

Daily Record

Obituaries

FERN DOUGLAS BERRY

HOWARDWICK — Fern Douglas Berry, 76, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m., today in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Jimmy Fox, minister of Martin Road Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Berry was born Sept. 20, 1925, in Lakeview, Hall County, Texas, and was a Pampa resident before moving to Howardwick in 1981. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alva Jean Gore Berry in 1977 and by his second wife, Jimmie Nell Glick Berry in 1995.

He was a lab technician for Cabot Corporation in Pampa for 25 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the Clarendon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7782. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Cynthia Ann Berry in 1948 and Shelia Beth Berry in 1983; and by one son, Douglas Elden Berry in 1978.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Cynthia Hewett of Clarendon and Lisa Howell of La Pryor, Texas; one sister, Frankie Jean Herman of Miami, Texas; five great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Patsy Hill of Plainview.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 21

Jose Rodriguez, 31, 605 Lowry, was cited for no drivers license, no insurance, no tail lamp and no seatbelt.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Cloeteal McGee, 36, 1209 Duncan, was arrested on several municipal warrants, including an expired registration, expired inspection sticker, no drivers license and failure to appear.

Jennifer R. Winegart, 22, of 112 N. Nelson, was arrested on two capias profine warrants of possession of drug paraphernalia and one capias profine warrant of failure to appear.

Michael Dewayne Cox, 37, 1032 Huff Road, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and no valid drivers license.

Jerami Lee Mynear, 19, 510 S. Doucette, was arrested on three capias profine warrants: defective tail light, no license plate light, and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

Beverly Ballard, 36, 104 S. Russell, #405, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Sunday, Dec. 23

Daniel W. Walker, 30, 734 Murphy, was arrested on three capias profine warrants: unrestrained child, no seatbelt, and speeding.

Marshall Clayton Johnson, 36, 1441 Charles, was arrested for no drivers license, no seatbelt, and failure to appear capias profine warrants.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 21

11:53 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1400 block of North Banks.

12:44 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 2200 block of North Nelson. A candle on the dresser beside a bed had caught the bedding on fire. The occupants of the residence pulled the bedding into the yard and extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived. Fire officials checked the scene for any other fire. None was found. Damage was estimated at approximately \$750.

5:49 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire two miles south of Pampa on Texas 70. No cause for the fire could be determined.

8:18 p.m. — Five units and 10 firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1100 block of Christine. A two-story brick house at 1105 Christine, owned by Charles Smith, received approximately \$20,000 damage. (See related story.)

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 22

11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Banks and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

6:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Dec. 23

1:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. No transport.

1:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

4:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to a local nursing facility.

8:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.

2:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

3:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff Department reported the following arrest during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Frank G. Gonzalez, 37, Santa Fe, N.M., was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Texas Roundup

Companies helping charities in lieu of holiday gifts

DALLAS (AP) — Like a lot of companies, the GSD&M advertising agency sends a small gift each year to the people it does business with, a simple tradition meant to say thanks and happy holidays.

This year, just months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a box of candy just didn't seem appropriate.

"We're still sending the chocolates, but in addition to that, in honor of our many friends and clients and vendors, we also included a card that said we're giving to local charities in their name," said Eric Webber, spokesman for the Austin agency.

GSD&M is one of several companies, big and small, rethinking holiday activities in light of the terrorist attacks and weakened economy.

"Many companies are saying we've always done this or that, but now we're going to give money to a charity instead," said Charles Moore, executive director of New York-based Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy, which tracks corporate donations.

San Antonio in running for U.S. Army South HQ

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If political and environmental controversies in Puerto Rico force the relocation of U.S. Army South, there is strong support for moving it to San Antonio,

according to a memo from the head of the command.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday that in the memo, dated Aug. 22, Maj. Gen. Alfred A. Valenzuela said studies have recommended either Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, or Fort Benning, Ga.

Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna, a spokesman for Valenzuela, said "the word on the street" is that Fort Sam Houston will be the choice, but added: "The final decision is going to be made by the chief of staff of the Army and the secretary of the Army with the consent of Congress."

Valenzuela is a San Antonio native.

San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza said San Antonio appears to have a strong shot at the headquarters.

Six months after Allison, flood victims still recovering

HOUSTON (AP) — For Jane Newcomb and her family, the lure of a creek-front home in a dale south of Houston overpowered warnings that it had repeatedly flooded.

Previous homeowners had collected federal flood insurance 13 times when water flowed into her family's Friendswood dwelling, but the Newcombs still weren't dissuaded.

Six months after the home twice flooded during Tropical Storm Allison's unprecedented summer deluge, the Newcombs need no more convincing.

They are selling their home to the Federal Emergency

Management Agency so they can move to drier ground while FEMA tears it down so the land can find another use.

The Newcombs are among thousands of people in the Houston area still recovering from the storm, which left 22 dead and caused the most damage of any urban flood in history at \$5 billion.

Texas town's namesake a subject of folklore

HOUSTON (AP) — The "Fred" behind the East Texas town of Fred isn't in any history books, but that doesn't stop townsfolk from recalling him the old-fashioned way — through local lore.

"So many of our old-timers have died," said Tyler County Auditor Joyce Moore, who keeps tabs on the little town about 35 miles north of Beaumont. "I just don't know who he was."

Scott Ivey, postmaster of the Fred post office, which was established in 1881, said curiosity about the town's namesake spreads far beyond Texas.

"I get letters from all over the place from people wanting to know about the name of this town," he told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions. "I've gotten them from as far away as New York. Often, it's people named Fred who want to know where the name comes from."

While most Fred residents just shrug at the question, 80-year-old Huey Baker said he knows the tale, which he heard from his uncle.

Randy Clutter, the boy's father, said they had only walked about 400 yards when they realized Ira was missing.

"The brush is so thick he wouldn't have had to go very far and they wouldn't have been able to see him any more," Bowen said.

The area where Ira disappeared was described as rugged and covered in thick juniper trees and boulders with steep hills and some cliffs. The park is about 60 miles west of Fort Worth.

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ISRAEL

"We believe that this decision spoils a lot of positive points that Israel has gained in European opinion in the past few weeks," said the Belgian ambassador to Israel, Wilfried Geens, speaking for the EU.

Geens said Arafat is the only Muslim leader who makes a point of attending Christmas Mass in a show of religious tolerance. "It would look very bad if Arafat were prevented from attending the Mass," Geens told The Associated Press.

