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Luggage on bus sparks evacuation

DEMING, N.M. (AP) — Four pieces of abandoned luggage prompted the evacuation of a Greyhound bus and a restaurant where the bus was parked, police said.

The bags had apparently been left on the bus by three men who were taken into custody Thursday at a checkpoint east of Deming.

Doug Mosier, a spokesman for the U.S. Border Patrol in El Paso, Texas, said Border Patrol agents detained the men — two Pakistanis and one Honduran — because their visas had expired.

Mosier said the men, whose names were not immediately available, would be processed by immigration officials and set for deportation.

The driver of the bus noticed the luggage when he attempted to match passengers with luggage at a Deming restaurant, state police spokesman Lt. Rob Shilling said.

The bus and the restaurant were evacuated as a precaution, Deming Police Chief Michael Carillo said.

The bus had been heading from San Antonio to Phoenix. About 45 passengers had to wait several hours at the restaurant until another bus could be dispatched.

DEATHS

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News at press time today.

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Rural ambulances face hard times

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

Volunteers needed, but hard to get

LEFORS - Lefors only has 559 residents, but when those people need an ambulance they want their local one to be available. The ambulance is there, but there aren't enough trained volunteers to keep it operating 24 hours a day.

Lefors Volunteer Emergency Medical Services needs help and it's seeking volunteers and funding to train those volunteers.

Lefors residents may now have to wait for an ambulance to arrive from Pampa's Rural/Metro Ambulance Service to be transported for medical care.

Texas Department of Health (TDH) has issued a variance for the ambulance service to maintain the service even though there isn't enough trained personnel.

The eight members of the small community's all-volunteer ambulance service are employed outside the immediate Lefors area and are unable to respond to calls during the day, said Cathy Tinney, director of the Lefors Volunteer Emergency Medical Services.

She is the only paramedic, while seven are emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Tinney responds to ambulance calls at night, but works in Pampa during the week. She works part-time for a local doctor and also for the Rural/Metro Ambulance Service, and isn't available for Lefors ambulance calls during the day.

Inadequate staffing of the volunteer service is the major culprit and, regrettably, it is a problem all over the Texas Panhandle, said Mike Bavousett, TDH-Canyon.

"Lefors' problem is not unique," said Bavousett. "It's a challenge for all the volunteer ambulance services to keep enough people."

The problem can be solved, he added.

"The volunteer pool is drying up," he said. "In today's world, both spouses are in the workforce. Also, the population is declining in the rural Texas Panhandle area as many people are moving to the urban areas."

He also said the workforce is aging, and people who volunteered for many years can no longer do so.

"Out of 41 counties in this region, five to seven volunteer ambulance services have been granted a variance similar to Lefors'," he explained.

One ambulance service in the region was recently forced to close due to lack of staffing. He said the vol- (See AMBULANCES, Page 4)

Time to register



Liza Armintor of Pampa registers Wednesday for classes at Clarendon College - Pampa Center. Transferring from Amarillo College, she will be enrolled in the nursing program. Enrollment for classes scheduled to begin Jan. 15 continues at the Pampa Center.

Attention lapse cause of wreck, DPS officer says

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

A 24-year-old Oklahoma woman was killed in a fatal wreck shortly before 11 a.m. Thursday at Loop 171 and Texas 273, south of Pampa.

Dajuana Genee Collins of Edmond, Okla., was traveling south on Loop 171, said Department of Public Safety Trooper Jessie Cerda. He said witnesses told him she had stopped at the intersection's stop sign and was looking down, apparently reading a map.

The 2002 Gray Ford Taurus she was driving edged into the intersection as a tractor-trailer was traveling south onto Texas Highway 273 and broadsided Collins' vehicle, said Cerda. He said she was killed instantly.

Cerda attributed the cause to a brief loss of attention.

Driver of the truck was John Frederick Aufleger, 47, of Pampa. The truck is owned by Eastx Crude Co. of Leesburg. The tanker he was pulling was carrying crude oil, Cerda said.

Collins was pronounced dead at the scene by Precinct Two Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. He ordered an autopsy and she was transported to Lubbock where the autopsy will be conducted.

Collins was a pharmaceutical representative in the Pampa area.

Driver charged in traffic death back in jail

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

Officials say Davis failed to meet bond terms

A 23-year-old Pampa woman out on a \$50,000 bond for intoxicated manslaughter was returned to jail Thursday because she did not follow the conditions of the bond set by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert in November 2002.

Davis was arrested after being charged with intoxicated manslaughter in connection with the death of

Dorothy Pinson Fuller, 74, 1121 Mary Ellen, on Nov. 18.

At the time of the incident, Pampa police said Fuller was apparently walking west, across Barnes Street, when she was struck by a northbound car about 8 p.m. that Saturday night. She died at 9:30 p.m. at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Davis was arrested about an hour

after the accident.

Judge Emmert set several conditions on Davis when she appeared in his court on Nov. 22. Those conditions were as follows: (1) she is not to operate any motor vehicle; (2) she is to report to the Adult Probation Office every Monday and Friday for a urinalysis test for alcohol and drugs; and (3) she is not to leave Gray County.

Gray County Deputy Randy Langwell said Friday morning Davis did not follow the conditions set out by Judge Emmert and her bond was surrendered.

When Davis was arrested, Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set a bond of \$100,000. Judge Emmert reduced the bond to \$50,000 along with setting the three conditions at the bond hearing six days later.

Davis remained in Gray County Jail this morning.

BBC crew films part of war documentary at Gray County sites

ALANREED - The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) of London, England, came to the Panhandle Jan. 4 and 5 to film segments of an upcoming documentary video, "Inventions That Changed Warfare."

The morning session, filmed on the Trew Ranch west of Alanreed, show an accurate depiction of barbed wire fences used on ranches in the west today. Scenes of grassland vistas, feeding cattle and barbed wire fences, all explained by narration, were filmed.

The afternoon session was filmed in the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean. The scenes used museum artifacts filmed with museum displays as background. The script

explained the differences between livestock-design barbed wires and the vicious entanglement-design barbed wires used in warfare.

Billie Pink, BBC film director, and assistant Joel Smith directed the film sessions. Cinematographers Dale and John Scarberry of Lone Star Film & Video of Amarillo filmed the project under contract to the BBC.

Finished video is to be shown throughout Europe and on The History Channel in the future. The Texas Panhandle and the Devil's Rope Museum were chosen for filming sites from information found on the Internet - barbwiremuseum.com - maintained by the Devil's Rope Museum.



(Courtesy photo) Delbert Trew of the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean and the Trew Ranch near Alanreed, back row left, poses with the BBC film directors and film crew: back row, center left and right, Billie Pink and Joel Smith of the BBC; and front row, from left, Dale Scarberry and John Scarberry, Amarillo cinematographers.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Stephen Dean Stokes, 39, 1107 S. Hobart, was arrested on a simple assault warrant out of Justice of the Peace Precinct Two.

Niecy Davis, 23, 1329 Terrace, was arrested on a bond surrender for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle.

Kari Virginia Ferguson, 17, Borger, was arrested on a warrant out of Justice of the Peace Precinct Two for no proof of liability and expired drivers license.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrest and incidents.

Monday, Jan. 6

Theft of an old telephone was reported in the 1800 block of North Charles. Estimate of property loss was \$300.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of South Finley.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Criminal mischief was reported at the

Pampa Police Department as occurring in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Christine. Car windows were broken out of a vehicle. Damage estimate was \$1,100.

A drug/narcotics violation was reported at Pampa High School. A 16-year-old male was arrested.

Report of assault by threat and disorderly conduct was taken at Pampa PD.

A phone harassment report was taken in the 700 block of North Nelson.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Jan. 9

10:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Loop 171 and Highway 273; no patient was transported.

2:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

2:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Frost; one patient was transported to PRMC.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.	
Wheat	3.42	Haliburton	19.51 +0.43
Milo	3.99	Triad Hospitals	26.90 -1.90
Corn	4.52	NOI	20.02 -0.12
Soybeans	5.02	KMI	43.75 -0.12
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		Tenneco	3.87 +0.02
		CVX	68.88 -0.24
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		OKE	18.30 -0.71
		NS Group	6.49 +0.08
		New York Gold	352.45
		Silver	4.83
		West Texas Crude	31.91

The following 9:36 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	40.93 +0.18
Celanese	21.73 -0.24
Cabot Corp	26.16 -0.13
Cabot Oil Gas	24.44 +0.17
Coca Cola	44.80 +0.27
VLO	37.43 -0.12

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 40s, and west winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the south 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 20s, and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday should be mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of rain and light snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain

and light snow 30 percent. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday, partly 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 mid 20s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

STATEWIDE

Chilly, cloudy conditions continue to linger through Texas with the help of strong cold front, the National Weather Service said.

Mostly sunny skies were reported early Friday across most of North Texas, but some clouds blanketed parts of the region.

The cold front had already moved through the Panhandle by early Thursday morning, kicking

up stiff 15 to 25 mph northerly winds.

Statewide, temperatures ranged from the 40s in the northern Panhandle to the lower 60s along the coastal bend.

Skies will be clear Friday night across North Texas, with lows ranging from the mid-20s to mid-30s. It will be partly cloudy on Saturday with high in the lower to mid-30s. There's a slight

chance for showers in the area, too.

South Texas will struggle to reach the 50s on Friday under mostly cloudy skies. Forecasters also think there will be a good chance for rain in the region.

