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Grand jury hands up indictments

BY MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County Grand Jury returned seven indictments Thursday in 223rd Judicial District Court, according to District Attorney Rick Roach.

Billy Don Williams, 47, was indicted for theft of firearm, enhanced; evading arrest with vehicle, enhanced; and possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Williams is accused of the first-degree felony

of stealing a firearm, enhanced, on May 28. Bond on the charge was set at \$6,000. The other two charges are second-degree felonies, enhanced. Williams allegedly evaded arrest on June 2, and bond for the charge

was set at \$1,500. A bond of \$4,000 was set for the charge of possession of a controlled substance. Williams allegedly had less than one gram of amphetamine in his possession on May 29. Williams was previ-

ously convicted of the felonies of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on March 12, 1976, in Dallas County; aggravated robbery on Jan. 12, 1978, in McLennan County; burglary of a building on Nov. 20, 1984, in Gray County;

possession of a controlled substance on July 8, 1986, in McLennan County; and burglary of a habitation on Oct. 5, 1989, in Navarro County. Zachary Lee Mears, 23, was indicted for having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, a third degree felony. Mears is accused of possessing marijuana while in Gray County Jail on Oct. 22, 2002. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Robin Michelle Camp, 34, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Camp allegedly possessed between one and four grams of dihydrocodeinone on Feb. 11. Bond for the third-degree felony was set at \$2,500. Gustavo Pena Jr., 30, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Pena allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine on July 2. Bond for the state jail felony was set at \$6,000. Juan Antonio Parra, 23, was indicted on a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. On July 2, Parra allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Pampa feels the chill



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

A partially frozen pond off Kentucky Street west of Pampa awaits the area's first significant snowfall, forecasted for today. Midmorning temperature in Pampa was 21, with north winds and a wind chill of 12.

LOCAL

Optimist Club plans Christmas party

Pampa Optimist Club's members Christmas party is set for 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15. Meat is provided. Bring the family and a covered dish or dessert. Musical entertainment will be by Lee Cornelison and Brenda Zedletz.

For more information, contact David Teichmann at 665-4242.

DEATHS

Nathan Gilmore, 62, longtime Shamrock area resident.
 Timothy J. Lewis, 43, Pampa native.

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Kids' shopping tour organizers fear weather may dissuade volunteers

BY JOHN W. WARNER
 FOR THE NEWS

Final plans have been completed for the 2003 Children's Shopping Tour, which will begin tomorrow at 8 a.m. in the Optimist gym, according to General Chair Trevlyn Pitner.

"We are expecting to take about 125 children shopping tomorrow," Pitner said. "They have been screened and invited by the Salvation Army and the Texas Department of Human Services. They are all between the ages of five and 10. They will not buy presents for themselves, but for members of their families."

Shelly Cook, the volunteer chair, said. "We have about 130 people who have already confirmed as chaperones. We will need about 200 or 250 to help these children. Last year we had lots of church groups and youth groups who helped. We are expecting a large group from Miami as well as the Harvester basketball team, the Lady Harvester basketball team, the high school choir, ASTRA, the Energizer Sunday School Class from the First United Methodist Church, and youth groups from First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church and the Catholic Youth Organization." She continued, "We are a little concerned that

if we have bad weather that it may reduce the number of our volunteers so we really need everybody to come tomorrow."

"I have about 20 volunteers who are going to help with registration this year," said John Wagner, who is in charge of registration. "We plan to start registering people around 7:30 a.m."

The project is a joint project between the groups listed above and Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Pampa Kiwanis Club, First Presbyterian Church, Pampa Rotary Club, American Red Cross, First Christian Church, Body of Christ Church, St. Matthews Episcopal Church and others.

President Bush to name HUD deputy to head agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alphonso Jackson, the No. 2 official at the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the last three years, will be nominated by President Bush to lead the agency, officials said Friday.

If confirmed, Jackson would succeed Mel Martinez, who has resigned to run for a U.S. Senate seat from Florida.

Bush was to announce Jackson's selection at a mid-afternoon ceremony.

Jackson, former chief of the Dallas Housing Authority and former president of a Texas utility company, was confirmed unanimously by the Senate in 2001 to be deputy secretary of housing. His nomination as secretary would have to be confirmed by the Senate, as well.

Train-van wreck injures two men

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

Investigating officers still don't know why a van crashed into a BN&SF train Wednesday afternoon at a railroad crossing east of White Deer.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper David O'Brien said Thursday afternoon that he's still waiting to speak to the two men injured in the collision.

One of those men, Daniar Onoz, 26, of

Railroad workers uncoupled the train so that emergency workers could cross over to assist the wrecked van which was on the north side of the tracks. The men had to be extricated from the vehicle.

Amarillo, remained in critical condition at a Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo late Thursday after being transported there from White Deer

in a LifeStar medical helicopter. The other, Donald Roop, 40, of Amarillo remained in Pampa Regional Medical Center where he was "doing okay," O'Brien said.