American officials spoke by telephone from Washington on Sunday with the Israeli Foreign Ministry to try to get the ban rescinded, an Israeli official said on condition of anonymity.

However, Raanan Gissin, a Sharon adviser, said Israel would not to allow Arafat passage to Bethlehem unless he arrests the assassins of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi, activists in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction. Gissin said Israel also wants Arafat to arrest the two leaders of the group, Ahmed Saadat and Jihad Ghoulmi.

Otherwise, "he will not be allowed freedom of movement," Gissin said. "Arafat knows exactly where they are. Yet he has not arrested them."

Gissin said Saadat and Ghoulmi were behind plans for a new suicide attack in the Israeli port city of Haifa. On Sunday, Israeli police arrested two Palestinian suspects in Haifa, and said explosives were found in their hotel rooms.

In Bethlehem, Manger Square was almost devoid of decorations, to reflect the stark mood among Palestinians after 15 months of fighting

with Israel. A Christmas tree in the square was decorated with one colored light and a few colored balls.

The Mideast fighting has dealt a crushing blow to the city of 30,000 Palestinians. The town is dependent on Christian tourists, and in 1999, before the outbreak of the fighting, thousands of visitors joined the Christmas festivities.

"I try to enjoy Christmas. Despite this, the Christmas spirit does not exist. Bethlehem is a big prison. We can't move freely," said Richard, Elias, 28, who carried his 4-year-old son, George, dressed in a Santa costume.

A small turnout was expected Monday night for the midnight Mass near the Church of the Nativity. Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer announced the easing of security restrictions in Bethlehem over the next few days to allow Christians access to the Bethlehem shrines.

During 15 months of fighting, Israel has enforced stringent travel restrictions, barring most Palestinians from leaving their communities. The restrictions were tightened earlier this month, after attacks by Palestinian militants killed 37 Israelis.

A week ago, Arafat ordered a halt to all violence against Israel, and the number of attacks has since dropped sharply.

Arafat's speech and crackdown by Palestinian security forces against militants has resulted in some of the worst Palestinian infighting in years. Seven Palestinians were killed and about 100 injured in clashes between police and activists Thursday and Friday.

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FOOTWEAR

stone-faced before boarding.

"He had a blank look," said Nicholas Green, 27.

"The people who had seen him remembered him." During the flight, the suspect, who was sitting behind the wing in the coach section, lit a match, but put it in his mouth when confronted by flight attendant Hermis Moutardier, according to an FBI affidavit.

She told the captain and returned to see Reid with a match held to the tongue of his sneaker, then noticed a wire protruding from the shoe. She tried to grab the sneaker, but Reid allegedly pushed her to the floor, and she screamed for help.

Another flight attendant, Cristina Jones, intervened and the 6-foot-4 Reid bit her, authorities said.

"He bit Ms. Jones on the thumb and Ms. Moutardier threw water in his face," FBI agent Margaret G. Cronin said in the statement.

That's when passengers reached Reid and subdued him. The plane, carrying 183 passengers and 14 crew members, was escorted to Logan Airport by two F-15 fighter jets.

French police are probing how Reid eluded increased security measures at Charles de Gaulle airport outside Paris, where Flight 63 originated.

French authorities said Reid had tried to board the same flight a day earlier but was turned away

after raising suspicions. They said the suspect — who also has gone by a third name, Abdel Rahim — was given permission to board after intensive questioning, but by then had missed Friday's flight. He had only one small bag with him and said he was traveling to Antigua to visit relatives, police said.

While U.S. airlines have a congressionally mandated deadline of Jan. 18 for having a system in place to inspect all checked baggage for explosives, walk-through devices that could detect them on passengers are still in the development stage.

"It's a hole that needs to be looked at," said Capt. John Cox, executive air safety chairman of the Air Line Pilots Association.

Airline experts say the only way to prevent a passenger from bringing an explosive on board is singling out potential terrorists through computerized profiles and then calling in bomb-sniffing dogs or conducting body and clothing searches.

"Profiling is the key," said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, an advocacy group. "Security is composed of two parts. The first is who are you and the second is what are you carrying."

Associated Press reporters John Solomon in Washington and Pamela Sampson in Paris contributed to this report.

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CLEAN-UP

put the trees in the alleys or alley Dumpsters," she said.

Residents are asked to place their Christmas trees at the parking lot at 900 N. Duncan in a neat orderly manner, said Padgett.

Clean Pampa is requesting that all trees be placed at the designated location in the parking lot and away from the driveway entrances.

On Jan. 19, 2002, the group will be at the Warner-Horton parking lot to help with the "Chipping of the Green." The trees will be

chipped into a mulch and will be available and free across the street from the Hobart Street Park.

The program is free, but does accept donations. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Clean Pampa, Inc. at 665-2514.

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PEET

courthouse.

Preserving the courthouse for future generations is vitally important to Judge Peet. He keeps himself involved in each step of the restoration project, which is now well underway. A major focus of the restoration is to put in badly needed new wiring as well as make mechanical and plumbing improvements.

Judge Peet said he must put aside his personal interests when making decisions.

"I spend much time researching the law and all aspects of an issue before making a judgment or a decision," he said.

He said as a judge he must abide by the State of Texas Judicial Ethics, which requires

him to be impartial in all matters and judge on facts, not special interests.

Judge Peet is a veteran of the U.S. military services. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Viet Nam era.

He taught government at Pampa High School for 24 years and also state, local and federal government for 22 years at Clarendon College — Pampa Branch.

Prior to being elected county judge, Peet served two years as a city councilman and six years as mayor of Pampa.

As an ex-officio member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Judge Peet serves on the Chamber's Leadership Committee. He is the Community Block Chairman of the Panhandle Regional

Planning Commission and a member of the Panhandle Workforce Development Consortium's Governing Board. He also represents the county government on the Gray County Tax Appraisal Board of Directors.

Richard Peet and his wife, Carol, have been married 33 years. They have three grown sons, one grandson and three granddaughters.

Judge Peet said he takes his job seriously and that he believes he has made a positive contribution to this county and its government.

Committed and dedicated to being a strong leader in the county, Peet said he appreciates the support the people of Gray County have given him in the past.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly cloudy. Highs 40 to 45. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. North to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Christmas day, partly cloudy and cold. Highs 35 to 40. North winds 10 to 20 mph., becoming 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. Wednesday, partly sunny. Highs near 45. Wednesday evening, mostly clear. Thursday and Friday, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper teens. Highs around 40.

STATEWIDE — Colder temperatures were forecast over most of Texas Monday, but with little chance of significant precipitation.

