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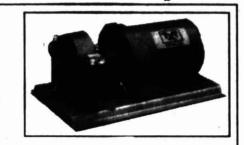
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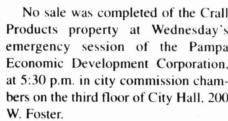
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PEDC turns down latest Crall bid

By MARILYN POWERS

STAFF WRITER



"N & T Specialty Welding and Manufacturing, Inc. is prepared to buy exam and structural exam. We would the land, buildings and fixtures for take the property as is, and ask for title are not asking the economic develop- and a copy of any existing appraisal. ment board to defer any time for Robert Finney, a Pampa attorney repre- told board members.

Larry Norton, all of Pampa.

Finney said that financing had been No sale was completed of the Crall arranged for the purchase, and asked Products property at Wednesday's that any appraisal of the property, on emergency session of the Pampa West Highway 152, be furnished to N Economic Development Corporation, & T to fulfill a requirement of the at 5:30 p.m. in city commission chamlender. He also requested a copy of tax bers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 information and any tax notices concerning the property.

"We would waive an environmental

"We are unable to make any offer receipt of payment. We are prepared to for the equipment. PEDC has no ownclose once the title work is done and ership interest. As we understand it, the issue of taxes is addressed. If the you have lend status only, no foreclooffer is accepted, N & T is agreeable to sure on the equipment. There is also purchasing insurance at the time of the status of any other lenders to con-

senting N & T. Partners in N & T are "N & T is capable of acquiring and they would not get a clear title of own-

open the doors once ownership is sale of equipment be separated from granted to us, to commence business the \$125,000 sought for the buildings operation," he said.

After an executive session lasting about 35 minutes, PEDC board mem- meeting, \$125,000 was asked for the ber Steve Phillips moved to accept an land and buildings," Finney said, referoffer of \$125,000 for the building and ring to the PEDC board meeting held land at Crall Products, but asked for an Monday, at which N & T first made an additional \$40,000 for equipment, offer to buy Crall Products. making a total of \$165,000, under the same conditions stated by Finney. equipment note. You countered with Board member Bill Allison seconded \$100,000 and we agreed to consider \$125,000. This is an all-cash offer. We insurance, taxes brought up to date, the move, which was followed by dis-

> this an unviable opportunity for N & T. PEDC Board President Doug Locke. There is no owner investment by

Jeanne Townson, Jimmy Townson and furnishing its own equipment, and can ership to it. He asked that the potential and land.

"We understand that at the last

"We offered \$125,000 plus the and offered us \$125,000, and that is "Adding of the equipment makes what we considered tonight," said

"Our position is that we're not real-PEDC in that equipment. We have ly in a position to go out and foreclose been in contact with NBC Bank con- on that equipment or take possession of cerning other equipment items," that equipment ourselves, and we feel possession of the premises," said sider regarding the equipment," Finney Finney said. He explained that if N & it's important to include the equipment T were to buy any of the equipment, in the offer. We have no ability to (See PEDC, Page 3)

Commission passes five ordinances

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE been called for final reading of **EDITOR**

quorum than it took to com- mission to cancel the Dec. 23 plete the meeting of the scheduled meeting. Pampa City Commission

Wednesday afternoon. the special meeting was Wednesday meeting. It was scheduled to begin, City unclear why Andrews or Manager Mitch Grant was on Dixon were not present. a cell phone in the City Commission Chamber of City cials, Curry's plans had Hall trying to find out if changed and she arrived at the Commissioner Jeff Andrews meeting in time to form a quowould be able to attend the rum. meeting and complete the number needed for a quorum.

Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Jeff McCormick were already Commissioners Andrews, Robert Dixon and Faustina Curry were absent.

The special meeting had

several ordinances that were approved in Tuesday's regular It took longer to gather a meeting, allowing the com-

Curry had said Tuesday that she was leaving town and At 4 p.m. yesterday, when would not be able to attend the

To the relief of city offi-

Once seated, commissioners completed the six-item agenda in six minutes flat.

They passed on final reading an ordinance amending this year's budget to allow the purchase of a \$22,000 trash vacuum for the landfill. The (See CITY, Page 3)



Reviewing final drawings for the proposed chapel are, from left, Ray Hupp, Assistant Warden Kay McCleary, Warden Chris Bell (seated), Ken Steele, Chaplain Willard Kiper and Jack Reeve. Other Jordan Chapel Builders board members include Richard Anderson, Curt Beck, Ron Easley, Stan Franke, Reed Kirkpatrick and Don Zumstein.

Getting closer ...

Jordan Chapel Builders finish architectural drawings for \$650,000 prison spiritual center

After two years of work, Jordan Chapel foundations for grants. Builders announce the completion of architeclocation drawing is under way.

\$650,000 for a no-frills chapel consisting of an materials. Construction will not begin until independently fenced 7,800 square-foot steel funding is complete building inside the prison perimeter. The the unit, includes a sanctuary for seating 300, P.O. Box 1355, Pampa, Texas, 79065. an altar area seating 24, a library, two classrooms for 50 people each, an office area for Statement is as follows: two chaplains, two counseling rooms and restroom facilities for inmates and staff.

To date, the Jordan Chapel Builders have raised approximately \$30,000 toward the project, all within Pampa. The Board is now targeting raising an additional \$70,000 in Pampa for construction of a chapel at the Jordan Prison before approaching area, state and national Unit in Pampa

Financial assistance is sought in terms of tural drawings for chapel construction and a cash contributions, pledges based on specific dates or at a time to allow initiation of con-The complete project cost is estimated at struction, or in-kind contribution of services or

Anyone interested in the project can learn chapel, to be located in the southeast corner of more by contacting the Jordan Chapel Builders,

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- with their creator;
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Police officials warn: Beware of elder scam Pampa Police Department officials warn residents to be on

the alert for a group of individuals, mostly white females, who are contacting senior citizens asking for help.

The individuals are presenting bogus notes from area church pastors stating that it is all right to give the females money. The money will be repaid to the citizens by the pastor(s), which is untrue, according to Detective Connie Lockridge.

Once the suspects gain the person's trust, they may enter the home and take property, such as checks, which will later be forged. They may continue to ask for larger amounts of

The suspects have stated that money is needed for sick and/or dying children, for rent, food or other necessities. In some cases, they are asking citizens for a ride to houses where "vials" are purchased for "breathing treatments." These claims are also untrue, Lockridge said.

(See SCAM, Page 3)





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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CAMPAIGNE, William Edward "Bill" — Memorial services, 10 a.m., St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Pampa.

COURTNEY, Jewell "Adams" Weatherford — Burial 10 a.m., Hoisington Cemetery, Hoisington, Kan.