Temperatures will get warmer throughout much of West Texas on Friday night. Skies will get cloudy again by Saturday, with highs mostly in the 40s.

U.S., Mexico strike water agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department officials on Friday are expected to announce an interim water-sharing agreement between the United States and Mexico.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said Thursday that Mexico agreed to provide irrigation water to Texas farmers over the next nine months.

But Texas Gov. Rick Perry called the agreement "unacceptable" because it doesn't address Mexico's huge outstanding water debt to his state.

Under the deal, the United States will receive 350,000 acre feet by Sept. 30 and an additional 50,000, depending on climatic conditions, said the State Department official.

Mexico also agreed to provide 200,000 acre-feet by the end of January, in time for the growing season.

The two sides will meet later to address the rest of the water debt, which is based on a formula spelled out in a 1944 treaty.

In a statement, Mexico's foreign relations department said the agreement "signified an important step for both countries toward an appropriate solution in a time of drought."

Amelia Mereiro, a spokeswoman for Mexico's foreign relations department, told The Brownsville Herald for its Friday editions that an announcement about details of the agreement would made Jan. 27.

A spokesman for President Vicente Fox said the presi-

dent had no comment on the agreement.

Perry's spokeswoman, Kathy Walt, said the governor considers the deal "unacceptable."

"He would like the State Department to press Mexico for delivery of water as specified under the treaty and to tie all the negotiations to a long-term water delivery plan."

The 1944 treaty calls for Mexico to provide 365,000 acre-feet of water annually and for the United States to supply Mexico with four times that from the Colorado River. The United States has complied with the treaty.

Texas farmers claim Mexico's inability to meet its obligations has cost them nearly a billion dollars in lost crops since 1992.

State and federal officials say Mexico owes the United States about 1.5 million acre-feet of water, or more than 500 billion gallons. The debt began to mount about 10 years ago.

An acre-foot is the amount of irrigation water it takes to cover one acre to a depth of one foot. It equals 43,560 cubic feet.

Texas officials say farmers in the region have been hit hard by drought and depend on the water that has been withheld by Mexico.

Texans reached Thursday said the State Department knew they needed at least double that amount to make it through the current growing season.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs called the news "bittersweet."

San Antonio Reserves called to active duty

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 90 soldiers from a Marine Corps Reserve unit based in San Antonio has been called to active duty as the United States edges closer to war in Iraq.

The soldiers from Company C, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion will report Friday to Fort Sam Houston. They are among some 300 Marine combat troops from all over the United States called up this week.

"This is the first large group, the first real combat unit to be called up," Capt. Jeff Pool, Marine Forces Reserve public affairs officer, told the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions. "But in coming days, we are expecting more to be called up."

After two days of prepara-

tion, the unit will proceed to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

From North Carolina, the Marines will be sent to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia near the Persian Gulf as early as next week, Pool said.

The local company is trained to conduct amphibious reconnaissance, long-range ground reconnais-

sance patrols and surveillance.

The unit also employs supporting arms, such as artillery and attack aircraft, in support of ground maneuver forces.

Earlier this week, the Pentagon alerted 10,000 Army Reserve troops throughout the nation to be ready to move overseas as early as this week.

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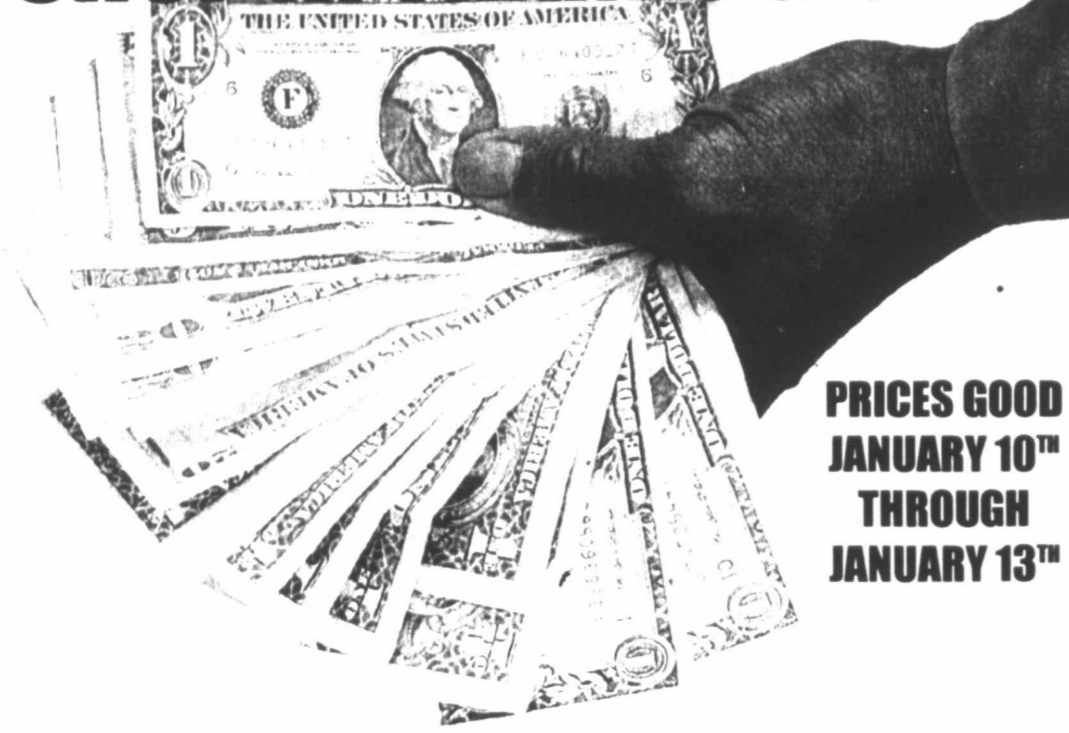
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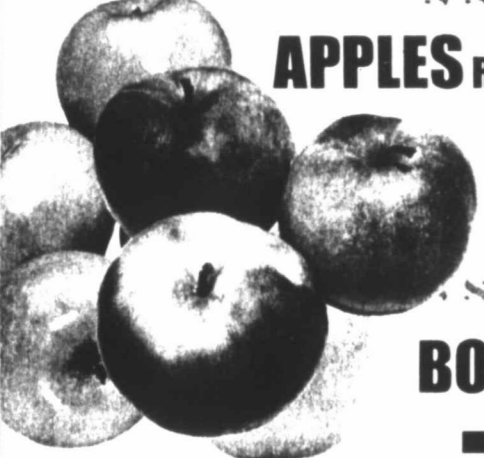
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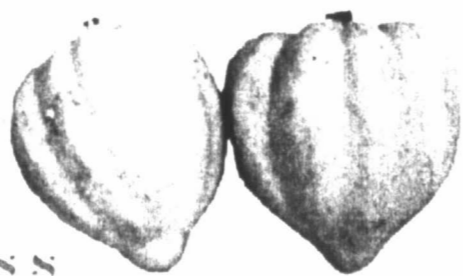
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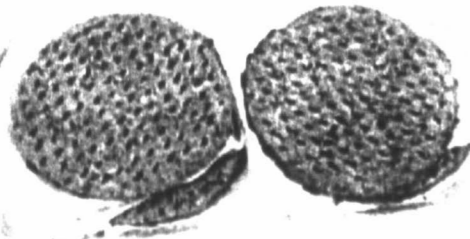
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ACT I meets play's challenges

By **DARLENE BIRKES**
GUEST REVIEWER

ACT I met the challenges of 12 scene changes, a cast of 18, with some playing more than one part, and rehearsals interrupted by the Christmas season in its current production "The Women," opening tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Performances are in the Pampa Mall theatre, with entrance midway at the back of the mall, located at 2500 N. Hobart. The drama will be performed again Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. It will be presented the following weekend, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m.

A slap at the rich, social-climbing wives, playwright Clare Boothe Luce wove a comedy around daily activities of women with little purpose but to look pretty, have massages, buy clothes, play bridge, and "concern" themselves with other women's problems which results in gossipy entanglements. Loaded with humorous quotes, the script reflects the attitudes of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s that might also be today as women search for a purpose, that is now more often a career.

Memorable are the character studies, including Cynthia Aler as the elegant, dramatic Sylvia Fowler - "you know you can trust me" friend. Also of note is ACT I veteran Berinda Turcotte, a standout with her snappy humor as Nancy Blake, the all-knowing writer. Another winner is Gina Kane as Edith Potter, always pregnant and always eating, who obligingly accepts her role of caring for her man and kids.

Veteran Rochelle Lacy with her expres-

sions and clipped lingo is delightful in the roles of Jane the maid and the saleswoman. Carla Gifford is the loud countess, the l'amour woman - a mixture of French to western. Lisa Ryan plays the sultry Crystal Allen, the root of Mary Haines' husband problems. Portrayed by Karen Smith, Mary falls for the advice of her friends, hands over her husband, and in the end fights back, fulfilling the core of "The Women," that the other fellow will hit you if you don't hit him first.

Undoubtedly the liveliest scene was the Reno gathering of all the divorcees, followed by the episode in the fitting rooms when Mary meets the husband-snatcher Crystal and all jump to listen. Another entertainer was Diana Bruner who belted out her lines and song as the lusty Reno maid.

After additional relaxing by the newcomers, the cast, so well directed by Kayla Pursley, assisted by Turcotte, is certain to present an evening of fun and thought for any viewer to enjoy.