Highs today will be mostly in the 50s over South Texas, in the high 40s in North Texas, and around 40 in West Texas. A clearing trend begins Christmas Day with temperatures holding mostly steady this week, warming slightly by the weekend. Temperatures the last 24

hours ranged from 74 degrees in Brownsville Sunday to 18 degrees overnight in Dalhart.

In West Texas, mostly cloudy skies are forecast today across most areas except the far west and extreme south. Snow showers or flurries may be possible today from the South Plains into the southwest Texas mountains. Highs today will range from the mid 30s to mid 40s except lower 50s far south. Lows tonight will

reach the teens and 20s except 30s along the Rio Grande. Christmas Day, it will be partly cloudy to mostly sunny with a slight chance of snow in the northeast Panhandle. Christmas Day highs will generally be from the mid 30s to mid 40s except near 50 to the lower 50s in the Concho Valley and along the Rio Grande. Temperatures will warm slightly through the week, with cooler temperatures Friday.

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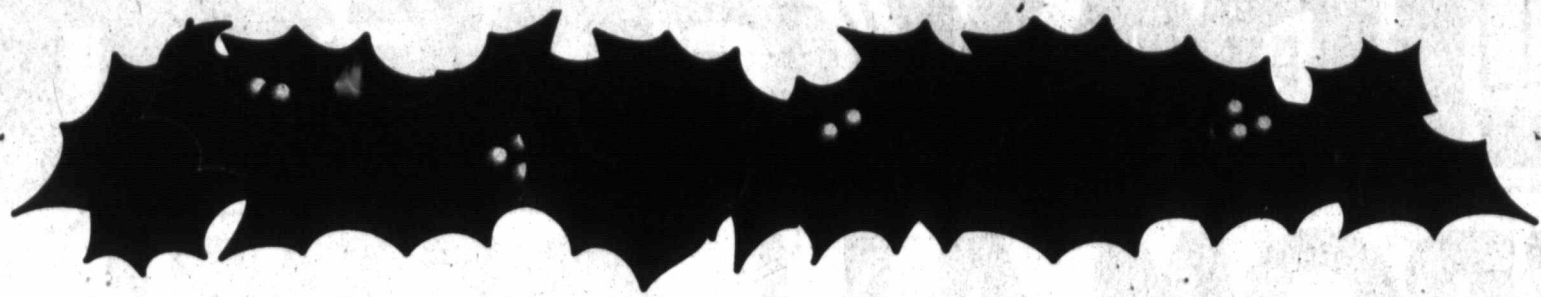
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Military health officials learn lesson from Persian Gulf war

By EUN-KYUNG KIM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to prevent an Afghan War Syndrome, military health officials are applying a decade's worth of lessons from the Persian Gulf conflict to U.S. troops now in conflicts abroad, whether it's against the Abu Sayyaf rebels in the Philippines or Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan.

Defense officials are being more vigilant about medical record-keeping for their troops, and service men and women are required to get a simple medical screening before and after deployment.

The military is also more selective about who it sends overseas.

During the 1990-91 Gulf War, some reservists and National Guard troops were deployed in a hurry.

"And we found that we actually had shipped to the gulf some people who really weren't healthy enough to go," said Dr. Francis O'Donnell, who heads the Pentagon's medical readiness department.

Some critics, however, argue that Pentagon officials aren't doing enough.

Steve Robinson, executive director of the private National Gulf War Resource Center, said medical screenings required since 1997 should include physical exams before, during and after deployment.

"That is what will protect soldiers who are out there fighting in Afghanistan," he said.

Robinson said he learned during visits to military installations while working as an investigator with the Pentagon unit that dealt with the Gulf War Syndrome that many troops failed to complete the mandatory questionnaires. He left the position on retiring from the military in October.

Robinson said troop commanders would rather put their emphasis on areas other than health protection.

"For them, it's more important to talk about how we're going to distribute (ammunition), or to talk about where the enemy is," he said.

An estimated 90,000 troops who served in the Gulf War say they suffer from a strange assortment of maladies including memory loss, anxiety, nausea, balance problems and chronic muscle and joint pain.

The government reported this month that Gulf War veterans are nearly twice as likely to develop Lou Gehrig's disease as other military personnel. It was the first acknowledgment of a scientific link between service in the gulf and a specific disease. Pentagon officials have

acknowledged that a serious health problem exists but insist that no single illness is behind what has become known as Gulf War Syndrome.

O'Donnell said the medical questionnaires have helped catch problems that might otherwise have slipped through.

"This is something that got its emphasis because of what happened with the illnesses in Gulf War veterans — the notion that maybe we missed something when we sent folks to the Gulf and brought them home," he said.

O'Donnell said other post-Gulf War measures implemented to prevent a recurrence of massive mysterious symptoms include environmental monitoring of areas where they plan to send troops.

Military officials learned that Bosnia, for example, was an "environmental nightmare," O'Donnell said, referring to the region's waste from industrial chromium and lead plants.

In 1998, the Pentagon also required the collection of data on non-battle injuries and diseases for troops abroad. While yellow fever or other infectious diseases can wound troops, "dumb old things like diarrhea from eating the local fare" can disable more troops than bullets, said Capt. Jeff Yund, the Navy's deputy director of preventive medicine and occupational health.

The data collection is "meant to give us the ability to monitor rates of illness and injury and when things start to go awry, we can detect it sooner rather than later," he said.

"The purpose is to allow the organic medical personnel to follow trends and illness and injuries in its own unit, and to be able to detect early on when those rates go up."

The armed forces are moving to convert the medical records of each service member into an electronic database.

Despite all recent efforts, no one is saying such actions a decade ago could have eliminated the symptoms linked to Gulf War Syndrome.

"It is very challenging to draw lessons from the Gulf War Syndrome when its still an incompletely defined syndrome," said Dr. Donald Krogstad, chairman of tropical medicine at Tulane University. "That's certainly the biggest barrier to laying out a list of lessons learned."

