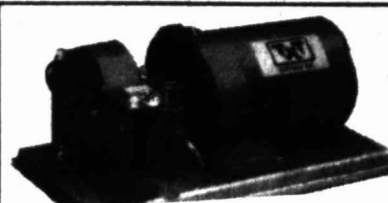


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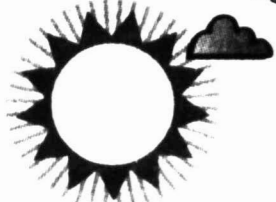
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VFW to host Jan. 1 Blackeye Pea dinner

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapter will host a Blackeye Pea Dinner at 12 noon, Thursday, Jan. 1, at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. Donations accepted.

DEATHS

- Clifton McNeely, 84, educator, coach.
- Edwin E. Simmons, 95, C.P.A.
- Ariana Michelle Sotelo, 9, third grader.
- Chester Willis Van Natta, 76, services pending.

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U.N. ambassador visits Panhandle

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

CANADIAN -- Highlights from the winter sun glinted off the white horse as the rider, clad in black, watched the calves that had been gathered along Horse Creek on the Brainard Ranch.

As the Texas Panhandle dust rose around horse and rider, for one magical moment, they melded into the cowboy legend of 19th Century America and a warrior of Suryavarman II, a 12th Century Cambodian king who built Angkor Wat. It was as though he was a mystical knight, on his way to save the world.

If the description sounds exaggerated, consider that Sichan Siv is the U.S. Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Daily, he deals with humanitarian crises involving millions of people who struggle just to stay alive in the face of armed conflict and natural disaster.

"Here the heavens and earth hug each other," he said, surveying the limitless horizon across the rolling plains northwest of Canadian, "for 360 degrees."

With almost two dozen major humanitarian crises around the world facing him when he returns to work next week (and a series of smaller ones), Ambassador Siv was decompressing, as he put it, in the Texas Panhandle.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Ambassador Sichan Siv helps gather calves on the Brainard Ranch northwest of Canadian during the Christmas holidays.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Ambassador Sichan Siv, left, graduated from an informal cowboy college over the holidays with tutoring from Kenny Wicker of the Brainard Ranch near Canadian.

"It is so spacious here," he said Saturday afternoon, staring beyond the bawling calves he helped Kenny Wicker gather, along with Wicker's daughters, Resa and Rachel.

Siv was visiting the Brainard clan, old friends, over the holidays and celebrating his marriage to Martha Patillo two decades ago in Pampa.

Born and reared in Cambodia, Siv was working for CARE, a relief organization, when the Khmer Rouge seized power in the mid-1970s.

He was to fly out of Phnom Penh before the Khmer Rouge troops marched in, but when officials informed Siv that he should be at the U.S. embassy within the hour to leave, Siv checked his schedule and said he was to meet with a provincial governor

(See AMBASSADOR, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Pampa centenarian George Keeton receives a Key to the City from Pampa City Commissioner Robert Dixon in a presentation ceremony at Bank of America today. Keeton turned 104 on Saturday.

City honors centenarian

George Keeton fought back tears today as a contingent of family, close friends and officials gathered at Bank of America to honor him as the City of Pampa proclaimed George Keeton Day and City Commissioner Robert Dixon presented Keeton with a key to the city.

"I love you all," Keeton said in an emotion-filled voice.

Keeton turned 104 years old Saturday. He moved to Pampa from McLean in 1941.

Dixon, reading from the proclamation, said it is fitting and proper to recognize citizens that have displayed a shining light in ways large and small in the community.

Speaking for the city commission, Dixon said Pampa would like to express its gratitude

to a friend and a neighbor.

"I've known you for more than 50 years," Dixon told Keeton. "That's half of your life and almost all of mine."

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, who was to have made the presentation, was out of town, Dixon said.

Dixon told Keeton that the proclamation and key were in recognition for the 104 years that the earth has enjoyed his presence.

"You have graced our city as an icon representing our friendly and open-arm atmosphere in the Pampa community," Dixon said.

Keeton was joined in the ceremony by two of his sons, J.R. Keeton, 77, his oldest son, and Doyle Keeton, 73, his youngest son.

Four arrested in connection with drug raid

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Four Pampa residents remained in Gray County Jail at press time today in connection with a traffic stop Sunday evening that resulted in a search warrant issued for 419 N. Wynne.

Larry Fernandez, 26, 104 N. Wynne, and Alicia Lundsford, 23, 419 N. Wynne, were arrested at about 5:40 p.m. when Pampa police officers found and seized about 14 grams of a clear crystalline substance believed to be methamphetamine, along with numerous items of drug paraphernalia. The items were found in connection with a traffic stop, according to a police department spokesperson.

Fernandez was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Lundsford was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana under two ounces, and possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams.

Upon the arrests, officers received information that the seized items came from 419 N. Wynne. Fernandez and

Lundsford both said they were living at that address at the time of their arrest, although Fernandez' address is listed at 104 N. Wynne in police arrest records.

Officer Casey Ingersoll obtained a search warrant for 419 N. Wynne after gathering information on narcotics believed to be at that address. The search warrant was executed at 1:11 p.m. by seven police officers and two Gray County sheriff's deputies.

Christina Ann Dills, 22, and Aaron Acevedo, 20, both of 419 N. Wynne, were arrested after the search and were each charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams, and child endangerment.

Officers discovered two small children in the residence at the time of the search that they believed were endangered due to the close proximity of the narcotics and paraphernalia. Officers also noted that the living conditions in the home were "extremely poor," according to a press release from the police department. The living conditions (See ARRESTS, Page 3)

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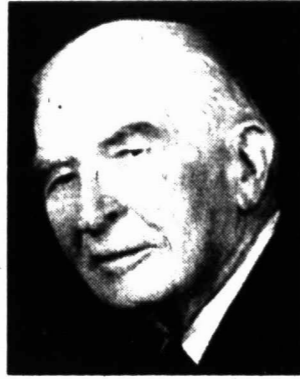
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OBITUARIES

**EDWIN E. SIMMONS
1908-2003**

Edwin E. Simmons, 95, of Pampa died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Ron Noble, pastor of Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith, Mike Mueller, elder of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church of Dumas, and Richard Gattis, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



31, 1946, and remained in active practice for more than 56 years. He was a member of the Texas Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Simmons was born Dec. 6, 1908, in Section 79, Block 4-T, T&NO Railway Co. Survey in Ochiltree County, Texas, to William Andie Simmons and Sarah Elizabeth Seay Simmons of Wawaka, Texas. His only sibling was Joseph Hayden Simmons who was nearly 12 years his senior.

Mr. Simmons accepted Christ as his Savior shortly after the birth of their son Paul, and became a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints when he was 76 years of age and remained so until his death. He was a member of the Gideons International.

Mr. Simmons married Anabel Gilliam on Sept. 7, 1930, at Gruver. Anabel was born less than one mile from where Edwin was born, and they were never separated for any long period of time during their lifetimes. They had been married for 73 years at the time of his death.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Hayden.

Edwin and Anabel had one child, a son Paul Simmons, who was born in Ochiltree County, Texas, at the home of his mother's parents within two miles of the places of Edwin's and Anabel's birthplaces. Mr. Simmons obtained his Certificate of Public Accountancy on March

Survivors include his wife, Anabel Simmons, of the home; a son, Paul Simmons and wife Lone Martin Simmons of Pampa; two grandchildren, J. Vondel Stevens and husband Scott of Canyon and E.P. Simmons of Chicago, Ill.; a great-grandson, Timothy Stevens of Canyon; and a niece, Rubyjo Wilbanks of Spearman who is also his sister by adoption.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

--Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Clifton McNeely, age 84, of Irving, a long-time educator and coach, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003.

**CLIFTON McNEELY
1919-2003**

Sports Hall of Fame, and the Texas Wesleyan University Hall of Fame.

Born June 22, 1919, at Greenwood, Texas, to Albert McNeely and Fannie Lee Clifton, McNeely graduated from Slidell High School, Decatur Baptist Junior College, and Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. He was college basketball's leading scorer in the nation in 1947 and earned All American honors. He was a U.S. Air Force World War II veteran. He married Peggy Jean Gallagher June 14, 1947, at Cisco, Texas.