Luce, a former U.S. congresswoman, foreign correspondent during WWII, ambassador, was also an actress and magazine editor. She wrote the play in 1935 at the time she was marrying Henry Luce, and the two championed the idea of a photo-journalism magazine, "Life." Luce forged her way into a man's territory, opening the way for other women.

Some of Luce's many quotes included, "It's a man's world; don't confide in girl friends what do you do with yourself all day. Reno is full of women who have pride; pride is a luxury a woman in love can't afford."

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AMBULANCES

He said Clarendon's approach has been quite successful. They have four paid paramedics and Clarendon's Executive Director Anita Aaron has recently become a basic level coordinator allowing for her to coordinate classes for basic EMTs in the area.

Aaron said Thursday a new class began the past week for the basic class. She was surprised at the number of people who are taking the classes each Monday and Thursday for the next several months.

"We have 25 in the class," she said, "which is a very large class. The response was astounding."

However, the grant funding which Aaron and her staff obtained contributed to the high number of enrollees.

The class normally costs \$350 to \$500 per student which many of them have to pay for themselves. However, grants from Texas Tech University and Texas Department of Transportation reduced that cost to only \$49 per student. Clarendon College is also working on the project.

"We were truly blessed," said Aaron. "We have people enrolled from Clarendon, Panhandle, Hedley, Lelia Lake, and Groom."

She said this is her first class to coordinate, and another one is scheduled to begin in Stinnett in late February.

Aaron said Clarendon High School is discussing incorporating a basic class into their curriculum for the upcoming school year.

Panhandle City Manager Loren Brand said he is impressed with Aaron's qualifications and ability.

"She is absolutely fantastic," he said. "She really knows her business."

Any ambulance service in

the area needing assistance in getting training for people to man their ambulances may contact Aaron at (806) 874-3139.

"We are sending five people from Panhandle to Clarendon to the classes. We're helping with the gas and textbooks," Brand said.

Brand said Aaron is heading an excellent service.

"Their set-up at Clarendon is fantastic, but not all of us have a hospital district for funding," he said.

Panhandle's EMS is also operating with a variance.

"We're doing everything we know how in Panhandle to solve the problem," Brand said. "But attrition catches up with everybody. Daytime is our worst time. So many of our volunteers work in Amarillo, Pantex and at Phillips. So they're not here during the day."

Brand said the problem is experienced by many small towns.

Some towns have hired a paramedic, but others can't afford it, he explained.

"Being an emergency responder is not for everyone," he said. "Some just aren't able to do it. It's not a matter of people not caring. Some people just aren't suited for it. For those that it is suited, we want to locate and train."

He added that these people are volunteering and not getting paid.

Bavousett said he is seeing this problem throughout his 41-county region, but there are other ways residents can help keep the emergency ambulance services in their small towns.

"Someone with medical billing experience, or accounting, could help with the billing by donating their time," he said. "Also, older residents can be available to keep the small children of volunteer ambulance personnel when they are on call. There are a number of things people can do to help maintain their small-town way of life."

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Southern Baptists opposing city class

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A plan to add sexual orientation to the city's list of classes protected from job and housing discrimination has angered the Southern Baptist Convention, which may reconsider staging its 2005 annual meeting in its hometown.

Bill Merrell, an SBC vice president, said the possibility was raised in an official communication to a Nashville tourism official that said: "This alters the nature of Nashville as a convention city for us."

With about 16 million members, the Southern Baptist Convention is the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

About 150 employees of the convention's executive committee work in Nashville, as do about 1,500 employees of LifeWay Christian Resources, the denomination's publishing arm. LifeWay was established in Nashville in 1891, while the executive committee has been based in the city since 1927.

Baptists and other conservative religious leaders are fighting a proposed Nashville anti-discrimination ordinance that supporters say has a simple purpose: ensuring equal opportunity for housing and employment. The ordinance has passed two of three required city council readings.

Opponents say the ordinance, in its present form, would violate the U.S. Constitution by requiring religious groups who consider homosexuality a sin to hire gays and lesbians.

The measure's lead sponsor, Councilman Chris Ferrell, said that's not the intent and he will add a religious exemption before the final vote Jan. 21.

"I'm not going to be in the position of telling anybody what their theology has to be," Ferrell said.

Merrell said Baptist leaders see the ordinance, with or without the religious exemption, as "another attempt by pro-gay activists to secure the approval and affirmation of the broader culture of the homosexual lifestyle."

He said the ordinance could turn Nashville into "the San Francisco of the Southeast."

Nashville gay rights activist Abby R. Rubinfeld, a lesbian parent of two, was amused by the characterization.

FBI lawyer at center of controversy over award

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some congressional critics of the FBI are questioning a presidential citation and large cash bonus awarded to an FBI supervisor whose headquarters unit denied a pre-Sept. 11 search warrant against terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui.

The FBI's deputy general counsel, Marion "Spike" Bowman, was among nine current and former FBI officials who last month received a Presidential Rank Award for career senior executives, which carries with it a cash bonus of 20 percent to 30 percent of an annual salary.

Bowman, head of the FBI's National Security Law Unit, was praised for efforts to attract within the FBI "a staff of attorneys to examine diverse and highly complex issues for which little or no formal legal education has been available." FBI Director Robert Mueller recommended to the White House that Bowman receive the award.

The decision roiled FBI critics who believe Bowman's lawyers improperly rejected a search warrant request by FBI agents in Minnesota investigating Moussaoui in August 2001. Moussaoui, the only person charged in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks, was in custody the following month when hijackers steered planes into the World Trade

Center and the Pentagon. Bowman, who declined to comment Thursday, maintains there never was enough evidence for such a warrant under the guidelines of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

An FBI spokesman also declined to comment on Bowman's selection for the award, or specify the amount of his cash bonus.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, complained in a letter to the FBI director, "You are sending the wrong signal to those agents who fought — sometimes against senior FBI bureaucrats at headquarters — to prevent the attacks."

Grassley asked Mueller to explain in writing his decision to nominate Bowman. He told Mueller that Senate testimony by Bowman during a closed Judiciary Committee hearing in July raised serious questions about the competence of lawyers in his unit.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the senior Republican on the Intelligence Committee during its oversight investigation of the FBI, complained last month that Bowman's law unit provided "inexcusably confused and inaccurate information" to FBI investigators in Minneapolis during the Moussaoui case.

Shelby said in an 84-page report that the FBI unit's advice

turned out to be "patently false" and led agents in Minnesota on a "wild goose chase for nearly three weeks."

On Thursday, Shelby said the award showed "no accountability for poor performance at the bureau."

The Senate investigation last fall also criticized Bowman's unit for blocking an urgent request on Aug. 29, 2001, by FBI agents in New York to begin searching for Khalid Almihdar, one of the hijackers on the American Airlines flight that crashed into the Pentagon.

An FBI agent, who wasn't identified publicly, testified Bowman's lawyers decided

information tying Almihdar to terrorism had been obtained through intelligence channels and thus could not legally be used in a criminal investigation.

"Some day, someone will die ... and the public will not understand why we were not more effective and throwing every resource we had at certain problems," the agent wrote in a pre-circulated e-mail to FBI headquarters. He said he hoped that Bowman's law unit "will stand behind their decisions then."

Although the U.S. indictment of Moussaoui does not directly tie him to the 19 hijackers, prosecutors disclosed months ago that Moussaoui had called a

phone number written on a business card recovered from the wreckage of one of the hijacked flights.

Bowman's law unit employs about 15 specialized lawyers to offer advice for FBI agents about applying the powerful 1978 surveillance law during terrorism and espionage investigations. The unit approves or rejects requests for secret surveillance warrants in such cases, then forwards its approvals to the Justice Department.

Lawyers there review the FBI requests and can deny them outright or seek final approval for the warrants from a special U.S. court that meets secretly.

Wheat production lowest since 1972

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wheat production dropped last year to its lowest since 1972, a casualty of a drought that singed crops across the nation, the Agriculture Department said Friday.

U.S. farmers harvested 1.62 billion bushels of wheat, down 17 percent from 2001. Winter wheat in particular did not fare well with production at 1.14 billion bushels — the lowest since 1970.

The department's corn production estimates for 2002 remained steady at 9.01 billion bushels — nearly the same amount projected in November.

A lack of water stunted yields. Nebraska, for instance, harvested 940 million bushels of corn, down from the 1.14 billion harvested in 2001.

Eastern states such as North Carolina also saw a drop in yields because of the dry weather. North Carolina farmers collected 58 million bushels compared to the 78 million harvested in 2001.

Two states were virtually

untouched by drought and saw record yields: Iowa and Minnesota. Iowa farms produced 1.96 billion bushels and Minnesota produced 1.05 billion bushels.

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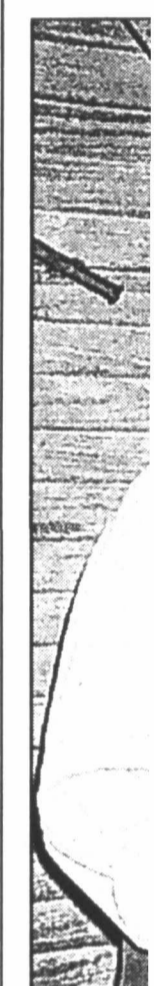
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Colleagues remember murdered missionaries

By GREG WARNER
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JIBLA, Yemen (ABP) — Colleagues and friends of the three American hospital workers killed in a Dec. 30 terrorist attack in Yemen gathered the next morning to bury two of the victims and celebrate their lives and ministries.