On the Net:
Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments:
<http://deploymentlink.osd.mil>
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Middle school art show



(Courtesy photo)

Students in Mr. Jordan's art classes at Pampa Middle School recently hosted an Art Show. Some of the winners included: (back row) Ryan Hanson, first place, Scratch Art; Benny Ayala, second place, Black and White Acrylic Painting; (middle row) Anthony Adcock, first place, Black and White Drawing; Jack Mackie, fourth place, Black and White Acrylic Painting, first place, Black and White Drawing; Tyler Hall, fourth place in both Black and White Acrylic Painting and Black and White Drawing; Jesse Chavez, fourth place Tempra Painting; Brad Ferrell, fourth place, Black and White Acrylic Painting; (front row) Meredith Coutts, fourth place, Tempra Painting and Mosaic Pattern Picture; Tianna Hunnicutt, four place, Mosaic Pattern Picture; Heather Hendrick, second place, Scratch Art; Tamara Travathan, fourth place, Color Acrylic Painting; and Kerri Carter, honorable mention, Soap Carving and Ornament Painting.

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Japan: Prime minister defends shooting on mystery vessel

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi defended the shooting of a suspected North Korean spy ship and said Monday that the incident underlined the need to bolster national security.

An unidentified fishing boat sank late Saturday after trading machine-gun fire with coast guard vessels after a six-hour chase that began when it ignored orders to stop for inspection off Japan's coast, Japanese officials said. The bodies of two crew members were recovered and 13 others were believed missing at sea. Two coast guard sailors suffered minor wounds.

Koizumi praised the coast guard for tracking and hunting down the mysterious ship late Saturday night, though he said the chase took too long. He suggested that laws restricting Japan's military hindered the coast guard from taking action earlier and limited coordination with other military branches, such as the navy.

"We should examine what we need to do legally and realistically," Koizumi said, adding that equipment upgrades should also be considered. "The ship had pretty high strike capabilities and was heavily armed."

Japan's pacifist postwar constitution limits the use of force by the military and coast guard to self-defense and keeps troops largely bound to Japanese territory.

Koizumi has been pushing strongly for a wider role for the military, although he has side-stepped the largely taboo issue of revising the constitution.

Japan Coast Guard officials released night-vision video footage that seemed to depict the unidentified ship firing a rocket at Japanese gunboats. They said one

Japanese ship was hit by gunfire 132 times in the encounter.

"We fired shots in legitimate self-defense, and I think we took appropriate actions," said Tetsuo Yokoyama, a regional Coast Guard operations chief.

Masao Kurusu, captain of the coast guard cutter Amami, said the unidentified trawler opened fire first, after the Amami and two other Japanese ships surrounded it.

Japanese ships began chasing the trawler when it ignored orders to stop for inspection. It fled toward China and eventually sank in the East China Sea just outside Chinese territorial waters.

Beijing said it was "concerned" about Japan's use of military force off its coast and said it would petition Tokyo for more information about the incident.

Japanese defense officials and analysts said the boat closely resembled two suspected North Korean spy ships detected off the western coast of Japan in March 1999. Those ships escaped.

A life jacket and a candy bag found on the bodies of the two recovered victims had Korean writing on them, but it was unclear whether they were manufactured in communist North Korea or democratic South Korea.

Koizumi and other Cabinet officials have not commented on the identity of the boat. State-run media in North Korea have not reported about the incident.

Japan and North Korea, which do not have diplomatic ties, are divided by history and ideology. Japan took over the Korean Peninsula in 1910 and ruled it as a colony until 1945. North Korea's official media regularly lambastes Tokyo for harboring what it calls militaristic ambitions.

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All-State Choir try-outs



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On Jan. 12, 2002, the following Pampa High School Choir students will be traveling to Midland for All-State Choir try-outs: Cory Bigham, third chair Bass 1; Michael Eskridge, second chair Bass 1; Kyle Ward, fifth chair Tenor 2; and Shelby McGahen, second chair Alto 1. Those making the All-State Choir will travel to San Antonio on Feb. 20-23. Choir directors are Fred Mays and Wanetta Hill.

Pampa Middle School honor roll

Pampa Middle School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 school year.

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Eighth Grade

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Christmas volatile issue in Nazareth

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — Lighting the cold night with a torch, a solemn-faced Joseph leads his pregnant wife Mary on a donkey past shadowy olive trees and up rocky farm terraces, searching for a place to sleep. Turned away from two small stone houses, they settle for the sheep manger — and there, Jesus is born.

On a hillside above the traffic and lights of modern Nazareth, visitors to the reenactment of the 2,000-year-old Christmas story sought a rare glimpse of hope in a tumultuous Middle East.

Down below in the town where Jesus grew up, Arab Christians and Muslims have grown more distrustful of one another. They are divided over the construction of a mosque beside an old church that sits above the grotto where Christians believe an angel foretold the birth of Jesus.

"Even in dangerous places God protects us," said Ghassan Ghraeb, an Arab Christian from Nazareth who stood by the manger, holding his year-old daughter.

The few dozen mostly Arab visitors to the Nativity had just begun to sing "Joy to the World" in Arabic and then English, barely noticing the Muslim call to prayer echoing from mosque minarets through the city below.

The overlap of the city's two faiths has in recent years begun to divide the Arab town of 70,000 people — one-third Christian and two-thirds Muslim.

In the days before Christmas, bulldozers continued to rumble through a deep pit being readied for construction of a mosque beside the Basilica of the Annunciation, where tradition says the Angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary she would give birth to Jesus.

On a green banner hanging above the construction site, a Quranic verse reads: "God is the one and only. He wasn't begotten and he does not beget, and he never had anyone related to him."

For Danny Kopp, 24, a Christian from Jerusalem, the banner and the building of the mosque so close to the Basilica are a provocation.

He is part of the International Coalition for Nazareth, which groups a number of Christian denominations. The group believes the Israeli government approved construction of the mosque to win Arab votes.

Kopp worries the dispute might again cause clashes. In the past, it has led to violence that included a city council fist fight, Easter Sunday riots two years ago and the smashing of windows of Christian-run shops.

"Giving them the green light to build a mosque here is giving them the green light to continue to suppress Christians," he said.

Kopp and seven others from the group snapped photos of the digging Saturday until an angry crowd asked them to leave.

One man shouted at them, "Welcome to the Islamic Holy Land." Another warned, "Go now for your own safety." And an elderly Muslim in a red headscarf wagged a finger.

The dispute arose when the city of Nazareth approved a plan for a public plaza in front of the church for the thousands of Christian pilgrims who were expected to visit for millennium celebrations.

But the Israeli government says about a third of the square belongs to the Wakf — the Muslim religious trust — and also approved a Muslim request to build a mosque there.

The site had been used in the past as a place for Muslim prayers, a Muslim school and Muslim-owned shops. Muslims say the grave of Shahib al-Din — a nephew of Saladin, the Muslim commander who led an army in defeating the Crusaders in 1187 — lies beneath the lot.