A resident of Irving since 1973, he was a member and deacon at Plymouth Park Baptist Church.

He coached high school basketball in Pampa, Texas, for 13 years where the gym, McNeely Fieldhouse, was named in his honor. McNeely's Pampa basketball teams advanced to state six times, winning four State Championships.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy J. McNeely of Irving; his children, Mike McNeely and wife Debbie, and Phil McNeely and wife Renee, all of Duncanville, and Sheryl and husband Kenny Shaw of Crosby; grandchildren, Scott McNeely, Taylor McNeely, Kristin McNeely, Clifton Shaw and Wayne Stewart and wife Shelley of The Woodlands; and two great-grandchildren, Christopher and Kennedy Stewart.

Following his coaching career, McNeely was assistant principal at Castleberry High School in Fort Worth; principal at Bridgeport High School and Denton High School; and an administrator at Irving Independent School District from 1973 until retiring in 1985.

Funeral services were to be at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Dec. 29, at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, 1714 North Story Road in Irving. Dr. Jim Bond and the Rev. Ken Branam were to officiate. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

McNeely was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame, Panhandle

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Clifton McNeely Scholarship Endowment Fund c/o the Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 South Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Arrangements were under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.

**ARIANA MICHELLE SOTELO
1994-2003**

SULPHUR SPRINGS — Ariana Michelle Sotelo, 9, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Childrens Medical Center in Dallas. Services will be at 5 p.m., today in First Baptist Church. Graveside services will be at 12 noon Tuesday at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah. Arrangements are under the direction of Murray Orwosky Funeral Home.

Sotelo. She was a third-grader at Austin Elementary School in Sulphur Springs.

Ariana was born June 23, 1994, at Lubbock, to Edgar and Michelle Scott

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Hector Sotelo; and her great-grandfather, Kenneth Bragg.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Alissa Lauren Sotelo of Sulphur Springs; her grandparents, Elsa Sotelo of Sulphur Springs and Mike and Karen Scott of Pampa; and her great-grandparents, Bob and Joyce Scott and Geneva Bragg, all of Paducah.

CHESTER WILLIS VAN NATTA

Chester Willis Van Natta, 76, of Pampa, died today, Dec. 29, 2003. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

SERVICES TOMORROW

SIMMONS, Edwin E. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

SOTELO, Ariana Michelle — Graveside services, 12 noon, Garden of Memories Cemetery, Paducah.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Dec. 21

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported to have occurred in the 1400 block of Lynn. Taken were a compact disc player, approximately 40 compact discs and a book. Estimated loss was \$837.

Monday, Dec. 22

Harassment was reported in the 1700 block of Beech. The report involved juveniles stating profanity over the telephone.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Assault against a family member was reported in the 1700 block of Kentucky. A female was kicked several times in the stomach.

A blue and black Next bicycle valued at approximately \$90 was reported stolen from the 700 block of Hazel.

Disorderly conduct/using abusive language was reported at 19th and Hobart streets.

Assault was reported at 19th and Hobart Streets. The victim had a burrito shoved in his face.

A report was taken of a male falling off a roof in the 700 block of Murphy.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Criminal mischief to a building was reported at McDonald's, 1201 N. Hobart. A door was pried open. Estimated damage was \$20.

Theft under \$50 was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

Electric hair trimmers were taken. No estimated value was reported.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen. No charges were filed concerning the assault. One arrest was made on outstanding warrants.

Thursday, Dec. 25

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne. Entry was made through the back door. Taken were a videocassette recorder and unknown gifts. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 500 block of East Foster. A window was broken on a 1985 Chevrolet Corsica. Estimated damage was \$400.

Friday, Dec. 26

Burglary of a habitation was reported to have occurred in the 1000 block of South Dwight. Three televisions and a sectional sofa were reported taken. Approximate loss was \$5,111.

Assault by threat was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler. The suspect threatened to slap the victim. A report of attempted suicide

was taken in the 1100 block of Crane Road.

Theft of service was reported. A lock was broken off a water meter and an unknown amount of water was stolen. Police declined to disclose the location of the theft, as the incident is still under investigation.

Saturday, Dec. 27

Theft under \$50 was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Gas valued at \$21.35 was stolen.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather. A window screen was damaged, with estimated damage at \$25. A television valued at approximately \$100 was stolen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Barnes. A bumper was bent and an attempt was made to pry the trunk open on a vehicle. Citations were issued to two

females in the 600 block of Roberta for minor in possession of tobacco.

Vernon Woodward, 42, 1021 S. Dwight, was arrested in the 600 block of South West for driving while intoxicated.

Robert W. Duffell, 40, 1031 Sumner #222, was arrested at Dwight and Wilks Streets for driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, Dec. 28

Possible forgery was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

Possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in the 100 block of North Wynne. Larry Fernandez, 26, 104 N. Wynne, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Alicia Lundsford, 23, 419 Wynne, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana under two ounces, and possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams.

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Aaron Acevedo, 20, 419 N. Wynne, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams, and endangering a child.

Family violence was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road. The victim was hit in the eye with a briefcase, causing redness and swelling. No other injuries were reported.

Richard William McClelland, 32, Amarillo, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Bryan Lee McClelland, 34, 1031 Sierra, was arrested for obstructing traffic.

Monday, Dec. 29

Christina Ann Dills, 22, 419 N. Wynne, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams, and endangering a child.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, Dec. 20

6:31 p.m. — A 1991 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Johnnie Stewart, 48, Corpus Christi, collided with a 2002 GMC Sierra pickup legally parked in a driveway in the 300 block of South Jean. The collision caused the pickup to strike a 1999 Coleman travel trailer, also parked in the driveway. The trailer then struck the house. The pickup, travel trailer and house are all owned by Dana A. Dunn, 333 Jean, according to the police report. The accident occurred when the Chevrolet's accelerator stuck while the car was in reverse, the report stated. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Dec. 22

5:49 p.m. — A 1990 Buick Riviera driven by Martha Lynn Rodgers, 45, 1919 N. Nelson, collided with a stop pole for a parking spot in a private parking lot in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Rodgers was cited for no insurance, hit and run, and expired registration. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

10:38 a.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Kevin Eugene Huddleston, 27, 532 Doucette, and a 1998 Jeep Wrangler driven by Tommy Ray Malone, 2233 Dogwood, 39, collided in the 700 block of North Hobart. Malone was cited for expired registration. Huddleston was cited for failure to control speed. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Thursday, Dec. 25

Sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., an unknown vehicle struck a 2000 Chrysler Sebring, legally parked, in the 1500 block of North Nelson and left the scene. Owner of the Sebring was not listed on the accident report.

AMBULANCE

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

Saturday, Dec. 27

4:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of East Francis. No one was transported.

Sunday, Dec. 28

2:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Sierra. No one was transported.

2:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell. No one was transported.

3:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of Peach. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU transported one person from Pampa Regional Medical Center to the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Houston. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Evergreen. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Monday, Dec. 29

5:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Sumner. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.37	XCEL	17.34	+0.06
Milo	3.96	Kerr McGee	46.23	+0.44
Corn	4.51	Limited	17.92	-0.05
Soybeans	7.16	Williams	9.91	-0.02
		MCD	24.20	+0.11
		XOM	40.37	+0.32
		Atmos	24.91	+0.10

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

OXY	42.14	+0.13	Pioneer Nat.	32.26	+0.11
BP	48.75	-0.02	JCP	25.96	+0.25
Celanese	40.61	+0.58	COP	64.17	0.21
Cabot Corp.	32.15	+0.20	SLB	55.49	+0.21
Cabot Oil Gas	30.03	+0.09	Tenneco	6.95	+0.10
Coca Cola	49.03	-0.03	CVX	84.30	+0.48
VLO	46.02	+0.04	Wal-Mart	52.66	+0.14
HAL	26.34	+0.10	OKE	22.34	+0.19
Trod	32.98	+0.19	NS Grp	9.72	+0.30
NOL	22.66	+0.11			
KMI	58.86	+0.03			

New York Gold	412.25
Silver	5.77
West Texas Crude	NA

City Briefs

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

BUZZARD LAW Firm is relocating to 208 N. Russell (across from courthouse). Effective January 1, 2004.