The bodies of physician Martha Myers, 57, and hospi-

tal administrator William Koehn, 60, were buried, as they had requested, on the grounds of the Jibla Baptist Hospital where each worked for more than 25 years. The remains of Kathleen Gariety, 53, are being returned to the United States.

After the service, most of the 13 American mission workers and their families left for the relative safety of San'a,

the Yemeni capital, for "a time of healing and grieving together," a spokeswoman said.

Six remained behind in Jibla — including Donald Caswell, 49, who was injured by the lone gunman and required surgery, and Koehn's wife Marty — but they expected to join the group later. Some workers plan to return to Jibla when it's deemed safe.

Officials of the

International Mission Board (IMB) said its work in Yemen will go on despite the tragedy, but the hospital likely will be transferred to a Muslim charity as previously planned.

"The transfer is still in process, but with three deaths, the discussions understandably have stopped," said IMB spokeswoman Anita Bowden.

Hours after the slaying, colleagues talked warmly of the slain workers, who were shot by a suspected Islamic fundamentalist.

"We've lost three of the dearest people," said Lee Hixon, assistant hospital administrator, in an interview. "Between the three of them, there are probably 60 years of service. They were here because they loved the people.

Repeatedly co-workers voiced the resolve of mission workers who risk death to minister in dangerous lands like Yemen.

"They already gave their lives — they gave their lives when they came here," Hixon said.

Ken Clezy, an Australian surgeon who works at the hospital, remembered William Koehn as "a fine administrator, fair and well-liked by the Yemenis.

"He had a heart of gold and did a lot for orphans and prisoners, as well as the truly poor around here," Clezy said. "He had none of the foibles that one sometimes sees in long-serving missionaries. And we loved him unreservedly. He was fearless and had no thought of leaving during the civil war of '93-'94 or the Gulf War."

In a statement, Koehn's stateside family said the Kansas native "died doing what he was called to do. Bill and Marty were in Yemen because of their love for the Lord. We're saddened by this news, but we understand that this does not reflect on the people of Yemen as a whole. We have found them to be gracious and kind ..."

Randal Pearce of Mansfield, Texas, Koehn's son-in-law, told the Dallas Morning News: "He was not a pastor or a doctor. He was an administrator. His job was not to convert people, not telling them what to believe. He did maintenance work, administration, anything to keep the place running."

"Martha Myers was a legend, known all over Yemen,"

said Clezy, her surgeon colleague. "She was generous to a fault, if there is such a thing in Christian terminology. She was a radiant, relaxed Christian."

"I think she was prepared to stay there the rest of her life," said John Wikman, a former missionary who previously served at the hospital. "She could talk Arabic, and the Jibla version of it, as well as the local people."

Myers, who was single, was responsible for immunizing "hundreds of thousands" of Yemeni children. Wikman said. She was the victim of a carjacking several years ago but escaped when her otherwise reliable SUV broke down. "She was kind of scary to drive with," Wikman added.

Kathleen Gariety of Wauwatosa, Wis., also single, managed the medical supplies for the hospital for 10 years. On her infrequent trips home to Wisconsin, she would collect donated medical supplies to fill a shipping container for the hospital. Churches in the Lakeland Baptist Association (LBA), including her home congregation of Layton Baptist Church in Milwaukee, helped with the collection.

"She was a cheerful, determined individual who was extraordinarily focused in her work," said Keith Cogburn, director of missions for the LBA where Gariety was employed before becoming a missionary. "She epitomized the calling of a missionary who knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that he or she is called to a particular place. I can't think of a stronger challenge than where she was serving."

"She had such a heart for the people," said Wikman. "She really felt the hospital was serving a purpose. They lost someone who really loved them. She was very concerned about the desperate needs of the people."

Gariety was the most vocal advocate for keeping the hospital in the hands of Christians, colleagues said.

"She pleaded with people to try to save the hospital," Wikman said. "When she said the local Yemeni people wanted the hospital to stay, she knew what she was talking about because the nationals really confided in her ... She worked with a lot of the nationals in her job, she had the pulse of the folks, even

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- Lee Hixon
Assistant administrator
Jibla Baptist Hospital

more than the doctors did." Jibla Baptist Hospital, founded by Southern Baptist mission workers 35 years ago, is the only full-service hospital in the poor, rural area around Jibla. It is staffed by 180 local workers, 13 Southern Baptist mission personnel and about 20 other international workers.

Although the hospital is popular among most local residents, some extremists see it as a Western intrusion and an affront to Islam. The gunman, who confessed and surrendered to Yemeni officials, said he shot the American workers "to cleanse his religion and get closer to Allah."

Lee Hixon, the assistant administrator, declined to speculate on the shooter's motive.

"We're here to help poor people, that's our gift from God," Hixon said.

Even before the attack, as the IMB moved to close or transfer the hospital, some of the mission workers had made plans to leave Yemen or transfer to other jobs in the country. But others say they plan to return to Jibla.

"I do," said Hixon, who has lived in Jibla with his wife and two teenage children for more than two years. "God puts a great love for a people in your heart, and we love the Yemeni people."

He said he is confident his children are up to the challenge. "They are strong in their faith. They know how to go to the Rock. They're good kids."

At 6:30 a.m. on the morning of the shooting, the hospital mission workers gathered for their regular morning chapel service. Ken Clezy, the Australian surgeon, read Hebrews 11:4 which talks about the faith of Abel, Adam's son.

"By faith, he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead." (NIV)

"About an hour later, our friends were dead," Clezy recalled. "We pray that, like Abel, they will speak."

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J.B. Walker of Pampa, right, Prison Fellowship in-prison coordinator, presents a certificate of appreciation to Chaplain David Schlewitz.

Jordan Prison volunteers honor Chaplain Schlewitz

Prison volunteers of the Rufe Jordan Unit gather at Dyer's Bar-B-Que recently to honor Chaplain David Schlewitz on the eve of beginning his new position on the chaplaincy staff at the Bill Clements Unit in Amarillo.

Schlewitz has been at the prison unit near Pampa almost 10 years. During that time, he built the chaplaincy ministry from three

basic programs to more than 100 faith-based activities touching thousands of prisoners.

The many volunteers attending the dinner presented Schlewitz with gifts, a certificate of appreciation and an album with messages from the volunteers and photos of program activities. Attending the event with Schlewitz were his wife Sarah and daughter Ruth Ann.

Rushing Wind Emmaus plans potluck supper Jan. 11

GRUVER — Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, Jan. 11, in the First United Methodist Church of Gruver.

Everyone is invited to attend for a potluck supper followed by a praise and wor-

ship service. A nursery will be provided. Sponsors training will be held after the service.

Rushing Wind is sponsoring a women's Walk to Emmaus on Jan. 23-26 at the Waka Christian Center. Stacy

Edwards of Dumas will serve as Lay Director with Jerry Don Cheshire of Higgins as Spiritual Director.

Additional information is posted at www.rushing-windemmaus.org.

New Year's resolutions: Good to make, bad to break

"And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow unto the Lord and perform it." Isaiah 19:21

The prophet speaks of a day when Egypt will know the Lord and worship Him. Generally speaking the Egyptians were a very ungodly people. It was unusual for them to love and serve the true God of heaven. During their time of obedience, they made a vow unto the Lord and performed it. It is better not to make a vow unto the Lord than to make one and not perform it. This fact, however, should not prevent our making vows unto Him. Every true and God-loving Christian should be free to renew his vows and make new ones. Vows set up a standard of a Christian goal for one to work for.

I will endeavor to better understand three things about the Bible.

First, that it is the word of God. Second, that it is my guide and light. Third, that by it I will finally be judged.

I. I will accept the Bible as the inspired word of God. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20, 21.

II. I will accept the Bible as my light and guide. Psalm



Minister's Musings

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119:105.

III. I shall ever keep in my mind the fact that one day I will be judged by the gospel. Romans 2:16.

I will endeavor to remember three things about the church.

First, that the church was bought by the blood of Jesus Christ. Second, that the church is a divine institution. Third, that it is my duty to assemble with the church.

I. I will respect the church as property purchased by the precious blood of the Lord. Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28.

II. I will honor the church

as a divine institution. Matthew 16:18.

III. I will endeavor to assemble with the church regularly. Hebrews 10:25.

There are four things that I vow to keep in memory concerning Christ and my relationship with Him.

First, that through Christ only can I be saved. Second, that Christ was sinless and that He is my example. Third, that I am not my own but belong to Christ. Fourth, that He warned me that it was possible for my soul to be destroyed in hell.

I. I shall ever remember that through and by Him I can

be saved. Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6

II. I shall never forget that Christ lived an absolute sinless life and that He is my example. I Peter 2:21,22.

III. I shall remember that I have no right to my selfish desires for I am not my own; Christ bought me. I Corinthians 6:19-20; I Corinthians 3:23.

IV. I shall forever keep in mind that Christ has warned me that it is possible for me to be destroyed in hell. Matthew 10:20.

There are three things that I shall sincerely try to do. First, I shall try not to talk too much. Second, I shall esteem others above myself. Third, I shall try to save others.

I. I shall endeavor to appear wise by keeping my tongue. Ecclesiastes 5:3; Proverbs 29:11; Ecclesiastes 10:14.

II. I shall esteem others and not think that I am the best

member of this church. Philippians 2:3.

III. I shall endeavor to be my brother's keeper to the extent that I shall try to save every erring one. Genesis 4:8, James 5:19, 20.

