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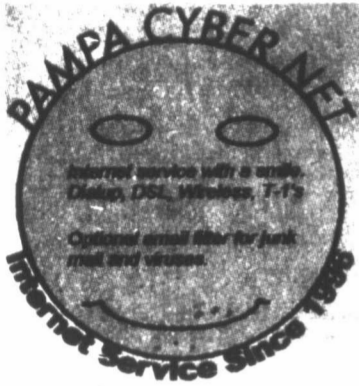
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LOCAL

Wanted: Stage crew for upcoming play

ACT I needs a stage crew to conduct 12 scene changes and support cast of 20 for the upcoming performance of "The Women," Jan. 10-12 and Jan. 17-18. "I need someone to run lights, make a sound tape, stage manage and/or prop manage lights that are already set and up," said Kayla Pursley, director. Rehearsals will be almost every night until the play opens. Anyone interested in helping with the stage crew can contact Pursley at 663-0559.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-29-33-40-44-52.
Estimated jackpot: \$12 million.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 67. Prize: \$1,998.
Matching four of six: 2,954. Prize: \$112.
Matching three of six: 58,811. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Thursday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$15 million.

DEATHS

Willie Mae Donnell, 83, services pending.
Velda Irene Spillane, 82, services pending.

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Elected officials take oaths Jan. 1

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Eleven elected officials in Gray County were sworn-in for four-year terms Wednesday in the 223rd District Courtroom.

Elected officials traditionally begin their terms on the first day of January after being elected in the November general election.

Beginning terms of office are County Treasurer Lee Cornelison, Precinct Two County Commissioner Gary Willoughby and Animal Hide

Inspector Bill Reeves.

Joe Martinez traveled from Fort Hood to be sworn-in as Justice of the Peace Precincts 1 and 3. He was appointed to the position in March 2001 when former Justice of the Peace Bob Muns retired. In April of 2002, Martinez was called to active duty by the National Guard as he is a member of the reserves.

Margie Prestidge, a former JP, was appointed by the Gray County Commission to fill his position until he returns. Martinez conducted a long distance campaign for the judicial

position and won the election in November.

He is scheduled to return to Pampa in February from his military duty. In the meantime, Prestidge is continuing to serve as JP in his place.

Bill Reeves of McLean was officially sworn-in as the first person to serve in the position of Inspector of Animal Hides in Gray County. He campaigned on the platform of getting the position abolished. According to county historians, no one has ever served in the position, but it had never been abolished.

JPs Mary Ann Carpenter of McLean, Precinct 4, and Kurt Curfman, Precinct 2, were both re-elected to their positions.

Incumbents County Judge Richard Peet, Precinct Four Commissioner James Hefley of McLean, County Clerk Susan Winborne, District Clerk Gaye Honderich and 223rd District Judge Lee Waters were officially sworn-in during the Wednesday morning ceremony.

Judge Waters swore in 10 of the officials while Winborne swore in Waters for another four-year term.



(Courtesy photo)

District Judge Lee Waters, left, swears in James Hefley and Gary Willoughby, center, as Gray County Commissioners and Richard Peet, far right, as Gray County Judge in ceremonies in the 223rd Court Wednesday. All three men were sworn in for a four-year term. Hefley and Peet return to their positions while Willoughby is a newcomer to the commission.



(Courtesy photo)

Judge Waters, left, swears in Justices of the Peace, second from left to right, Joe Martinez, Mary Ann Carpenter and Kurt Curfman to four-year terms serving Gray County precincts Wednesday morning. Martinez, serving with the National Guard since April 2002, is scheduled to return from military duty in February.

South Korea rejects proposal against U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea rejected a proposal by North Korea to work together against the United States and told the North on Thursday to stop saber-rattling.

South Korea Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun also said the North's leadership "should not attempt to test the limit of the patience of the international community."

Jeong, whose ministry handles inter-Korean affairs, said his government will use upcoming inter-Korean Cabinet-level talks to urge

North Korea to stop efforts to restart its nuclear facilities.

The meetings, which are the highest channels of dialogue between the two sides, will provide the first opportunity for South Korea to directly raise the nuclear issue with the North.

"The nuclear issue is a matter that affects the destiny of our people," Jeong said. "Therefore, we should actively search for a solution that can make all parties — South and North Korea and related countries — the winner."

In early December, North Korea alarmed the world by deciding to reactivate its plutonium-based nuclear program. It since has removed monitoring seals and cameras from its nuclear facilities at Yongbyon, expelled U.N. inspectors who visually monitored those facilities and signaled it may quit the global nuclear arms control treaty.

The United States promises to seek to resolve the issue peacefully, but Pyongyang's communist leaders suspect Washington eventually will use military force.

North Korea's state media said the country would not bend to U.S. pressure.

"As (North Korea) has a strong army, it has a strong pluck. If the U.S. tries to settle the issue with (North Korea) by force, (North Korea) has no idea of avoiding it," said the North's government newspaper, Minju Joson, in a report carried on the North's foreign news outlet, Korean Central News Agency.

The North, sensing opportunity in widespread anti-American sentiment in South

Korea, also urged the South on Wednesday to back its confrontation with the United States.

This emphasis on "cooperation" with South Korea comes at a time when Seoul is criticizing a possible U.S. plan to use economic sanctions to force North Korea to abandon its suspected nuclear weapons program.

North Korea's overtures also are driven by economic needs, experts said.

South Korea, under President Kim Dae-jung's (See KOREAS, Page 3)

County receives funds for agencies giving food, shelter

Local United Way officials announce the award of \$7,771 in federal funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs within Gray County.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Executive Director Katrina Bigham at the Pampa United Way office, 200 N. Ballard, Ste. 105, or call the office at 669-1001 for an application form. Deadline to turn in applications is Jan. 10.

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive the funds must meet the following requirements:

- Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government;
- have an accounting system and/ or a shelter program; and
- if they are a private voluntary organization, they must

have a voluntary board.

A local board recommends agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds that may become available through this program. Local board members include representatives of the United Way, The Salvation Army, Gray County Judge, Ministerial Alliance, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Good Samaritan Christian Services and Harvest House.

Gray County has distributed these funds previously through The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Harvest House, Tralee Crisis Center and Pampa Meals on Wheels.

With the funds, the agencies were able to provide 310 meals, five nights lodging, and 16 paid utilities.

(see FUNDS, Page 3)

Job well done



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampan Darlene Birkes was honored by the Gray County Commission at their meeting this week for her contribution to the Gray County 100th birthday celebration. County Judge Richard Peet presents her with a plaque in recognition of her volunteer efforts for the county and community. Numerous events were held throughout Gray County all year in recognition of the milestone anniversary.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIE MAE DONNELL 1929-2003

Willie Mae Donnell, 83, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A Pampa resident since 1929, Mrs. Donnell was born Jan. 3, 1919, at Shreveport, La. She was a retired psychiatric nurse and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by three children, Raymond Talley, Wilma Lea Talley, and Penny Gardner.

Survivors include a son, William Talley of Crane; two daughters, Anita Pappas of Fort Smith, Ark., and Vickie McClelland of Pampa; two sisters, Nola Roman of New Jersey and Louise Willis of Crescent City, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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

VELDA IRENE SPILLANE 1920-2002

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Velda Irene Spillane, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at Spring Mill Meadows, Ind. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Spillane was born Jan. 13, 1920, at Crawford, Okla. She attended Oklahoma State University for two years and worked as a bookkeeper for Lamesa Printing Company in Lamesa for 35 years.