MASSENGALE, Juanita "Sis" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

PIRKLE, Annie Pearl — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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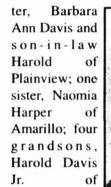
1917-2003

Annie Pearl Pirkle, 86, died Wednesday, ter, Dec. 10, in Plainview. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Carl Harold Novian, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory ☐ Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pirkle was born Nov. 23, 1917, in Quanah to Jim and Lenora Templeton. She married James Vernon Pirkle in Eldorado, Okla., on June 16, 1934. During their married life they lived in Hall County, Dalhart, and Pampa. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker and he was a firefighter. She was a member of the Fireman's Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church of Pampa. She moved to Plainview in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband in February 1985, two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include one son, Joe D. Pirkle and

daughter-in-law Yvie of Amarillo; one daugh- www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Rockport, J.D. Davis of Austin, Glen Davis of Lubbock and Glenn L. Cavett of Wichita Falls; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, Texas, 79106 or Vistacare Family Hospice of Plainview, 4418 Olton Rd., Plainview, Texas, 79072.

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JUANITA 'SIS' MASSENGALE

1908-2003

Juanita "Sis" Massengale, Directors. 95, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Jan. 4, 1908, in Bell County, Pampa. Services will be at 10 Texas, and came to Pampa that a.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at same year. She was a graduate Carmichael-Whatley Colonial of Miami High School and Chapel with the Rev. Robin attended West Texas State Gantz, pastor of the First Teachers College in Canyon. Presbyterian Church of She was the first student and Clarendon, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

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Survivors include a daughter, Nita Tomlinson and husband Mart of Marble Falls; a granddaughter, Cara Tomlinson of Austin; two sisters, Minnie Olive Jackson and Roberta Pugh, both of Pampa; and sev-

The family requests memo-Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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1910-2003

MABLE ALICE JOHNSON

Mable Alice Johnson, 93, of Amarillo, Texas, died Nov. 27, 2003, at McLean, Texas. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at the Canyons Retirement Community, 2200 W. 7th in Amarillo, with the Rev. Dennis Westover, chaplain, officiating. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Johnson was born May 8, 1910, in Caddo, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1934 until moving to Amarillo in 1996. She received her bachelors and masters degrees from West Texas State University in Canyon.

She taught first and second grades in Pampa schools and taught at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Pampa.

She married Jarvis Johnson in 1932 in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1994. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in 1934.

Survivors include a son, Morris Johnson of Pampa; two daughters-in-law, Bertha Johnson of Pampa and Pat Johnson of Dallas; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jarvis Johnson, Jr., in 1993 and John Johnson in 1999, and by a daughter, Jarvine Johnson in 1934.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or a favorite charity.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, Dec. 8

was reported in the 400 block of East Browning. The report was determined to be unfounded.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 Assault by threat was West Crane.

Simple assault by threat was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

A two-vehicle accident was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart. Melissa Parker Cain, 40, 1809 N. Beech, was arrested

for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Natasha Nicole McGill. 22, 130 S. Sumner, was A possible suicide attempt arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sergio Mena, 37, Borger, was arrested on a Hutchinson County charge of assault causing bodily injury. Estaban Nabarro Barela,

reported in the 1000 block of 73, 605 Campbell, was arrested for public intoxica-

Thursday, Dec. 11

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Ripley. The vehicle was locked, with no signs of forced entry. A wallet and its contents was taken, for an estimated loss of \$80.

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10 Jerod Jerome Matlock 20, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500, and theft over \$20 and under \$500.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Larry Dean Fernandez 26, 417 N. Wynne, was arrested for resisting arrest evading arrest, failure to identify and disorderly conduct/language.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents

Wednesday, Dec. 10 7:01 p.m. - A 1995 Dodge Intrepid, driven by Melissa Parker Cain, 40 1809 Beech, and a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Deputy Morse Edwin Burroughs, 50, of Gray Sheriff's Office, were in collision in the 2100 block of North Hobart. Cain was cited for driving while

intoxicated. No injuries

were reported at the scene. 8:15 p.m. – A 1990 Toyota Corolla driven by Anita Rodriguez, 25, 430 Russell, and a 2003 Dodge pickup driven by Alfredo Marquez, 36, 1905 Chestnut, were in collision in the 200 block of West Randy Matson. Rodriguez was cited for driving with out headlights. No injuries were reported at the scene.

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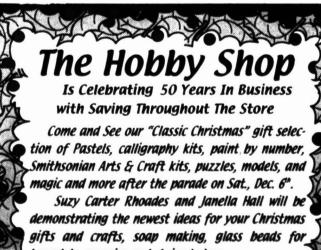
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At Monday's meeting, N & T had first offered \$80,000 for the building, land and equipment at Crall Property. PEDC board members proposed a counteroffer of \$125,000 for the buildings and land, plus an additional \$44,593 for the equipment in which PEDC has

an interest. The PEDC offer would have allowed a down payment, with the balance due at closing. N & T representatives left the meeting but returned minutes later with an offer of \$100,000 for the building and land, exclusive of

PEDC board members voted to call Wednesday's emergency session to further consider N & T's offer and any other offers due to concerns

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MAD VAC is used to pick up trash that flies out of the landfill and lands on fences and surrounding land.

In the past, inmates from the local prison units have picked up the trash, Richard Morris, director of public works, explained at the meeting Tuesday. The practice now has been curtailed, and city employees have had to spend time away from their other duties to clean up the rubbish. He said the new equipment will short the pick-up time and lessen the number of employees need to do the work.

The landfill ended the year with excess revenues of \$267,713 which will pay for the equipment, said Finance Director John Horst. The remaining funds will go toward building the multimillion dollar Cell 3, he said.

An ordinance finalizing the zoning change for the land designated for the new Wal-Mart Supercenter from agricultural to commercial passed unanimously. Commissioners also finalized

the final plat for the Wal-

equipment.

Mart Addition. The plat is posted on the east wall of the City Commission Chambers.

Commissioners approved on final reading an amendment to a sign ordinance that sets height and area limitations for ground signs. This ordinance is also related to the Wal-Mart Supercenter and allows the placement of a larger sign than was previously allowed. It sets the height limit of 75 feet above street level. It must not exceed 200 square feet in area, however a round sign may exceed that amount by .5 square foot per linear front feet of street frontage up to 400 square feet of sign

The commission also passed an ordinance eliminating the Cable Advisory Commission. City officials plan to form an appointed committee to do the work previously done by the Cable Advisory Commission.

No action was taken ordinance eliminating the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board, which was listed on the agenda, after failing on first reading at the Tuesday night session.

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SCAM

"The police department encourages citizens to be wary of these individuals. It is disheartening that at this time of year, when the spirit of helping each other is at its highest, these ruthless individuals use this spirit against our citizens," Lockridge said.

The scam was first reported this month, with the most recent report received Wednesday by the police department. One woman gave the suspects \$500, Lockridge said. Several suspects are under investigation in the open case, she said.

Lockridge asks that citizens contact the police depart-

ment at 669-5700 if they are approached by someone for the above reasons. She urges residents to be cautious about opening their homes to these individuals.



