampa, should have not been listed in Tuesday's police report along with another charge because the paraphernalia charge was previously adjudicated, according to a court spokesman.

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The vehicle was stopped for speeding in the east-bound lane of I-40 near Groom.

Charged with drug possession in that case were

Beighle said indications were that the men's trip

Both made \$40,000 bonds each and were released

originated in Arizona and they were headed for

from the Carson County Jail Tuesday, a spokesman

Clarence Edward, Porter, 35, Chandler, Ariz., and

Marc DeWane Rogers, 32, of Sanna Peoria, Ariz.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests

above state standard in ACT and

SAT scores and that student

scored 10 percent higher than the

previous year on TASP college

School principals will be send-

ing home campus report cards to

parents soon, he said, adding

that the district's annual perfor-

mance report is available to the

public in the school libraries, the

Lovett Memorial Library and at

The report can also be accessed

Also during the meeting,

Wanetta Hill, assistant choir

director at Pampa High School,

reported on her three-week visit

through a link to TEA found on

the Chamber of Commerce.

the school's website, he said.

entrance exam scores.

He also said the district is

Wanetta Hill, left, presents Pampa school board member Joe Martinez with a small rice bowl and an origami paper sculpture from her recent visit to Japan. Hill, assistant Pampa High School choir director, reported on her trip to Japan on a Fullbright Educational Exchange Program scholar-

## **PISD**

McVay said school enrollment has held steady through the first three months of the fiscal year at 3,530 students. Student enrollment helps determine that amount of funding PISD receives

from the state, he explained. "We're hanging in there," he said. "That's good, as long as we hang in there and don't decline." Utility costs are lower than budgeted this quarter, McVay

"So far, gas price are definitely lower than last year at this time," he said. "It looks like gas prices will get back down where they

were before last year." Low interest rates mean bad news for the district's invest-

ments, he said. "Our investable funds are lower due to the slower economy," he explained. "Investment rates are down dramatically."

Good news is the utility savings and more tax revenues will help offset the losses, he said.

"What do you estimate the shortfall to be?" Superintendent Dawson Orr asked him.

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"We budgeted \$230,000," of Academic Skills (TAAS) test McVay answered. "I believe it in reading, writing and math." will be less than \$100,000. We could be short \$100,000 to

In other action Tuesday night, board members approved the following:

 Appointment of Wallace Birkes and James Fruge' to twoyear terms on the Gray County Appraisal District Board beginning Jan. 1;

 Sale of tax delinquent properties at 408 and 410 Crawford for \$750, 201 E. Ford for \$100, and 1000 and 1004 Clark for \$100;

Accepted Lamar kindergarten teacher Andrea Caison's resignation and hired Marsha S. Coffee to fill the vacant position.

No one attended a public hearing on the district's 2000-2001 to Japan on 'a Fullbright Academic Excellence Indicator Educational Exchange Program System annual performance scholarship. She presented board report. Dr. Orr reviewed the members with a small rice bowl ort with board members, and origami paper sculpture PISD is a "recognized" district, gifts from Japan. meaning more than 80 percent of the students in the designated reporting groups scored above 80 percent on the Texas Assessment

Stacey Ladd, director of Worth the Wait, presented a report to the board on the current status of the sexual abstinence education prograi ..

At the suggestion of Board President Lee Porter, board members tabled action on strategic parameters for the 2002-2003 budget. They are to consider the matter again at the January meeting.



## **MARTINEZ**

retired earlier this year. tion with the law has grown to a term.'

real respect for it," he said. "The vocation of public service calls to Martinez applied and was me in a special way no other priaccepted to fill the unexpired vate enterprise endeavor ever term of Bob Muns when he did. I would consider it an honor to serve our community as "Since then my initial fascina- Justice of the Peace for another

## Soldier of Fortune has record sales since Sept. 11

DENVER (AP) — A new wave of patriotism and the war in three or four copies a year from Afghanistan has boosted sales of the newsstand," Brown said. the adventure and military mag- "When you have a critical situaazine Soldier of Fortune.

Subscription orders have we're involved with bayonets, increased from 107,000 in then that reader is going to buy September to 140,000 for pretty much every one. December, editor and publisher three daily to as many as 25.

"The average reader buys tion like this overseas where

Founded in 1975 as a journal Robert Brown said. Orders made for adventurers and military online for the print version have enthusiasts, Soldier of Fortune increased from about two or has struggled to maintain its relevance since the Cold War.