She was a member of St. John Episcopal Church of Lamesa, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Oklahoma Sooner Historical Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Elise Kilty of Indianapolis and Katherine Bennett of Midland; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Police responded to a report of domestic violence in the 1100 block of Rider. According to the police report, there were no injuries.

Several reports of roofing nails behind vehicle tires were reported. Two calls were received from the 1900 block of Wells while one was from the 700 block of Sloan.

A purse, money, passports and car title were reported taken in the 500 block of Barnes. Total estimate of loss was \$175.

Damage to vehicle over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Theft under \$50 was reported in the 500 block of Christy. A tag was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks. Numerous tools, fire gear and radio were reported taken from the bed of a pickup. Total estimate of loss was \$4,380.

An aggravated assault was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. Police reports indi-

cated injuries were minor.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. According to police reports, injuries were minor.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Mary Ann Owens, 35, 2217 Lea, was arrested for silent/abusive calls to the 9-1-1 service.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 700 block of Bradley Drive. Minor injuries were reported according to the police report.

Pampa PD officers reported to a residence in the 2600 block of Evergreen after receiving a call that a person had been stabbed. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate anyone who had been injured.

An assault was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. One male was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of a laceration to the head.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Frost. A battery was reported stolen. Estimate of loss was \$59.96.

Officers investigated a report of a person failing to register as a sex offender.

A report of theft over \$50 was taken in the 1200 block of Crawford. An undisclosed amount of cash was reported taken.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.40	KMI	42.85	+0.58
Milo	3.90	XCEL	11.03	+0.3
Corn	4.38	Kerr McGee	44.59	+0.29
Soybeans	4.86	Limited	13.85	-0.08
Sunflowers	9.00	Williams	2.83	+0.13
		McDonalds	16.35	+0.27
		Exxon Mobil	35.33	+0.39
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		COP	48.95	+0.56
		Schlumberger	42.30	+0.11
		Tenneco	4.10	+0.06
		CVX	67.33	+0.85
		Wal-Mart	51.40	+0.89
		OKI	17.22	+0.02
		SS Group	6.65	+0.13
BP	41.09	+0.44		
Celanese	22.32	+0.56		
Cabot Corp	26.70	+0.16		
Cabot Oil Gas	22.25	+0.47	New York Gold	348.05
Coca Cola	44.97	+1.15	Silver	4.78
VLO	35.67	+0.63	West Texas Crude	31.20

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Occidental	28.92	+0.47
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 1

3:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of East Tuke; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

9:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Reid; one patient was transported to PRMC.

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Delton Eugene McCormick, 46, Market Street, possession of a controlled substance under one gram and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Delbert Dwayne Gifford, 34, Lefors, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents:

Saturday, Dec. 28

A 1974 Ford Tempo driven by Erma Dean McKee, 66, 1105 Seneca Lane, was reported by police to be legally parked in a private parking lot at One Medical Plaza when it was struck by a hit-and-run driver. According to the police report, the hit-and-run vehicle appeared to have been traveling north in the parking lot and turned west striking the parked vehicle and then drove

away from the scene of the accident.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

4:51 p.m. — A 1986 Toyota Tercel driven by Virginia Grayson, 67, was southbound in the 200 block of North Cuyler when a 1999 Toyota Avalon driven by Gaye Baggett Honderich, 1721 Evergreen, 56, was westbound on Francis. According to the police report, Honderich failed to stop at the signal light at the intersection of Cuyler and Francis. She was cited for failure to stop at the signal light.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies with highs in the mid 40s, and northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s and light winds. Friday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Light winds. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds. Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

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Tonight is expected to be uncomfortably cold across much of Texas on Thursday night as winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to nearly 40 mph will make subfreezing temperatures feel even colder.

Although a few clouds traveled in Thursday's predawn hours across the northeast portions of North Texas, between Dallas and Paris, the main weather component was the wind.

Winds picked up Wednesday

afternoon and remained strong through the night.

Temperatures were in the 30s early Thursday across all of North Texas, but seemed much cooler because of the gusty winds.

Elsewhere across Texas, skies were generally clear with temperatures ranging from the 20s in the Panhandle to the 60s in far South Texas. Winds were 10 to 15 mph across West Texas and 15 to 30 mph in East Texas and South Texas.

Skies are expected to be

sunny and clear, but cold across South Texas. After temperatures in the 50s and 60s during the day, readings are expected to be in the middle to upper 20s Thursday night. Temperatures should warm slightly each day through the end of the weekend.

No precipitation is in the forecast this week.

Temperatures in the Panhandle should range from 22 to 28 Thursday night, warming on Friday to the 50s and 60s during the day and the lower 30s Friday night.

City Briefs

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The 'King' of Los Fresnos

LOS FRESNOS, (AP) — He's still the king in Los Fresnos.

Elvis Presley died more than 25 years ago, but his memory lives on twice a year in Los Fresnos, where Simon Vega, a resident who served with Elvis Presley in the Army, turned his home into a monument for the King of Rock 'n' Roll after Presley died on Aug. 16, 1977.

For years, "Little Graceland" has been a major attraction in Los Fresnos and the home of many parties in Elvis' honor.

Elvis sightings are expected this weekend in Los Fresnos.

Hundreds of people are expected to gather Saturday at Little Graceland on the western edge of town off Highway 100, a few days before his birthday.

Elvis Aaron Presley was born Jan. 8, 1935, and for years Los Fresnos has held special observances twice a year around the time of the anniversaries of his birth and death.

For years, Little Graceland has been a major attraction in Los Fresnos.

"I think it's great," said Justice of the Peace Ramon Ortiz, the master of ceremonies during the last celebration of Elvis in August.

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Iraq criticizes U.N. resolution limiting imports

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq criticized the U.N. Security Council on Thursday for adopting a U.S.-backed resolution that tightens controls on imports to Iraq, saying the measure would inflict "deliberate damage and harm to our people."

The resolution, passed Monday by a 13-0 vote with Russia and Syria abstaining, puts new limits on purchases of certain communications equipment and antibiotics which the United States and Britain said could be used by the Iraqi military in a war.

Later Thursday, Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, chief liaison to the U.N. arms experts, said U.N. weapons chief Hans Blix will visit Baghdad later this month to

discuss "technical" and "pending" issues surrounding Security Council resolutions.

"We see it (Blix's visit) as a positive indicator on the way to continued understanding between the two parties," Amin said at a press conference.

Amin said Iraq has complied with all U.N. demands during the first five weeks on inspections, "proving the Iraqi declaration" that it has no weapons of mass destruction is "credible."

In New York, the spokesman for the U.N. weapons inspectors, Ewan Buchanan, said "we have not finished our investigations."

"There are many more sites to be inspected and this process will take some time.

Inspections are a process and not something where one can draw instant conclusions," he told The Associated Press.

Washington and London have threatened military force against Iraq unless President Saddam Hussein's regime provides evidence it has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction as required by U.N. resolutions adopted at the time of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the subsequent Gulf War.

U.N. arms experts have been in the country for more than a month inspecting sites to determine whether Iraq still has chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them. Inspection officials have said Iraq has not given a full

accounting of its weapons programs, and the United States has accused Saddam's regime of continuing to hide banned weapons.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, accused the United States on Thursday of going ahead with plans for war without awaiting the weapons inspectors' report on their findings.

"Despite the presence of the inspectors, U.S. aircraft carriers are heading to the region and U.S. and British soldiers are arriving and making preparations," he told a visiting Spanish delegation.