Onoz was driving a 2002 Chevrolet Van south on Carson Country Road CC when it collided with a westbound BN&SF train, the trooper said, adding that Roop was a passenger in the van. No one in the train was injured, he said.

The intersection of the caliche road and the train tracks was marked with a railroad crossing stop sign, but did not have cross bars, he said.

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O'Brien said the tracks were completely blocked for approximately 30 to 40 minutes and it took about an hour and a half to clear the scene.

As of late Thursday, the DPS trooper said he did not know why the Amarillo men were traveling on the Carson County road, nor why the van failed to stop for the train.

"I'm still waiting to talk to the ones involved," he said.

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Ronnie Holmes and Kayla Pursley look over a script for ACT I's next comedy production "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild". Holmes has agreed to play the role of Carroll Chatham, the local butcher, who also helps in Mildred's movie fantasies, including playing Butterfly McQueen to Mildred's Scarlet O'Hara. A second round of auditions will be Monday, Dec. 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. Pursley is directing and still needs to fill one male and two female roles. For more information call 663-0559.

ACT I sets second round of auditions

Area Community Theater, Inc. (ACT I) plans a second audition for its next play "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" on Monday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. at their location on the west side of Pampa Mall.

"This is our second round of auditions," said Kayla Pursley, director. "We still have openings for one man, age 50-70 (needs to be bald or willing to wear a bald pate) and two female roles, Sister Cecilia and Miss Manley, a television reporter."

The comedy takes place in the tiny living quarters behind the Greenwich Village candy store where Mildred Wild lives with her husband, crowded with her 40 year collection of movie magazines. Mildred has virtually escaped from reality into a dream world conjured up by the 3,000 movies she has eagerly devoured over the years. And when the outside world does intrude — via her husband; his meddling sister;

their hardboiled landlady; or the foreman of the wrecking crew — Mildred meets each crisis with a hilarious fantasy scene drawn from her lode of old movies.

"Actors will get a chance to play several roles plus a little singing and dancing," says Pursley. "I'm so pleased to announce Madeline Graves has

volunteered to choreograph the soft shoe numbers."

The director assures that no experience is necessary to join in the fun. Rehearsals will begin after the first of the year. Performance dates are Feb. 27-28 and March 5-6.

For more information or to read the script call Pursley at 663-0559.

Pentagon probe finds overcharging, other problems with Cheney's former company

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon audit has found Vice President Dick Cheney's former company may have overcharged the Army by \$1.09 per gallon for nearly 57 million gallons of gasoline delivered to citizens in Iraq, senior defense officials say.

Auditors found potential overcharges of up to \$61 million for gasoline that a Halliburton subsidiary delivered as part of its no-bid contract to help rebuild Iraq's oil industry.

But the company apparently didn't profit from the discrepancy, according to officials who briefed reporters Thursday on condition of anonymity. The problem, the officials said, was that Halliburton may have paid a Kuwaiti subcontractor too much for the gasoline in the first place.

A Halliburton statement released Thursday said the Kuwaiti company was the only one that met the Army Corps of Engineers' specifications. "Halliburton only makes a few cents on the dollar when fuel is delivered from Kuwait to Iraq," the statement read.

The Pentagon officials said Halliburton's Kellogg, Brown & Root subsidiary also submitted a proposal for cafeteria services that was \$67 million too high. The officials said the Pentagon rejected it.

The defense officials said they had no reason to believe the problems were anything other than "stupid mistakes" by Halliburton. They said the company and the Pentagon were negotiating a possible settlement of the matter, which could include repayment by Halliburton.

In the statement Thursday, Halliburton chairman, president and CEO Dave Lesar said, "We welcome a thorough review of any and all of our government contracts."

News of the problems came as President Bush worked to justify his decision to limit \$18.6 billion in Iraq reconstruction contracts to companies from the United States or countries that supported the war. The move angered gov-

ernments whose firms were cut out of the bidding process, including Canada, France, Germany and Russia.

Many Democrats also have criticized the Halliburton contracts, suggesting they were a political payoff for a company with strong ties to the GOP and whose executives gave generously to the Bush campaign.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., called Thursday for Senate hearings on the Pentagon's findings.

"I have long been troubled by the continued growth of the Pentagon's no-bid contract with Halliburton, and the delay in the Pentagon's promise to compete this contract competitively," Lautenberg wrote to Senate Government Affairs Committee Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Cheney and Pentagon officials deny any political motive for awarding the no-bid contracts to KBR, which has a long-standing relationship with the military as a major Pentagon contractor.

Routine audits by the Defense Contract Audit Agency uncovered the problems.

Pentagon officials said they were concerned about problems with KBR's contracts, which were awarded without competitive bidding for up to \$15.6 billion for rebuilding Iraq's oil infrastructure and assisting U.S. troops there. About \$5 billion has been spent or is obligated to be spent on those contracts so far.

"Contractor improprieties and/or contract mischarging on department contracts will neither be condoned nor allowed to continue," said Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon's budget chief.