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about Crall Products employees. Several employees were at Monday night's meeting and said they had walked off the job at 4 p.m. that day. One employee expressed doubts about payroll being met Friday. The Wednesday session was called under Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code "it having been determined that the future welfare of Crall Products employees generates an urgent public necessity," according to the agenda for the

"The equipment is owned by Crall Products. The PEDC has a note on it. We loaned the owner money to buy the equipment. The note is current as far as payment is concerned, with yesterday's payment. We want to sell that note with the property so we have nothing further to do with that property," said Locke in a telephone interview with The Pampa News this

At the beginning of Wednesday's meeting, Locke had announced that John Horst, city finance director, had that day received \$1,000 for rent and another \$1,000 to apply to the equipment note. The \$2,000 was paid by Crall Products, and brings the rent and note payments current, Locke said.

At Monday's meeting, it was noted that Crall Products had not paid their November payments. Crall Products has a verbal three-month agreement, including an optional extension, with the PEDC concerning the rental of the property.

Two other Pampa residents expressed interest in Crall Products. Hal Cree of The Cree Companies was represented by Mark McVay at Monday's meeting. McVay said Cree was interested in the property but was not prepared to offer a bid at that time.

"We weren't aware the property was up for sale," McVay said Monday night.

Cree addressed the issue again in a letter to the PEDC, dated Wednesday. In the letter, Cree said his companies had an interest in buying Crall Products, but that an informed decision should include time for an environmental assessment, structural inspection of the buildings, a personal inspection to identify ownership of equipment and fixtures, and the ability to identify and satisfy lender requirements. Cree concluded the letter by stating he believed the assessments, inspections and other needed activities could be com-

pleted by Jan. 31, 2004.

Carl O'Neal, president of Lone Star Technical Service, also provided a letter dated Wednesday to the PEDC. In his letter, O'Neal said he had made several attempts to buy Crall Products or to partner with Curtis Heard, owner of Crall Products.

"Our goal is to operate Crall Products as a whole, not piecemeal. At this point, there are several issues to be resolved with actually owns what equipment, and patents pending or already existing," O'Neal said in his letter. He also asked for an environmental study and appraisal of the buildings and land.

O'Neal asked the board for a 30-day grace period to resolve the issues so that he could prepare an offer to buy the land, buildings and equip-

"The building is not ours. It belongs to Crall Products. All equipment is currently owned by Crall Products. The PEDC is just a leaseholder. We have no legal right to allow access to the property, buildings or equipment. They need to get permission from Crall Products to inspect the buildings and equipment," Locke said by telephone this morning.

During the portion of Wednesday's meeting set aside for public comments, Dale Roth said, "I question the acceptance of a bid of this nature without going out to the public and soliciting bids. It is not right, if not illegal, to do it ? in this manner."

Locke responded, "Several different attorneys have told us we are not subject to having to seek open bids."

"From what I've heard, the corporation: Patterns, who there are other businesses equally interested in Crall Products. Sometimes, it is not best to rush in due to pressure. I feel this board has been unduly pressured," said Pampa resident Shirley Nicholson.

other business Wednesday, board members voted to accept Duncan Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc.'s bid of \$4,590 for property insurance on Crall Products.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Crime victims have rights

By SANDY CARR

ROBERTS COUNTY VICTIMS RIGHTS ADVOCATE

The following is another in a series of articles outlining the rights of victims of crime. The purpose of the articles is to inform victims of their rights as defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure. If you have questions about your rights as a victim of crime, you may email them to sandycva@nts-online.net or you may call the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Division at 1-800-983-9933 or your local law enforcement or prosecutor's victim assistance departments.

Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 56.02 Crime Victim's Rights

(7) the right to be informed, upon request of parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to be notified, if requested, of parole proceedings concerning a defendant in the victim's case, to provide to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file information to be considered by the board prior to the parole of any defendant convicted of any crime subject to this subchapter and to be notified, if requested, of the defendant's

In order to receive the above rights, a victim must request the rights. In order to request the above rights, you may call Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services Division (1-800-848-4284 and request that you be notified of any public information involving the defendant in your case. TDCJ Victim Services can also give you information about viewing executions, prison tours for victims and their families and victim- offender mediation.

If the defendant in your case has not gone to prison yet, you may call the victim assistance coordinator at the District Attorney's office and request to be put on the VINE system, an automated notification system that will inform you of the status of your case, upcoming court dates, etc.

(8) the right to be provided with a waiting area separate or secure from other witnesses, including the offender and relatives of the offender, before testifying in any proceeding concerning the offender; if a separate waiting area is not available, other safeguards should be taken to minimize the victim's contact with the offender and the offender's relatives and witnesses, before and during court proceedings;

Prior to this right, victims were required to wait out in the hall before giving testimony. Often they had to sit with or in close proximity to the defendant's family, friends or witnesses. It made for a long, intimidating wait. Now, victims are allowed to remain in the courtroom during the proceedings in most cases, but if that is not possible, they at least can wait in a private area.

(9) the right to prompt return of any property of the victim that is held by a law enforcement agency or the attorney for the state as evidence when the property is no longer required for that purpose;

The procedure for the return of property is different depending on the county you live in. You may contact the District Attorney's office for information about how to obtain your property after the conclusion of a felony case. Often they will sign a release for you to take to the law enforcement agency that is holding the property. It is advised to phone the agencies prior to picking up the evidence. This will ensure the property has been released, located and hopefully save you from wasting a trip. Other questions about the return of property can be directed to the local law enforcement agency responsible for the storage of evidence in your case.

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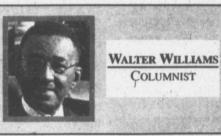
Let's do some detective work

I'd like to enlist the services of my fellow Americans with a bit of detective work. Let's start off with hard evidence.

The Federalist Papers were a set of documents written by John Jay, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison to persuade the 13 states to ratify the Constitution. In one of those papers, Federalist Paper 45, James Madison wrote: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the Federal Government, are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State Governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation and foreign commerce; with which last the power of taxation will for the most part be connected. The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects, which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties and properties of the people; and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State.' If we turned James Madison's state-

ment on its head, namely that the powers of the federal government are numerous and indefinite and those of the states are few and defined, we'd describe today's America. Was Madison just plain ignorant about the powers delegated to Congress? Before making our judgment, let's examine statements of other possibly misinformed Americans.

In 1796, on the floor of the House of Representatives, William Giles of



fire victims saying it was neither the purpose nor the right of Congress to "attend to what generosity and humanity require, but to what the Constitution and their duty require." In 1854, President Franklin Pierce vetoed a bill intended to help the mentally ill, saying, "I cannot find any authority in the Constitution for public charity," adding that to approve such spending "would be contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution and subversive to the whole theory upon which the Union of these States is founded." President Grover Cleveland was the king of the veto. He vetoed literally hundreds of congressional spending bills during his two terms as president in the late 1800s. His often given reason was, "I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution."