Iraq's criticism of the Security Council resolution came in editorials in the state-run press which is regularly used to express the government's views. The daily Al-Jumhuriya said the resolution, which deals with goods Iraq

can import under the U.N. oil for food program, is new evidence of Washington's "hegemony" over the Security Council.

"This is a bad resolution which would lead to inflicting a deliberate damage and harm to our people," the paper said.

It said the members of the Security Council should "fulfill their responsibility, stand against the obvious U.S. domination of the council and ... foil the mad U.S. attempts to wage aggression on Iraq under the cover of the Security Council."

The daily Babil, owned by Saddam's son Odai, said the resolution is particularly disappointing because it came "when the Security Council is supposed to prepare the appropriate circumstances to lift the sanctions on Iraq and as the (U.N.) inspection teams are preparing to declare that Iraq is

clear of weapons of mass destruction."

While the inspectors on the ground have offered no conclusions about their daily search of military and commercial sites, Iraqi officials have said after virtually every inspection that the U.N. arms experts had found nothing illegal.

Aziz repeated the assertion Thursday and said he hoped Blix would declare the inspectors found no banned arms in a crucial report to the Security Council due at the end of the month.

"They came in search for weapons of mass destruction and they did not find any weapons," he said. "They demanded full cooperation and we provided them with such cooperation and we hope they will say so. Yet, we do not know what they are going to say," Aziz said.

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KOREAS

"sunshine" policy of engaging the North, has launched a series of unfinished inter-Korean projects, including a cross-border rail link and tourist and industrial parks, that would bring the impoverished North badly needed investment.

North Korea, which can hardly feed its 22 million people without outside relief, risks losing key sources of aid with its actions in recent weeks.

South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Sung-hong called Thursday for the South to take an active role in resolving the dispute, saying his government was a bystander during a 1993-1994 crisis over the same North Korean facilities.

The nuclear tensions have prompted a flurry of diplomacy involving South Korea and regional powers, including the United States, Japan, China and Russia.

Assistant South Korean Foreign Minister Lee Tae-shik began a two-day visit to China on Thursday, meeting with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi. China is the only major ideological ally of North Korea and supports a nuclear-free Korean peninsula.

The two officials agreed that their countries would work together to resolve the issue peacefully, a senior South Korean Foreign Ministry official said.

Deputy South Korean Foreign Minister Kim Hang-kyung will fly to Moscow this

weekend to meet with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov. Russia has warned North Korea not to back out of its international treaty obligations.

The Vienna-based U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency plans to hold an emergency board meeting Monday. Seoul's Yonhap news agency, quoting South Korean officials, said the board would adopt a resolution "deploring" North Korea's actions but would not refer the case to the U.N. Security Council.

The United States, Japan and South Korea will hold Trilateral Coordination Oversight Group meetings in Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss North Korea.

The topics will include whether to continue a \$4.6 billion project to build two Western-developed light-water reactors in North Korea. That project was meant to reward North Korea for promising to freeze and eventually dismantle its suspected nuclear weapons program under a 1994 deal with Washington.

Immediately after the trilateral talks, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly will visit Seoul to meet South Korean President-elect Roh Moo-hyun. A visit to Washington by Roh's special envoy will follow.

In late December, Roh and President Bush agreed to exchange special envoys to coordinate policy on North Korea.

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi is expected to visit Seoul in a few weeks.

FBI expands dragnet for foreigners

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents are expanding their dragnet for a growing list of foreign-born men they believe may have entered the United States illegally from Canada in a false ID case that has heightened terrorism fears around the New Year's holiday, government officials say.

The officials, some of whom work in law enforcement, told The Associated Press on Tuesday night the government has identified several more men it fears may have used fake passports to get into the country around or after Christmas Eve.

Authorities identified five such men on Sunday and asked the public's help in identifying them.

But on Wednesday, a Pakistani jeweler said his picture is among those of five suspects, but said he has never visited the United States.

An Associated Press photograph of Mohammed Asghar taken at his shop in Lahore on Wednesday was a near-perfect match for the one included on the FBI list under the name Mustafa Khan Owasi, down to the prominent mole on Asghar's left cheek.

Asghar, 30, told AP he was surprised to open a local newspaper and see his picture with another man's name beneath it.

Asghar said his only attempt at traveling abroad was frustrated when police in the United Arab Emirates discovered he had a forged visa. He suggested that the document forgers he once patronized could have used his picture to create false travel documents for another man.

In addition to Mustafa Khan Owasi, those named were: Abid Noraiz Ali, Iftikhar Khozmai Ali, Mustafa Khan Owasi, Adil Pervez and Akbar Jamal. Each has a purported birth date between 1969 and 1983.

The FBI and Homeland Security officials were considering making the names and photos of about a half dozen more men public as early as Wednesday, the officials said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Officials cautioned they have no specific evidence the men are involved in a terrorist plot.

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FUNDS

Gray County was approved for the funding by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consisting of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and United Way of America.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerned citizens threw baby out with the bathwater

As the previous mayor of Pampa, I feel it necessary to comment on the recent PEDC grand jury findings. During my tenure I nominated the PEDC board members and the City Commission approved most. These were all professional men who had excelled in their life's work and donated many hours of their time to enhance Pampa's economy.

The concerned citizens attacking the character of these fine men made many accusations and the findings of the grand jury proved these accusations false. I cannot imagine a grand jury hearing allegations submitted anonymously and tarnishing the reputations of well-intentioned volunteers. Who knows, you may be the next citizen brought before a grand jury as a result of anonymous allegations created through coffee shop gossip.

Those of you who fabricated the allegations, helped disseminate through the community and let the false claims sway your vote in the PEDC election, you need to take a long look in the mirror. Much of the platform used to oust the PEDC was based on untruths. Many of you have lost credibility in this process and it can never be regained. Character does count.

Some business transactions were failures and others still survive. Economy development investments involve venture capital and carry a relatively high element of risk. Many of us lost tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars in our retirement accounts this past two years. The stocks we invested in had to meet certain standards to even be listed on the Exchange. Because of your losses, will you discontinue investing in your retirement account? I think not.

The concerned citizens threw the baby out with the bath water. We see businesses closing and our population declining with no mechanism to fight for survival. I don't know what the concerned citizens are concerned about, but it certainly isn't the prosperity of Pampa.

The irony in all of this is that those who attacked the character of the PEDC board members with false allegations tarnished their own character by losing their integrity.

Bob Neslage
Pampa

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Here's to a more tranquil year

The year 2003 is still in its infancy while 2002 is just a memory.

Last year was a year full of ups and downs for Pampans and Gray County. The year began with a Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission public hearing being held in Pampa only eight days into the new year. That meeting seemed to set the tone for the year.

Some Pampa residents wanted a proposed swine facility to be located east of Pampa while others did not. People on both sides were there to express their opinions on the matter.

Several longtime Pampa residents have told me this was the most divisive issue in the 100-year history of the county. The controversy began in the summer of 2001 and continued to the last weeks of 2002.

I wish I was idealistic enough to think it is over.

There have been opinions from the TNRCC (the name changed to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality during this controversial year), countless rumors, confusion surrounding the Attorney General opinions regarding the PEDC dissolution, grand jury investigations when two state agencies quickly passed the hot potato back to Gray County, and more rumors.

In the end there are still two sides to the issue. Not everyone wants the pigs which are coming. It's doubtful no one's mind has been changed. Both sides are adamant. Some say it will help the economy while other say it won't. Some say it will hurt the environment while other say it won't.