The defense officials, who are involved in the audit of the contracts, said the Pentagon was negotiating with KBR over how to resolve the fuel-pricing issue. They declined to name the Kuwaiti subcontractor that provided the fuel, saying that company may not have been notified of the inquiry's findings.

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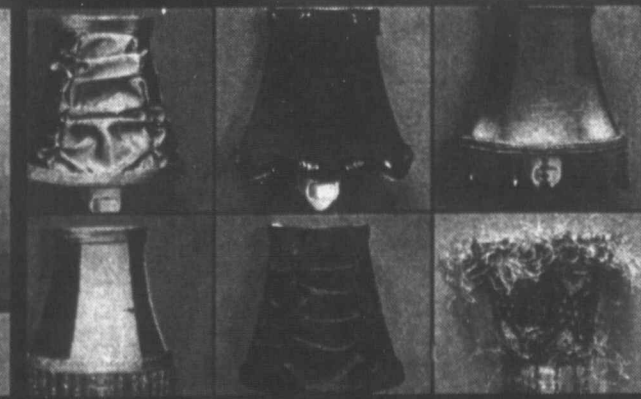
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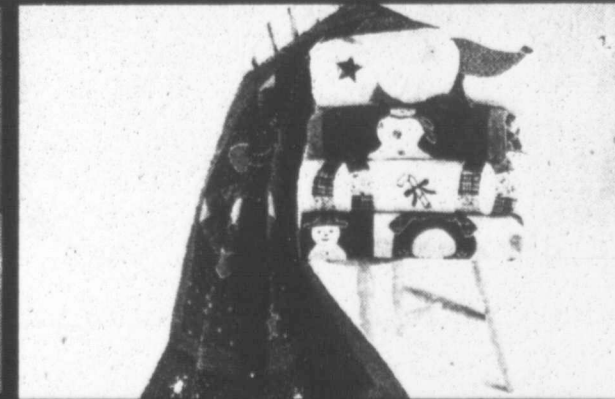
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Chretien steps down as Canada's PM after 10 years

OTTAWA (AP) — Jean Chretien said he was proud of his decade in office as Canada's often combative prime minister prepared to give way Friday to Paul Martin, a conservative former finance minister who has pledged to seek smoother ties with the United States despite strains over Iraq.

Martin, who was being sworn in as prime minister on Friday, has been a powerful figure for years in the governing Liberal Party and overwhelmingly won a leadership election after Chretien announced his retirement plans earlier this year.

Chretien, raised in a Quebec mill town, was one of the longest-serving heads of government among major Western nations. He enjoyed a warm friendship with former President

Clinton, but relations with the Bush administration have been tense due to Canada's refusal to join the war in Iraq.

Martin, considered slightly more conservative than Chretien on some issues, has expressed interest in improving ties with Washington, for example by forming a Cabinet-level committee dedicated to Canadian-U.S. relations.

However, he spoke critically this week of President Bush's plan to exclude countries outside the U.S.-led coalition from bidding on lucrative rebuilding contracts in Iraq. Bush's decision was "difficult to fathom," said Martin, indicating he would raise the issue with American officials.

Chretien said Bush called him on Thursday to congratulate

him on his career, express thanks for Canada's deployment of troops in Afghanistan and suggest that there might be some flexibility regarding the contract ban.

"He was basically telling me not to worry," Chretien told reporters Thursday after his last Cabinet meeting in Ottawa, the capital.

Chretien, who was sworn in as prime minister in 1993 and turns 70 in January, had planned to retire in February but agreed to leave earlier after pressure from Martin, Liberal Party members and opposition parties.

"We had a good kick at the can," Chretien said. "We are proud of what we have done collectively."

Chretien angered Bush earlier

this year by refusing to contribute Canadian forces to the Iraq war, prompting the U.S. president to cancel a planned visit to Ottawa in May. Previously, some of Chretien's subordinates publicly ridiculed Bush over his unilateral policies; one aide was dismissed after calling the president a "moron."

Bush and Martin could hold their first official meeting at the Summit of the Americas in Mexico in January. Iraq might not be the only contentious topic; though the two nations are the world's largest trading partners, they have long-standing trade disputes over lumber and other commodities.

On the domestic front, Martin, 65, is a fiscal conservative credited with balancing Canada's budget during his nine years as finance minister. He is expected to call for national elections early next year and would be the favorite to win a full five-year term over any opposition candidate.

Report: Ozzy quit breathing after crash

LONDON (AP) — Ozzy Osbourne stopped breathing and his heart stopped beating for more than a minute after a crash on an all-terrain vehicle, a newspaper quoted his wife as saying Friday.

Sharon Osbourne said a security guard who was with the rock star resuscitated him, the Daily Mirror tabloid reported.

"He had stopped breathing and the guard spotted it immediately," she was quoted as saying. "He had stopped breathing for a minute and a half and there was no pulse. But thank God, the security guard was there to revive him. He resuscitated him and got him breathing and his pulse going again. We are so, so grateful to him."