New Year's resolutions have become a habit with some of us. It is a good habit but bad policy to make them and then break them. At our conversion we made many vows to God, when we were in trouble we promised Him many things on the condition that He would help us. On these promises we demanded something in return for all that He did for us. Most likely they have not been kept. Our New Year's resolutions should be made out of hearts that are sincerely seeking after God. As long as our hearts continue to seek after Him, our resolutions will be easily kept.

Have a happy New Year! From all of us to all of you!

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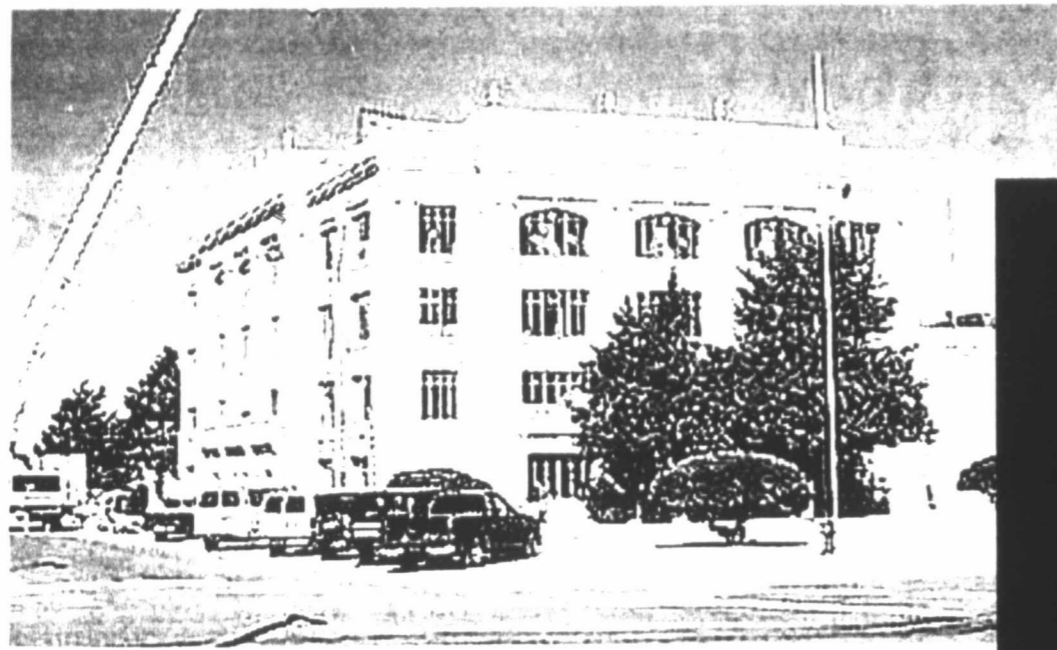
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Sharon lashes out at opposition over corruption charges

By **MARK LAVIE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — Fighting back against corruption allegations that could cost him the premiership, Ariel Sharon accused the opposition Labor Party of slander, before being yanked off the air by a judge monitoring fairness in Israel's election campaign.

"Shut Up Live," read a front-page headline Friday in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper, commenting on the unprecedented decision by Judge Mishael Cheshin, the chairman of the Central Election Commission, to stop

live TV and radio broadcasts of Sharon's prime time news conference Thursday.

Stations are banned from broadcasting "election propaganda" in the month before the Jan. 28 general election, except in special blocs set aside for campaign spots. Sharon's news conference continued without live coverage.

Sharon is under police investigation for a \$1.5 million loan from a South Africa-based businessman. His right-wing Likud party is also fighting off charges of underworld involvement and corruption in its internal elections.

The wave of scandals has wiped out most of his lead in the polls. Sharon now appears to face a virtual election tie, raising the possibility that dovish Amram Mitzna of Labor, who opposes Sharon's harsh policies toward the Palestinians, could form the next Israeli government.

Newspaper columns Friday focused on the interruption of Sharon's address.

"His news conference yesterday will be remembered mostly because it wasn't broadcast," wrote political commentator Nahum Barnea in Yediot. "Closing the microphone on a prime minister can

be called a historic incident."

The law banning "election propaganda" dates from a time when Israel had only one TV channel and two radio stations. Cheshin said earlier that he would enforce the law rigorously this year in an attempt to show that it must be repealed.

In the news conference, Sharon denied knowledge of the loan his sons took to cover the return of improper campaign funds from an earlier election. He insisted he had documents to prove he did nothing wrong and charged that Labor cooked up the scandals because it was behind in the polls.

"I never imagined that the behavior of the Labor party would be so irresponsible," he said. "They tried to turn all of us into the mafia, into organized crime, and all, for the sake of politics."

Rejecting Labor's demands that he resign because of the scandals, Sharon said he would not step down "because of a political provocation."

Sharon said his son Gilad arranged the loan to help him repay what Israel's state comptroller decided was an improper campaign contribution from an earlier election,

Rejecting Labor's demands that he resign because of the scandals, Sharon said he would not step down "because of a political provocation."

and that the loan was properly reported to the authorities.

"I did not know exactly how the money was obtained," Sharon maintained. "Everything was done the proper way ... There is no bribery."

"If the police want to come and interrogate me, let them come and ask questions. I have nothing to hide."

Avraham Burg, a leading Labor legislator, ridiculed Sharon's explanations. "A prime minister doesn't know what's going on in his own pocket?" Burg said. "How does he know what's going on in Israel?"

Also Thursday, the Israeli Supreme Court overturned Election Commission rulings and permitted two Arab Israeli candidates to stand for re-election. Last week the partisan commission, voting along party lines, tried to disqualify them, charging that

they supported Palestinian violence, but the court allowed them to run.

The ruling could be critical to the election outcome. Israeli Arabs make up more than one-sixth of Israel's population and traditionally vote heavily for left-wing parties.

Sharon called elections in November after Labor bolted his "national unity" government in a dispute over Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. Initial polls showed Sharon's Likud Party and its right-wing allies winning a comfortable majority in parliament.

The scandals have taken their toll, according to polls published Thursday that showed Likud and its bloc with only a tiny majority. Labor and its dovish allies still trail, with centrist parties apparently holding a pivotal role at this point.

Ennis Sisters



(Photo Courtesy Pampa Community Concert Association)

The Ennis Sisters, left to right, Karen, Maureen and Teresa, will perform at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium in Pampa at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. The trio was named Best Country Group at the Canadian Radio Music Awards, East Coast Music Award as Group of the Year, the Juno Award (Canada's most precious accolade) as Best New Country Artist or Group. The trio will also perform in Borger at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at Borger High School Auditorium and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Herral Memorial Auditorium. Local Community Concert members may attend any of the performances, as well as an instrumental performance by Proteus in Plainview at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Tickets and additional information may be obtained by contacting Ruth Riehart, 665-3362.

UN: War in Iraq may derail world economy

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The world economy is recovering more slowly than projected, and a war in Iraq could put a brake on further growth, according to a new U.N. forecast.

The slowdown has occurred across the globe with the notable exception of China, but growth has been especially weak in developing countries, a U.N. report released Thursday shows.

The global economy will grow by 2.75 percent this year, a bit better than last year's expansion of 1.7 percent. Previous forecasts said growth would pick up in the first half of 2003 but the report forecast a delay because of a host of global uncertainties.

"We are now looking forward to recovery in the second half of 2003," said Ian Kinniburgh, director of the U.N. Development Policy Analysis Division, which produced the report together with

the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development.

The report, titled the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2003, said the recovery is being held hostage to a number of imminent risks, particularly a war in Iraq.

"These tensions are already having a negative impact on global economic growth through the higher price of oil, rising economic uncertainty and the decrease in business and consumer confidence that they have generated," the report said.

It noted that the new figures take into consideration these troubles but not an escalation into military action, the impact of which would depend on the scale and duration of the conflict.

"It is clear to us, however, that an escalation of conflict in that area would only have damaging effects," Kinniburgh said. Above all, "it would create destruction

and havoc in the region itself."

Another potential threat to the global economy is its dependence on the United States, whose own recovery is hesitant, the report said.

The U.S. economy needs a short-term stimulus but not at the price of long-term fiscal stability, Kinniburgh said.

The report said the U.S. economy will likely grow by 3 percent this year, outstripping the European Union's 2 percent increase. Japan's economy, which contracted by 0.4 percent in 2002, will grow by 1 percent this year, the report predicted.

"The United States will continue to lead the global recovery, but without significant momentum," the report said. "With domestic demand lacking vigor, economic recovery in Japan and Western Europe continues to rely chiefly on external demand and will remain fragile."

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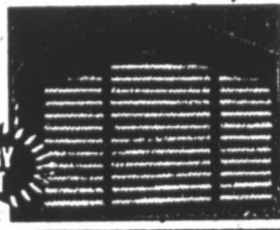
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Teen Unsure of What to Do To Help Her Bulimic Friend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl. Each day at lunch, my friend, Lily, runs to the bathroom right after she eats. I'm pretty sure she's throwing up. Lily's other friends agree with me, because one of them heard puking noises coming from a bathroom stall Lily went into.

I don't know what the word is for taking yourself throw up, but I do know it can ruin your health and could even kill you. My sister says that Lily needs to understand her behavior is dangerous to her health, but I'm afraid she'll feel betrayed if I tell her that.

ANONYMOUS
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DEAR ANONYMOUS: Lily is fortunate to have such a caring friend as you. The name for her problem is bulimia, and you are correct that it is very serious. Once people get into the habit of vomiting their food after eating, it may take professional intervention and therapy to stop.