Time will tell on both issues. One thing is for sure - it's not over. It should be. It is time for the healing to begin.

Tempers and emotions have run high in this issue. Believe me, I am walking



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

proof of that. Both sides have blamed the newspaper and the writer of stories on the issue (primarily me) for what has occurred.

Both sides have wanted the best for Pampa - they just differ on what that "best" will be. It's another case of people's perception of what that is.

It is my fervent hope that the innuendos from both sides will stop. IT IS TIME!

Pampa has so many positives going for it but I wonder at times if its people realize just how many. Rumors have been abounding about businesses closing and employers laying off workers in recent weeks. Most I have checked out have been just that - a rumor. Only one - Furr's - has been true.

There are some out there who are saying the dissolution of the PEDC will keep any growth from occurring in Pampa. It's a fact that the population has been steadily declining since 1960. Check the figures with the U.S. Census.

But Pampa is not the only town in the Texas Panhandle facing this problem. Most all rural areas are experiencing this downward trend in population.

When the 2000 census was released, the statistics showed that of the top 20 counties in the Panhandle, only eight experienced growth. Twelve of those counties lost population. And the majority of the growing counties were in the western Panhandle.

Let someone bring this town together.

er. Back in 1973, there was a nurses strike at the then-North Plains Hospital in Borger. The hospital was plagued with problems the next few years. The county sold it in 1984 to a private company hoping that would solve the issue. In 1988 I watched as the tax collector put chains on the hospital doors. Employees were saying they'd been told it would be reopened in three days. In November 1989, it was reopened after an election was passed to establish a hospital district. The honeymoon was great, but it didn't last long. The controversy continues and the declining payments by Medicare and Medicaid have not helped. The contracts from insurance companies have cut the payments to the hospital tremendously. It has been 30 years since it began there and it still goes on. I hope this doesn't happen to Pampa.

I went to work at the hospital in 1981 to do the public relations. That was the hardest job I ever had.

Some have blamed the newspaper because stories were in there they didn't agree with, but there certainly were some in that they did. I talked with people on both sides of the issue. I have the scars to prove it.

It's been blame the messenger for what has been said or done. Some papers just print the "good news" and the residents of those communities don't even know of tax increases, elections, major accidents, or businesses closing except by rumor or word-of-mouth.

I'd rather be one that prints both good and bad news. That's what really happens.

Let's hope 2003 will be a calmer more tranquil year. I certainly hope it will be for me.



Myths of multiculturalism, diversity

What I celebrate as a source of pride and self-esteem is the fact that I have brown eyes. You say, "Williams, that goes to prove what we've been saying all along. You're a lunatic! Is having brown eyes some kind of accomplishment?" Such a response is proof positive that you've missed out on an important part of today's college education.

Diversity worship and multiculturalism are currency and cause for celebration at just about any college. If one is black, brown, yellow or white, the prevailing thought is that he should take pride and celebrate that fact even though, just as in the case of my eye color, he had nothing to do with it. The multiculturalist and diversity crowd see race as an achievement. In my book, race might be an achievement, worthy of considerable celebration, only if a person was born white and through his effort and diligence became black.

For the multiculturalist/diversity crowd, culture, ideas, customs, arts and skills are a matter of racial membership where one has no more control over his culture than his race. That's a racist idea, but it's politically correct racism. It says that one's convictions, character and values are not determined by personal judgment and choices but genetically determined. In other words, as yesterday's racists held: race determines identity.

The multiculturalists are right in saying



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

that in a just society, people of all races and cultures should be equal in the eyes of the law. But their argument borders on idiocy when they argue that one culture cannot be judged superior to another and to do so is Eurocentrism. For them, different cultural values are morally equivalent. That's unbridled nonsense. Ask your multiculturalist friends: Is forcible female genital mutilation, as practiced in nearly 30 sub-Saharan African and Middle Eastern countries, a morally equivalent cultural value? Slavery is practiced in Northern Sudan: is it morally equivalent? In most of the Middle East, there are numerous limits placed on women such as prohibitions on driving, employment and education. Under Islamic law, in some countries, women adulterers face death by stoning, and thieves face the punishment of having their hand severed. Are these cultural values morally equivalent, superior or inferior to ours?

Western values are superior to all others. Why? The indispensable achievement of the West was the concept of

individual rights. It's the idea that individuals have certain inalienable rights and individuals do not exist to serve government but governments exist to protect these inalienable rights. It took until the 17th century for that idea to arrive on the scene and mostly through the works of English philosophers such as John Locke and David Hume.

While Western values are superior to all others, one need not be a Westerner to hold Western values. A person can be Chinese, Japanese, Jewish, African or Arab and hold Western values. It's no accident that Western values of reason and individual rights have produced unprecedented health, life expectancy, wealth and comfort for the ordinary person. There's an indisputable positive relationship between liberty and standards of living.

Western values are by no means secure. They're under ruthless attack by the academic elite on college campuses across America. These people want to replace personal liberty with government control; they want to replace equality with entitlement; they want to halt progress in the name of protecting the environment. As such, they pose a much greater threat to our way of life than any terrorist or rogue nation. Multiculturalism and diversity are a cancer on our society, and, ironically, with our tax dollars and charitable donations, we're feeding it.

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SPORTS

Texas, Oklahoma claim bowl victories

By The Associated Press

Georgia reached new heights in New Orleans, and Oklahoma rose to the occasion in Pasadena.

No such luck for Notre Dame, Mike Price and Larry Johnson — they simply got bowled over.

With MVP Musa Smith running for 145 yards, No. 4 Georgia set a school record for wins by beating No. 16 Florida State 26-13 Wednesday night in the Sugar Bowl.

In his second season with the Bulldogs (13-1), coach Mark Richt beat his former boss. Richt served 14 years on Bobby Bowden's staff at Florida State. "I'm thankful for the victory," Richt said. "I'm just thankful to Bobby Bowden still. He's still the teacher."

MVP Nate Hybl threw two touchdown passes and Quentin Griffin ran for 144 yards and a score as No. 8 Oklahoma won in its first trip to the Rose Bowl, romping past Washington State 34-14.

"It's fairy tale-ish. It hasn't sunk in yet," Hybl said.

Hired two weeks ago by Alabama, Price stuck around for one last game as Washington State's coach. The seventh-ranked Cougars were held to a season-low 243 yards.

"It's not the way we wanted

to end it, by any means," he said. "It's a disappointing way to finish."

"I'm sure I'll get my fair share of the blame for that, which is OK. I just wanted to do everything I could to help the team win."

A season that began with great promise for Notre Dame ended in its sixth straight bowl loss.

The No. 11 Irish were perplexed by the razzle-dazzle of North Carolina State, losing 28-6 in the Gator Bowl.

"It's still a very good season," first-year coach Tyrone Willingham said. "At the same time, we have to become accustomed to winning our last game, whether it's the regular season or a bowl game."

Johnson, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, had a disappointing day for No. 10 Penn State. He was held to only 72 yards on 20 carries as No. 19 Auburn won 13-9 in the Capital One Bowl.

Johnson later groused that the Nittany Lions' offense was "trying to be too cute" instead of just giving it to him.

"He can stay up there and be Penn State's savior if he wants," Tigers defensive end Reggie Torbor said. "At Auburn, he probably wouldn't play. He'd probably be on defense."

In other games, it was No. 22 Michigan 38, No. 12 Florida 30 in the Outback Bowl and No. 9 Texas 35, LSU 20 in the Cotton Bowl.