Dec. 19 6 shopping days to Christmas

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## **TRAVELERS**

BOOK

her book.

Austin, 33, Albuquerque, N.M. Bonds are expected to be set this afternoon.

Henderson quoted the two as saying they had met up in Louisville, Ken., and were enroute to Albuquerque.

The 118 pounds of marijuna was found Monday afternoon in packages inside a 2001 Dodge van, said Beighle, who did not identify the trooper mak-

ing the stop.

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there said today.

The 178-page, soft cover book documented Guthrie's music for nine-page letter Guthrie wrote and his work from such publica-Smithsonian Institute's while in Pampa in 1937 to his tions as The New York Times and Woody Guthrie collection, also newly-born niece Mary Ann called to congratulate Bray on Guthrie; a reproduction of Gov. Ann Richards' proclamation Earlier this month, Mary Kate naming Oct. 2, 1992, Woody Tripp, book editor for the Guthrie Day in the State of Texas; Amarillo Globe-News, wrote a documentation on the work that positive review of Bray's self- was required to have U.S. 60 published book about Guthrie across the Texas Panhandle and the picture it painted of named the Woody Guthrie Pampa in the 1930s as an island Memorial Highway, and a reproof prosperity in the Depression duction of an envelope mailed book that Guthrie would have aboard the USS Ruben James on The book is a chronicle of what Aug. 6, 1934. The Navy destroyer by Lisa Davis, features editor of the Smithsonian calls America's was the first United States Ship the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

premier folk singer, with particu- sunk in World War II, and the

lar attention paid to the years he subject of one of Guthrie's most

famous songs. Bray said she couldn't have The book follows Guthrie's life compiled the book without the and offers a number of phohelp of the Guthrie family memtographs, including several never bers and a number of supporters. before published.

Also contained in the book is a includes a reproduction of a series of descriptions of Guthrie

> The New Yorker Magazine. Comments are included from a number of people who knew Guthrie including Studs Terkel, who referred to Guthrie as an American Pobert Burns or Shakespeare, and John Steinbeck, who referred to Guthrie as the American spirit.

> Perhaps the comment in the liked the most, Bray said, is one

> "It's been 60 years since Woody Guthrie used the sharp stick of his guitar to poke at the rich and powerful and to chronicle the woes of the working man and the hungry poor," Davis wrote. "Is his voice still relevant today?"

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## **ANGELS**

landscape of the day.

lived in Pampa.

No doubt some moms, dads and grandparents pitched in, but many of the youngsters gave up part of their allowance, some did chores for money and at least one gave up some of her "Coke money" and put it in the fund.

"That really got me," Dr. Lane said, "for the kids to give up their things. These children are at an age where they would normally think of themselves

first. This has been just great." One youngster, Allison Bell, said she took part because she wanted to help someone who would-

n't otherwise have Christmas gifts. "It was a sweet thing to do," she said. Anthony Allen said he joined in because he didn't want any children to "wake up on Christmas

and not have anything." Ten of the youngsters went along Saturday on a shopping trip to buy for their Angels and they delivered their gifts earlier this week to the

Salvation Army.

Janae McNeely, Bradley Miranda, Ally Ramey, Lacy Renner, Vanessa Rodriguez, Kristin Roy, Ashley Shipman, Serina Wagner, Dakota Whinery, and Paige Whittamore.

Braden's dad gives lots of the credit for the project working to Dr. Lane saying the teacher was "very supportive" and took time to write all the parents about the project.

But Lane wouldn't accept much credit, instead clapping for his students and telling the class, "The credit goes to you ... you raised the money ... you did a super outstanding job. That's what Christmas is all about, making someone happy would have had no Christmas.

#### World Trade Center toll falls to 3,000

NEW YORK (AP) — The city's tally of people killed or missing in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center has fallen to 3,000 — down from its high of 6,700 in September.

City officials have said there are a number of reasons for the steadily declining number: names listed more than once on missing person-reports, Class members are Anthony Allen, Allison Bell, overestimates from some foreign consulates and Shelbi Cross, Korina Dorion, Micheal Fisher, families who filed early missing reports but Mikala Furgason, Ricki Grajedo, Bryce Hendricks, hegjected to notify police when loved ones turned Braden Hunt, Shantell Johnson, Taylor Jordan, up safe.