Osbourne fractured his left collarbone, eight ribs and a neck vertebra in Monday's accident at his estate in Buckinghamshire, southern England. He underwent emergency surgery after the crash to restore the flow to a damaged blood vessel.

He has been on a ventilator

in intensive care at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough, west of London. The hospital's medical director has said he expects the 55-year-old "Black Sabbath" star to make a steady recovery.

Sharon Osbourne reportedly said doctors did not yet know

whether her husband would have any long-term effects.

"The doctors are hoping there hasn't been any lasting damage, but until Ozzy can actually come round and get off the ventilator and then they will know," she was quoted as saying.

Gun&Knife show planned

AMARILLO — On Dec. 13-14, Texas Gun and Knife Association will present its Holiday Texas Gun and Knife Show at Amarillo Civic Center. The show will open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14.

Collectors and exhibitors from through the Amarillo area are expected to attend. Don Hill, association president, will be on hand to visit with show-goers.

As with every gun and knife show, guns and knives will be just part of the overall selection which will

include wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, jewelry, and Native American and military memorabilia.

"These items you simply can't find every day," Hill said. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, admission will be two-for-the-price-of-one during the first hour of the show on both days. Children under 12 get in free.

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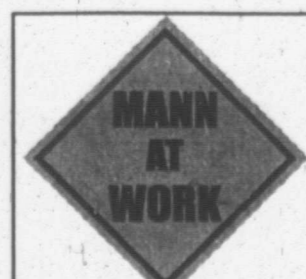
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RELIGION

Restored, moved St. Anthony shrine stirs faithful

By NICOLE FOY
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

SAN ANTONIO — Sara Castano returned to the little church of her childhood, the sacred spot that nurtured her family and her faith. When the pinewood planks creaked beneath her now-unsteady feet, the memories came flooding back.

The 75-year-old's eyes glistened as she pulled from her purse faded pictures of a smiling young bride and her groom on their wedding day more than 50 years ago.

And there in the background it stands: the 5-foot-high statue of St. Anthony, just as it looks today on the altar pedestal of the newly restored Adoration Chapel.

"I married here and I learned to sing in the choir right up there," Castano said, pointing at the small wooden choir loft in the back of the chapel. "This is where some of the happiest

moments of my life took place. I just can't believe that I'm standing here again."

The shrine, in what is now the Lincoln Heights area, closed in 1957, when the present St. Anthony of Padua Parish church opened.

Over the years, the shrine's white stucco walls began crumbling and the mission-style church fell into disrepair.

Then, in 2001, the Missionary Servants of St. Anthony, the nuns who own the shrine, began a campaign to restore it.

More than a year ago, the fragile building was moved two blocks north off Lorenz Drive and a meticulous restoration effort began to transform it into a Eucharistic adoration chapel for St. Anthony Parish.

Father Pat O'Shea, pastor of the parish, helped oversee the project. And on Saturday he joined Archbishop Patrick Flores and hundreds of onlookers for a rededication ceremony at the chapel.

It was an emotional homecoming for many who took their first communions and were baptized inside the shrine. Before the ceremony, many stood or knelt silently near the altar. Others gazed almost in disbelief at the vibrantly restored green-and-purple stained glass windows.

"It takes your breath away," Herculita Garcia whispered to her sister-in-law, Teresa Gomez.

Both women were married at the church about 40 years ago and hadn't set foot in it for about 30 years.

When Castano pulled out her wedding photographs, the three women huddled around them, giggling like schoolgirls over their marriage memories.

"Oh, look, that's Father Wagner! Look how young he is!" Garcia said, pointing at Castano's wedding day pictures.

After Castano's wedding, she and her husband moved in with her parents, who lived in

one of the Cementville cottages the nearby cement company rented to workers for about \$12.25 a month.

In the shadow of the San Antonio Portland Cement Co. (later Alamo Cement), the small shrine served as the spiritual center for generations of workers and their families.

The chapel's transformation stands as a testament to those who never gave up hope it would one day be restored, campaign officials said.

In a letter to parishioners and supporters, Sr. Mary Ann Domagalski said the shrine's history could be a lesson for others.

"When one thinks of the brokenness, cracks and destabilization in the lives or relationships in families, churches, societies and the world, one can always visually remember the renovation of the Little Shrine as a symbol of hope," she said.

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World would be dark without Christ

There is a strange old legend of a world that grew colorless in a single night. The clouds became lifeless, spongy vapors. The waves turned pale and motionless. The fire fled from the diamond and light from every gem. The world turned into a sculptor's world and all was animated stone. Those that dwelt upon it were saddened and bewildered at the change and never ceased to mourn for the beautiful tints of flowers and grasses and the vanished hues of the sunset clouds. All nature was in mourning and wore a leaden-colored robe. Nevermore should diamonds sparkle nor rubies shine nor dewdrops glisten in the morning light. Nevermore should there be a rainbow on the cloud or silver in the falling raindrops. The expanse of lake or ocean should nevermore reflect a blue heaven, the stars



Minister's Musings

JIMMY FLYNN, PHD
CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN

nor the sun. The world had passed into eclipse - into the shadow of death.