EARLY CIRCULATION Deadlines (starts, stops, etc.) for *The Pampa News*, for New Years! 669-2525.

EARLY ADVERTISING Deadlines for *The Pampa News*, for New Years! See display ad.

MCLEAN COUNTRY Club New Year's Eve Dance, Wed. Dec. 31st "Cozy and The River Valley Boys" 8-11:30 p.m. Public Welcome!

EARLY LIFESTYLES Deadlines (wedding, anniversary, baby, newsmakers, etc.) for *The Pampa News*, for Sunday Jan. 4th, is Tues., Dec. 30th, 5 p.m.

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AMBASSADOR

to talk about getting food and supplies to displaced persons in other parts of Cambodia. He missed his flight by half an hour. That concern for others almost cost Siv his life.

For a year, Siv was able to hide in Cambodia, working as a laborer and truck driver. Finally, driving a timber truck near the Thai border, he abandoned his truck and hiked overland into Thailand. He walked for three days with nothing to eat. He suffered wounds from a booby trap along the trail.

In Thailand, he spent a year in jail for illegal entry.

Finally, he was flown to the U.S. After graduating as valedictorian in 1964 from Pampa High, Martha Pattillo earned a bachelor's degree in the University of Texas' liberal arts honors program.

"Then I went to the graduate school of library and information science, which has now become better known because that's the school Mrs. Laura Bush went to," Martha says.

Her first job was in Washington, D.C., at the Center for Applied Linguistics.

"My dream was to go to Paris," Martha says. "My father had been a French teacher and a math teacher. Mother taught what they called then commercial work."

After working in Washington, Martha bought a one-way ticket to Paris.

"I just thought I'd died and gone to heaven," she said.

She went to work for UNESCO, one of the United Nations' specialized agencies, headquartered in Paris.

In the mid-1970s, she went to Bangkok, Thailand, for UNESCO.

"That's when I became interested in Cambodia," Martha says.

By 1977, she transferred to the UN in New

York.

Then she got a letter one day from a friend in Bangkok telling her about an extraordinary Cambodian named Sichan Siv who was coming to the U.S. Her friend said that he had given Siv her name and phone number.

"He called me one day," Martha says. "I invited him over for tea on Sept. 15, 1977."

In the summer of 1982, she brought him to the Texas Panhandle for the first time.

Through family friends, W.A. and Mattie Morgan, they got to know Ed and Lilith Brainard.

Martha and Siv returned to Pampa to be married on Christmas Eve 1983 at First Presbyterian Church.

"There was a lovely person who was the preacher then called Rev. Joe Turner," Martha says.

That day, she says, it was minus seven and there was 12 inches of snow on the ground and 20-mile-an-hour winds.

"The church was so cold they had the heat up to full blast and everybody had their coats on," Martha says. "It was quite a memorable thing. I said to myself after we finished the ceremony, 'If this cute tropical flower is going to go through with this, he must be serious.'"

This year, the couple returned to Pampa to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary at the First Presbyterian Church's Christmas Eve service.

When they were married, Siv was a Wall Street banker. Martha worked for the UN.

In 1988, Siv volunteered to work in the George Herbert Walker Bush presidential campaign.

Siv went on to serve as Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs under George Bush, the 41st President of the United States.

During the Clinton years, Siv worked as an

investment banker, specializing in Asian affairs.

Siv returned to the campaign trail when George W. Bush announced that he was running for President.

In fact, he was so sure that the younger Bush would win, he and his wife walked into Wayne's Western Wear while they were visiting Pampa in 1999, and Siv asked Wayne Stribling for a cowboy hat that would be appropriate to wear to a ball.

Stribling sold him a black Resistol hat known as a Midnight model.

Siv wore it as he and Martha swirled between three of the inaugural balls for Bush the following January. At the final ball, Siv had his picture taken in the hat. The hat proved so popular that the next person in line wanted to borrow it for a photograph, then the next person and the next.

Siv and Martha stood around and waited several hours until guests were through borrowing his hat.

"My Midnight hat was very popular that night," Siv grins.

In October 2001, Sichan Siv was nominated by George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States and unanimously confirmed by the Senate as U.S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

After a short respite in the Texas Panhandle, Siv and his wife will return to the East Coast. They maintain a house in Washington and an apartment in New York. Siv flies back and forth.

The nicest thing about his time in the panhandle, Siv said, was that his cell phone wasn't constantly ringing.

Kenny Wicker, who had Siv out moving calves over the weekend, kidded Siv about the President sending a limousine or helicopter for him.

"Don't kid yourself," Siv nodded. "When the White House operators want to find you, they find you."

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ARRESTS

included molded food in the kitchen and dog feces on the floor of the children's room, according to the release.

Child Protective Services was contacted concerning the children and will investigate the allegations, according to the news release.

Fernandez remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$500 bond. Lundsford's bond was set at \$500 for possession of drug paraphernalia,

\$5,000 on the controlled substance charge, and \$1,000 on the marijuana charge. She had not made bond and was still in jail as of press time.

Dill and Acevedo both remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$500 bond each for possession of drug paraphernalia, \$5,000 bond each for possession of a controlled substance, and \$3,000 bond each for endangering a child.

Possession of a controlled substance over four grams and

under 200 grams is a second degree felony. Criminally negligent child endangerment is a state jail felony.

Police officers involved in executing the search warrant were Officers Aaron McWilliams, Joey Williams, Casey Ingersoll, Tobie Bias, Jarrett Parsons, Sgt. David Lee and Lt. Fred Courtney.

Gray County Sheriff's Department deputies also involved in the search were Vincent Marrasco and Scott Larue.

Investigators question drug possession suspect

DUNCAN, Okla. (AP) — A Duncan man has been arrested on a drug possession charge by law enforcement authorities who are investigating the shooting death of an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper, officials said.

Rick Ray Malone, 29, was questioned Sunday about his alleged involvement in the production of methamphetamine, said Jessica Brown, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Authorities also executed a search warrant on Malone's Duncan home, but what connection, if any, he has to the shooting death of trooper Nikky Green remained unclear, Brown said.

Green, 35, was shot to death early Friday while checking into reports of a suspicious vehicle along a rural Cotton County road.

Acting on a tip, investigators apprehended Malone on suspicion of improperly storing

anhydrous ammonia, an ingredient in the production of methamphetamine, Brown said.

A video camera in Green's vehicle captured the image of a suspect in his death. A portion of the tape appears to show the suspect removing objects from the vehicle and throwing them onto the roadway.

Dave Page, assistant director of investigation at OSBI, said items collected at the scene appear to be commonly used in mobile meth labs.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Gusts to around 40 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain showers then a chance of rain showers after midnight. Lows in the upper 30s. Chance of showers 30 percent. New Year's Day, mostly cloudy with a 30

percent chance of rain showers. Highs around 60. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 40s.


CLARIFICATION

In the Friday, Dec. 26, issue of *The Pampa News*, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers Ron Shank and Jason Henderson were reported to have arrested two California residents for money laundering after finding more than \$67,000 in cash in the spare tire of the vehicle they were riding in. Gray County Jail arrest records list both officers as the arresting officers. A news release by

DPS and faxed to the newspaper at 8:40 a.m. on Dec. 26 refers to "DPS troopers" but does not give any troopers' names.

Shank stated by telephone this morning that Henderson alone made the arrests and Shank assisted only with transporting the suspects to jail.

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Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife Wonders If New Friend Is Prince Of Light Or Darkness

DEAR ABBY: I was physically and emotionally abused by my parents. Mother left home when I was 11. When I was in my early 20s, I was attacked and raped by a stranger. I have been through many abusive relationships and several failed marriages. My last two boyfriends were sexually abusive. Now I'm afraid of men, and especially afraid of sex.

About a month ago, I met a man who seemed nice. He gave me his number. A week later when I lost my job, I called him to see if he knew of any openings. He invited me over to look at his resume, and I went. We began a deep friendship. I told him things about my past that gave me low self-esteem. He told me he had studied counseling and asked if he could work with me. I agreed.