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**Beetle Bailey** 

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## **Roommate's Gifts to Girl Make** Her Boyfriend Appear Cheap

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old and a freshman in college. I have been dating my girlfriend "Holly" for about eight months.

My roommate is also friends with Holly, and that is the problem. He treats Holly like she is a princess and gives her extravagant gifts, sometimes for no reason at all. This irritates me because it makes me look

to live with him for the rest of the sure this was a clear enough answer. year. Holly realizes that it irritates me, but I can't have her say anything one synthetic breast with a lump and because then it would be extremely one without to enable the patient to weird whenever she comes to visit even more than it is now.

How should I handle this? CONFUSED IN CLEMSON, S.C. for in the male breast.

speak up. For your roommate to get the attention it deserves. Your buy expensive gifts for Holly, know. column is a better way to get the ing she is your girlfriend, is inap- word out. propriate. (If you and Holly break up - that's the time he should make his move, but not now.)

For Holly to accept those gifts is your rights to let them both know spread the word. this bothers you. And there's no time like the present to make your feel the same, a model with variroommate aware of your feelings.

had her yearly mammogram and we breast cancer. Although it is less are grateful it came out OK.

check her breasts between the mammograms. Her response was yes, but that she wasn't quite sure what to look

## **Dear Abby**

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

I cannot approach him about it for. Her physician told her, "You will since he is my roommate, and I have know it when you find it." I am not

Why don't doctors have on hand know exactly what she is looking for? In my opinion, it would be a good idea for men also to be taught what to look

I could suggest this to the medical DEAR CONFUSED: You must profession, but I am afraid it wouldn't

**INDIANAPOLIS** 

For Holly to accept those gifts is DEAR JOHN: I believe you've insensitive. You're certainly within hit on something. I'm pleased to good enough for her and her son.

DICK SCHUBERT, DENVER.

While not all women's breasts DEAR ABBY: My wife recently aware that they, too, can common in men, there is defi-I asked my wife if she continues to nitely a risk for males too,

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Surprised Wife in Oklahoma City," whose son had asked for his deceased father's military records. The widow was shocked to discover they contained a reference to her husband having been before a board of inquiry for striking an officer. She said her husband had never mentioned it to her or his family because it would have been a "disgrace."

Abby, I see no disgrace here. The function of a court of inquiry is to inquire into a situation and determine whether any legal action is appropriate. Since there is no mention of a military trial in her husband's records, the court of inquiry must have determined that her husband did nothing deserving of punish-

The Army's opinion of her husband was expressed in the wording on his honorable discharge certificate "awarded as a testimonial of honest and faithful service." If it's good DEAR JOHN: I believe you've enough for the military, it should be

**DEAR DICK: Thank you for** ous sized "lumps" could be a life. the short course on the military saver for a lot of people - men legal system. I'm sure it will comincluded. Many men are not fort the widow who wrote that

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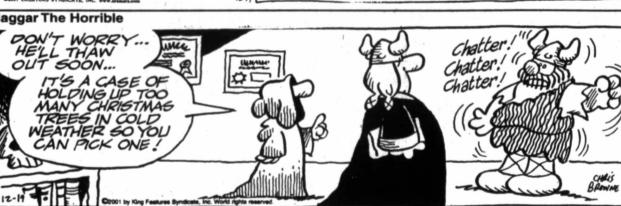
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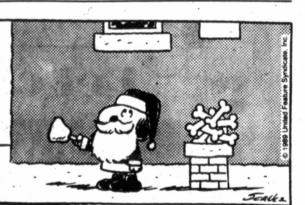


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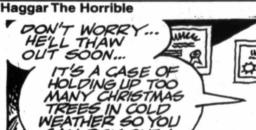












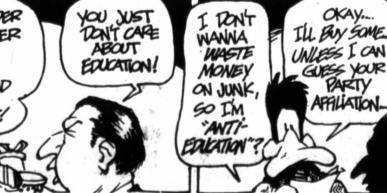












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# SPORTS

## Notebook

#### **BASKETBALL**

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets placed forward Glen Rice on the injured list with an injured tendon in his right knee. Rice was hurt Dec. 6 and has not played since. Trainer Keith Jones said Rice would miss at least two weeks before another MRI would be taken to see if surgery will be necessary.

#### BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tino Martinez signed a three-year contract with St. Louis, giving the Cardinals a powerhitting replacement for Mark McGwire at first base.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) Chuck Knoblauch is going from the New York Yankees, where he won three World Series titles, to a Kansas City team that twice in the past three seasons has lost almost 100 games. He signed a oneyear contract. next year's Masters.