Today's White House proposes and Congress taxes and spends for anything they can muster a majority vote on. My investigative query is: Were the Founders and previous congressmen and presidents, who could not find constitutional authority for today's bread and circuses, just plain stupid and ignorant? I don't believe in long-run ignorance or stupidi-Virginia condemned a relief measure for ty, so I reread the Constitution, looking to

see whether an amendment had been passed authorizing Congress to spend money on bailouts for airlines, prescription drugs, education, Social Security and thousands of similar items in today's federal budget. I found no such amendment.

Being thorough, I reread the Constitution and found what Congress might interpret as a blank check authorization -- the "general welfare clause." Then I investigated further to see what the Framers meant by the "general welfare clause." In 1798, Thomas Jefferson said, "Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but only those specifically enumerated."

The Constitution's father, James Madison said: "With respect to the two words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators."

My detective work concludes with several competing explanations. The first is that the great men who laid the framework for our nation were not only constitutionally ignorant but callous and uncaring, as well. The second is it's today's politicians who are constitutionally ignorant. Lastly, it's today's Americans who have contempt for the Constitution, and any congressman or president upholding the Constitution's letter and spirit would be tarred and feathered.



Democrats at war with each other

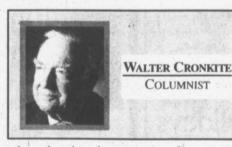
Wesley Clark had some pointed comments recently about his rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination. As reported by the Associated Press, the former general said, "They're just carving each other up," and he added, "I've never seen anything more effective (in destroying the Democrats' election hopes) than when they go at each other about who did what 10 or 15 years ago." Indeed, they do slash and stab at one another, and this suicidal fratricide seems to intensify as the voting comes closer.

Most of the attacks are focused on front-runner Howard Dean. At a meeting in Detroit of African-American ministers. an audience where he might do the most damage, Richard Gephardt accused Dean, Joe Lieberman and John Kerry of making comments critical of affirmative action during the 1990s.

Gephardt and Kerry also savaged Dean for remarks made and actions taken 10 years ago, while he was governor of Vermont. In their recent Des Moines, Iowa, debate, Kerry actually baited the former governor, asking repeatedly if Dean would try to slow the growth of Medicare, as he proposed some years ago. Such attacks question the target candidate's candor and trustworthiness.

Wesley Clark himself has not escaped unmarked in this alley fight. He has been attacked by most of the other candidates for comments made praising Bush and Co. for the prosecution of the war in Iraq, and about when and why he became a Democrat.

When Dean (followed by Kerry) decid-



ed to abandon the campaign finance system he had indicated he would live by, Gephardt pounced on him, calling Dean Change-Your-Opinion-for-Expediency" and noting that Dean was hoping to outspend his rivals; accusing him, in other words, of trying to buy the nomination.

That charge of buying the election is likely to be made against President Bush by whomever the Democrats nominate. The Republicans expect to have almost a quarter of a billion dollars to spend on the Bush campaign. The party out of power, namely the Democrats, doesn't have the same appeal to big donors among the special interests and is unlikely to raise anything like that amount.

Beyond that huge financial advantage, the Republicans will enjoy watching the Democrats further disadvantage themselves as their candidates continue disparaging each other, thus writing the Republicans' playbook for them. You can almost hear Carl Rove, Bush's top political strategist, saying, "Thanks, guys."

George Bush has an effectively united party behind him. Republican energies -and money - will be focused on grassroots organization that can get out the vote next November, while much of the

Democrats' energy will have to be devoted to overcoming the political fratricide of the party's primary battles.

Ideally, as this column has pointed out before, primaries should be about issues and some broad policy directions the party can unite behind, instead of questioning one another's integrity and fitness to serve as president of the United States.

Instead of waiting until its platform committee meets next year, the Democrats could be using these primary months to define their basic philosophy. As it is, time and money are being wasted as the primary candidates emphasize, instead of unity, a serious split in the party. There are those Democrats who believe the party's strength is its appeal to the farmer-labor vote. These, whom we might call the Old Democrats, include Richard Gephardt and Dennis Kucinich. Others believe the party's strength is the vast middle class to whom Bill Clinton so successfully appealed. These we'll call the New Democrats. They include Joe Lieberman, John Kerry and John Edwards. So the issue is: Do the Democrats maintain the Clinton focus on middle-class voters or go back to the farmer-labor-oriented policies of FDR and Truman?

But whatever path the party chooses, its hopes for next November are definitely diminished unless its primary candidates sheath those carving knives of which Wesley Clark warned.

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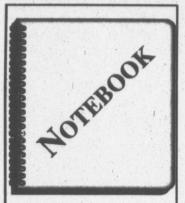
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA - There will be a Coaches meeting Sat. Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m at the Optimist Club for 3rd &4th and 5th & 6th grade Boys Basketball.

Anyone interested in coaching is urged to attend.Sign-ups will Be Dec.16,17 & 18 From 6:00 to 8:00 at the Optimist Gym.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers found a replacement for Rafael Palmeiro, agreeing to \$1 million, one-year contract with Brad Fullmer.

Fullmer has 103 home runs over his seven-year career. His best season was 2000, when he hit .295 with 29 doubles, 32 homers and 104 RBIs for Toronto.

Last season, he was hitting .306 with nine homers and 35 RBIs before going on the disabled list for the first time in his career.

HOCKEY

PHOENIX (AP) --Sean Burke doesn't shirk his responsibility as the Phoenix Coyotes goal tender, no matter how busy his teammates keep

"As a goaltender, your job is to stop them no matter how many you get," Burke said after making 39 saves in a 2-1 win over the Dallas Stars on Wednesday night.

Burke tied his season high for saves in his 200th game with Phoenix. He made 39 in a 6-4 win over Los Angeles on Nov. 27, the Coyotes last home game before a five-game road trip. But this time he had to be sharper in Phoenix's first game back.

"You knew it was going to be difficult, and I think Sean knew that as well," coach Bob Francis said.

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES **Generation Gap** Week's Top Scores Girls

scratch High game: Shayley Morriss 130; High series: Shayley Morriss 357; High handicap game: Shayley Morriss 218; High handicap series: Shayley Morriss 621.

Boys

High scratch game: Zach Wilson 225; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 610; High handicap game: Michael Adams 242; High handicap series: Brenden Rice 685.

Men

High scratch game: Gary Winton 214; High scratch series: Gary Winton 590; High handicap game: Jesse Cannon 229; High handicap series: Dave Thomas 657.

Women

High scratch game: Judy Morriss 177; High scratch series: Wanda Adams 490; High handicap game: Judy Morriss 223; High handicap series: Wanda Adams 646.

Oklahoma lineman wins Lombardi Award HOUSTON (AP) -

Oklahoma tackle Tommie right," he said. Harris won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top college lineman Wednesday night, one year after being the runner-up for the honor.

Harris beat out Shawn Andrews of Arkansas, Dave Ball of UCLA and David Pollack of Georgia for the granite trophy.

He finished behind Arizona State's Terrell Suggs in 2002.