This old legend is a parable, it suggests to us a picture of the world without the Christmas Christ. What a dark, dead, dismal world this would be. What an awful world it would be if in total eclipse of a Christ-less condition. What if there had been no Savior? We celebrate the day of Christ's birth - Christmas - the gladdest, brightest, happiest day of all the year. But will it not be all the happier if we prepare for it by at least a little time thinking of what the world

would be if there had been no Savior? The bright scene will be all the brighter for having in the background this heavy, dark curtain of the thought of a Christ-less world.

Others have had this thought. Job had it. He saw man a sinner and asked how it was possible for him to be justified before God. The apostle John had it and said he that believeth not is condemned already. The writer of the epistle to the Romans had it when he told of the awful sins of men and added that God would render to every man according to his deeds. The

apostle Paul had it when he told the Ephesian Christians that before they had been quickened by Christ they were "dead in trespasses and in sin." A Christ-less world! If there had been no Savior! No eclipse could be so dark as that.

1. It would mean a heathen world. Read pagan history.

2. It would mean a hopeless world. Christ put hope into the world. Christmas day has well been called the birth day of hope.

3. It would mean a paralyzed world, for where there is no hope there is no action.

4. It would mean a lost world. Lost!

Are you ready to appreciate the Christmas message, the good news of the gospel? Are you ready to yield yourself wholly, heartily, gladly to Christ, let Him be your Savior?



Dalana Barsanti

Gospel singer to appear at Briarwood Church

Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, welcomes vocalist Dalana Barsanti at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 14.

Barsanti has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico and Bermuda ministering the Gospel in song.

She has performed on

many occasions at the Johnny High Country Music Revue in Fort Worth. She has also sung the National Anthem for the rough Riders Minor League Baseball Team in Frisco, as well as many churches and other venues throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Long Island bishop dogged by sex abuse crisis

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. (AP) — Nearly two years into the clergy sex abuse crisis, Roman Catholic Bishop William Murphy remains an object of distrust and criticism over how he has dealt with accused priests in his Long Island diocese and elsewhere.

The local chapter of the lay

group Voice of the Faithful continues to call for Murphy's resignation from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

And a leading child welfare advocate, whom Murphy had recruited for a diocesan team addressing the abuse issue, has joined in.

Seeking to allay clergy concerns about the situation, Murphy is planning to meet next month will all 400 of his priests. But a spokeswoman for Murphy said the bishop has no intention of resigning.

"Of course, he's concerned for the diocese and he's concerned that people have raised objections to him," Joanne Novarro said. "He continues to be out there in the parishes and the bishop is still participating in diocesan works. He thinks the meeting with the priests is a positive step."

Overshadowed in public perception by places like Boston,

Los Angeles and New York, Rockville Centre is the nation's sixth-largest Catholic diocese, with 1.5 million parishioners.

Murphy became head of the diocese more than two years ago, following a long tenure as the top aide to disgraced Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, where the abuse crisis began. Murphy was called this year to testify before a Massachusetts grand jury investigating whether church leaders violated state law by sheltering abusive priests. No charges were filed.

Last February, a Suffolk County grand jury concluded the Rockville Centre Diocese repeatedly protected and transferred alleged abusers, but filed no indictments because the statute of limitations had expired.

Murphy was not implicated in the report, which dealt with cases before his arrival on Long Island, but has been criticized for allowing a local priest accused of

abuse to say Mass publicly.

Dan Bartley, co-chairman of the Long Island chapter of the Voice of the Faithful, said while the scheduled Jan. 19 meeting between the bishop and priests is "a great thing," he still believes Murphy should step down.

The bishop has kept Voice of the Faithful at arm's length, steadfastly refusing to allow its members to meet on any church property in the diocese.

"A recent survey showed 92 percent of our members go to Mass weekly and 34 percent attend Mass daily," Bartley said. "These are the people who have been banned. We are not the enemy. If we're the enemy, then we're all in lots of trouble."

A committee of four priests, who said they represented another "small group of priests," wrote to Murphy seeking next month's meeting. They cited "a general malaise and even an abiding anger" in the diocese.

The priests said they "perceive a fairly widespread dissatisfaction with the way you have related to some clergy and laity and we sense a certain lack of confidence in your pastoral leadership."

The priests also noted the shortfall in donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the diocese's main fund-raiser. The diocese set a goal of \$15 million, but Novarro conceded that pledges total just over \$9 million with only weeks before the end of the campaign.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community to meet Dec. 13

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community is meeting Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 100 Amaryliss St, between Berger and Fritch on Hwy. 136. A covered dish fellowship begins at 6 p.m., followed with worship at 7 p.m. Nursery is provided. Persons interested in Walk to Emmaus are welcome to attend.

First Methodist to present 'A Thrill of Hope' Dec. 14

First United Methodist Church of Pampa will present its 2003 Christmas musical on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The cantata, "A Thrill of Hope," features soloists, narration and pageantry. It will be presented by the youth and adult choirs. The public is invited to join the congregation in this celebration of Jesus' birth.