Salam Abu Ahmed, head of the Islamic Movement in Nazareth, said building a mosque next to the church could be a symbol of brotherhood.

"I am very surprised by what is happening here because we are going to build a mosque to pray for God; the church in Nazareth is to pray also for the same God," he said, raising his voice to be heard over the rattle of the bulldozers.



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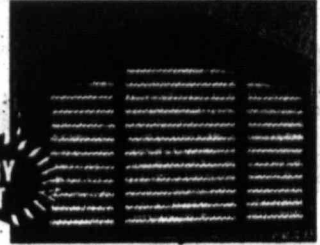


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Woman Who Passed Up Teaching Offers Advice From the Heart

DEAR ABBY: I am 29 years old and have been reading your column since I was 10. Becoming a high school teacher was always my dream. I graduated from college with a degree, but not in secondary education. I needed to begin working full time to support myself, so I never considered going back to school to certify.

Because I admire the field of education, I offer this tiny contribution for teachers everywhere:

TEACHER-PARENT AGREEMENT
I will teach your child to read — if you teach your child to have an open mind.

I will show your child how to solve a math question — if you show your child how to solve his/her problems.

I will tell your child about war and its aftermath — if you tell your child to treat others with equality.

I will introduce your child to Shakespeare — if you introduce your child to others he/she may not now understand, but will come to respect.

I will point out the many places on the globe — if you point out that the world is open to him/her.

I will explain the stars and planets — if you explain how your child can surpass them.

I am able to teach your child some things, but together we can teach your child everything and help your child to grow.

VERONICA M. DE CRESCIO, CROYDON, PA.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

DEAR VERONICA: Something I've learned over the years is that when people feel they have a calling, they should follow it.

It's never too late to realize your dream. With your degree, perhaps you could begin working now as a substitute teacher. There is a great need. It could serve as a giant step toward getting you back on track. Please consider it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 100-plus pounds overweight. My husband has repeatedly asked me to lose weight but I have not. We no longer make love.

My husband is cordial and continues to provide beautifully for me and the kids — he's a great dad. Do you think it's fair that he is withholding sex from me? I think he expects too much, as I love to eat. Now he has moved to another bedroom and claims he is turned off sexually.

FRUSTRATED WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Although everyone has the "right" to weigh whatever he or she wishes, your

weight gain has jeopardized your marriage.

By moving to another bedroom, your husband has given you an important message: Your marriage is in serious trouble. If you think it is worth saving, ask your doctor for a referral to a registered dietitian so you can begin to lose the extra pounds you have put on. Next, consult a psychotherapist. The fact that you have chosen your love for food over your love for your husband needs to be addressed.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Have a Merry Christmas, but please keep in mind: If you're drinking, don't drive; if you're driving, don't drink.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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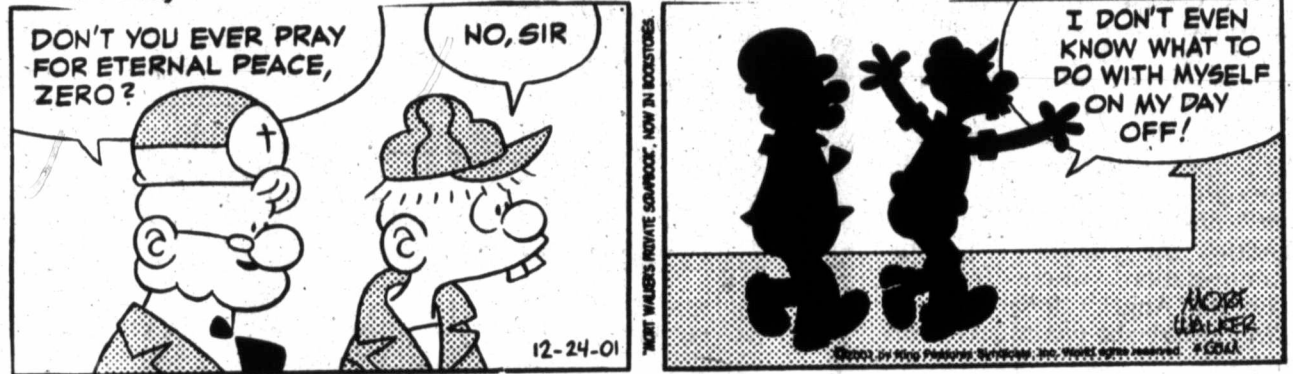
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The Family Circus



"Is it still okay to say 'Have a Merry Christmas' this year?"

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

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

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

OLYMPICS

NEW YORK (AP) — The Olympic torch began its journey through the streets of New York City on Sunday, carried by several runners who lost family members and friends on Sept. 11.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was expected to carry the torch Sunday night to the plaza in Rockefeller Center, where a candlelight ceremony was planned to honor those who died in the terrorist attacks.

The torch was carried across the Goethals Bridge into Staten Island on Sunday morning to begin the New York leg of its 13,500-mile journey across the United States to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

More than 100 runners, nominated for the honor by friends and relatives, were to help bring the torch on its trip through the city.

After winding through Staten Island, the torch was taken across the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge into Brooklyn.

To begin the Manhattan portion of the trip, a group of torchbearers was to board a ferry in Queens at 6 p.m. that would pass the Statue of Liberty and circle the southern tip of Manhattan before docking on the West Side.

Connor Geraghty, who lost his firefighter father, Edward Geraghty, in the attack on the World Trade Center, was to carry the torch off the boat with his mother, Mary.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — While the rest of the baseball world wonders whether John Rocker and Carl Everett can coexist on the Texas Rangers, the team's reigning leaders are happy to have them as teammates.

"I love giving people a second chance," shortstop Alex Rodriguez said. "Who knows, John might be the nicest guy in the world. We'll just have to wait and see. I'm excited to see him and greet him. The same goes for Carl. I think those guys are going to help us win."

"I think things are going to be OK," first baseman Rafael Palmeiro said. "They're getting new life here in Texas. This is a great place to play. I know they're both hungry to come out here and help us."

"We'll keep them under control if we can, but it's going to be really up to those guys. It's their responsibility, not ours."

Rodriguez and Palmeiro were at The Ballpark in Arlington on Saturday night for a news conference introducing yet another new teammate, Chan Ho Park. Texas gave Park a \$65 million, five-year deal to be their top starting pitcher.

"To bring in someone like Chan Ho Park, a bona fide No. 1 starter, is obviously something this organization needed with some major urgency," Rodriguez said.