Southern California plays Iowa in the Orange Bowl on Thursday night, and Miami meets Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship on Friday night.

Sugar Bowl
No. 4 Georgia 26, No. 16 Florida State 13

At New Orleans, Bruce Thornton returned an interception for a score, backup quarterback D.J. Shockley threw a TD pass and Georgia stymied short-handed Florida State.

Billy Bennett added four field goals as the Bulldogs went conservative, throwing a season-low 15 passes.

With Adrian McPherson kicked off the team for allegedly stealing a check, and Chris Rix suspended after oversleeping and missing a final exam, Fabian Walker made his first start at quarterback for Florida State (9-5).

Walker threw two interceptions and lost a fumble, and the Seminoles turned to star receiver Anquan Boldin to replace Walker.

Rose Bowl
No. 8 Oklahoma 34, No. 7 Washington St. 14

At Pasadena, Calif., the

Sooners shut down star quarterback Jason Gesser, intercepting two passes.

Oklahoma (12-2) led 27-0 midway through the fourth quarter behind Hybl and Griffin.

Hybl, like Griffin playing his final game, was 19-of-29 for 240 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Gator Bowl
No. 17 North Carolina St. 28, No. 11 Notre Dame 6

At Jacksonville, Fla., the Wolfpack completed the best season in school history behind Philip Rivers.

Rivers completed 13 consecutive passes as N.C. State (11-3) scored three touchdowns in the second quarter, one on a fumble and another set up by a flea-flicker.

The Irish (10-3) lost quarterback Carlyle Holiday to a separated left shoulder on their second possession and lost their temper with three personal fouls.

Outback Bowl
No. 12 Michigan 38, No. 22 Florida 30

At Tampa, Fla., Chris Perry became the first player in Michigan's storied history to score four touchdowns in a bowl.

The junior tailback's last two touchdowns lifted the Wolverines (10-3) from a two-

point deficit to a 35-23 lead in the third quarter.

Playing in possibly his last game for Florida (8-5), junior Rex Grossman threw for 323 yards and two scores.

Cotton Bowl
No. 9 Texas 35, LSU 20

At Dallas, Texas rallied from an early 10-point deficit behind Roy Williams. He turned a short slant into a 51-yard touchdown, went 75 yards after a leaping grab to set up another score and snaked 39 yards for a TD on an end around.

The Longhorns (11-2) trailed 17-7 three minutes into the second quarter, with the defense producing their lone score.

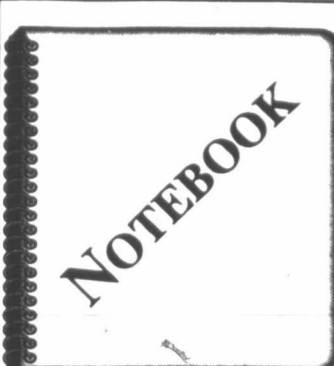
Chris Simms threw two touchdown passes as the Longhorns broke away from LSU (8-5).

Capital One Bowl
No. 19 Auburn 13, No. 10 Penn St. 9

At Orlando, Fla., Ronnie Brown scored on a 17-yard touchdown run with 2:19 left to rally Auburn.

Brown ran 37 times for 184 yards and two touchdowns, and the Tigers (9-4) shut down Penn State (9-4).

Penn State's four losses came by a total of 20 points, as coach Joe Paterno failed to pad his NCAA record 20 bowl wins after a two-year postseason absence.



BASKETBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Three times in as many games, No. 25 Texas Tech has built a lead only to see it evaporate in the closing minutes.

"We're not happy with the leads we lost in the last couple of games, but it's just something we have to overcome. But the bottom line is we are 9-1," assistant coach Pat Knight said Wednesday after the Red Raiders beat Houston 62-48. "We're happy with that."

Up by as many as 28 points early in the second half, the Red Raiders let that margin dwindle to 12 as the Cougars (2-7) went on an 18-4 run down the stretch but got no closer.

Against Minnesota on Saturday, Tech was up by 10 points with 2:15 to play in regulation before winning 99-89 in overtime.

Against New Mexico State on Dec. 21, Tech led by 19 points with 11:33 left. The Aggies came back and had a chance to tie the game with 2.5 seconds left, but Texas Tech held on to win 85-84.

FOOTBALL

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Houston Texans head coach Dom Capers and his staff were selected by the National Football League to coach the North squad in the Senior Bowl on Jan. 18 in Mobile.

The coaching staff for the South team will be chosen by the NFL later this week.

Capers said coaching in the Senior Bowl "will give us a great opportunity to work with some of the top collegiate prospects, which is especially appealing to us this year with the extra draft choices we possess."

Capers just completed his first season as head coach of the expansion Texans, posting a 4-12 record for the first-year club.

The season included a memorable victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the franchise's inaugural game.

The Texans featured several players from the 2002 Senior Bowl who made major impacts throughout the season.

HOCKEY

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Stars activated center Kirk Muller from the injured reserve list Wednesday.

Muller, 36, has missed 14 games since fracturing a rib Nov. 29 against the New York Rangers. He has one goal and one assist in 20 games this season.

The Stars assigned center Steve Ott to the Utah Grizzlies, their minor league affiliate in the American Hockey League.

Ott, 20, appeared in eight games with the Stars this season.

Buckeyes defense could give Miami problems

PHOENIX (AP) — For all the talk this week about how powerful Miami's offense is, few people other than the Hurricanes have focused on the stinginess of Ohio State's defense.

"This is the best defense I've seen since I've been here," Miami offensive lineman Sherko Haji-Rasouli said. "You can tell when you watch film that they always have four, five, six guys at the point of attack. They swarm to the ball. It will be very difficult to get something going against them."

The second-ranked Buckeyes (13-0) are counting on their defense once again to be the difference when they finish their season Friday night in the Fiesta Bowl against No. 1 Miami.

The Buckeyes are led by hard-hitting senior safety Mike Doss and fellow All-American middle linebacker Matt Wilhelm.

The defensive line can both pressure the quarterback and stop the run, and Chris Gamble is one of the top cornerbacks in the country.

"I don't see any chinks in the armor," said Miami offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski, who has spent the past four weeks trying to find one.

"They do a great job of making you execute and offenses have had a hard time doing that. We're going to have to be patient and play hard and hope the ball bounces our way a little bit."

Just a year ago, the Buckeyes' defense was far from a strength. They gave up 24.4 points, 138.8 yards rushing and 335.8 total yards per game and was a big reason why Ohio State struggled through a five-loss season.

Defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio set out to change that immediately, gathering the seniors on his defense for early morning film sessions in the off-season.

The hard work has paid off. "If that's what it takes, to watch film in the morning, that's

what we had to do," Wilhelm said. "We knew it would take something more to compete for a national championship."

Now the Buckeyes might have the best defense in the country. They have allowed just 12.2 points per game — second best in the country — and have the fourth best run defense at 78.7 yards per game.

They've held teams to a 36-percent conversion rate on third downs and given up only 54 second-half points.

"We realized we could play that well if we believed in each other," free safety Donnie Nicky said.

The Ohio State defense is predicated on stopping the run, something they did effectively all year. If the Buckeyes succeed on that front they figure the quarterback is bound to make bad decisions that lead to turnovers.

"Nobody has run the ball very effectively against us," Dantonio said. "We try to make the game one dimensional. So far we've been successful."

Now they're facing their toughest test. Miami has the game's most balanced offense, featuring big-play performers up and down the lineup.