#### **FOOTBALL**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The NFL, the Louisiana Superdome and the New Orleans Saints agree there is one way to handle fans pelting the football field with debris: Make sure they stop

"Whether that means the elimination of all plastic containers or if it means stiffer fines, or what I call the death penalty for season ticketholders, we're going to do whatever it take to stop these incidents," Superdome general manager Doug Thornton said.

A day after rowdy fans littered a corner of the end zone with beer and water bottles, cups, ice and other debris after a call by officials, and Thornton other Superdome officials met with Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's director of security.

Ahlerich was in New Orleans for the Saints' game Monday night against the St. Louis Rams. Ahlerich has spent considerable time here the past month setting up heavy security for the Super Bowl, to be played in the Superdome on Feb. 3.

Thornton said he and Ahlerich agreed that Monday night's rowdiness resembled what happened Sunday in Cleveland.

"It's a bad trend," Saints coach Jim Haslett said. "It's a shame that we are on national TV and a few bad people throw bottles out there and it gives us a black eye."

Fifteen people in the Superdome were arrested for disturbing the peace, public drunkenness and battery all misdemeanors that carry \$500 in fines or six months in jail, New Orleans Police Department spokesman Joe Narcisse said. Another four were served summonses and 11 others were ejected from the building.

Thornton said Superdome officials will urge the district attorney's office to prosecute those charged with crimes. He said they also would talk to the Saints about permanently revoking season tickets from fans involved in

such events. The Saints have a zero-tolerance policy for such disturbances, and sent out a letter to season ticket-holders on Tuesday reminding then that conduct that is irritating, threatening or unsafe for other fans would cause them to have their tickets canceled.

### **Power Points**

Noble Wesley of Troupe, Tex. was the Power Points Winner for Week 14. He won a tiebreaker for his guess that 28 points would be scored in the Arizona-Washington game. There was a tie among 10 contes-

tants with 136 points. Wanda Price was the Pampa winner with 128

# A bright light has gone out in Pampa

#### By L.D. STRATE Sports Editor

A bright light has gone out in Pampa.

Michael Cornelison was more than just an outstanding student-athlete. He took it a step further. He was an outstanding student-athlete with Christian attributes. That may not be a rarity in Pampa, but in many towns it is.

Michael soaked up success like a sponge, especially at the high school



Michael Cornelison: 1983-2001

### **Sports Column**

He was Pampa's most dominant male tennis player, compiling a school record 176 UIL victories. He was team district champion four years in a row and earned

the district's most valuable player honors. Michael was shaping up to be a leader. He was captain of the tennis team both his junior and senior years.

Wanting to be a doctor, Michael was a candidate to the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, based in Washington, D.C. He was a National Scholar, a member of the superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Program, the National Honor Society, and received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award from the Pampa Rotary Club.

There were more academic achievements. There were more tennis honors. There would have been many more had his life's journey been longer.

Michael participated in his church youth choir while serving as a volunteer with children's choir. He was president of the D-FY-IT drug prevention program. He was active in bible study groups and discipleship training.

There's no doubt Michael's feet were set on the right path.

On Saturday, First Baptist Church was full to overflowing with mourners, young and old alike, trying to come to grips with an 18-year-old's tragic death.

We'll never know, in this life anyway, There's talk of Childress and Sanfordwhat went wrong that terrible moment one Thursday afternoon. But don't judge 'Clarendon and Memphis going from to him for 8 seconds, judge him for 18 years. That's where you'll find his true character

Someday, when we're walking around paradise with Michael, we won't have to Tascosa dropping down. I think it was ask what happened. God will give us that just alarmist talk," Cavalier said. understanding, and everything will be okay. In fact, everything will be just per- announced in February by the UIL.

A bright light has gone out in Pampa, but he's shining forever in Heaven.

It's funny how time slips away. It seems like only yesterday when the University Interscholastic League realigned the dis-

It's almost time once again for the UIL to make changes. Those changes, especially in District 3-4A, could be drastic.

"There's speculation that Canyon and Borger could both drop down," says Dennis Cavalier, Pampa head football coach and athletic director. "If not Borger, it could be Canyon. Canyon has the smaller numbers.

Pampa is expected to stay in the same district along with Randall, Dumas, Amarillo Caprock, Hereford and Palo Duro should Canyon and Borger drop

It's rumored that Levelland and Snyder out of District 4-4A dropping to 3A.