I urge you to tell a trusted teacher or counselor at school what you have written to me. Lily's parents must be told that she has a serious problem. Her health and possibly her life could depend upon it. You should also tell your mother. I'm sure she'll be proud she has such an intelligent and proactive daughter.

DEAR ABBY: I am 52 and have been a widow for nearly 10 years. I am going with a wonderful guy, "Gus," who had quadruple bypass surgery a year ago. Gus is 53. He takes care of himself by watching his diet and doing aerobics. My mother thinks I should break up with him because of his health problems. I've also had health problems — a blood clot two years ago and total knee replacement early last year.

Gus and I love each other and feel we can support each other through our health challenges. Should I listen to my mother and lead a lonely life — or make a lifelong commitment to Gus?
HAPPY AGAIN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HAPPY AGAIN: Your mother means well, but listen to your heart. It's not the length of your years, but how well you live them that counts. Since Gus takes care of himself, you could both live long, happy lives together.

DEAR ABBY: I appreciated learning about the VISION USA free eye-care program that was recently mentioned in your column, but I want you and your readers to know that there are also other assistance programs available. Every day I see working people who can't afford insurance for themselves and their families. That is where the Lions clubs come in. Many Lions clubs provide assis-

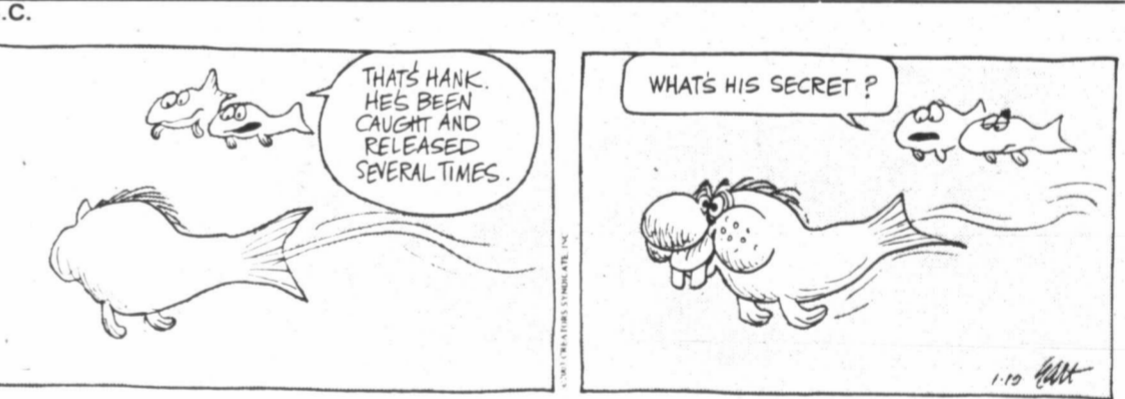
tance with free eye care (exams, glasses and surgery) for those in need. There are approximately 1.4 million members in more than 44,600 clubs in 190 countries. Over the years, the Lions have extended their service to help with hearing exams, hearing aids and medical assistance for diabetics. We work with local eye-care professionals to help children and adults.

To get in touch with your local Lions club, check community resources or visit www.lionsclubs.org. We are ordinary citizens trying to help needy people in our local areas. We also support youth programs, community development, recycling and much more. Thank you, Abby, for your longtime support of the Lions clubs throughout the world.

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Crossword Puzzle

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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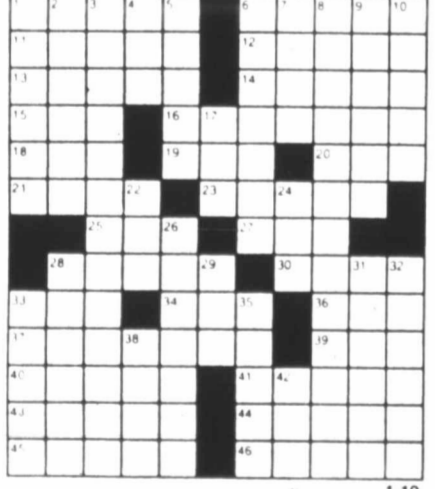
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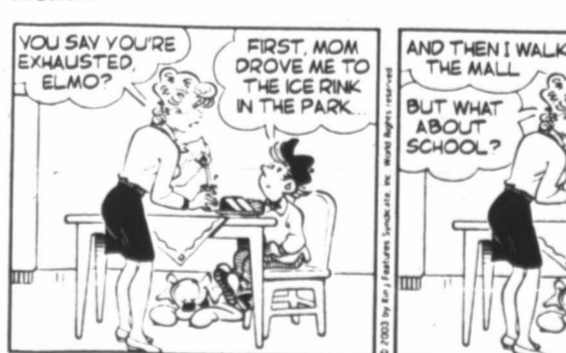


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SPORTS

Copeland is named Optimist boys' basketball commissioner

PAMPA — Ed Copeland was appointed Boys' Basketball Commissioner for the Pampa Optimist Youth Club this week, according to Ron Carr, Optimist second vice-president.

Registration of third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys is currently under way through the Optimist web site: www.Optimist.Pampa.com. Additional registration will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Optimist Building at 601 E. Craven. Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 13 through Jan. 16 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Optimist Gym. Each boy is required to attend at least two of the tryout sessions.

"We are really pleased to have Ed with his background and experience lead our boys' basketball program," Carr said. "He has coached



Ed Copeland

Optimist basketball for two years and Optimist baseball for four years. He has coached soccer for nine years.

Copeland is in his third year as Community Service Coordinator with the Gray County Adult Probation

Department. He is a deacon in the Faith Advent Christian Fellowship Church. Copeland and his wife, Amanda, have two children, Colby 12, and Haley 9.

"I think registering through the Internet is a pretty neat system," Copeland said. "It's much easier to register at work, at home or even Lovett Library rather than coming down to the Optimist Club and standing in line. It will help with scheduling, make-ups and tournaments to be able to go on line and obtain that information."

"My son played Optimist basketball for the last four years," Copeland continued. "It helps for boys to learn the basics at an early age. I'm excited and honored to be able to serve in the capacity of commissioner."

Campo goes to Browns

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Former Dallas coach Dave Campo was hired as Cleveland's new defensive coordinator on Friday, reuniting him with Browns coach Butch Davis.

Campo and Davis worked together for six years as defensive assistants on the Cowboys' staff, helping Dallas win two Super Bowls. The two also coached at the University at Miami.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work with Butch Davis," Campo said Friday. "We had a great working relationship at the University of Miami and with the Dallas Cowboys, and I have a great deal of respect for him."

Davis said Campo is "an outstanding person, and a tremendous teacher and he will have a significant impact on our players."

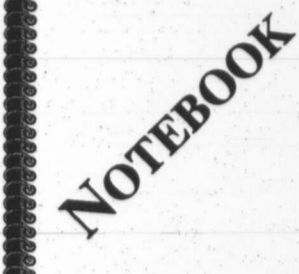
The 55-year-old Campo was fired on Dec. 30 after leading the Cowboys to their

third straight 5-11 season. He had also interviewed for Seattle's defensive coordinator's job but decided to join Davis' staff.

The Browns' position opened up Tuesday when 63-year-old Foge Fazio announced his retirement, two days after Cleveland blew a 17-point lead in the second half of a 36-33 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC playoffs.

Fazio was criticized for using only three linemen to rush quarterback Tommy Maddox on the Steelers' final two scoring drives.

Campo coached the Cowboys secondary from 1991-94. Davis was Dallas' defensive coordinator in 1993-94. Campo took over the Cowboys defense when Davis left to take the head coaching job at Miami in 1995 and stayed in that role until he was named head coach before the 2000 season.



VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's, adult volleyball league.

Men's and women's 4 x 4 (four players on each team) divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

Entry deadline is Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Jan. 20.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of eight (5) players.

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

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Priest Holmes accomplished in 14 games what many players can't in two full seasons. His reward: The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year award.

The dynamic running back for the Kansas City Chiefs was on pace to shatter several NFL records before a deep hip bruise sidelined him for the final two games. Still, Holmes set 10 team records, including 1,615 yards rushing and 21 TDs. He also had three scores as a receiver, and the 24 TDs were two short of Marshall Faulk's league mark.

FOOTBALL

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Three months ago, Randy Velarde was fairly certain that he had just played the last game of his major league baseball career.

In October, after his Oakland Athletics lost to the Minnesota Twins in the American League Division Series, Velarde told sportswriters he was calling it quits after 16 years in the major leagues.

Now, he's not so sure. "When you think of retirement, those people are 65," he said in an interview with the Midland Reporter-Telegram. "I'm still young in life. There's only so much golfing and hunting and fishing you can do."

Velarde said he learned in a meeting with his agent two weeks ago that several clubs are interested in him.

"The news left possibilities for this season. There were some bites from the right kind of clubs, but the agent didn't want to get my hopes up," Velarde said. "There's no question I can still be a productive player. Now it's a matter of hand-picking the team I want to play for."

Velarde has come close to being on a world champion team. He was in post-season play each of the last three seasons with Oakland, but the Athletics were unable to go all the way.

He played for the Yankees the first nine years of his career, from 1987 to 1995, and the year after he left them, the Yankees went on a string in which they won four of the next five series.

Lawsuit thrown for loss

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A federal magistrate turned down a disabled activist's request Thursday to block the Super Bowl.