"To have that at 28 years old, the prospect of having him for the next five years is pretty exciting."

Cowboys knockin' on basement door

Latest loss seals tie for last in NFC East

By **BOB BAUM**
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals used to have a long-term lease on the NFC East basement. They gladly will move out to make room for the Dallas Cowboys.

With Sunday's 17-10 loss to Arizona, the Cowboys clinched at least a tie for last in the division they dominated for so long.

The best Dallas (4-10) can hope for is to finish tied with the Cardinals (6-8), who would have to lose their final two while the Cowboys win both of theirs.

The meeting was the last between the teams as division rivals. Arizona is moving to the NFC West next season.

"Beating Dallas at home, or at any time for that matter, is sweet," said Arizona wide receiver Frank Sanders. "But realizing we won't be playing these guys any more twice a year is also a solemn note."

As usual, about half the fans in the stadium were rooting for the Cowboys, who always generate the bigger crowds at Sun Devil Stadium.

"I don't care if it's the Cowboys or another team, but around here it seems to have a little extra interest," Arizona safety Pat Tillman said. "I assume that's because there are so many Cowboys fans around here. And depending on who's winning, you can't tell whose stadium it is."

The Cowboys had a 21-11 advantage in first downs and led 343-209 in total yards against Arizona, but Emmitt Smith's 80th career, 100-yard rushing game couldn't overcome their mistakes.

Smith got his Christmas wish for more carries with 128 yards in 26 attempts. The No. 2 NFL career rusher behind Walter Payton, Smith is 16 yards short of 16,000, and he needs 182 in the last two games to reach 1,000 for the 11th straight year.

"I'm not thinking about it in terms of that," Smith said. "I just want to win. We have lost enough games the last two years to last a whole career."

Dallas hasn't finished in the division cellar since going 1-15 in 1989, a year before Smith came to the team.

"We did some good things today and we did a lot of bad things, the same thing we've been saying all year long," Smith said. "The thing that killed us again was turnovers. That's been our story most of the year."

"It's disappointing, very disappointing," Smith said. "It seems like we started playing just like we started the season — we get down there, but can't get into the end zone from the red zone. I

don't know what I need to do." Quincy Carter threw two interceptions, one that was deflected, and fumbled the ball into the end zone for a touchback, and a bad snap ruined a field-goal try.

"We're playing hard, but sometimes things happen that we can't control," Carter said. "There were too many penalties and that killed us today. When those things happen, you're not going to win. Those were mistakes that really hurt."

"They made the mistakes, and we didn't," Arizona quarterback Jake Plummer said. "We didn't have a turnover all game, which is huge. We haven't had that happen that often."

Trailing by seven with 3:19 to play and facing fourth-and-2 at the Arizona 23, Dallas coach Dave Campo elected to go for a 41-yard field goal, and Jon Hilbert's try was wide left.

"We felt it was six or one and half a dozen of the other," Campo said. "We felt we could get the field goal and were going to kick the ball off. We didn't think they'd get out past the 25- or 30-yard line, and we'd have a chance to win the football game."

Did he regret the decision?

"Absolutely not," Campo said. Ronald McKinnon, with his broken right thumb in a cast, returned one interception 24 yards for a touchdown, and Kwamie Lassiter's ninth pick of the season set up a field goal for Arizona.

The Cowboys took a 10-7 lead on Carter's 45-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Swinton with 11:45 remaining in the half.

The Cardinals, who lost at Dallas 17-3 on Oct. 28, finally got their offense moving late in the half. Plummer threw deep to Sanders, who reversed his field and went 57 yards on the play to the 1. Three plays later, Michael Pittman's 1-yard dive made it 14-7 with 4:52 left until halftime.

Cedric Oglesby's 35-yard field goal came on his first NFL attempt. He was signed last week after Bill Gramatica went down with a season-ending knee injury when he celebrated after a successful field goal kick last week against the New York Giants. He later missed a 35-yarder.

Dallas used nine minutes on the opening drive to start the second half, but on what would have been a 39-yard field-goal attempt, the snap was bad and holder Micah Knorr was forced into an incomplete pass.

Notes: David Boston, the NFL leader in yards receiving, dropped three early passes and finished with three catches for 26 yards. ... The Cowboys and Cardinals play again next season in Tempe, even though they won't be in the same division. ... Plummer was 10-for-16 for 103 yards in Arizona's 17-point second quarter. ... Swinton, a rookie, got his first receiving touchdown after a midweek pep talk from Campo.

Giuliani carries Olympic torch through New York

NEW YORK (AP) — The Olympic flame evoked a myriad of emotions as it was carried through New York — from a solemn ceremony in front of the Statue of Liberty to a rousing welcome for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani at Rockefeller Center.

Giuliani paid tribute to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Sunday, citing emergency workers killed while trying to save others: "I carry this flame as a representative of these wonderful people."

Thousands crowded Rockefeller Center to watch as Giuliani, wearing a New York Police Department coat and Fire Department of New York hat, used the torch to light a cauldron under a large statue of the Greek god Prometheus.

The cauldron will keep the flame burning until Wednesday, when the torch will head for Connecticut and Rhode Island on its 65-day, 13,500-mile journey to the Feb. 8-24 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The flame arrived in midtown Manhattan after a ferry carried it from Queens past the Statue of Liberty.

Fourteen people — police officers, firefighters and relatives of Sept. 11 victims — each held the torch as the ferry paused in front of the statue.