His help has brought back many painful memories, and we are dealing with them together. He says things to improve my self-esteem. He believes in me and wants me to have a better future. He even hinted he'd like to be part of that future. His tenderness is incredible, and I find myself melting into his arms.

Now for the bad part: He told me that he spent 25 years in prison. Although he is no longer the same person who committed those crimes, he was incarcerated once for rape and two years later for sexual assault. He now has erectile dysfunction, so I know he couldn't do it again, even if he wanted to.

I am starting to care for him a lot, but at the same time I'm scared of him. I don't believe he would ever harm me, but ever since he told me the truth, I've been having nightmares about someone chasing me and trying to hurt me.

Should I stop seeing him? He does everything he can to reassure me that he won't hurt me, and I want to believe him. Please help.

SCARED IN FLORIDA

DEAR SCARED: Your subconscious may be warning you. A synonym for "chased" is "pursued," and in a sense, this man is pursuing you. He is not a licensed therapist. He is a serial perpetrator of sex crimes. Sexual assaults are sometimes less about sex than they are about control. In other words,

rape is not always physical; it can also be emotional.

Although you may be infatuated, you have only known this man for a month. That's not long enough to make rational judgments. You may have placed yourself in the hands of a skilled manipulator as well as a sexual deviate. Do not allow an amateur to doodle with the strudel in your noodle. If you want to conquer your problems, consult a qualified, licensed therapist.

P.S. Did he help you find a job, or were you lured to his dwelling to be seduced? Only you can answer that.

DEAR ABBY: My cousin, "Debbie," will be married next October. We have never been close. She was supposed to be in my wedding, but she never showed up for the fitting, so I replaced her with a friend.

My dilemma: She told me my husband is not invited to her wedding because the dinner is \$100 a plate and no spouses or boyfriends are allowed.

What do you think I should do?
INSULTED IN OHIO

DEAR INSULTED: Politely inform cousin Debbie that you will be unable to attend her wedding, and send a small token gift instead. She is obviously ignorant of the fact that a married couple, unlike boyfriends and girlfriends, are officially one unit, and that it is a breach of etiquette to invite one and exclude the other.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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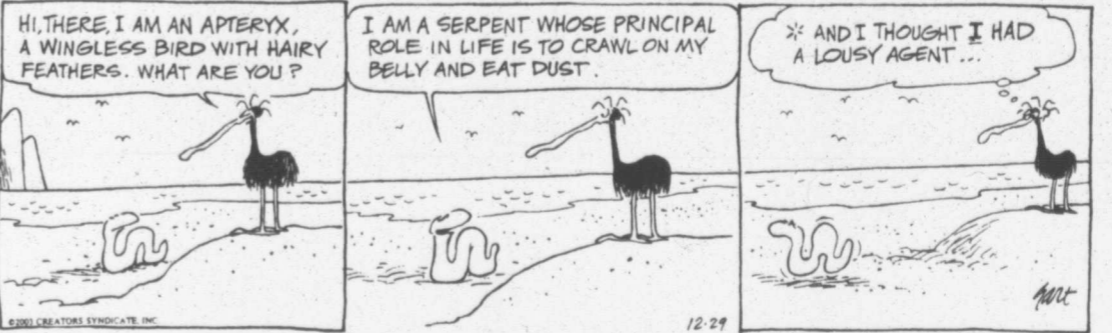
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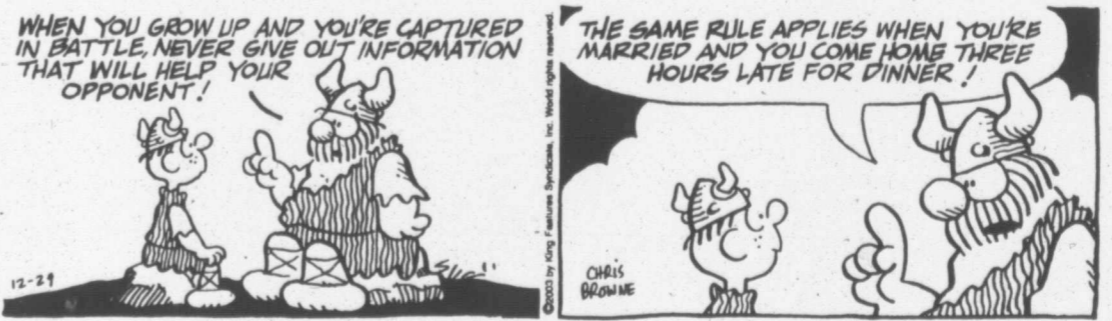
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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FOOTBALL

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FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)

— The biggest cheer at Lambeau Field came for a play more than a thousand miles away that got the Green Bay Packers into the playoffs.

Ahman Green reeled off a 98-yard touchdown run and Marcus Wilkins recovered a kickoff in the end zone in Green Bay's 31-3 rout of the Denver Broncos on Sunday. But it was at the 2-minute warning when the Arizona Cardinals completed an amazing last-second comeback to beat Minnesota and give Green Bay an improbable NFC North title.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers signed free-agent outfielder Brian Jordan to a one-year contract Saturday.

Jordan, a former All-Star who missed the second half of last season after knee surgery, became a free agent when the Los Angeles Dodgers didn't exercise a \$10.5 million team option for 2004, and paid him a \$2.5 million buyout.

Jordan hit .299 with six homers and 28 RBIs in 66 games last season before having surgery July 11 for tendinitis in his left knee.

BASKETBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jamecia Clark came off the bench to score a career-high 18 points and No. 3 Texas Tech made 23 of 25 free throws Sunday night in a 65-53 win over Maryland in the Surf-N-Slam Classic.

Texas Tech (12-0) will play host San Diego, a 65-58 winner over Georgetown, in the championship game Tuesday night.

The Lady Raiders also extended their school record for consecutive wins to start a season.

Clark, a 52.6 percent free throw shooter coming in, made 12 of 13 free throws to help the Lady Raiders to their huge advantage at the line.

Clark was also instrumental in an 11-0 run that turned a 16-12 deficit into a 23-16 lead with 6:42 left in the first half. The 6-foot-1 sophomore scored seven points in the spurt and the Lady Raiders never trailed again.

Texas Tech won despite shooting a season-low 32.8 percent from the floor and committing 19 turnovers. The Lady Raiders made up for their subpar shooting with a 48-33 rebounding edge, including 19 offensive boards.

Freshman Kalika France scored 18 points to lead Maryland (7-3), which shot only 37.7 percent from the field and 5-of-9 from the foul line.

Terrapins freshman Shay Doron, the team's leading scorer, was held to eight points on 3-of-13 shooting.

Natalie Ritchie scored 11 points for Texas Tech, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final six minutes that helped hold off the Terrapins.

Seattle, Baltimore complete playoff picture

NEW YORK (AP) — Green Bay got the last NFL playoff spot thanks to Arizona's wild comeback victory over Minnesota on Sunday, while Seattle and Baltimore took the other spots still open.

Josh McCown threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Nathan Poole on fourth-and-25 as time expired to rally the Cardinals to an 18-17 victory over the Vikings.

That kept Minnesota out of the playoffs at 9-7 after a

6-0 start and gave the NFC North title to Green Bay (10-6).

The Packers beat Denver 31-3 and will host Seattle (10-6) next Sunday.

Earlier, Seattle and Baltimore secured berths. Indianapolis won the AFC South, and Philadelphia (12-4) regained home-field advantage from St. Louis in the NFC when the Rams (12-4) lost in Detroit 30-20.

The Ravens (10-6) won

the AFC North when Cincinnati (8-8) lost to Cleveland 22-14. Baltimore, which beat Pittsburgh 13-10 in overtime Sunday night, hosts Tennessee (12-4) Saturday.

Seattle made it as the fifth seed in the NFC, dropping Dallas to sixth in a complicated BCS-like "strength of victory" tiebreaker. The Cowboys lost in New Orleans 13-7. They play at Carolina on Saturday night.

The Seahawks, who beat

San Francisco 24-17 on Saturday, pushed the Cowboys (10-6) to sixth seed.

Indianapolis, meanwhile, won the AFC South with a 20-17 win in Houston on Mike Vanderjagt's 43-yard field goal at the end of regulation.