Beverly Walker had sought a federal court order to prevent San Diego from hosting the Jan. 26 NFL title game at Qualcomm Stadium unless the city complied with a 2001 settlement aimed at expanding access for the disabled at the arena.

Magistrate Judge Leo Papas spent five hours touring Qualcomm Stadium earlier Thursday and found that the city had made a major effort to comply with the settlement. While the job wasn't done, Papas said the full-time use of the stadium nine months a

year made it difficult for the city to complete the work.

"Viewed in that context it makes it difficult for the city to finish," Papas said.

"It's like a contractor trying to remodel while the homeowners are holding parties."

Walker said she wasn't surprised at the judge's ruling.

"The NFL is a big entity and probably ... would not be stopped, no matter what," she said after the hearing.

The ruling was met with relief by attorneys for the city and the NFL.

"I expected it. I'm still very glad it's been resolved," said attorney Kenneth Fitzgerald, who represented the NFL.

Tech has new running backs coach

LUBBOCK, Texas - Texas Tech head football coach Mike Leach named former

graduate assistant Bill Bedenbaugh running backs coach, filling the position vacated by Art Briles, who was named head coach at the University of Houston in December.

"Bill is an incredible coach and person," Leach said. "He has a complete understanding of our offense and is more experienced in our offense than anyone on staff besides me."

Bedenbaugh was a graduate assistant at Texas Tech during Leach's first three seasons and worked primarily with the offensive line.

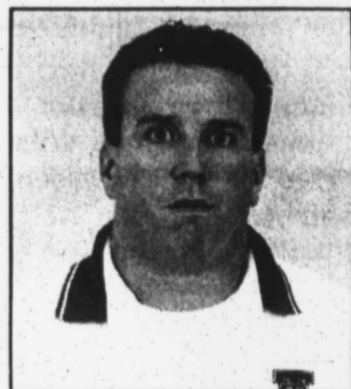
His work with the offensive line alongside O-line coach

Robert Anae enabled the Tech passing game to lead the Big 12 Conference for the third-straight season and allow the running game to turn in its best performance since 1999.

Prior to his appointment at Texas Tech in 2000, Bedenbaugh was the offensive line coach and running game coordinator at Ferris State in 1999. He coached two all-conference linemen and was named NCAA Division II Coordinator of the Year.

Additionally, Bedenbaugh was a graduate assistant at Central Michigan in 1997 and 1998 and coached with Leach at Valdosta State in 1996. He also was the offensive line at Oklahoma Panhandle State in 1995.

The St. Charles, Ill., native earned a degree in business in 1995 from Iowa Wesleyan, where he played for Leach and was a four-year starter. He received a master's degree in sport management from Texas Tech in 2001.



Bill Bedenbaugh

Donkey Basketball coming to Pampa

PAMPA — Wednesday, January 22 promises to be a night of thrills and spills.

That's when Donkey Basketball comes to Pampa with local celebrities teaming up to shoot hoops while trying to stay atop some contrary animals.

Pampa Lions Club is sponsoring the event as a fund-raiser for the club's various projects.

Mayor Lonnie Robbins heads the list of 31 celebrities who will be on the floor for the 7 p.m. tipoff in McNeely Fieldhouse. Mayor Robbins will be joined by such notables as City Manager Mitch Grant, District Attorney Rick Roach, Pampa High quarterback John Braddock, Pampa High swim coach Amy Howard, Amarillo KFDA sports reporter Tiffany Saunders, Pampa KGRO-KOMX sports announcer Donnie Hooper and hospital administrator Norman Stevens.

Advance tickets are five dollars and tickets at the gate are six dollars. For ticket information, call 665-2323.

Reports: Payton leaving Giants for Cowboys

DALLAS (AP) — Offensive coordinator Sean Payton is leaving the New York Giants to join Bill Parcells with the Dallas Cowboys.

Several published reports Friday said Payton will become the Cowboys' assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach, with an official announcement expected as early as Friday.

Payton's departure from the Giants had been expected after he was stripped of play-calling duties by head coach Jim Fassel midway through the season. The 39-year-old Payton had called plays for the Giants since midway through the 1999 season.

Other celebrities expected to suit up are Buddy Allen of Cabot, Dr. J.A. Johnson, DDS, Pampa High coach Andy Cavalier, Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, PHS band director Jason Jones, Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey, Sue Fatheree of Culligan Water Conditioning, Peggy Coleman of Rural Metro, Rev. I.L. Patrick, Texas DPS trooper Damon Jones, Dr. Dan Powell, MD, florist Brandon Richards, KVII meteorologist Cam Moore, Jackie Curtis of Curtis Well Service, Pampa Middle School coach Sam Haynes, Tim Huckins of Celanese, Pampa Middle School teacher Randy Milligan, Pat Robertson of KEFH, firefighter Rick Littlefield, Rick Smith of Titan Specialties, Gene Rains of Titan Specialties, Pampa High senior Taryn Fallon and Shawn Clifton of Clifton Supply.

Circle A Donkey Ranch of Henry, Tenn. is furnishing the donkeys.

Payton would not confirm that he was leaving when reached Thursday by the New York Daily News. Parcells and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones couldn't be reached for comment.

"I don't know if that's accurate or not," Giants vice president John V. Mara said. Payton had one year left on his contract in New York.

The hiring of Payton likely means that no one from the Cowboys' current offensive staff will be retained. Quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson is the only holdover from Dave Campo's offensive staff. Wilson has two years remaining on his contract.

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McNabb, Eagles should soar over Falcons

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The oddsmakers don't buy the argument that Michael Vick can cancel out Donovan McNabb in Philadelphia.

They look at the Falcons and Eagles overall, which is why the Eagles are favored by 7 1/2 in their matchup in Philadelphia on Saturday night.

Even Dan Reeves acknowledges that crumbling Veterans Stadium, in its final season, will be a tough place for his Falcons to play.

"They've got great fan support," says Reeves, who visited Philadelphia often as a player and assistant coach with Dallas and as head coach of the New York

Giants. "So we just go from Lambeau Field to Veterans Stadium. We go from one tough place to another."

The difference this week is that they're playing a healthier team, with McNabb back from his broken ankle. McNabb even thinks he'll be able to scramble — not like Vick, perhaps — but well enough to put the threat of the run in the minds of the Atlanta defenders.

If Atlanta has any edge, it's that it has already played a night game in cold weather — this is another 8 p.m. Saturday start.

But the bottom line is that the Eagles, especially with McNabb, are the NFL's best team.

And they were 11-0 against NFC teams until losing their final game to the

Playoff Picks

Giants in the Meadowlands.

Go with the field. Go with the better team.

EAGLES, 31-11.

New York Jets (plus 5 1/2) at Oakland

This spread sounds just like the Monday night meeting between these two, won by the Raiders 26-20.

But that was a game New York could have won. Chad Pennington had a rare brain warp in that one, and the Jets were threatening when time ran out.

The Jets are everyone's favorite underdog after their 41-0 demolition of the Colts. Sure, Indianapolis didn't show up, but Pennington has

been near-perfect since taking over for Vinny Testaverde — his coaches think he's starting to play like a young Joe Montana.

OK, that's premature. Maybe he's just a young Rich Gannon, who will be running the Raiders' offense. But Charles Woodson and Tory James, the Raiders' cornerbacks, will play hurt, meaning Laveranues Coles, Wayne Chrebet and Santana Moss will have room.

This will be the fourth game in Oakland for the Jets in the past two seasons, so they should feel at home.

Upset special.
JETS 24-23.

San Francisco (plus 5) at Tampa Bay

Any team with Jeff Garcia throwing to Terrell Owens is

never out of a game, as the 49ers proved in coming back from 24 points down against the Giants last week.

But they may have spent too much emotion and energy in that game to come back against the rested Bucs, who will have quarterback Brad Johnson back to get their offense restarted. Johnson is a lot like Kerry Collins, who shredded their defense for most of last week's game.

And...

Tampa Bay's defense is too solid to melt down the way New York's did last week, especially at home.

BUCS, 26-17

Pittsburgh (plus 4) at Tennessee

This is a replay of a 31-23 Titans win — the game in which Tommy Maddox

injured his spine.

Maddox is back — the comeback player of the year for his emergence from nowhere and then from that injury. Last week, he rallied the Steelers from a 17-point deficit against Cleveland.

But the Titans are lurking quietly — nobody really seems to have noticed they finished the season with 10 wins in 11 games. No Tennessee player made the Pro Bowl, although line-backer Keith Bulluck made second-team All-Pro.

Tennessee is a solid overall team playing at home. The Steelers allowed a backup QB to throw for 429 yards last week.

TITANS, 31-23

LAST WEEK: 3-1 (spread) 2-2 (straight up).

Optimist web site is busy place for boys' basketball registration

PAMPA — On line registration for Optimist Boys' Basketball for third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders has been brisk, according to Ed Copeland, boys' basketball commissioner.

"Last year we had 120 boys play basketball," Copeland said. "Since Monday 46 have signed up through www.Optimist.Pampa.com, the Optimist web site. We will be having additional registration at the Optimist Club tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m."

"It was easier than I thought it would be to register through the Internet," said Judd Wilson, who registered his son, Madison, through his computer at work.

"I stood in line for an hour and a half in another sport to sign my daughter up," a mother said. "It only took about five minutes for me to sign my son up for basketball through the

Internet."

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is experimenting with on line registration to see if they can increase participation and reduce bottlenecks at registration.