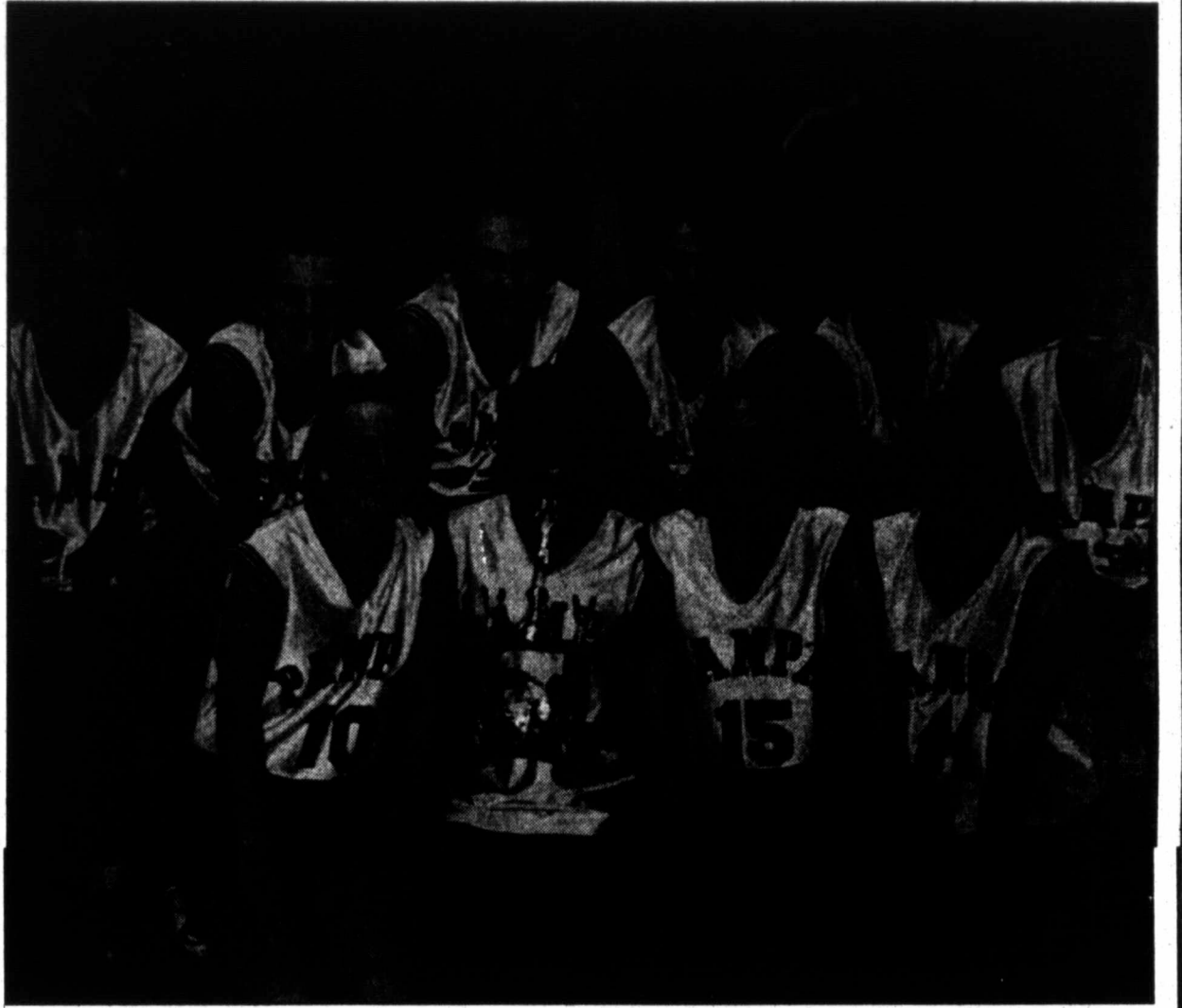
With the statue's flame lighting the sky in the background, several of the Olympic torchbearers held up pictures of lost colleagues and loved ones. The torchbearers, Olympic committee members and other guests sang "God Bless America."

Connor Geraghty, who lost his firefighter father, Edward Geraghty, on Sept. 11, carried the torch off the ferry with his mother, Mary Geraghty.

"I'm not doing this just for my husband but for all of the victims — the rescue workers and the civilians — for every single one of them. We want them to know that we represent all of them. That's what made this such an honor," Mary Geraghty said.

The torch was carried toward the plaza in Rockefeller Center and was passed off to other runners, including Lyzbeth Glick, whose husband, Jeremy, was aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11.

Trophy winners



(Community Camera photo)

Pampa 8th grade girls' basketball A team finished third in this year's Hereford Tournament. Team members are (front row, from left) Callie Cobb, Marisa Scott, Jordan Albracht and Whitney Wichert; (second row, from left) Nicole Fernui, Autumn Darden, Krissie Alexander, Audrey Dunn, Jackie Gerber and Felicia Urban. Back row is coach Janyth Bowers.

Bucks snap Spurs' string of wins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks weren't intimidated by the San Antonio Spurs' impressive record.

Sam Cassell scored 33 points, and Glenn Robinson added 30 to lead the Bucks to a 101-91 victory over San Antonio on Sunday night, snapping the Spurs' 10-game winning streak.

San Antonio (20-5) entered with the league's best record, and had been undefeated in December. The Los Angeles Lakers are 19-4.

"In all my experiences, being the best team in December doesn't mean anything," Cassell said. "Are they the best team in the NBA? No."

Less than 24 hours after the Houston Rockets snapped a 15-game losing streak with a win over Milwaukee, the Bucks stopped the NBA's longest winning streak of the season.

"We had to do it," Cassell said. "This was definitely a huge game for us, especially after last night."



Holiday Greetings

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Tate highlights season with 5A player of the year honors

Former ballboy passed for 41 touchdowns

By JOEL ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

There's still some learning to be done, so Drew Tate eagerly settled into the family living room this week to watch a football game with his stepfather.

It's family moments like these that have groomed Tate into one of the state's most deadly passers in recent memory. Of course, it doesn't hurt that Tate's stepfather is Baytown Lee coach Dick Olin, who's produced three straight Division I college quarterbacks: Jermaine Alfred (Baylor, 1994), Clint Stoerner (Arkansas, 1996) and Ell Roberson (Kansas State, 1998).

But it's Tate that has become his father's most prolific pupil, which led to Tate's selection as Class 5A offensive player of the year by the Associated Press Sports Editors on Friday.

"When I was little, I was always up at the fieldhouse

hanging around the team and trying to learn," Tate said. "My father being the coach has been a great help. We sit down and watch a lot of tape together."

All of Tate's years serving as a ballboy, watching reel after reel of game films and throwing until his arm was sore have cultivated one of the Lone Star State's most decorated quarterbacks.

This season, Tate completed 256 of 403 passes for 3,371 yards with 41 touchdowns and just three interceptions. His yardage and touchdowns both led Class 5A.

Tate, a junior, has already set the career state passing record with 8,575 yards in his three years as a starter. Earlier this year he threw eight touchdowns in a game against Baytown Sterling, tying a state record. His seven touchdown throws in the first half of that game broke a state record.

And he still has a season to go.

"No question, what he's accomplished has been unbelievable," Olin said. "Now it's a situation of: what can you do next? He's received every accolade you can imagine. Where do we go from

here?" Tate has already committed to Texas A&M, but he said he's still got a little bit more to prove, including settling a long-running debate as to which of Olin's quarterbacks is the best.