Episcopal leader: Church will resolve crisis

NEW YORK (AP) — The head of the Episcopal Church says the denomination will resolve internal divisions over the consecration of its first openly gay bishop without direct intervention from overseas Anglican leaders.

Some U.S. conservatives who are opposed to ordaining gays are building a separate network of Episcopal churches and are appealing to Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams to

provide direct oversight for them.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold sent a letter last Friday to American bishops saying that, together, they will devise a plan providing alternative church leadership for dissenting congregations — not Williams or others.

A draft will be considered at the U.S. bishops' next meeting in March.

"I have been in consultation with the archbishop (Williams), and in a conversation earlier this week he made it clear that the responsibility for working out a form of extended episcopal ministry lies within our province," Griswold said.

Williams is the spiritual leader of the 77-million-member Anglican Communion, which is represented in the United States by the Episcopal Church.

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Israel vice premier speaks out

By LAURIE COPANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — If the Palestinians do not act against their militant groups, Israel will dismantle some Jewish settlements and draw a border around the rest in a "comprehensive step" that may fundamentally change the situation in the Middle East, Israel's vice premier told The Associated Press.

In violence early Friday, Palestinian gunmen ambushed an Israeli car, wounding seven passengers, two seriously, in the West Bank city of Nablus, the military said. The ultra-Orthodox Jews had been praying at a holy site where Jews believe the biblical Joseph is buried.

Israel abandoned the site in October 2000, at the beginning of three years of violence, and banned Israelis from going there. Soldiers were sent to recover the wounded.

Vice Premier Ehud Olmert, acknowledging his thinking is along the lines of that of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, told AP Thursday that Israel will impose its own solution without a peace agreement unless the Palestinians finally move against "terror organizations."

Israel, Olmert said, will have to remove a "considerable" number of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza and draw a border around the rest to bring about a separation between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Olmert's proposal falls far short of the Palestinian demand for a state in all of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, areas Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians fear they will end up with much less land than in a negotiated agreement.

Without a peace deal, "the fire will burn, the terror will grow," Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia warned in an interview with the Israeli daily Maariv newspaper published Thursday. It would be "a terrible mistake to try to impose a solution on us by force," he said.

But Olmert said it is up to the Palestinians to decide whether they want to negotiate an agreement.

"If they are unable to go ahead and unwilling to fight terror organizations, then there will be a unilateral, comprehensive step taken by the state of Israel and I think that may indeed change fundamentally the situation in the Middle East for a considerable amount

of time," Olmert said.

"If there is no agreement, I believe it is incumbent on Israel to take unilateral steps and to create a unilateral separation between us and the Palestinians," said Olmert, a Sharon confidant.

In the most detailed outline yet of a go-it-alone plan, Olmert said "it will be a lot different from the reality that exists today" and most Palestinians would no longer live under Israeli rule.

Israel, he said, will "definitely" not withdraw to the 1967 lines, and will keep "the united city of Jerusalem."

"A considerable amount of settlements and a considerable number of people will have to move into different areas," Olmert said.

A removal of settlements would be a dramatic departure for Sharon, who has been the settler movement's leading patron for a quarter century.

But Sharon has spoken repeatedly about possible unilateral moves, and was to deliver a major policy speech at a conference on national security next week.

"It is an entire policy that is being-planned," said Uzi Arad, the conference organizer and former security adviser to ex-premier Benjamin Netanyahu.

Felony charges brought against two men accused of running spamming operation

STERLING, Va. (AP) — Using the nation's toughest anti-spam law for the first time, Virginia prosecutors have gained felony indictments against two men accused of sending thousands of unsolicited e-mail pitches for investments, software and other products.

Prosecutors said Thursday that an alias of one of the defendants, Jeremy Jaynes, is listed as one of the world's 10 biggest spammers by spamhaus.org, a group that tabulates complaints reported to Internet service providers.

The indictments, returned Monday by a grand jury in Loudoun County, Va., are based on Virginia's anti-spam law, which took effect July 1. Prosecutors said it's the first time spamming has brought felony charges.

Jaynes, 29, who uses the aliases of Jeremy James and Gaven Stubberfield, and Richard Rutowski each face four counts of transmission of unsolicited bulk electronic mail. Each count carries up

to five years in prison.

Virginia Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore said the North Carolina men ran a massive spamming operation that used the America Online computer network, which is headquartered in Loudoun County. AOL is a major reason more than half the world's Internet traffic passes through Virginia.

"This was a very profitable business for these two individuals," Kilgore said, but investigators declined to say how much income they believe the scheme generated.

The spam included "penny-picker stock schemes, mortgage interest rate ads and an Internet history eraser," said Lisa Hicks-Thomas, director of Virginia's computer crime unit in Kilgore's office.

Between July 11 and Aug. 11, more than 100,000 complaints about spam messages linked to the two men were reported, Kilgore said.