Fritch going from 3A to 2A, and

Nobody knows for sure at this stage.

"Earlier in the year there was some talk of changes in 5A, of Amarillo High and

The new district realignment will be

How about another book giveaway? The Pampo News sports department has received a complimentary copy of "Greatest Moments in Texas Tech Football

History," published by Epic Sports We've only got one copy, but don't panic. Interested persons can order the 160-page book by calling 806-766-8623. Of course, it won't be free. The cost is \$29.95, but that shouldn't matter to a dved-in-the

red Texas Tech fan. The book contains features on Zach Thomas, Donny Anderson, J.T. King, Pete Cawthon, Steve Sloan and Spike Dykes.

Larry Gilbert, former Harvester football coach, is mentioned in one of the game stories. Gilbert played a key role in Texas Tech's 19-13 win over Texas in 1967.

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The first caller gets the book.

## Bagwell thinks Astros losing ground in NL Central

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston inactivity by his club.

the four-time All-Star first base- fielder Orlando Merced. man said. "We haven't gotten

'We've maybe taken a little step backwards."

replace power-hitting Mark replace. McGwire and added free agent closer Jason Isringhausen, who tough and it would be a huge lift was with Oakland last season. for the Cubs to add Mo," Bagwell

The Astros, meanwhile, have combat." Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell focused on role players, signing looks at the moves the other top free agent outfielder Brian Daryle Ward replace Alou in the teams in the NL Central are mak- Hunter and catcher Gregg Zaun outfield and will go to spring ing in the offseason and is con- and resigning Doug Brocail, a training with Chris Truby and cerned at what he perceives as relief pitcher who missed all of rookie Morgan Ensberg compet-"Everybody has gotten better," infielder Jose Vizcaino and out- still have to sign closer Billy cuff, he said. He's made a \$20

Besides cutting ties with Alou, better. Milwaukee hasn't gotten their plans not to resign third baseman Vinny Castilla.

really, to get better," Bagwell, 33, St. Louis, which lost the divi- who made \$6.5 million last sea- tough opponent, and when you sion title to the Astros on a son and will earn \$11 million in think they tied us for number of Tino Martinez, who hit .280 with in Wednesday's editions. "We Martinez, 34 home runs and 113 RBIs last lost two guys (Alou and Castilla) strengthened themselves. (St. season with the Yankees, to with (190) RBIs. That's a lot to

"The Cardinals are going to be for us." The Cubs appeared to be nearing added. "They're (the Cardinals)

Dustin Joiner and Kasey

"Tayler pinned all of his oppo-

nents. "We're doing a good job of

getting better," coach Turner

The Pampa teams compete in a

'We'll take four days off for

Liberal, Kan. tournament Jan. 4-

be practicing all through the

Pampa, as did Taylor Fatheree.

Houston intends to have cerns. last season with an injury, ing for the third-base job. They

I certainly expect our division better. Pittsburgh hasn't gotten the Astros earlier announced will be very competitive once again, possibly the most competitive in the NL," Astros general "We haven't made any moves, manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

"The Cardinals will be a very they certainly Louis) will be a formidable opponent. We have our work cut out

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker acknowledges the Cardinals will be tough with a deal to sign free agent Moises obviously the best team on their additions and the division Alou, most recently with paper. Does that say we can't overall to be the most competi-

doesn't share Bagwell's con- agent after next season.

recovering from a torn rotator balanced club than last year." million, three-year offer to Wagner, who is eligible for arbi-

win? No. But that's tough to tive in the National League, but tration and can become a free

'That's really the only cloud The only question marks hanging over the club," involve pitching, with Brocail is Hunsicker said of the pitching coming off elbow surgery and situation. "I feel very comfortrookie Carlos Hernandez is able with this club. It's a better-

## **Bowling Roundup**

#### Harvester Lanes League Individual Results Stars & Strikes League Association Awards

tiebreaker last season, has signed 2002, told the Houston Chronicle wins last year and add Tino Liz Campbell, 304 (YABA 3- Week's Top Scores game series award); Rosie High scratch game: Arthur Lavrenz 318 (YABA 3-game McCracken 247; High scratch series award); 157 (YABA high series: Carla Schiffman 642; High game award).