The finalists all vote for award but Harris declined to cast one for him-

Reeves let go

by Falcons

FLOWERY BRANCH,

Ga. (AP) — One by one, the

Atlanta Falcons' players filed

into a meeting room,

unaware of what was await-

All the coaches came, too,

"Wade's usually not in

that early," special teams

coach Joe DeCamillis said.

'That kind of told me some-

Instead of going over the

game plan for the next oppo-

nent, coach Dan Reeves

quickly shared the news: he

was fired, effective immedi-

ately, and Phillips would be

"It was very shocking,"

linebacker Keith Brooking

said. "Nobody knew in this

building when we walked in

Wednesday, a day after he

was told by owner Arthur

Blank that a coaching

change would be made

fired

Reeves was

after the season.

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ing them.

Wade Phillips.

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the interim coach.

at 8 a.m."

"That just wouldn't be and creates problems."

Harris was speechless when his name was announced.

"I didn't think I was going to get the award. I thought they'd give it to Ball," Harris said. "But it's nice to get some accolades for the fat boys in the line instead of the pretty boys getting all the praise."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops praised his junior

"He's had a great year," Stoops said. "Tommie gets back there in the backfield

One of Harris' biggest supporters was Oklahoma assistant coach Jackie Shipp, who has watched Harris grow into superstar status.

"It's almost like in the days of Joe Washington," Shipp said. "When the ball snapped, everyone looked to see what Joe would do. As a defensive tackle, we all want to see what Tommie is going to do next."

Harris is the 12th Oklahoma player to be a finalist and the third to win of those guys. the honor.

He's considering skipping

ing on to the NFL next year, running back." but he's not ready to say for

talk about it but we'll let you know," Harris said.

recognizes the possibility.

"I'd be a fool not to think about it," Shipp said. "He's a very disruptive football player. At OU we like to be disruptive if you're not making the play. Tommy is one

quarterback, he'll be pres- ourselves," Harris said.

his senior season and mov- suring him or chasing the

Harris was the 13th player to become a two-time final-"My family and I have to ist and the eighth to return and win the honor.

The Sooners will play Shipp would be sorry to LSU in the Sugar Bowl on see his big lineman leave, but Jan. 4 for the national championship.

Oklahoma was ranked No.1 most of the year until losing to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

"It's a blessing for me to be at the University of Oklahoma, I just hope we can "If he's not sacking the go out in January and redeem

Lefors girls, McLean boys win area games

LEFORS — With three contest, 46-29. players scoring in double digits, the Lefors Lady Pirates downed McLean 53-42 Tuesday night.

Rachel Stubbs and Katie followed with 7. Barnes led the Lefors attack with 14 points. Savanah Smith followed with 12. Stubbs and Smith each hit a pair of threepoint goals.

Lefors led by three (25-22) at halftime, but extended that lead to 11 (36-25) going into the fourth quar-

Lefors were Amanda Hicks (8) and Kayla Andis (3).

McLean's top scorer with points. Keisha Menefield had 12 points and Sandi Anderson 10.

Danielle Dampier was

McLean won the boys'

James Alexander had 13 points and Zane Richardson 12 to lead the Tigers. Andrew Jennings Lefors boosted its record topped Lefors in scoring with 11 points. Jered Andis

Lefors hosts Borger junior varsity at 6 p.m. Friday.

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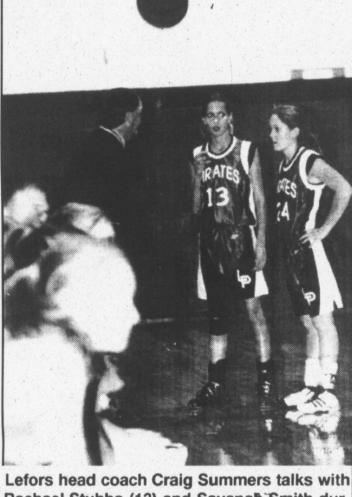
Miami rolled to a 71-37 win over Samnorwood in boys' basketball activity Tuesday

Chris Roach had 14 points and Ean Miller 12 to Others scoring for lead the Warriors in scoring. Lamamie Allen Samnorwood's top scorer

> Miami won the girls' contest by the score of 79-51. Julie Davenport had 18

with 12 points.

Jennifer points. and Hutchison 10 for Miami.



Rachael Stubbs (13) and Savanah Smith during a game against McLean.

Cowboys' Carter not settling for Jones' endorsement evened his career mark at 14 Cowboys were statistically ue to build it."

Having the support of the person who signs your paycheck is always a good thing, no matter the profession.

For Quincy Carter, who has the high-profile role of quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, hearing team owner Jerry Jones say the job is his for the immediate future is certainly comforting.

But Carter knows the drill. His status could change quickly, especially if he doesn't start playing better real soon.

"When things like that happen, that lets you know you're doing things well," Carter said Wednesday. "At the same time, I want to continue to do those things and not just rest my hat on anything. I've got much more that I'm trying to accomplish here.'

14. That puts him well ahead of the pace of his favorite es. barometer, predecessor Troy Aikman, who was 8-20 after the same number of starts.

But by the end of Aikman's third season, the Cowboys were a legitimate playoff team. They won Super Bowls three of the next four seasons.

Now, late in Carter's third season, Dallas is on the brink of making the postseason for the first time since Aikman's second-to-last year. The Cowboys have a one-game lead in the wild-card race with three games left, all against teams with losing records. They play at Washington on Sunday.

Dallas opened this season winning five of the first six games. Carter didn't throw By leading the Cowboys to more than one interception in an 8-5 record, Carter has any of those games and the

one of the league's best offens-

That's changed over the last seven games.

Dallas was shut out twice, crushed twice, won ugly twice and had one impressive win. The Cowboys are in a 1-3 slump and have lost two straight for the first time all

As usually happens in the FL, the quarterback got most of the credit when things were going well and has received most of the blame since things have gone the other way. Jones admitted Tuesday that all the "finger-pointing" prompted his pep talk with Carter early this week.

"I felt compelled to just remind him of the success he's had and how far he's come in the last 18 months," Jones said Tuesday. "He needs to contin-

Carter's future is always a big issue, with outsiders often speculating about his relationship with coach Bill Parcells. It's even a hotter topic when Carter makes the kind of mistakes he's made the last two games, throwing silly interceptions, fumbling and letting a snap sail by for a safety.

Speaking for the first time since Jones' endorsement, Parcells said Wednesday that he wanted to table the discussion about Carter's future until the offseason.

"We got more important things on the horizon," he said. "I think he has done a reasonably good job to this point. We all have to do better supporting him. Hopefully, he will play a little better this week than recent weeks. ...

him. He should be looking for-

ward to this with great anticipation. I know I am, and I hope the rest of the players are."

The Cowboys have won games by letting Carter make big plays deep and by letting him load up on short passes. They've been at their best, though, when he's put into the role of caretaker, asked to manage the offense more than dominate it.