"Yeah, we've joked about it a lot," Tate said. "They know who's the best — and it's me."

The 12th annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters in Texas, based upon players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season, and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Copperas Cove led all teams with three first-team selections, including offensive lineman Ryan Crump and linebackers Carl Boast and John McKinney.

Colleyville Heritage also placed two players on the first-team, with defensive player of the year Brandon Fails, a 6-foot-3, 300 pound senior lineman, and punter Geoffrey Price.

No other team had more than one player on the first-team.

Lufkin and Austin Westlake, who will play in this weekend's Division II

state championship, had no players on the first-team squad.

Mesquite, which won last week's Division I championship, also had no players on the first-team.

Joining Tate in the first-team all-state backfield are running backs Ted Barnhart of Corpus Christi Carroll, Quinton Broussard of The Colony and John Johnson of Houston Sam Houston.

Samuel Hurd of San Antonio Brackenridge and Johnny Quinn of McKinney were the first-team receivers.

The other offensive linemen were Justin Blalock of Plano East, William Blaylock of Tyler John Tyler, Chauston Jones of Galena Park North Shore and LeQualan McDonald of Waco.

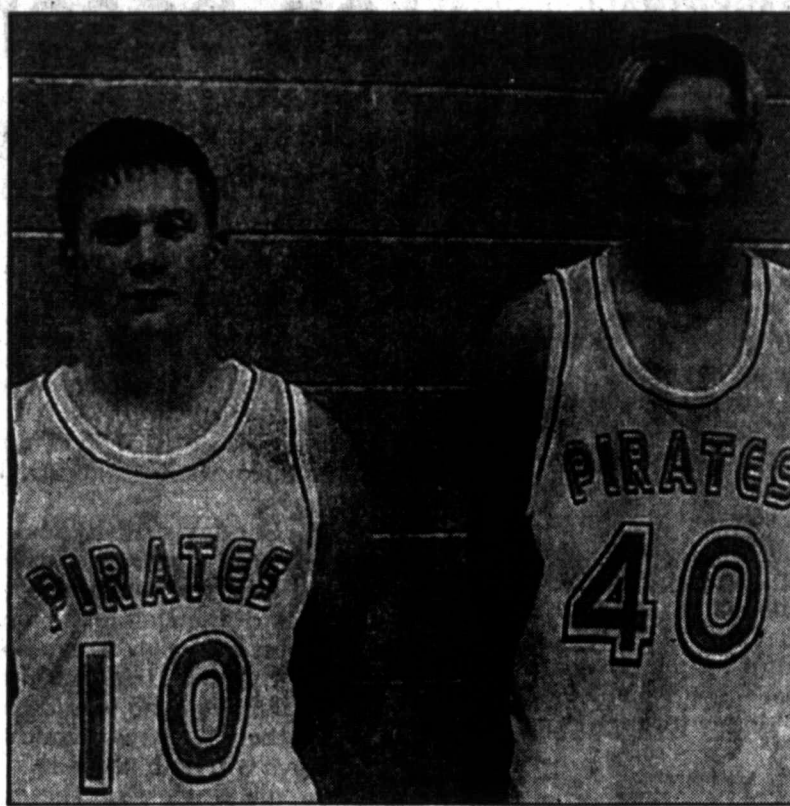
The all-state defensive linemen were Fails, Dallas Kimball's Kelvin Flood, Laredo Nixon's Esteban Teniente and Abilene's Justin Wolcott.

Other defenders on the first-team included linebacker Marvin Byrdson of Longview and defensive backs Tony Cade of Lewisville, Jerome Miller of Alief Hastings, Brodney Pool

of Houston Westbury and Jeff Walker of Abilene.

The kicker was Richard Hammond of San Antonio East Central.

All-tourney picks



(Courtesy photo)

Lefors teammates Andrew Johnson (left) and Ricky Vaughn were named to the All-Tournament Basketball Team at the Lefors Basketball Tournament held last week.

Baby's First Christmas 2001

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR**

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Relish the holiday, knowing that you're genuinely cared for. Someone extends him- or herself to you, whether it is through material and/or emotional self-expression. Understand that some people need "things" as symbols of caring. Tonight: Indulge in the good life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You beam in what you want. Someone draws you toward them. Your popularity soars, though an older relative could add a mist of chaos to your plans. This person could be quite set in his or her ways. Be spontaneous with those in your life. Others cannot get enough of you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Should you choose to, you could make something a problem. Why not lighten up and share with others what it is you really want and need? You might be pleasantly surprised by what someone's efforts can do. Indulge someone as you would like to be indulged! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Friends surround you as you naturally make the right choice. Your sense of humor emerges with a loved one or partner who could be a bit asked or off. Laughter binds friendships. Be spontaneous about your feelings and self-expression. Tonight: The party goes to the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** You'll possibly need to take

over for a mate or friend, as this person might be quite wifty. He or she might not be sharing what is bothering him or her. Give this person time. Your instincts come through for you with an older relative. Be the lead player. Others thank you later. Tonight: Don't count on an early night!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Make an effort to twist your plans at the last minute for someone at a distance. What is more important — having everything perfect or enjoying yourself like you want to? Friends help you flow with what is happening. The more people around you, the happier you are. Tonight: Make long-distance calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You're happiest when you take time with people, sharing your news and catching up on things. Deal with a child who might complain that he or she is not getting enough time or didn't appreciate the gifts he or she got. A parent or older relative delights in your news. Tonight: Enjoy yourself!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Let someone chatter away. You can't stop this person anyway! Confusion surrounds family and home. Just pour the eggnog and smile. You'll find that people are catching you easy-going and happy attitude. Make merry but don't forget someone at a distance! Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Your friendly ways make a big difference to those close to you. When you see someone is a bit down, you go

out of your way to make him or her happier. Understand what is happening with this person. Don't make him or her explain. Tonight: Rest up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Your imagination peaks with today's happenings. You'll probably remember this period for a long, long time. Clearly, loved ones go out of their way to make you feel cared about. Express the depth of your feelings. Indulge loved ones as well as yourself. Tonight: Play away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You could be overwhelmed by the last-minute details involved with your day. Consider what is going on here with someone that you care about. Don't take a comment personally, you might not have heard that person correctly. Pitch in and help someone out. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Reach out to those around you. Invite someone along who might not have plans. This person will think of you as loving and caring because of the invitation. You could worry about someone's reactions. Dote on a child or loved one. Tonight: Say "thank you" nicely.

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