Lone Star League Week's Top Scores

High scratch game: Ruth Association Award: Arthur handicap game: Ruth week. ( Swearingim 243; High handicap award).

series: Ruth Swearingim. 655; High handicap series: Ruth Swearingim 655.

## Caprock League

handicap game: Arthur McCracken 291; High handicap series: Leroy Hilbern 752.

Swearingim 206; High scratch McCracken, who carries a 165 series: Carla Schiffman 576; High average, bowled a 247 game last Ruth week. (ABC 75 pins over avg.

## Harvesters wrestle at Randall meet

CANYON — Pampa wrestled In the middle school division, in the Randall Invitational last Pampa won three of four dual weekend and the Harvesters matches in a meet at Hereford. placed 9th in the 12-team field.

Shawn Brown, David Burns, Urquhart looked good for Kevin Parks and Tyrel Bolin helped the Harvesters finish with 49 points.

"Shawn was only one match away from placing and Burns stepped up and wrestled well," said Pampa head coach Justin 5 Turner.

Turner said Parks and Bolin Christmas holiday, but then we'll were both impressive during the

Pampa placed ahead of Tascosa junior varsity.

Dumas won the meet with 218 p.m. for the junior varsity and 7

break," Turner said. Pampa has a meet scheduled Amarillo High junior varsity and Jan. 22 in McNeely Fieldhouse with Borger. Starting times are 6

p.m. for the varsity.

## Arkansas coach gets younger players ready for Cotton Bowl

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — hear more about the incident practice time afforded by the extra instruction.

"We are still in the hitting phase right now," Nutt said Tuesday. "We got a lot of good work in on on installing plays for the bowl the fundamentals with our game. younger players. When we got into the team part of practice, we really wanted to work on the game plan. Eyerybody has an awesome respect for Oklahoma and we know we have to be prepared."

The Razorbacks face the Sooners on Jan. 1 in Dallas.

Running back Fred Talley practiced for the first time since he was full against the Sooner defense, suspended Nov. 29 for his which finished the season allowinvolvement in a fight in a local ing 13.8 points per game and 89.9 bar. Nutt said he is still waiting to yards rushing per game.

Arkansas coach Houston Nutt is before deciding whether to allow taking advantage of the added Talley to play in the bowl game. "He's through with his finals

Razorbacks' trip to the Cotton and I just didn't want him in his Bowl to give his younger players dorm all day," Nutt said. "He's just out getting some exercise." Nutt said kept his team on the

field for two hours and he worked

"We kept them out here a long time today working on the game plan," Nutt said. "We worked on a lot. We had really good effort early on, but we lost them a little bit at the end. But that can happen when you keep them that long. For the most part, they did a good

Nutt said he will have his hands

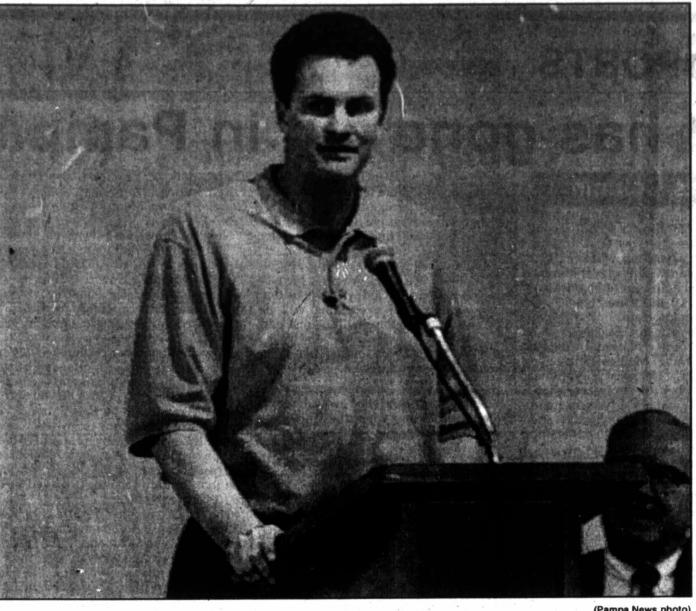
## **Lady Pirates**



The Lefors Lady Pirates reached the finals of the Lefors Basketball Tournament. Team members are (front row, from left) manager Ginny Nosek, Jennifer Sprouse, Shayla Smith and Savanah Smith; (back row, from left) assistant coach Mindy Holwick, Amanda Daugherty, Katie Barnes, Linda Searcy, Samantha Ceniceros and head coach Jennifer Staj.