"The defendants falsified or forged electronic mail

transmission information, or other routing information," Kilgore said. The volume of messages and efforts to conceal their identities elevated prosecution of the case to felony level, he said.

Jaynes, of Raleigh, N.C., was being held in North Carolina pending a request for extradition. Rutowski, of Cary, N.C., was expected to surrender to authorities under terms being worked out through his attorney.

The indictments were announced Thursday at AOL headquarters. Curtis P. Lu, deputy general counsel for the company, said spam filters and other measures by AOL block 1.5 billion e-mails a day.

Many states have anti-spam laws, but Virginia's allows prosecutors to seek not only prison time for offenders, but also the assets earned from spamming.

Federal legislation allowing for the criminal prosecution of spammers has been passed by Congress and is awaiting President Bush's signature.

High Plains Art show in offing

MIAMI — Organizers of the Third High Plains Art Festival are currently seeking entries for the show slated Jan. 8-20. Roberts County Museum in Miami will host the event.

The awards ceremony will be from 5-6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, at the museum. A wine and cheese reception will follow at the home of the Philpotts', located caddy-corner from the museum.

Each artist may enter one piece. Any type of visual art is acceptable. Framing is only required for adult entries which must also be ready to hang.

Entry fees are \$5 for youth 18 and under and \$10 for adults.

Five-hundred dollars will be awarded best of show. Lesser awards will be bestowed upon winners in individual categories, ranging

from \$250 to \$10.

To enter or for more information, contact the museum at (806) 868-3291, call (806) 868-2094 or e-mail seth@wildsteps.com. Deadline for entries is Dec. 20.

The event will be judged by Michael Grauer, curator of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Boyfriend's Angry Threats Must Be Taken Seriously

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl with a problem I can't talk to anyone about. I have been with my boyfriend, "Jon," for about five months. He has always been kind of jealous and controlling. Recently my parents told me I couldn't see him anymore.

Jon became furious when I told him how my parents feel, and now he's talking about killing them so we can be together. I know he is serious.

I really love Jon. He is the first boy who has shown an interest in me.

My parents and I have always had a great relationship and my mom is like my best friend. I totally don't want to see them get hurt. I don't know what to do. I can't tell my parents and I can't tell the police. I have tried to talk Jon out of it, and tell him they will learn to accept him over time. He just gets mad and says I am taking their side. Please tell me what to do.

ANONYMOUS
IN FORT MYERS, FLA.

DEAR ANONYMOUS: I hope your sense of self-preservation is stronger than your sense of family loyalty. The boy you are involved with appears to have serious mental problems. He desperately needs psychological evaluation and counseling. Unless you do something now, Jon could talk himself into doing something to your parents — and you will be an accessory because you knew it was going to happen and did nothing.

I urge you to warn your parents about Jon's threats, so they can protect themselves — and you. As much as you may love him, you cannot reason with someone who is irrational and possibly homicidal.

P.S. Do not allow Jon to make you feel guilty for wanting to protect your parents. Your first responsibility is the safety of your family. So please don't wait. Tell them now. A good way to begin would be to clip this letter, hand it to them and tell them that you wrote it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "George" for nine months. Since the day I met him, I knew he was a little odd, but that was one of the qualities that first attracted me to him.

In the last three months, his behavior has become worse. He is now homeless, penniless, jobless, and has problems with alcohol and depression. He was recently diagnosed with schizophrenia.

I love George dearly, but my role in his life has switched from girlfriend to caregiver/provider. I am not sure what to do. He refuses to get help but is stuck to me like a lost child. How can I save his and my life before it is too late?

DESPERATE IN NEW YORK

DEAR DESPERATE: True lovers must also be true friends, and right now George desperately needs one.

Tell him, as a concerned friend, that because you love him, he must get professional help.

If he doesn't have money, he can still find help in New York in a number of places. One of the large academic hospitals might be the place to start.

In any meaningful relationship, both people involved switch caregiving roles at various times. This is called "nurturing." But being made to feel obligated beyond affection is entrapment — and that you must avoid.