If the experiment is successful in boys' basketball, other Optimist sports will probably adopt on line registration.

"Boys who sign up through the Internet before tomorrow are guaranteed to be placed on a team," Copeland explained. "Others may have to be placed on a waiting list. We are still several coaches short of being able to serve as many boys as we had last year. We plan to limit each team to no more than eight or nine players to increase playing time. We are combining our third and fourth graders into one league and our fifth and sixth graders in another league."

Switzer's charm was a major hook in college recruiting

FORT WORTH, Texas — The coach, pounding the Buffaloes in Boulder, Colo., picks up the phone: "You watching us? We just hung half a hundred on these guys!"

The kid, pumping gas at C.J.'s Conoco in Hooks, Texas, answers: "Is this ..."

The coach: "Damn right, sittin' here on a pay phone in the locker room. I gotta go finish this boot-kicking. Call you later."

The kid: "Wow."

And that's how Barry Switzer lured Billy Sims to win the Heisman Trophy at the University of Oklahoma.

While today's coaches use their immaculate facilities, storied traditions and even friendly female escorts to recruit the finest football players, Switzer became the most successful recruiter in the history of college football by taking the folksy charm coaches had

never had into black players' homes, where coaches had never been.

"We were beating the crap out of Colorado, so I had nothing to say or do at halftime," Switzer said of his impromptu but important call to Sims, who ran his way to the 1978 Heisman. "I saw a pay phone in the corner and decided to call Billy. The ref finally came in and tapped me on the shoulder, and I had to go back out. But Billy knew where I was and knew what I was doing. He knew I wasn't going to hang up and call some other recruits. He knew he was special, and so did I."

Rules, perceptions and eras have been altered since Switzer broke records by breaking down the color barrier in the 1970s.

When the 2003 recruiting season kicks off next week, college coaches, now limited to six off-campus evaluation days and six face-to-face contacts with players,

will rely on costly scouting services, a network of talent evaluators and a color-blind approach in hopes of improving their teams.

To build his crimson-and-cream dynasty, Switzer, the fourth-winningest coach in college football history, not only had a school worth selling but also minimal recruiting rules that allowed him 55 scholarships and five full-time recruiters stationed around the country.

But mostly, Switzer relied on his past and his presence.

"Barry could do what a lot of other coaches at the time couldn't do, and that was feel comfortable in a black home," said Cowboys scouting director Larry Lacey, a longtime friend who coached Switzer's defense in 1977. "He thought nothing of going in, taking off his shoes, propping up his feet and talking to mama for hours before he ever mentioned a word

about football. He was a great B-S'er."

Growing up in the integrated poverty of Crossett, Ark., Switzer had the blue-collar, black-friendly upbringing to relate to the explosion of rising stars. He was so charismatic you'd bet on him selling humility to Antonio Bryant.

Or, as he did to Laceywell, have an affair with his wife, only to persuade Laceywell to join his coaching staff and later have Laceywell recommend him for a head coaching job in the NFL.

"My daddy was a bootlegger, a loan shark, and he got shot by a black woman who caught him sleeping with another black woman," Switzer said. "So I'd say I was in touch with black communities. Other coaches at major programs were uncomfortable in black homes, and the families could sense it. Did that give me an advantage? Hell, yes."

At a time when most schools still had a quota system, still had a white hierarchy of trustees, regents, presidents, alumni and coaches. And I guess I was one of the few coaches who knew how to make the black families comfortable in their own home."

While others entered poor homes with suits, ties, briefcases, entourages and tension, Switzer notoriously walked in by himself and wound up staying for supper.

"I knew those families had been scurrying around all day cleaning house and they were scared to death," Switzer said. "One of the first things I tried to do was to remove the intimidation."

Said former Sooners tight end Keith Jackson, "He was the only coach who didn't make my mom nervous."

Trail Blazers hold off Spurs' rally

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland's Derek Anderson quickly shook off any weariness he was feeling.

Anderson capped a grueling game against San Antonio with two aggressive layups and a pair of free throws as the Trail Blazers held off the rallying Spurs 90-87 Thursday night.

"At the end of the game, you can't be passive," Anderson said simply.

With the score tied at 80, Portland's Dale Davis hit a turnaround jumper and Anderson added a layup with 1:30 left.

San Antonio's Tim Duncan scored, and his free throw pulled the Spurs to 84-83. But Scottie Pippen's running jumper stretched the Blazers' lead and Anderson's driving layup with 17 seconds left put them ahead 88-83.

Duncan narrowed it to 88-85 with 7.7 seconds to go, but Tony Parker fouled Anderson. He made both free throws, and Parker's layup with a second left didn't matter.

"It was a tough drive for

him," Pippen said about Anderson's second layup. "In the late stages of the game, that's what you have to do: Take the ball to the hole."

Pippen and Jackson each had 19 points for the Blazers, who have won 11 of their last 13.

Stephen Jackson had 18 points and Parker added 17 for the Spurs, whose three-game winning streak ended.

Duncan got 23 points against slumping Seattle on Wednesday night, but the Blazers held him to just 12. Ave aging 30 points in his previous five games, he voiced his frustration in the first half when he missed an open jumper from the top of the key.

"Get in there!" he exclaimed after the ball failed to drop. "I had a few shots I flat-out missed, and defensively they surrounded me," Duncan said. "I struggled."

Damon Stoudamire, who has been benched for nine of Portland's last 11 games and has publicly complained about his diminished role, came into the game to a rousing ovation in the

third quarter and immediately sparked a rally. He earned an assist when Arvydas Sabonis' 3-pointer made it 52-49.

Stoudamire's 3-pointer put the Blazers ahead 61-53 with 39 seconds left in the quarter.

"Sometimes you need a little energy, and Damon came in and did a heck of a job — to step in and make the shots that he made and run the ball like he did," Cheeks said.

But the Spurs kept it close, tying it at 78 on Jackson's 3-pointer with 3:52 left in the game. Malik Rose made a pair of free throws to put the Spurs ahead 80-78, but Anderson converted a pair of his own for Portland to tie it at 80.

Notes: Pippen passed Mark Aguirre for 44th on the NBA's career scoring list with a dunk in the first quarter. Pippen has 18,477 points. ... Even before the game, Stoudamire was concerned about his place. "I'm 29 years old, I'm in the prime of my career and I can't get any minutes," he said.



Judd Wilson registered his son, Madison, for Optimist Boys' Basketball over the Internet from his computer at W&W Filberglass Tank Co. Parents wishing to register their sons for Optimist Boys' Basketball may do so on line at www.Optimist.Pampa.com. Additional registrations will be received at the Optimist Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Thursday's College Basketball
Major Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Massachusetts 66, Columbia 47
Monmouth, N.J. 75, Long Island U. 74

SOUTH
Belmont 103, Gardner-Webb 86
Denver 71, Fla. International 60
Liberty 74, High Point 70
McNeese St. 71, Northwestern St. 56
Morehead St. 75, E. Illinois 71
Murray St. 64, Tennessee Tech 52
New Orleans 65, New Mexico St. 55
SE Missouri 93, E. Kentucky 77
Samford 62, Campbell 53
South Alabama 93, Louisiana-Lafayette 89
Stephen F. Austin 66, Nicholls St. 39
Tenn.-Martin 66, Austin Peay 64
Texas-Arlington 65, SE Louisiana 50
Troy St. 77, Florida Atlantic 72

MIDWEST
Butler 81, Loyola of Chicago 74, OT
Ill.-Chicago 102, Wis.-Milwaukee 92
Michigan St. 66, Ohio St. 55
UMKC 80, Chicago St. 70
Wright St. 67, Detroit 64
Youngstown St. 57, Cleveland St. 55

SOUTHWEST
Middle Tennessee 65, Arkansas St. 58
SW Texas 69, Sam Houston St. 60
Texas-San Antonio 81, Lamar 79, OT
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Louisiana Tech 80, San Jose St. 67
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Neveda 78, UTPEP 66
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Stanford 57, Oregon St. 54
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UC Santa Barbara 62, Idaho 53
Utah St. 81, Cal Poly-SLO 67

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance
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Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4

AFC
N.Y. Jets 41, Indianapolis 0
NFC
Atlanta 27, Green Bay 7
Sunday, Jan. 5

AFC
Pittsburgh 36, Cleveland 33
San Francisco 39, N.Y. Giants 38

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11

AFC
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 12

NFC
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
AFC
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
AFC Championship and NFC Championship
3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, TBA (ABC)



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1 Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Pampa Independent School District is seeking to hire an architect with experience and qualifications to design and oversee the construction of a girls' soft pitch softball complex. Interested architects need to call Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, at (806)669-4700, to schedule a presentation for Wednesday, January 29, 2003.
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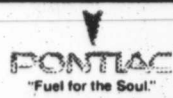
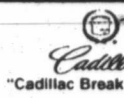
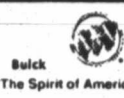
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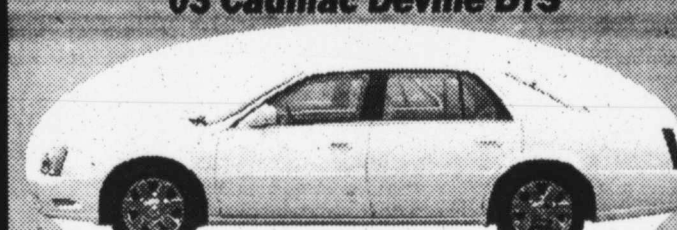


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