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could make a strong run for a District 3-4A playoff spot in basketball this season. self-image," he said.

That's how head coach Jerry Schaeffer pare for the district opener Friday night fourth in the district race. against Dumas in McNeely Fieldhouse.

"Starting district last year, we knew it would probably be Hereford and Randall with everyone else playing for third. There's more parity this year. We feel we have a chance to win first," he that he and his family have grown to

Schaeffer, who is in his third season as head coach, was the guest speaker at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce lun-

"Right now our boys have a fragile self-esteem," Schaeffer said. "Something changed and I'm not sure what went wrong. We went from winning a state championship to placing fourth in district. We're not the Pampa of old, but community. It will enhance their lives other teams are still playing hard when they put others first," he said. against us. We're living in the shadow of tradition and it's sometimes difficult to involved in the Children's Shopping

"We're trying to become a team with a believer in civic volunteerism."

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters good self-image. I think people are like that. We do better when we have a good

A year ago the Harvesters finished sees the situation as the Harvesters pre- with a winning record (19-15), but were

> "I take full responsibility for this team. I like what Harry Truman said when he was president. The buck stops here,"Schaeffer said.

Schaeffer told the chamber audience love Pampa.

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"I've never been part of a community that cares more about its young people than Pampa. People here have done more for their young people than any community I've lived in," he said.

Schaeffer wants his players to carry on the spirit of volunteerism outside the basketball gym.

"I try to get my team involved in the "Both our boys' and girls' teams were Tour this year. Things like that have a Schaeffer says he hopes to restore snowball effect. Ultimately, I want to win basketball games, but I'm, a strong

## Trade to Texas puts Rocker's career at a critical crossroad

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — only part of the reason the John Rocker doesn't think his Indians dumped him for minor as important as finding a third career is at a crossroads. His new league pitcher David Elder, who general manager suggests that he at 26 isn't much of a prospect.

trip to spring training and a activists. chance to make the club.

He got the news while in Puerto Rico, where he's voluntarily pitching in a winter league. cle, Rocker is still dealing with He says it's to add a third pitch to the fallout and stuck with the his repertoire, yet he's also pleas- label of baseball's bad boy. antly surprised at how his arm is

his half-season in Cleveland was his image.

They simply didn't need the Rocker was traded Tuesday for distractions caused by the only the second time in six months, player in baseball whose change this time to the Texas Rangers. of address prompts reaction from Cleveland from Atlanta. All they're promising him is a civic leaders and minority

Two years after making crude remarks on racial, ethnic and sexual minorities in a magazine arti-

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general manager John Hart who brought Rocker to anteed contract.

chance to take the good road, the doesn't, we say, 'OK, we took a I'm down here shoring up some high road, the right road with people who are going to support him, believe in him and lead him, try to direct him to be a better baseball player.

holding up after some concerns "kind of a fluke sort of thing last season." "kind of a fluke sort of thing where I took myself too lightly," figure it all out. But here's what and a 5.45 ERA in 38 games — as we expect, and hopefully that'll "a 2-month bad stretch" that we expect, and hopefully that'll "a 2-month bad stretch" that for a second time and by Jerry ignore anyone who holds a How Rocker pitched during as he did Tuesday, perpetuates present itself and it'll be a good would've forced any elite closer. Narron and Oscar, that probably grudge over his past actions and story — with a good ending and to become a setup man.

Changing that attitude will be a good meaning to it."

Hart, who took another risk pitch if Rocker is going to make it last week by trading for volatile Rivera, if those guys were to hit a situation, is a lot better perin Texas, according to Rangers outfielder Carl Everett, has little invested in Rocker, who will go who six months ago was the GM to spring training on a nonguar-

"If he meets those challenges "John is at a crossroads in his and performs well, he comes career," Hart said. "He has a northward," Hart said. "If he then I hit a little snag last year. shot on a great arm and it didn't things. work out.

Speaking via conference call from Puerto Rico, Rocker dismissed his performance in Acosta both lobbied him to make "I can't speak for him, I can't Cleveland — 3-7 with four saves the deal.

considered for some setting up roles until they got back on Rocker said he's excited about track," Rocker said. "I think I'm coming to Texas, although he sort of in that position, cruising along fine for about three years,

Rocker is happy to be reunited with Hart. Texas manager Jerry Narron and pitching coach Oscar

does more to relax me than moti- comments.