It also gave him a league record of 41 straight field goals without a miss.

That left Tennessee as a wild-card team.

Indianapolis (12-4) hosts

Denver next Sunday.

St. Louis' loss in Detroit dropped it to second in the NFC behind Philadelphia, which won in Washington 31-7 Saturday night.

The Eagles get the home-field advantage because their NFC record is 9-3 compared to 8-4 for the Rams.

San Diego earned the first overall draft choice, followed by Oakland, Arizona and the New York Giants. All four finished 4-12.

Spearman on Super Team

PAMPA — Pampa junior Jaclyn Spearman has been named to the 2003 Amarillo Globe-News Super Volleyball Team.

Spearman, an outside hitter, was a second-team pick on the Super Team, which includes players in all classifications.

The 5-8 Spearman played a key role in leading the Lady Harvesters to an outstanding season. The team came within one win of making the playoffs. Pampa hadn't been to the playoffs for several seasons.

Spearman finished the season with 209 kills and 224 digs through 52 district games.

It turned out to be ironic, and also fitting, that Jennie Rogers would be presented with The Fighting Heart Award at the Pampa Volleyball Banquet at the end of the 2002 season.

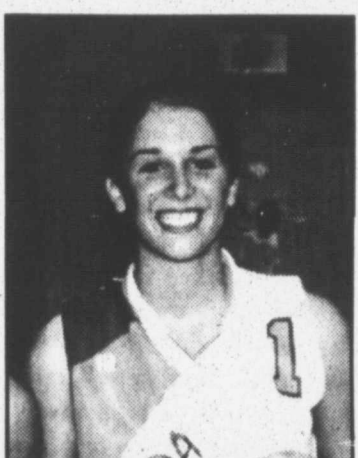
Rogers has lived up to winning that award after she was seriously injured in a one-car accident this past September. Despite being paralyzed from the waist down, Rogers has hopes of walking again since she didn't sustain any spinal cord damage.

The Pampa junior was a

two-year starter for the Lady Harvesters.

For her courage in facing tragic circumstances, Rogers was named Honorary Captain on the 2003 Super Team.

Melisha Patterson of Dumas was named Player of the Year on the Super Team. Jen Renner of Canyon was named Coach of the Year. Hereford freshman Brittany Butler was named Newcomer of the Year.



Jaclyn Spearman



Jennie Rogers (pictured at this season's volleyball banquet) was named Honorary Captain on the Super team.

AP honors Armstrong

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — For Lance Armstrong, 2003 was a year of personal and professional struggles and triumph.

Divorce divided his family. A crash, dehydration and some admittedly poor riding nearly cost him a record-tying fifth straight Tour de France title.

But just when his dominance of one of world's most grueling sports events teetered near its end, Armstrong fought off Jan Ullrich of Germany by 62 seconds to put himself in position to become the first rider to win six in a row in 2004.

On Sunday, Armstrong was honored as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year, the second straight year he's won the award voted on by sports writers and broadcasters.

"It was a tough year and hard Tour," Armstrong said.

"Professionally, it was as successful as any year. Personally, it was a very tough year, for more than just myself. I tried to work through it the best I could. The personal stuff is behind now."

Armstrong and San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds were the top two finishers for the third straight year. Armstrong received 26 first-place votes and 174 points.

Bonds had 10 first-place votes and 59 points.

"Oh, man," Armstrong said.

"I couldn't hit a baseball." That Armstrong could fight through his struggles is no surprise considering his comeback from testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain.

He went from having a 50 percent chance of surviving in 1996 to four straight Tour championships from 1999-02. What made the 2003 victory so remarkable was that for the first time since his comeback he seemed human again.

As a celebrity, his divorce from wife Kristin — the mother of their three children — made headlines.

On the bike, the grimaces he once used to trick his rivals were real. The mountain stages of the Tour were a hardship and the crashes he so often avoided finally snared him in 2003.

Pushing him all the way was Ullrich, a five-time runner-up in the Tour de France whom Armstrong considers his chief rival in 2004.

"He's definitely the biggest threat," Armstrong said. "A lot of people would argue Ullrich was a better rider this year."

Bowl Championship Series comes to the NFL

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Josh McCown and Nathan Poole saved the NFL from the embarrassment of having its last playoff spot determined by a BCS-type tiebreaker.

Josh and Nathan are among the many no-names on the Arizona Cardinals, sometimes known as "Emmitt Smith and 52 other guys."

But by combining on a 28-yard touchdown pass to give the Cardinals an improbable 18-17 win over Minnesota, they allowed this season's playoff berths to be decided by the most definitive of tiebreakers: season record.

Green Bay won the NFC North at 10-6. Minnesota was eliminated at 9-7. That got

rid of the "strength of victory" formula, which would have put in Seattle over the Packers even though Green Bay won their regular-season meeting 35-13.

Why would Seattle have gotten in? Because Buffalo lost and Philadelphia won on Saturday, and Dallas lost and Detroit and Cleveland won on Sunday.

Who cares that Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo were losing teams long gone from the playoff race, or that the Bills and Browns aren't even in the NFC? It would have been like Southern Cal losing position in the BCS because of wins by Syracuse and Boise State over Notre Dame and Hawaii — the guy who beat the guy who beat me gets in.

Or something like that.

Now the NFL can say the playoff teams are deserving, although that's questionable, too.

St. Louis, which gained the home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs when the Eagles stumbled against San Francisco last week, gave it right back by allowing Detroit to outscore it 20-0 in the first 15:31 of the second half. It was the fifth win this season for the Lions, equaling their output in 2001 and 2002 combined.

"We came out flat," said defensive end Grant Wistrom, who added that the Rams had been flat in practice last week. "It was evident when we warmed up and on the first snap.

That may say something about the Rams' playoff hopes.

The Packers, for example, were anything but flat even though they knew when they started that they needed the playoffs. They got into the normally dismal Cardinals to upset Minnesota. Granted, the Packers were playing the Broncos, who had clinched their wild-card spot and rested Jake Plummer, Clinton Portis and other starters. But they still played with intensity.

But the bottom line remains that the NFL came out of this lucky.

It put in the "strength of victory" tiebreaker scenario before last season, when it went to eight four-team divisions. The idea was to identify the stronger team when it got down to the fourth or fifth tiebreaker.

Yet it would have let

Seattle make the playoffs over a team that had beaten it badly.

And the tiebreakers don't always identify the best team.

Yes, a couple of weeks ago, the Patriots had the second-best "strength of schedule" percentage in the NFL. And New England finished 14-2, the NFL's best record.

But who had the best percentage at that point? The Giants.

And they finished 4-12, tied with Oakland, San Diego and Arizona for the NFL's worst record.

Hmm! Maybe the Cardinals' win over the Vikings moved them ahead of the Patriots.

Here's an idea for the NFL:

Can that tiebreaker!

Texas Lady Longhorns surprise No. 2-ranked Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jody Conradt and the Texas Longhorns proved there's more than one orange team at the top.

Nina Norman scored 18 points and Conradt tied Tennessee's Pat Summitt for the most career coaching victories in women's basketball as the fifth-ranked Longhorns beat the No. 2 Lady Vols 70-60 Sunday.

Jamie Carey added 14 points for the Longhorns (11-1), who struggled to a two-point lead at halftime but never relinquished the lead in the second half en route to

their third straight win ever previously unbeaten Tennessee (7-1).

Conradt tied Summitt with 828 wins.

While both teams reached the national semifinals last season, the Longhorns' tradition tends to get less notice. Another win in Knoxville should raise Texas' profile.

"I think the mind-set of our players was that this was a respect game and we have to go prove that we deserve that kind of respect," Conradt said.

Tennessee returned to Knoxville after three tough road wins, including two in

overtime, but a comeback wasn't possible against the Longhorns.

"I think we just played one of the best teams in the country," Summitt said.

Texas opened the second half with a 9-4 run and extended its lead to eight points before Tennessee started to rally.

The Lady Vols, who started the second half shooting 3-of-13 from the floor, had a 9-2 run midway through the half, keyed by Shanna Zolman's 3-pointer.