The problems usually come when he tries doing too much on a play. Many of his 18 interceptions - and few of his 14 touchdowns — have been on what Parcells calls impulse decisions.

Parcells said he'll reminds Carter to avoid them "every week in every year as long as he's here," adding that he did the same with Phil Simms. "This is a great time for Drew Bledsoe and Vinny Testaverde.

Freshmen girls win against Tascosa PAMPA — Pampa won a Pampa coach Troy Owens. standouts for Pampa.

close game against Tascosa 54-50 in a freshmen girls' basketball action.

Shandale Young had 14 points and Keslie Wyatt 11 to lead the Pampa freshmen. "We played hard and made

some good passes. When we got down, the team kept encouraging each other and picking each other up," said Trevathan were the defensive sity. Pampa's record is 4-3.

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Coronado defeated Pampa 55-40

in a junior varsity game Monday

Pampa trailed 32-20 at half-

night at the WT Event Center.

time.

"That is a quality you have to have to be a good team."

Others scoring for Pampa were Maggie Hopkins (7), Halei Skinner (6), Stephanie McVay (6), Michelle Adams (4), Candice Dildy (2), Holly Owens (2) and Angela Mechelay (2).

Lubbock Coronado wins junior varsity game

lead Pampa scorers. Others scor-

ing for Pampa were Eric

Kingcade (6), Braydon Barker

(4), Aaron Anguiano (4), Craig

Crowell (3), Brett Ferrell (2),

"We did a good job run-

ning our offense," Mechelay

Peck had 17 points and Sable Graves 10 for Tascosa. Pampa hit 18 of 29 free throw attempts. Tascosa was 19 of 41.

The next 9th grade game is Mechelay and Tamara Jan. 6 against the Groom var-

Pergason (1). Barker had a 3-

at 6 Friday night in Dimmitt. The

varsity game follows.

Pampa and Dimmitt JVs play

Sharod Young had 18 points to Tyson Hickman (2), and Michael

7th Grade Girls, Basketball

Listed below are Pampa's 7th grade A & B girls basketball results against Plainview from Monday night. Pampa hosts a 7th grade tournament today & Saturday in

Canyon. 7th A lost

Holly Winegeart - 7 pts., Lauren Smith - 4 pts., Kelby Doughty - 2 pts., Keisha Crowell - 2 pts., Kamie Doughty

7th B lost

Alex Hutto, Kamy Miller, Tabby Courter, Kat Aler, & Rikki Beesley - 2 pts each, Shelby Needham - 1 pt.



John Mann Lawver

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Maryland holds off second-half run by top-ranked Florida

— The lead was growing, the shots were falling and Maryland could do no wrong. Terrapins coach Gary Williams had been around long enough to know better, though.

"I told them: 'We're not 17 points better than Florida," Williams said.

Turned out, the Terrapins were one point better Wednesday night, in a 69-68 overtime win over the topranked Gators that gave Williams his 300th victory at his alma mater.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) for the winning points in a the Gators (5-1) made it to the Florida brutish, defensive, ugly game — one in which the Terrapins blew a 17-point lead in the second half but still found a way to win.

> "It's been a tough week for us," Williams said. "I'm impressed. We never quit."

Williams was stuck on 299 after a two-game losing streak that had Maryland (5-2) down in the "others receiving votes" category of the latest poll. This win showed how unscientific those polls really

Florida, meanwhile, fell to Travis Garrison made a 0-2 in its first game after jumper with 18 seconds left moving to No. 1. Last season,

top of the poll for the first time in the program's history, but lost 70-55 to Kentucky.

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was: No. 5 Kansas 80, Fort Hays State 80-40; and No. 23 Wisconsin 73, Wisconsin-Green Bay 57.

Florida's loss all but guaranteed there will be a new top-ranked team for the fourth straight week on Monday. The Gators joined Connecticut and Kansas as the latest to fail to hold onto

"To me, losing by one hurts more than anything,"

guard Roberson said. "I'd rather over the final 16 minutes have them come in here and blow us out than to have us lose by one."

He almost got his wish, Bigger, stronger and

shooting as well as they had all season, the Terrapins got big hoops, rebounds and blocks from John Gilchrist (18 points), Jamar Smith (14 points, 12 rebounds) and Nik Caner-Medley (22 points, 13 rebounds) to build a 17-point

lead early in the second half. But they went on an amazing cold streak, failing to score a field goal over the final 9 minutes of regulation.

Anthony In fact, their only two baskets came on breakaway dunks after steals — and Florida tied it at 60 to send the game to overtime.

> Roberson (20 points) hit a 3-pointer and Matt Walsh took an outlet pass from Roberson to help the Gators take a 68-64 lead, but the Terps didn't give up.

Caner-Medley hit a shot standing on the 3-point line and D.J. Strawberry made a free throw to cut the deficit to one. Then, after yet another stop in this defensive matchup, the Terps worked the ball to Garrison, who

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spotted up and hit the gamewinner.

"I was really proud of him that he had the guts to take that shot in that situation, which sometimes guys don't want to do," Williams said.

Maryland sealed the win when Smith blocked Adrian Moss' shot with time running

Smith got the rebound, got fouled and missed both free throws with 1.1 seconds left. But by then, Florida fans, who were being warned not to storm the floor just moments earlier, were already shuffling off in shock

Clippers slip by Mays, 100-99

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Glen Rice was having a tough night shooting. He didn't let that stop him from taking the game's most important shot.

Rice hit a jumper from the top of the key as time expired Wednesday night to give the Clippers a 100-99 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Rice had hit just two of his eight attempts from the field before nailing the game-win-

"Anytime you're not shooting the ball that well, you've got to keep shooting because eventually it's going to go in," said Rice, who missed the previous five games with a bruised right knee. "Tonight it went in at the right time. I was able to catch it in rhythm and stroke it. Being a shooter, you've got to be ready."

The Mavericks couldn't hold onto a 22-point lead, despite the return of star forward Dirk Nowitzki. He missed the five previous games after straining his right ankle on Nov. 26 at Phoenix.

Corey Maggette scored 20 of his 30 points in the first half

for Los Angeles. Chris Wilcox scored 21 points off the bench and Elton Brand had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Clippers beat the Mavericks for only the fourth time in their last 22 meetings.

"It was a great team effort," Maggette said. "Guys came in and stepped up. A lot of guys who haven't been playing came in and played

Michael Finley was nearly unstoppable in the first half for the Mavericks, scoring 29 of his 38 points. Antoine Walker finished with 21 points and 10 assists, but had a critical shot blocked by Brand in the final two minutes to give the Clippers a chance to pull it out.

The loss was the fourth straight on the road for the Mavericks, who tied for the best road record in the NBA last season. It left coach Don Nelson still needing one more win to tie Pat Riley for second place on the career coaching victories list behind Lenny Wilkens.

Nash had a chance to give

Dallas a three-point lead with 12.1 seconds left, the 93 percent foul-shooter missed both to end his streak of 23 in a

Nowitzki rebounded a missed 20-footer Maggette, but tripped over Rice's feet as he came down and lost the ball out of bounds to give the Clippers one last chance. Brand missed a baseline jumper from the left side and Finley batted the ball right into the hands of Rice.