"Even some veteran closers, vate me," Rocker said. "I think a like Robb Nen or Mariano relaxed athlete, comfortable with tough times, they'd have to be former than one who knows the chips are down.'

> might need a map. He kept referring to the team as being in Dallas instead of Arlington. "I know they've got a really

> good offensive nucleus," Rocker said. "I'm really looking forward to going down there and helping them win."

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## Colorado State captures New Orleans Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - North when William & Mary went to the throw for one touchdown and run son without winning a game out- 40-12. side the Sun Belt Conference.

The Mean Green couldn't do it in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl, either.

Justin Gallimore blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown as Colorado State opened the bowl season with a 45-20 victory over North Texas on Tuesday night.

The Mean Green (5-7) were the first team with a losing record to play in a bowl game since 1970, State quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt Sonny Lubick said.

Texas went the entire regular sea- Tangerine at 5-6 and lost to Toledo for another score. The Superdome

North Texas earned the bid by finishing first in the Sun Belt, which posted a combined 5-32 nonconference record, but didn't debris thrown from the stands.

fare well against the Rams. better teams we have faced this year," North Texas linebacker Brad Kassel said. "Offensively, they 16. were able to find weaknesses and

exploit them." A crowd of 18,898 saw Colorado

fans were well behaved, a day after the NFL game between St. Louis and the Saints was briefly delayed at the stadium because of

Gallimore's touchdown gave "They're definitely one of the Colorado State (7-5) a 31-14 lead, and came just four plays after Van Pelt fumbled on the North Texas

"It seems like I'm always waiting for special teams to do something," Colorado State coach

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Another drops a problem in some moving of furniture or change on The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll your lap. You could toss it back, but the home front. Nothing really is that big 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; probably won't because being responsi- of a deal, ultimately. Tonight: Close to ble suits you fine. Listen to what is being home. offered. Work with a close associate or partner, even if it means adjusting your \* \* If you slow down rather than push special plans. Tonight: Slow down with a you feel burdened by accepting too many

the limits, nostalgia sets in Remember, loved one not all has to be done this very second. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

fence or two with others. Choose your as if everyone needs or wants something you're not Goliath or Superman! words rather than blurt out the first thing from you. Establish limits nicely. You Organize remaining chores. Tonight that comes to mind. Tonight: Nap, then might opt to isolate yourself for a while Catch up with key people. in order to complete needed tasks. Be AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) upbeat and positive with your actions. ★★★★ Expenses go way overboard if \*\*\* Reach out for your friends, Tonight: Out, finishing off last-minute you're not careful. A devil-may-care attimaking sure that someone is OK. You details. might need to say "no" to a loan or a LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

your schedule off. Don't let this stop you.

wall, acknowledge limitations and move SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) to another issue. Your drive, strength and ★★★★ Someone might be put off by a intellect often make you the lead player. statement or decision you make. Or Bone up on diplomacy with a difficult could it be your flirtatious ways? Stay away from the mistletoe! Stop and con- Do what you can to ease tension sider who and what is really important to \*\*\* An underlining sense of fatigue you in the long run. Initiate a fun project BORN TODAY slows you down. Use the yellow pages. with a child or loved one. Tonight: Be a Magician Uri Geller (1946), actress

effort. Stay in tune with your needs. \*\*\* Don't push a close friend or (1957) Tonight: Hop on the computer and send roommate beyond his or her limit. Know

when to stop, and your relationship with this person improves. Don't worry about

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\* \* Speak your mind, especially if

responsibilities. Ask for help if that is what you want. Others might balk at Touch base with an old friend. Mend a \*\* Pressure builds at work. It seems first, but they will chip in. You forget

tude might be satisfying right now, but

request that makes you uncomfortable. \*\*\* Focus on completion rather down risks. Your sense of well-being consider the toll. Use good sense and cut Others attempt to draw you into their than initiation. If you have a lot of shop-needs to become a higher priority. "stuff." Pick and choose what you want ping left, you might want to hop on the Tonight: Treat yourself to a special

to do. Surprisingly, everyone is OK with Internet or think about gift certificates of dessert. some sort. News from a distance tosses PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* You're full of energy and \*\* Don't push too hard and exhaust Tonight: Work late (or play Santa's dynamic get-up-and-go. You charge into an assignment, though you might not complete it right now. Realize how many projects you begin and what needs completion. A partner could become discouraged finishing up all you begin! Tonight:

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