Shyra Ely's jumper finished it and cut Texas' lead to

53-52 with 6:57 remaining.

But Heather Schreiber made two free throws and Carey hit a 3 to cushion the Longhorns' lead.

Tennessee got as close as four points twice the rest of the way. Carey made four of Texas' final eight free throws to seal the victory.

"It was never in the bag and we had to work for everything we got. I think you can always expect that to happen when you come here," Conradt said.

Reserve Tiffany Jackson had 13 points and 12 rebounds for Texas, which outrebound-

ed Tennessee 42-27 but committed 23 turnovers.

"She played huge on the boards. We didn't match that," Summitt said.

The Lady Vols were led by Ashley Robinson's 15 points, and Tasha Butts had 11. Ely, Tennessee's leading scorer, was held to 10 on 5-of-16 shooting, and its best long-range shooter, Zolman, had six points.

Summitt appealed to Tennessee fans earlier this week to fill Thompson-Boling Arena after the Lady Vols drew three sellouts on the road.

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Navy hopes to control the clock against Red Raiders

HOUSTON (AP) — Coach Paul Johnson readily agrees that dominating time of possession would be a good way for his Navy team to upset explosive Texas Tech.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know the best way to defend an offense that averages 42.8 points and 584.6 yards per game is to keep it on the sideline.

There's only one problem — it's difficult to implement. Johnson said Navy cannot go into Tuesday afternoon's Houston Bowl with the sole intent of shortening the game.

"Sure, it would be great to go on seven- or eight-minute

drives, but how do you plan that?" Johnson said. "You can't go into a game and say you want to hold the ball and take time off the clock, you gotta score. It doesn't matter how long you hold the ball if you don't score."

Scoring becomes even more crucial against a high-powered team such as Texas Tech, which is going to get its points. Quarterback B.J. Symons and company have scored 40 points or more in eight of 12 games this season despite facing some outstanding defenses in the Big 12 Conference.

"We want to score every time we get it. This may be a

game when we have to score every time we touch it," Johnson said. "If we have a bunch of three-and-outs on offense, we're probably going to be in trouble."

Yet the truth is that Navy's triple-option offense tends to take time off the clock.

The Midshipmen routinely mount drives that take double-digit plays due to multiple 3- and 4-yard gains. Quarterback Craig Candeto directs an attack that is holding the ball for an average of 31 1/2 minutes per game.

Johnson has talked about "playing keep away" against Texas Tech, and certainly a few

time-consuming drives could benefit underdog Navy.

"I definitely think it would be to our advantage to slow the tempo and keep the total number of possessions down," Candeto said. "I think (Texas Tech) is used to shootout-type games and might get a little frustrated about not having the ball."

There are numerous factors that suggest Navy could succeed in grinding it out on the ground. With Candeto and full-back Kyle Eckel leading the way, the Mids lead the nation in rushing offense with 326 yards per game.

"Navy has moved the ball

on every team it has played. They get first downs and grind the clock," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said.

Leach has reason to be concerned as his defense ranks 110th nationally with a whopping 463 yards allowed per game. Opponents are averaging a hefty 4.7 yards per rush against the Red Raiders' 3-4 alignment.

"Any time you look at a team that throws the ball as many times as Texas Tech, the defensive stats are going to be skewed. That's because the other team gets a lot of turns," Johnson said. "They are complete opposite of us. We proba-

bly only have to play on defense an average of 55 to 60 snaps per game while Texas Tech's defense is probably out there for about 80."

Eckel, who leads Navy in rushing with 1,178 yards and has scored 10 touchdowns, thinks it will be crucial for Navy to score touchdowns instead of field goals. That is because of the quick-strike capability of Texas Tech, which has totaled 100 plays of 20 yards.

"I think the perfect scenario would be to have long, dominating drives that end in touchdowns. That would be most devastating," Eckel said.

Ginobili leads Spurs by Bucks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich loves watching Manu Ginobili — most of the time.

The Argentine guard's slashing, careening, edge-of-control style led to good things in Sunday night's 89-74 win over Milwaukee, such as a pair of off-balance baskets in traffic that barely beat the shot clock.

It also led to not-so-good things, among them a no-look, behind-the-back bounce pass to a spot formerly occupied by a teammate. That one turned into an easy score for the Bucks.

"He is unorthodox, but he's fun for the fans to watch," Popovich said. "He takes about a month off my life each game."

Ginobili finished with 25 points, one off his season high, in leading the Spurs to their 13th straight victory.

The Spurs led by as many as 19 in the first half before Milwaukee rallied. Joe Smith hit a 16-footer to pull the

Bucks to 66-63 with more than 10 minutes remaining, but that's when San Antonio's defense clamped down.

Milwaukee wouldn't get another basket for six minutes, while San Antonio padded its lead with 14 unanswered points. By the time Michael Redd drove for a layup with 4:38 left, it was 80-67 Spurs.

"The guys have been great making defense their primary focus all these games," said Popovich. "because we have games with too many turnovers and a lot of games where we don't shoot free throws."

Sunday fit both of those categories: San Antonio had 17 turnovers, though only five in the second half, and the Spurs went 19-for-35 (54.3 percent) at the line. In the second half, they made only five of 16 attempts.

Those flaws, however, were negated by the Spurs' defense down the stretch.

The Spurs have held their opponents to an average of less than 78 points during

their winning streak, the longest in the NBA this season. San Antonio has limited opposing teams to 80 points or less 15 times in 32 games, winning each time.

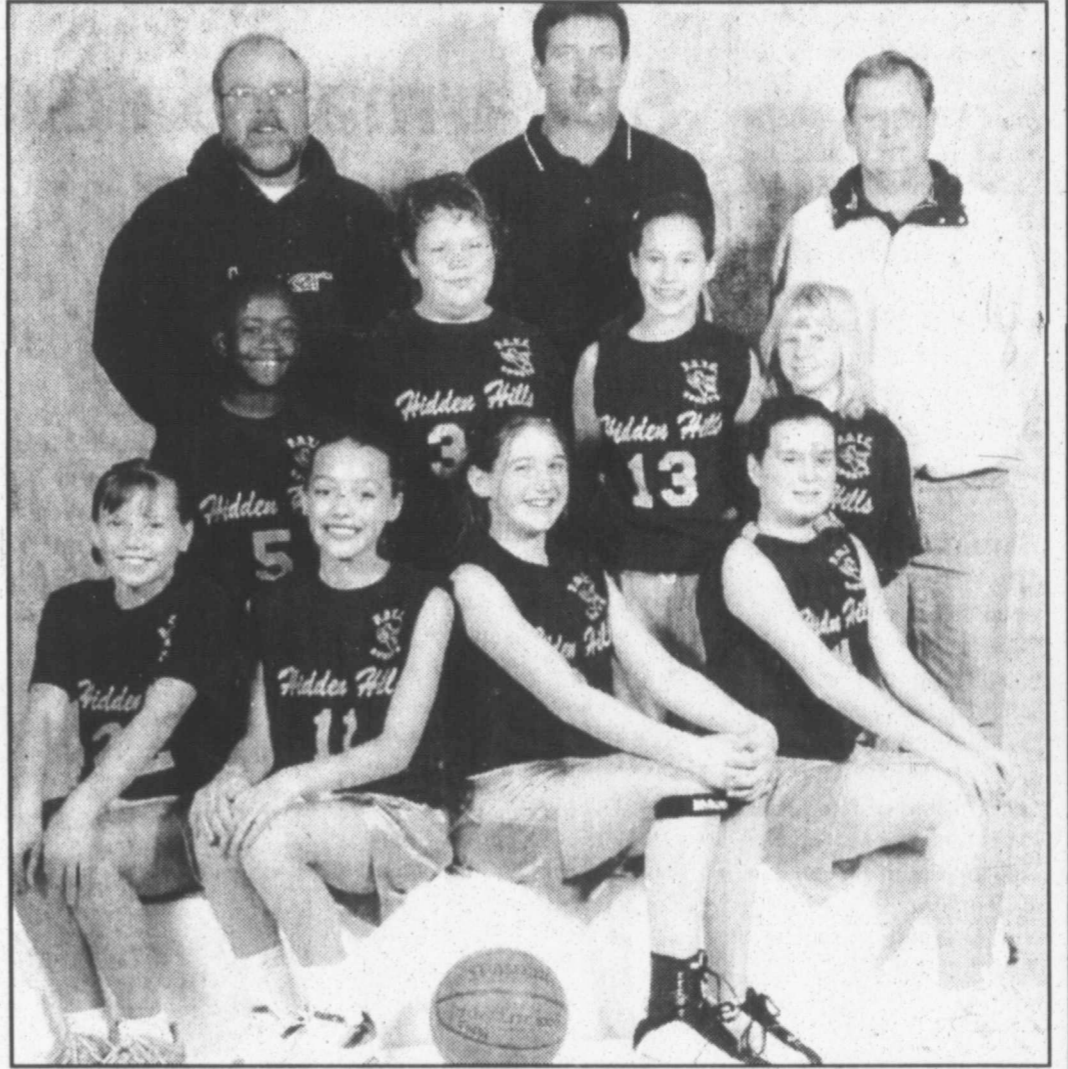
Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Hedo Turkoglu each scored 12 for the Spurs.