"Rice makes good decisions, and the right plays for us when he's out there," Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy said. "Having that veteran got out there at times has worked for us. And when the ball got to him, that was as much as I could hope for."

Notes: In their previous home game on Sunday, the Clippers lost on a buzzerbeating jumper by Kevin Garnett of Minnesota. ... Dallas has shot under 50 percent from the field in all nine road games this season, going 2-7. ... Finley became the first Dallas point guard Steve Dallas player this season to play all 48 minutes.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Nick Saban called his LSU team together early last month, when the Tigers were in seventh place in the BCS standings and a long shot to make it to the Sugar Bowl.

He told the players now was the time to voice any frustration over the rankings, because after that, they could only talk about the next game. The players kept quiet, the Tigers kept winning, and Saban's steady leadership helped him earn The Associated Press Coach of the Year honor Thursday.

"Even though I'm accepting the honor it's for all of the players and coaches and support staff also," Saban said. "They all had as big a part in it as I did. I'm very flattered and honored."

Saban received 22 votes in balloting by the panel of sports writers and broadcasters on the AP college football poll, beating out Southern California's Pete Carroll by five.

Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Tulsa's Steve Kragthorpe tied for third with four votes each, and Navy's Paul Johnson and Michigan State's John L. Smith tied for fifth with two votes each. Terry Hoeppner of Miami of Ohio, Joe Novak of Northern Illinois, Rich Rodriguez of West Virginia.

Iowa's Kirk Ferentz won the award last year.

The second-ranked Tigers won a school-record 12 games, captured their second SEC title in three years, and earned a berth in the Sugar Bowl against No. 3 Oklahoma with a chance to win the school's second national title.

LSU finished fast to get into that position. The Tigers were in seventh place in the BCS on Nov. 3 with a tough closing stretch to come. That's when Saban got his team together before an off week to sharpen

With games remaining at of the AP poll. Alabama and Mississippi,

home against Arkansas, and possibly in the SEC title game, Saban knew his players couldn't get bogged down in any BCS controversy.

"I said we're going to talk about the BCS and where we're ranked. This is the time to talk about it," he recalled. "I told them when we leave this room we'll focus on what is and not what was.

"Rankings are what was. Rankings are what happened last week, we had to worry about what will happen this week. We knew we had no control of the BCS but we knew that if we didn't win we didn't have a chance. We could only control what we could do."

That was the second time this season that Saban sensed that his team's focus could be an issue. The Tigers got off to a quick start, using a 17-10 win over then-No. 7 Georgia on Sept. 20 to move into the top 10

Three weeks later, a strug-

gling Florida team came to Gators for their only blemish of Baton Rouge off a bad loss at home to Mississippi. The Tigers were feeling full of themselves, according to Saban, and fell 19-7 to the

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"We came out flat as a pancake against Florida," Saban said. "I think from that point on the players bought into what we

were saying. They knew they had to play hard all the time. They finally got it. I think it was an osmosis sort of thing with saying it so much that it finally sunk in."

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Monday, Dec. 22

Texas Tech holds off late charge LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) least 23 points in six of the scored, Jarrius Jackson

- Andre Emmett scored 27 points as Texas Tech held off a late-game charge to beat TCU 67-60 on Wednesday night.

Tech (7-2) built 15-point leads twice in the second half but the Horned Frogs used an 8-0 run late in the game to whittle the deficit to four at 63-59 on a 3-pointer and a field goal by Marcus with 2:48 Shropshire remaining. They could get no closer.

Tech scored only one field goal in the last 8:43 of the game.

Emmett has now scored at

past seven games.

TCU's first effort to stay close in the second half was helped along by Shropshire, a former Red Raider player during Bob Knight's first season as Tech's coach.

He scored eight straight points for the Horned Frogs (2-5) on a 15-footer and back-to-back 3-pointers.

Shropshire got 16 of his 18 points in the second half, hitting on 4-of-8 3-pointers. Corey Santee scored 16 points and Nucleus Smith added 13 for TCU.

Only four Tech players

scored 19 points and Robert Tomaszek scored Devonne Giles had four

Tech led 36-27 at half-

The Red Raiders used a 18-0 run, holding the Horned Frogs scoreless for almost nine minutes before Santee hit a layup to make it 29-14 with 6:25 remaining in the half. Emmett scored the first nine points for Tech and finished the half with

TCU mounted a comeback, using a 13-5 run in the last 5:32 of the period.

Andy Pettitte: Will he stay with Yankees or go with Astros?

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Pettitte is likely to make his choice by Friday: stay with the Yankees or sign with his hometown Astros.

Even though New York is offering more, the Yankees thought Wednesday night there was a good chance he'd decide on Houston.

The Yankees were offering a deal averaging about \$13 million a year, while the Astros' proposal averaged about \$10 million, a baseball official said on the condition of anonymity. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner discussed the situation with his top aides Wednesday night.

"There is no deal," Pettitte's agent Randy Hendricks said in an e-mail message. "I believe it

will be resolved by the end of two-year contract with second Friday."

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker sounded confident about landing Pettitte.

"We have been working for the last three or four weeks toward an agreement, and we are still on that path," he said in Houston. "We're optimistic that things are headed in the right

Hunsicker said owner Drayton McLane had joined the talks after returning from a business trip.

The Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site Wednesday that Pettitte already has passed a physical for the

In other baseball news, Detroit agreed to a \$6 million, baseman Fernando Vina, Colorado agreed to a \$2.1 million, one-year deal with third baseman Vinny Castilla and Texas replaced Rafael Palmeiro at first by agreeing to \$1 million, one-year contract with Brad Fullmer.

Pittsburgh settled on minor league contracts with outfielder Daryle Ward and right-hander Juan Acevedo.

The New York Mets finalized their \$20.1 million, threeyear contract with shortstop Kazuo Matsui, and San Diego completed a two-year contract with reliever Akinori Otsuka, a deal worth just under \$2 mil-

In Texas, general manager John Hart sounded doubtful the

Rangers would pull of the bigmoney trade that would send AL MVP Alex Rodriguez to Boston for Nomar Garciaparra. Hart said he and Texas manager Buck Showalter had said "many, many times" that they envision Rodriguez staying with the Rangers.

"We've been saying all along this thing has taken on a life of its own and has been a runaway fire," Hart said. Around the major leagues,

teams prepared for the start of the winter meetings Friday in New Orleans.

"I think the first thing we're going to do is we're going to find out where the Yankees and Red Sox are staying and go hang around their rooms and see if somebody drops their

wallet," said Doug Melvin, general manager of the lowbudget Milwaukee Brewers. "I think they're going to dominate the meetings, the Yankees and Red Sox, the A-Rod thing." Giants general manager

Brian Sabean believes the winter meetings could be quiet for most teams. "You know how business is

done, you can't predict it," he said. "I'm not going to speculate. We always have irons in the fire. Just because the winter meetings are about to commence doesn't mean you'll do business or be forced to do business."