Led by quarterback Ken Dorsey and running back Willis McGahee, Miami scored a school-record 503 points, 41.9 per game.

The scary part was the speed with which points were produced — the average drive time on 67 offensive TDs was 1:58, with 18 scores coming in less than a minute.



Young wrestlers receive new uniforms from OMI employees

Christmas 2002 came early for the Pampa Takedown Club. Due to the generosity of Operations Management International of Pampa, the club's young wrestlers received a gift they've never had before — matching uniforms.

OMI, which sponsored the club last year, purchased a uniform for every wrestler on the team. "The kids have a sense of pride and belonging we haven't seen before," said Ricky Urquhart, one of the club coaches. "If you truly want to see a life change then give that person a chance to belong."

Recently, some OMI employees visited a club practice and got to meet the wrestlers.

"At the next practice, one young wrestler asked me if the people he met were the ones who bought him the uniform," coach Urquhart said. "When I told him they were, he said they must really love me. I told him they sure do, and he seemed to be content and happy with that. We never know how many lives we affect in our daily routines, but I do know when we do it right lives are changed for the better."

Wrestlers in their new uniforms (above) include Scot Moore, Carlos Regalado, Drake Fisher, Zachary Bradley, Zack Burnett, Cameron Wall, Justin Velaguez, Mark Harris, Korbin Rameriz, Taylor Woods, Ryver Nunn, Steven Botello, Cody Cole, Garrett Fatheree, Alec Hendricks, Jacob Black, Cody Schiffman, Andrew Regalado, Mark Davis, Kasey Urquhart and Michael DeArman.

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Parcells tells ESPN he's the next Cowboys coach

E IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells appears to have a done deal with the Dallas Cowboys.

Still, the two-time Super Bowl champion has walked away from deals that seemed done before, leaving some doubt about whether he's really going to make it to Big D. Parcells told ESPN, where he has worked as a studio analyst, on Wednesday that he was taking the job, and there were widespread reports that he would be formally introduced during a news conference Thursday.

"I'm going to do it," Parcells said, according to ESPN.com.

"Jerry has invested a lot in the Cowboys, and the thing that drives him more than anything else is his desire to win. That's the biggest common (denominator) we both have."

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple insisted no announcement was scheduled. Team owner Jerry Jones and Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, didn't return phone calls to The Associated Press.

The New York Times and Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the 61-year-old coach would travel to Dallas after doing his radio show in New Jersey on Thursday morning.

"I never thought I'd be doing this again — but you never know," Parcells told The New York Times on Wednesday.

Even before firing coach

Dave Campo on Monday, Jones had already had two conversations totaling more than 11 hours with Parcells, who last coached in 1999.

Citing an unidentified source, ESPN said Parcells signed a four-year, \$17.1 million contract. The Dallas Morning News, quoting Sexton, reported the same figures.

The Cowboys have had three straight 5-11 seasons and are seven years removed from the last of their five Super Bowl championships. Parcells won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants and took the New England Patriots to the NFL title game before three seasons with the New York Jets.

Parcells' career regular-season record is 138-100-1, and he's 11-6 in the postseason. Only Tom Landry, the first Cowboys coach, Don Shula, Chuck Noll and Joe Gibbs have more playoff victories.

The 61-year-old Parcells coached the last of his 15 NFL seasons with the Jets in 1999. When he left that job on Jan. 3, 2000, he said he'd never coach again and even wrote a book, "The Final Season: My Last Year as Head Coach in the NFL."

Since then, he jilted Tampa Bay for the second time.

Parcells was so close to joining the Buccaneers last year that he signed a contract, Tampa Bay, which wants compensation from any team

that hires the coach, was scheduled to present its case to the commissioner's office Thursday.

Two sources within the league told the AP that the Bucs would not receive any compensation because the deal Parcells signed was not forwarded to the league office and therefore never approved by commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Parcells first backed out on the Bucs in 1992. Five years before that, after his first Super Bowl, Parcells had a deal in place with Atlanta before then-commissioner Pete Rozelle upheld protests by the Giants.

Jones wants Parcells so much that he's apparently willing to allow the new coach some authority that anyone since Jimmy Johnson, the first coach he hired after buying the Cowboys in 1989.

A league source told ESPN that Parcells will have control of his coaching staff and the 53-man roster and will be involved with Jones in evaluating and making any changes to the scouting department.

"You know, this is important to both Jerry and me. We don't want to fail," Parcells said. "It's got to work, and I feel good about it."

The Times, citing an unidentified team official, also reported that Parcells was given assurances of autonomy over the coaching staff and scouting and personnel departments.

A Gretzky point record falls

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Peter Forsberg downplayed the significance of breaking one of Wayne Gretzky's records.

All he could think about after a six-point performance Wednesday against the Nashville Predators was how well the Colorado Avalanche played in a 7-3 victory.

"I've been getting a lot of points lately," Forsberg said. "I think the whole team has been playing better. We feel like if we work hard that we have a good chance of winning a game."

Forsberg had a goal and five assists for the most points scored against Nashville in its five NHL seasons. Gretzky, playing for the New York Rangers, had five points — all on assists — against Nashville on Feb. 15, 1999.

Milan Hejduk added two goals and three assists, to match Gretzky's total.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Phoenix beat Washington 2-1 in overtime, and Florida held off New Jersey 2-1.

Nashville coach Barry Trotz has seen Forsberg, coming off a three-goal game Sunday night against Los Angeles, dominate the Predators before. On Nov. 14, Forsberg had a goal and two assists in a 3-1 victory.

"He is a good player, there is no question about it," Trotz said. "He's one of the best in the business when he is on like he was in this game. It was his day."

Steven Reinprecht, Mike Keane, Adam Foote and Rob Blake also scored for the Avalanche.

Colorado goalie Patrick Roy started the game but left after the first period because of the flu. He was replaced by David Aebischer, who gave up a goal to Adam Hall on a rebound at 2:46.

The Avalanche began the rout when Reinprecht scored on Tomas Vokoun at 3:09 of the first period. Clarke Wilm tied it for the Predators at 5:21, but Colorado got three more

goals and led 4-1 after one period.

Foote took a pass from Forsberg and beat Vokoun at 6:24. Keane shot the puck high, and it bounced off Vokoun's back and into the net at 9:32 for a short-handed goal. Hejduk beat Vokoun to his glove side on a power play at 13:19.

That was enough for Trotz.

"I gave Tomas an extra goal, the fourth one," Trotz said. "I had thought about replacing him after three. Colorado only had 10 scoring chances and they got seven goals."

"It's hard to motivate when you are getting slapped in the face the whole game."

After Hejduk's goal, Vokoun was replaced by Brian Finley. He stopped 10 of 13 shots in his NHL debut.

Leading 4-2, the Avalanche got goals from Blake and Forsberg 21 seconds apart midway through the second period.

Hejduk scored his second goal of the game and 18th of the season in the final period.

Nashville's Andy Delmore closed out the scoring with a power-play goal.

Coyotes 2, Capitals 1, OT

At Washington, Tony Amonte scored with 3:40 left in overtime for Phoenix.

Amonte, playing in his 900th NHL game, beat Olaf Kolzig from the left circle to give the Coyotes their third straight victory. It also ended the Capitals' five-game home winning streak.

Washington controlled play for much of the game, finishing with a 32-14 advantage in shots. But Phoenix goalie Sean Burke made a number of tough stops to keep the Coyotes close.

Sergei Gonchar gave the Capitals a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal in the second period. Washington had a 25-6 advantage in shots after two periods led only 1-0.