"You tell us we're going to hold Tim Duncan to 12 points, I like our chances," said Milwaukee coach Terry Porter, who finished his playing career in 2002 as a Duncan teammate. "Really the only one that shot well and hurt us was Ginobili."

Duncan aggravated a left ankle sprain on the opening jump and struggled offensively all night (3-15 FG, 6-16 FT). He did have 15 rebounds, and Turkoglu grabbed a season-high 12.

San Antonio broke Milwaukee's three-game winning streak and held the Bucks to a season-low point total. Milwaukee's previous low-scoring game was 82 on Nov. 23 in Toronto, but that night the Bucks came away with a win.

The Jammers



(Rice's Photography)

The Jammers finished in a third-place tie in the Optimist 5th-6th Grade Basketball League this season. Team members are (front, l-r) Rebecca Potter, Kara Stephens, Andi Hutto and Savannah Smith; (standing, l-r) Amisha Mitchell, Hannah Lake, Kimberly Curtis and Jade Hathaway. Coaches are (l-r) David Smith, Jimmy Barker and David Teichmann.

Saints close with win over Cowboys

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints' disappointing season ended with a strong effort.

Donte Stallworth's 76-yard touchdown reception in a 13-7 victory over the Cowboys on Sunday might have put a damper on Dallas' stellar season, but it was a high point for New Orleans.

"It was a good feeling, a good feeling for the fans, for everyone upstairs in the organization, for the players," Stallworth said. "It's a good feeling for us, and we just want to try to build off that and come in next year rolling."

New Orleans (8-8) is waiting for next year for the third straight season; the Saints have not made the playoffs since 2000. The built-up frustration led owner Tom Benson to criticize his coaching staff last week, calling them underachievers.

"Missed opportunities," Saints running back Deuce McAllister said. "But it's a lot better at 8-8 than 7-9."

After three straight 5-11 seasons, Dallas (10-6) already had clinched its first playoff spot since 1999 in Bill Parcells' first year as coach. But the loss dropped the Cowboys to the sixth seed in the NFC.

"I was disappointed," Parcells said. "I would've liked a win, take a little momentum into the playoffs. I know we can do better than we did today."

The real winners were the Seattle Seahawks, who reached the postseason when Dallas lost. The Seahawks sneaked into the No. 5 seed in the NFC.

Benson told his coaching staff Tuesday during an emotional meeting that he was extremely disappointed with the season and wanted them to finish on a strong note.

After Sunday's victory, Benson hugged coach Jim Haslett on the sidelines.

"It could have been better, but we ended on a high note," Benson said. "Now we have to get ready for next year."

Although the Cowboys limited McAllister to 49 yards rushing, they couldn't hold New Orleans completely in check. Dallas' defense, which led the league by allowing only 251 total yards per game, gave up 291 to the Saints.

Aaron Brooks completed 15 of 32 passes for 243 yards and the long touchdown to Stallworth.

"That's not the way you want to go into the playoffs," Dallas cornerback Mario Edwards said.

The Saints pressured Quincy Carter, sacking him three times and intercepting him three more times. Jay Bellamy's second pick of the day stopped the Cowboys at the New Orleans 27 with 1:33 left.

"Somebody had to step up and make a play," Bellamy said. "It just so happened to be me. I tried to seal the deal and that's what happened."

After John Carney's 24-yard field goal in the first quarter for the Saints, Dallas took a 7-3 lead on Richie Anderson's 3-yard TD reception in the second.

The lead lasted only 27 seconds before Brooks hit Stallworth with a 76-yard touchdown pass. Stallworth,

who missed five games this season and most of a sixth with injuries, caught the ball in traffic and outran everyone, giving New Orleans a 10-7 lead at halftime.

Unlike teammate Joe Horn, Stallworth didn't pull a cell phone out after the TD. But he was talking to Cowboys cornerback Terence Newman as he crossed the goal line, then flipped Newman the football, earning a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the ensuing kickoff.

Newman wanted no part of Stallworth's souvenir and tossed it back at him.

"He was talking a little out there," Newman said. "Joe Horn was talking from the sideline, egging him on."

Horn, who missed the game with a shoulder injury, was among the first to congratulate Stallworth. The play happened in the same end zone where Horn's stunt earned him a \$30,000 fine.

Carney, who missed a tying extra point at the end of a 20-19 loss to Jacksonville a week ago, hit two field goals and the PAT. His second field goal, from 27 yards in the third quarter, stretched the Saints' lead to 13-7.

Notes: Carter (3,302) is the fifth quarterback in Dallas history to pass for more than 3,000 yards in a season, joining Roger Staubach, Danny White, Steve Pelleur and Troy Aikman. ... Carter completed passes to eight receivers. Anderson led the Cowboys with 10 catches for 83 yards. ... The 76-yard touchdown pass was the longest career play for Brooks and Stallworth.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL						
NFL Playoff Glance						
By The Associated Press						
All Times EST						
Wild-card Playoffs						
Saturday, Jan. 3						
Tennessee at Baltimore, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)						
Dallas at Carolina, 8 p.m. (ABC)						
Sunday, Jan. 4						
Seattle at Green Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)						
Denver at Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)						
Saturday, Jan. 10						
NFC Divisional Playoff, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)						
AFC Divisional Playoff, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)						
Sunday, Jan. 11						
AFC Divisional Playoff, 1 p.m. (CBS)						
NFC Divisional Playoff, 4:45 p.m. (FOX)						
Sunday, Jan. 18						
AFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (CBS)						
NFC Championship Game, 6:45 p.m. (FOX)						
Sunday, Feb. 1						
Super Bowl at Houston, 6:25 p.m. (CBS)						
Sunday, Feb. 8						
Pro Bowl, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)						
National Football League						
At A Glance						
By The Associated Press						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	14	2	0	0.875	348	238
Miami	10	6	0	0.625	311	261
Buffalo	6	10	0	0.375	243	279
N.Y. Jets	6	10	0	0.375	283	299
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	12	4	0	0.750	447	336
x-Tennessee	12	4	0	0.750	435	324
Jacksonville	5	11	0	0.313	276	331
Houston	5	11	0	0.313	255	380
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	10	6	0	0.625	391	281
Cincinnati	8	8	0	0.500	346	384
Pittsburgh	6	10	0	0.375	300	327
Cleveland	5	11	0	0.313	254	322
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	13	3	0	0.813	484	332
x-Denver	10	6	0	0.625	381	301
Oakland	4	12	0	0.250	270	379
San Diego	4	12	0	0.250	313	441
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	12	4	0	0.750	374	287
x-Dallas	10	6	0	0.625	289	260
Washington	5	11	0	0.313	287	372
N.Y. Giants	4	12	0	0.250	243	387
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Carolina	11	5	0	0.688	325	304
New Orleans	8	8	0	0.500	340	326
Tampa Bay	7	9	0	0.438	301	264
Atlanta	5	11	0	0.313	299	422
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	10	6	0	0.625	442	307
Minnesota	9	7	0	0.563	416	353
Chicago	7	9	0	0.438	283	346
Detroit	5	11	0	0.313	270	379
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-St. Louis	12	4	0	0.750	447	328
x-Seattle	10	6	0	0.625	404	327
San Francisco	7	9	0	0.438	384	337
Arizona	4	12	0	0.250	225	452
x-clinched playoff spot						
y-clinched division						
Saturday's Games						
New England 31, Buffalo 0						
Seattle 24, San Francisco 17						
Philadelphia 31, Washington 7						
Sunday's Games						
Detroit 30, St. Louis 20						
Miami 23, N.Y. Jets 21						
Kansas City 31, Chicago 3						
Atlanta 21, Jacksonville 14						
Indianapolis 20, Houston 17						
Tennessee 33, Tampa Bay 13						
New Orleans 13, Dallas 7						
Cleveland 22, Cincinnati 14						
Carolina 37, N.Y. Giants 24						
Arizona 18, Minnesota 17						
Green Bay 31, Denver 3						
San Diego 21, Oakland 14						
Baltimore 13, Pittsburgh 10, OT						
End Regular Season						
GOLF						
Hidden Hills Seniors Scramble						
1. Howard Wells, Nathan Lancaster and Waldon Haynes, 67.						
2. Oscar Sargent, Ray Covalt and Marvin Allison, 68.						
3. O.K. Lee, Joe Mabry, Jess Mathis and Charlie Terrell, 68.						
Closest to pin: Kent Olson, No. 15.						