Pettitte, 31, is 149-78 with the Yankees, who signed him in 1991. If he stays in New York he would have the chance to

surpass Whitey Ford's 236 victories and become the winningest left-hander in Yankees history.

And given the Yankees' success - they've made the playoffs for nine straight years, winning six AL pennants and four World Series - he could compile enough wins to become a Hall of Fame candidate. He has been a fan favorite for several

With the Astros, he would join a team trying to rebuild and win at the same time. Houston dealt closer Billy Wagner to Philadelphia last month in a cost-cutting move. Pettitte would combine with Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt to form a powerful front three in the

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the TCEQ on February

13, 2002.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as de-fined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code 122.10 (30 TAC 122.10). The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the area to increase emissions. The TCEO Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the areas must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Office, 12100 Central Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEO Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street. Pampa, Texas. At the central and regional office, you may also review and copy all relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by refer-Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to

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PRELIMINAR NUMERO: 0-02510 SOLICITUD Y PER-MISO PRELIMINAR. Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, CO. 80202, una planta de Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas ha solicitado de la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Teias (TCEQ, por sus siglas en ingles) la Solicitud Inicial del Permiso Federal de Operar (aqui dentro alulido como permiso) Solicitud Numero 4232 para la operacion de Grayco Booster ubicada en 3 miles west of Lefors, Condado de Gray, Tejas.

Esta solicitud fue entragada a la TNRCC el February 13 de 2002. El proposito del permiso preliminar es mejorar el acatamiento general de las reglas que gobierman el control de la contaminacion atmosferica, claramente definiendo todos 122,10 (30 TAC

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) you want to be. Otherwise, just become a action. whirlwind and get the job done. The SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) you will be. Tonight: Order in.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. when you least anticipate them. Return SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) messages. Make calls, planning a get- * * Take a risk and go beyond your Your sunny ways mark your year. You together. Tonight: At your favorite haunt. normal limits with someone you care

become an even better person than ** Slow down and take your time with pletely than your norm. If you underbefore. Others admire the way you han- a child or loved one. Money should not stand what is happening, you can help dle yourself. You have a way of detach- be dispersed easily, though at this guide someone in a new direction. ing and looking an issue over. You might moment you might be inclined to do so. Tonight: Take off as soon as possible. grab an opportunity to go back to school, Time is more important with this person. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

attached, your relationship will flourish do. On some level, others depend on you helps a partner. Tonight: Try togetherbecause of this newfound energy. Add to find answers or to do their work. You ness. that extra spice to your bond. LEO reads seem to be your own person, heading in AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

you. Tonight: Away you go. 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; * Right now you might feel as if you time choosing what you want. Do what can do nothing right. Do what you need you want, not what you think might be

to do to make your day run properly. You right. Remember, it is your life. Tonight: might want to close your door in order to Go where you want. * * * Your fiery side comes out. Toss get the job done. Consider taking a quiet PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) yourself into your work in order to get few days just for yourself. Tonight: Do ★★★ You do well at finishing off tail

mood. You might feel as if nothing can or sense of satisfaction. Tonight: Put your will stop you. Investigate the possibilities feet up. ** You might be more focused on that surround a meeting. Others might family and friends than on work. If you have great suggestions and solutions. BORN TODAY can, take a personal day and be where Brainstorm. Tonight: In the middle of the Actor Edward G. Robinson (1893),

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about. Do research, perhaps more com-

travel or simply take a seminar. Be open Schedule some time together. Tonight: ** * * Others naturally want to do for you. They feel as if they can make a difference in what happens. You're more until late next fall to decide what you * * * * You're all smiles, which likely to want to give to others and help want from this relationship. If you are helps you clear out whatever you need to their lives work. Your understanding

> the right direction. Laughter surrounds ** * * * Others knock on your door. They want you and nothing less. Looking at your plans, you might have a difficult

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Too Many TVs Spoil the Meal For Annoyed Restaurant Patron

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of restaurants that have televisions in every room while you're trying to eat dinner with your family? They make me crazy! I can't stand them.

I consider dinnertime to be a spe-

cial opportunity for family members to share a nutritious meal while conversing about the events of everyone's day. We don't answer the phone or the doorbell, nor do we watch TV, so that we can concentrate on hearing about school and work. Because during the rest of the day family members eat at different times and rush about, dinnertime is sacred.

Occasionally we dine out at different restaurants so that I can have a break from cooking and doing dishes. Lately they all seem to have TVs in every room, and instead of talking, everyone stares at the TV like hypnotized zombies.

If a baseball or football game is on, everything else is ignored. This defeats the purpose of having dinner out together.

Can anything be done to get the TVs removed from the dining areas in restaurants? Shouldn't there be a choice as to whether you eat in a room with a television or not Restaurants used to have small TV sets in the bar area, but not in the dining room.

I hate to give up eating out, but I'm about ready to. Any other suggestions?

TV-LESS MOM, SOUTH MIAMI, FLA.

DEAR MOM: You have my sympathy, but the restaurants are only obeying the laws of supply and demand. They are pro-viding televised access to the games because their customers are demanding it. If the restaurateurs refuse, they risk losing business because their customers

will watch the event elsewhere. I agree that the "traditional" family dinner is important. Not only does it draw families closer, it also fosters communications skills. Sadly, however, I have heard from educators who tell me that fewer families are continuing the tradition - and more and more children eat

Marmaduke

their meals glued to the television set. Of course, people who are distracted tend to overeat - so not only does the net effect show up in a shrinkage of conversational skills, but there is a corresponding expansion of waistlines as well.

Some possible solutions to your problem: Make sure to avoid going to sports bars. Before making dinner reservations, do some reconnoitering. Scout around and see for yourself if there are any restaurants in your neighborhood that have TV-free dining rooms. There are probably some in every price range.

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about a friend I'll call Edith. Despite the fact that her husband died several years ago, she continues to wear her engagement and wedding rings. Is that in poor taste or what?

When I pointed this out to Edith, she simply said it was her business. What do you say, Abby?

EDITH'S FRIEND IN DES MOINES

DEAR FRIEND: I agree with Edith. A widow may wear her wedding rings as long as she wishes. When she is ready to date again, the rings can be switched to her right hand, incorporated into another piece

of jewelry, or simply put away.
P.S. If you are really Edith's
friend, why are you labeling and
criticizing her? She is hurting no one.

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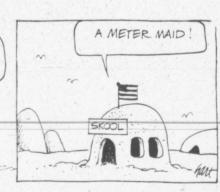


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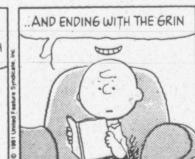
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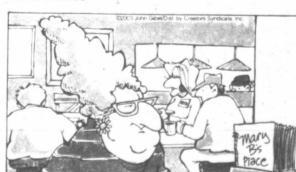








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