Ladislav Nagy tied it at 7:11 of the third period.

Gannon credits Oakland teammates for MVP award

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Rich Gannon insists his slow road to success really isn't that different from the journey taken by many of the NFL greats.

It's just the veteran Oakland Raiders quarterback has something most of those men don't: MVP status.

"I think if you look around the locker room and look around the league, there's a lot of players who have had to go through some difficult times in order to get where they are in this league," the 37-year-old Gannon said Wednesday after being selected the NFL Most Valuable Player in his 15th season.

"I never lost faith in myself or my abilities. But again, you need opportunities in this business and up

until about 1999 I didn't feel like I had a whole lot of opportunities."

Gannon's stardom didn't come easily.

He was traded to Minnesota only two weeks after New England drafted him out of Delaware in the fourth round in 1987. He played for the Vikings until 1992, spent '93 with Washington, sat out the 1994 season after shoulder surgery, then became an effective starter in Kansas City from 1995-98.

Gannon left the Chiefs as a free agent in 1999, and he's been a sensation in Oakland ever since.

With Gannon leading the league's top offense, the Raiders won their third straight AFC West title. Oakland locked up home-

field advantage and a playoff bye, and even swept its nemesis, Denver.

"This is a guy that I'm extremely proud of," coach Bill Callahan said. "He's a high character person, and his work ethic is unmatched of any pro that I've ever been around. I'm proud of the fact that not only has he done all these things and helped the team win, but he's let an offense capture a crown that hasn't been around here in a while."

Gannon broke the NFL completions record with 418. He led the league with 4,689 yards passing, nearly becoming just the second quarterback to go over 5,000 yards in a season. Dan Marino threw for 5,084 yards in 1984.

Gannon completed 67.6 percent of his attempts, had

26 touchdowns passes and only 10 interceptions. His 97.3 rating was second in the NFL to the Jets' Chad Pennington.

He also threw for more than 300 yards in 10 games, another record.

Yet that kind of stuff means nothing to Gannon.

"It's embarrassing, it's difficult to talk about," he said. "I'm just not very comfortable talking about myself and about individual accomplishments when really the focus of any good football team is team goals. And that's our goal here is to be champs."

Gannon is always praising his teammates, and even bought suits for his offensive linemen this season for their hard work in 2001.

Now, they're expecting a

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Wednesday's Major College Scores
SOUTH
Murray St. 76, Middle Tennessee 64

MIDWEST
Minnesota 85, Oral Roberts 80

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 62, Houston 48

FAR WEST
Air Force 78, Georgia Southern 40

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New Orleans Bowl
\$750,000
North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19

Wednesday, Dec. 18
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
\$750,000
Marshall 38, Louisville 15

Monday, Dec. 23
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
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Texas Tech 55, Clemson 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Las Vegas Bowl
\$800,000
UCLA 27, New Mexico 13

Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
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Tulane 36, Hawaii 28

Thursday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Detroit
\$780,000
Boston College 51, Toledo 25

Insight Bowl
At Phoenix
\$750,000
Pittsburgh 38, Oregon State 13

Friday, Dec. 27
Houston Bowl
\$750,000
Oklahoma State 33, Southern Mississippi 23

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
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Mississippi 27, Nebraska 23

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
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Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27

Saturday, Dec. 28
Continental Tire Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
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Wisconsin 31, Colorado 28

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At Nashville, Tenn.
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Wake Forest 38, Oregon 17

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At Boise, Idaho
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Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

No fresh start for Raptors

NEW YORK (AP) — The Toronto Raptors were looking for a fresh start. Instead, they began 2003 with the same old frustration that's plagued them all season.

Kurt Thomas had 26 points and 14 rebounds, and Allan Houston scored 15 as the Knicks beat Toronto 95-75 Wednesday night, handing the Raptors their eighth straight loss and 15th in 17 games.

Michael Doleac and Charlie Ward added 11 points each for the Knicks, who dominated the final three quarters and led by at least 10 points the entire second half.

"I'm glad this trip is over," Toronto coach Lenny Wilkens said. "Right now, the way things are going, we have to have all cylinders working. When all cylinders aren't working, we struggle."

New York's reserves helped in that effort, outscoring Toronto's backups 40-19, and helping the Knicks to their second straight win and third in four games.

"They're starting to feed off of each other," New York coach Don Chaney said. "That's the making of a good solid unit."

Alvin Williams had 15 points and five assists, and Jelani McCoy had 13 points and 15 rebounds for the short-handed Raptors, who were without starters Vince Carter and Antonio Davis as well as forward Mamadou N'Diaye.

In the only other NBA game Wednesday, Miami beat Atlanta 107-73.

Toronto completed a winless five-game road trip by scoring only 13 points in the fourth quarter at Madison Square Garden.

"When you're on a losing streak, you can't give a team opportunities like that — you have to almost play flawlessly to win," McCoy said. "When you're on a streak like this, everybody is going to smell blood and think they can get away with murder, but

we've got to change people's minds about that."

The Raptors cut the lead to 72-62 after three quarters, but didn't score for the first 2:56 of the fourth. They trailed by as many as 22 points down the stretch.

New York's guards outplayed the Raptors' even with Latrell Sprewell going just 1-of-8 from the floor. But Ward came off the bench to run the Knicks past the Raptors, hitting four of five shots and dishing out five assists in a key stretch during the second and fourth quarters.

He also teamed with Shandon Anderson for several flashy fast breaks when the Raptors made second-half pushes.

When Toronto started double-teaming New York's guards, the Knicks' forwards got into the flow, too. Doleac played 27 minutes, and Travis Knight had six points in 19 minutes down the stretch.

"We came into the game pumped up," forward Jerome Williams said. "We were trying to get on a winning track, start the year off fresh. A few mistakes and a fall later, and the walls caved in."

The frustration peaked in the fourth quarter when, with the Knicks up by 20 points with 2 1/2 minutes left, a fan sitting behind Toronto's bench yelled at Wilkens, "Sit down, Lenny. The game is over."

Heat 107, Hawks 73

At Atlanta, Caron Butler scored 25 points to lead Miami to a franchise-best margin of victory on the road.

The Heat won for the seventh time in nine games and gave Atlanta its largest margin of defeat this season. Eddie Jones scored 20 points, and reserve center Vladimir Stepania added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Heat.

Jason Terry led Atlanta with 17 points.



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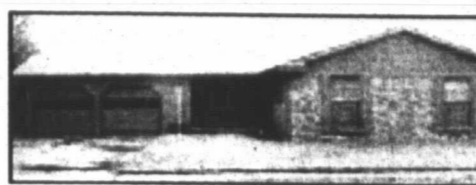
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 3, 2003:

Recognize what makes a friend or loved one tick this year. You might be taken back by this person's mercenary status or need to have things his or her way. As a result, you could distance yourself considerably from him or her. Take your time this year making decisions, as the results happen far more quickly than you anticipate. Stay upbeat and friendly when dealing with others. Give associates the space to have different opinions. If you are single, you will meet people easily, though you will often find the relationship short-term, especially before September 2003. After that point, you'll have a great opportunity to develop a stronger bond. If you are attached, financial unpredictability will be your highest liability in your relationship. Learn to work as a team. AQUARIUS is full of surprises.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You could be delightfully surprised by what comes down your path if you relax and work with the moment. Others' expressions of affection could be quite touching. Reach out for others. Examine the pros and cons of a situation. Tonight: Speak your mind.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your ability to touch an in-law or someone at a distance could make all the difference in what goes on. Unexpected developments take you in a new direction. Be more forthright with someone you respect and look up to. Tonight: A must show.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You might have a difficult time expressing what's on your mind. Make a point of spending quality one-on-one time with a loved one or friend. An unexpected surprise points you in a new direction. Tonight: Talk possibilities.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You might not be sure of the protocol in making what you need happen. Instead of pushing one way or another, flow with others. Surprising news comes via a partner. Perhaps you haven't seen a situation develop like this before. Tonight: Reach out for a special friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Do as much as you can to make someone comfortable. Don't push so hard to achieve certain goals. Rather, relax and enjoy yourself. Others seek you out as soon as they see that you're more relaxed. Happiness surrounds a child or loved one. Tonight: Frolic along.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Unexpected news heads your way. Understand what you expect from a child or loved one. Leave space open to allow others to come forward. You get greater feedback if you simply flow and demand less. Listen to what a co-worker shares. Tonight: Pace yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Deal with the basics, and you'll go far. Don't push someone away. In fact, be more sensitive to loved ones and friends. Sometimes you can be too self-involved. Open up to a child or loved one's suggestions more often. Tonight: Play along. Enjoy.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Try your best to get past a problem that might be upsetting you more than you realize. Once you clear the air and have a long-overdue conversation,

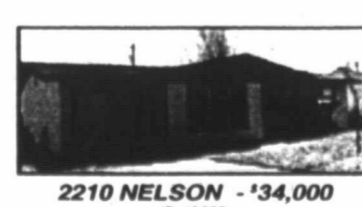
you'll feel much better. Let your feelings out. Be imaginative with a family member. Tonight: Put your feet up.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Express your good sense and moneymaking abilities. Sometimes you might not be sure when to say "enough." Unexpected developments allow you to feel more appreciated than you have in a long while. Tonight: Out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Use the daylight hours to proceed in the direction you have already decided. Stay focused and don't lose track. You'll find by late afternoon that your friskier side emerges. Right now you have nothing to celebrate but life itself. Go for it! Tonight: Your treat.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Step back and take your time making an important decision. You'll find out unusual information if you simply flow. You might not realize how much you are treasured. As a result, your mood changes considerably. Tonight: The world is your oyster.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Make that extra effort and reach out for those in your immediate circle. Your instincts drive you in a certain direction. Friends and co-workers play a significant role in your decision-making process. Think carefully. Tonight: Don't rush.

BORN TODAY
Comedic pianist Victor Borge (1909), British author J.R.R. Tolkien (1892), Roman orator Cicero (106 B.C.)

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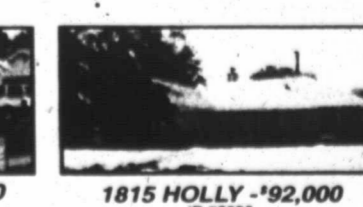
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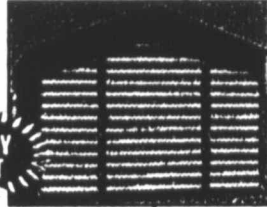
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Thursday, January 2, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Rewards of Reading Outweigh Late Fees for Overdue Books

DEAR ABBY: Thank you on behalf of librarians everywhere for your commonsense reply to the question of who should pay for the overdue library book the 7-year-old granddaughter lost.

I know what a thrill it is for children to check out books from their local libraries, but when those children forget where they placed them, forget the due dates or lose those books forever, it can be a problem for everyone.

Parents and grandparents should keep track of all books checked out on the family library cards, because the fines accumulate in a hurry. Arguing over who is responsible can send the claim to collections, with added fines.

Those who grumble about fines on their cards should remember how much it would cost if they had to buy every book they wanted to read instead of borrowing them from the public library.

DENISE VILANDRE,
HURON, S.D.

DEAR DENISE: Indeed. Even with library discounts, the cost of restocking our libraries is considerable. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: On Dec. 7, 1968, a man named Richard Dodd returned an overdue library book to the University of Cincinnati. His great-grandfather had checked out the volume in 1823.

Although he did not have to pay the fine, the library computed the

fine — and it would have totaled \$22,646.
FRANK IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR FRANK: In another 145 years it could have added up to some *real* money! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That grandmother should have used this experience as a "fun" and instructive opportunity to show her grandchild the due date, mark it on the calendar and return the book together — *before* it was overdue. It would have provided a valuable lesson to the child, based on positive role modeling.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER,
FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.

DEAR TEACHER: You're right. Children learn by example.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for putting in a good word for libraries, and for exposing children to them.

During World War II, my first library was a very small room on the upper floor of the old Grange Hall in the little village of Savona, N.Y. Since it was close to my home, I was allowed to go there alone and choose my own books, even before I went to school. My family would read the stories to me.

Those trips to the library were magical. I bless the people who established that small library. Parents, please love your children enough to take them to your local library, and read to them!

HELEN I. FRANCIS,
SILVER CITY, N.M.

DEAR HELEN: You have made a good point. It reminds me of a stanza from a wonderful poem, "The Reading Mother," by Strickland Gillilan, that has appeared in this column a number of times:

"You may have tangible wealth untold,
"Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold."
"Richer than I you can never be —
"I had a mother who read to me."

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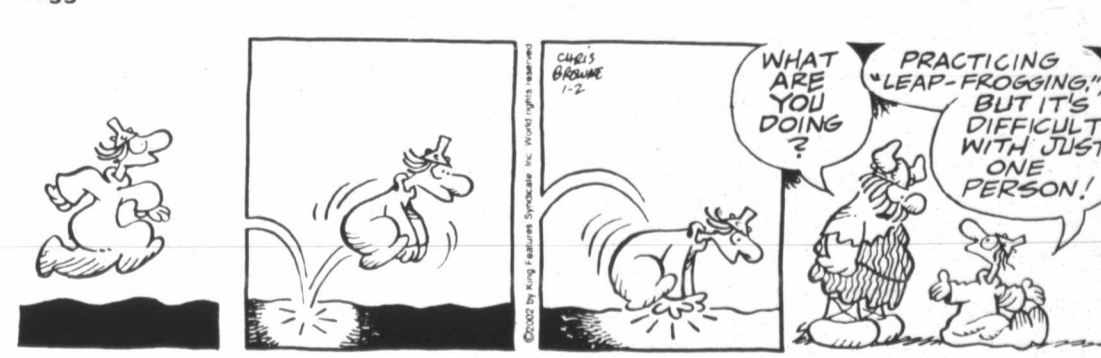
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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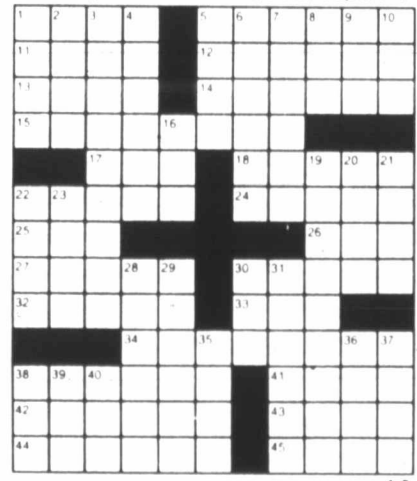
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Yesterday's answer

- 2 "Judith" composer
- 3 Paper design
- 4 Goof
- 5 Concerning
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- 10 Fast flier
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- 19 Summer fun spot
- 20 Press
- 21 Stitches port
- 22 Bridal shower?
- 23 Russian river
- 28 Scenic views
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