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Fitness

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2004: The Year of the VERB



Run! Jump! Swim! Dance! Wiggle! What do these words have in common? They are things people can DO. They are all VERBs.™

Weekly Writing Corner

More in 2004

In 2004 I would like more As on my tests, not that I need it! I would like less homework. I would like more family trips and happy memories. I would like more fun, candy and playtime.

Austin, 4th Grade

My goals in 2004 are to earn enough money for a trip to Hawaii. I'd like to keep my grades up and exercise more.

Jordan, 7th Grade

In 2004 I would like to do more acting in children's theatre. I hope to get a REALLY big part in The Little Princess.

Alexis, 3rd Grade

My resolution for 2004 is to be more organized and neat.

Kristen, 6th Grade

All I want for 2004 is for the Raiders to make it to the Super Bowl and win.

D.J., 6th Grade

My plan for 2004 is to try to improve myself and to get another hobby.

Scott, 5th Grade

In 2004, I would like to play more soccer. I love soccer. I also would like to get more homework in on time.

Cameron, 6th Grade

What I would like for 2004 is to move to Texas. I will be so incredibly happy I will not have a single clue what to do next.

Kayla, 6th Grade

My resolution for 2004 is to be kinder to others, because it's always good to be kind to others.

Nicolette, 3rd Grade

In 2004 I would like to go to school for much longer, possibly an extra three hours! Why? I will tell you why. I want to be super smart, that is why.

Sean, 3rd Grade

I would like to have a wonderful year in 2004. That's all.

Giordi, 3rd Grade

Get ACTIVE This Year!

Now more than ever, children are turning off the tube and turning to their VERBs.

Why VERBs instead of just watching TV and playing video and computer games?

Human bodies need physical activity every day. Experts recommend that children have at least 60 minutes of physical activity each and every day. Lack of activity not only causes some people to be overweight; it can also lead to illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease.

Standards Link: Health: Understand the importance of physical activity to a healthy life style.

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EVENING							
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8:00 - 9:00							
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Where Is Your VERB Time?

Use green to color the hours you are doing something active.

Use purple to color the hours you are in school.

Use orange to color the hours you play video or computer games.

Use red to color the hours you watch television.

Do you do something active at least 60 minutes a day? If not, where could you add some VERB time to your day?

Standards Link: Health: Assess personal fitness time; make decisions about exercise.

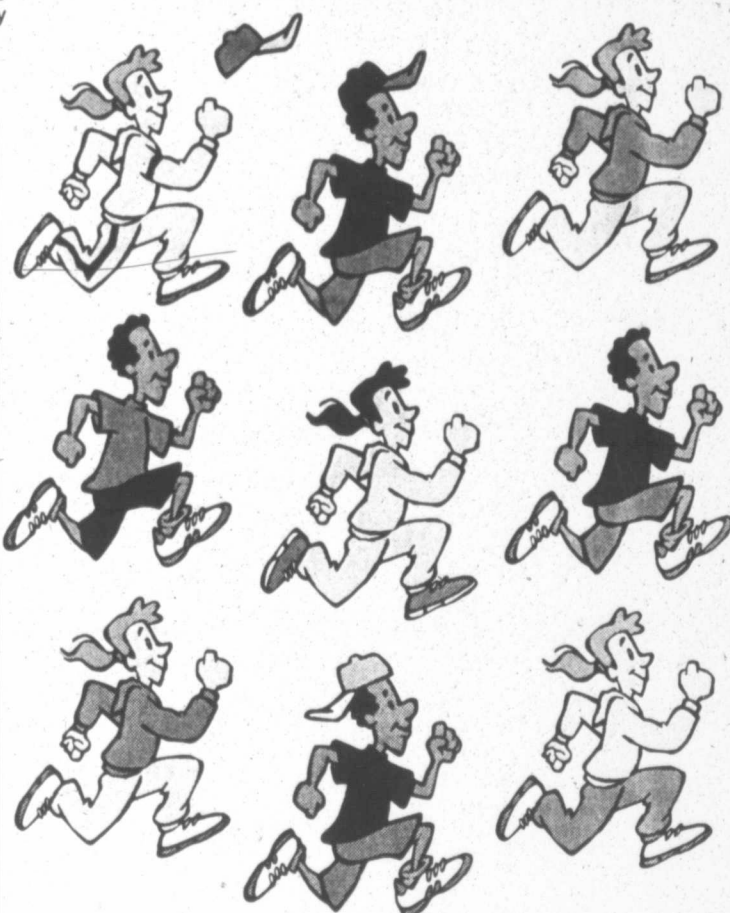
Extra! Extra! Newspaper Moves

Place one page of the newspaper on the floor and follow these directions:

- Jump over it.
- Hop around it.
- Touch a headline with your left hand.
- Tap a photo with your right foot.
- Pick up the page, hold it over your head and turn around, then place the page back on the ground.

What other newspaper moves can you do?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.



Marathon Match

Running is a great VERB! Find the two identical runners above.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Finding differences in common objects.

Play Catch the Dragon's Tail!

Here is a game full of VERBs. Read the directions. Underline every verb. Then find some pals and play!

1. Find 5 or more pals.
2. Line up in a long, straight line.
3. Have each player put his/her hands on the shoulders of the player in front of him/her.
4. The first person is the dragon's head. The last person is the dragon's tail.
5. On the signal of "Go," the head tries to catch the tail. The tail lashes from left to right to escape the head.
6. The whole dragon body must move with the head and remain unbroken. If the head succeeds in tagging the tail, he/she may continue to be the head. If the body breaks before the head catches the tail, the head becomes the tail and the next in line is the head.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify verbs in writing.

What's Your VERB?

Circle all of the verbs. Put a star on the VERBs that you like best! Make time to DO these VERBs.

Jump	Green	Throw
Wiggle	Orange	Run
Walk	House	Play
Dance	School	Window
Dog	Fun	She
Bird	Swim	Tree

Standards Link: Grammar: Recognize verbs in writing; differentiate between parts of speech.

You can keep track of your activity every day and have a chance to win cool prizes by using the My VERB Recorder at www.VERBnow.com

Standards Link: Research and Technology: Locate information using electronic sources.

Double Double Word Search

VERB
JUMP
DRAGON
HUMAN
CHILDREN
ACTIVITY
HEART
GO
HAND
MOVES
PLAY
PHYSICAL
RUN
GAME
PRIZES

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Y T I V I T C A V H
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

VERB Search

On one page of the newspaper find and circle all the verbs you can find. Look through the newspaper for pictures of people in action: running, jumping, swimming, riding bikes, dancing, etc.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify verbs in writing.

Why is it a bad idea to tell jokes while you ice skate?



ANSWER: You might make the ice crack up!

Write On!

Why do we have a leap year?

Write your own explanation of why we have a leap year. Be creative!

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