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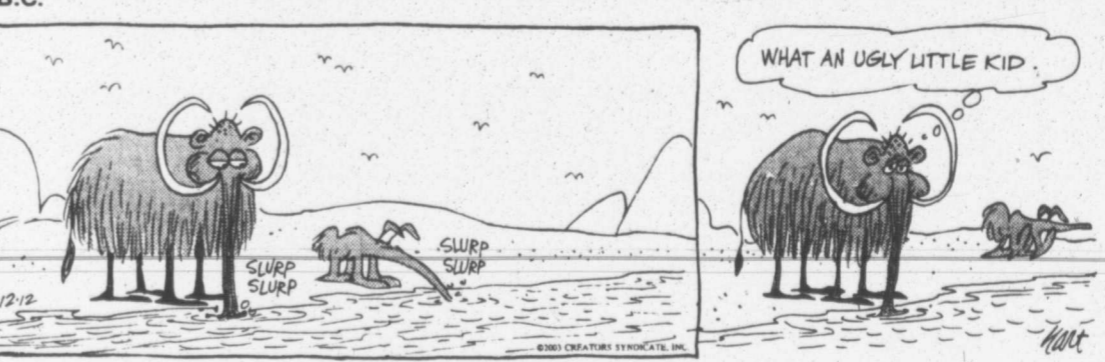
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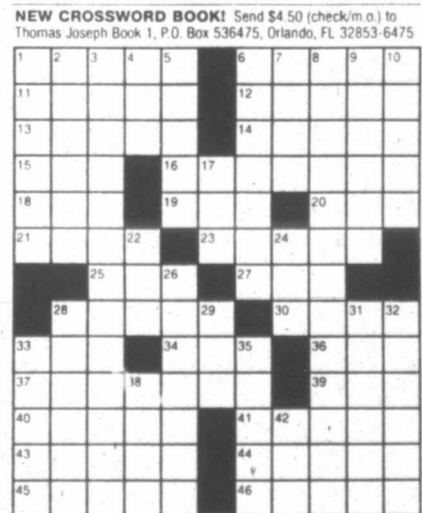
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 11 Belief
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 - 15 Actor
 - Ayres
 - 16 Include
 - 18 Bar topic
 - 19 Crazy —
 - 20 "Yo!"
 - 21 Tennis legend
 - 23 Get
 - hitched anew
 - 25 Writer
 - Radcliffe
 - 27 Party staple
 - 28 Impassive one
 - 30 Mint containers
 - 33 X
 - lookalike
 - 34 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
 - 36 Member of the force
 - 37 Expunged
 - 39 Draw
 - 40 Fight site



Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
- 7 Press
 - 8 "Under-stand?"
 - 9 Loosened
 - 10 Indiana's state
 - 11 "Streetcar" name
 - 2 Conger, e.g.
 - 5 Pancake order
 - 6 Watered down
 - 24 Humor
 - 26 Grunge group
 - 28 Himalayan guide
 - 29 Middling grade
 - 31 Sounds
 - 32 Goes 80
 - 17 Crew
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Officials saying more vaccines on way as flu spreads through states

LAS VEGAS (AP) — With the flu now spread to all 50 states and nearly half of those considered hit hard, the government is scrambling to ship 100,000 vaccine doses to combat shortages, hoping to head off what could become one of the worst outbreaks in years.

The number of states with widespread infections nearly doubled to 24 in the past week, and the season has not yet peaked nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

Worried parents are rushing to find shots even though many local health departments and doctor's offices are either out or about to run out of the vaccine.

"I really was desperate," said Joy Thompson of Valencia, Calif., who recently got the shots for her two young daughters.

She found 300 people waiting to get the vaccine at her daughters' pediatrician's office Saturday, but couldn't endure the three-hour line. She later got the vaccine from her mother, who is a nurse.

Schools have shut down. Emergency rooms have been filled with sick children. And doctors' offices have been forced to turn away droves of people seeking flu shots.

Some experts predict this year's death toll easily could surpass the annual average of 36,000.

Health officials are unsure why the outbreak has hit so early, why it has caused so many problems — particularly in the West — and why it seems to be so lethal in children.

States are not required to track the number of flu cases, so the exact total is not clear; however,

at least 20 children have died nationwide during this outbreak.

Many cases are never classified as the flu, but doctors say they are seeing a clear increase this year.

"If it were me, I'd be on the phone to your doctor, calling around to see if you could find some" vaccine, said Dr. Randall Todd, Nevada's epidemiologist.

Nearly the entire western half of the country — California being the major exception — is now considered to have widespread flu. Last week, 13 states had widespread outbreaks.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the government had arranged for 100,000 doses of adult vaccine to be shipped from Aventis Pasteur immediately and distributed based on each state's population. In addition, 150,000 doses of children's vaccine are expected to be shipped to the states by January.

The nation's two producers of flu shots reported last week that they had shipped their entire supply of about 80 million doses. However, Aventis had set aside 250,000 doses at the CDC's request last week when it became clear that shortages might develop.

Bianka Ortega, receptionist for After Hours Pediatrics in Las Vegas, has been turning away frustrated parents. The office does have flu vaccines left, but they are reserved for poor patients. She said parents have been getting "a little bit irate."

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the CDC, said the center is recommending doctors give high-risk groups top priority for shots. That

means the elderly, children under 2, those with chronic medical conditions, and women in the second and third trimester of pregnancy.

Around the country, several schools closed because so many students are sick.

In Colchester, Conn., the public Bacon Academy closed Thursday after more than 300 students — more than one-third of the student body — called out. Madison Junior High in

Mansfield, Ohio, also closed for the rest of the week after 250 of 900 students were out sick Wednesday, principal Timothy Rupert said.

"We've never closed down for flu," Rupert said.

In Colorado, the good news is that the outbreak appears to be on its way out. State health officials said the flu has reached its peak in the Denver area.

FDA advisers urging more explicit fish safety advice on mercury content levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government should provide clearer advice on which fish have too much mercury for pregnant women and young children, a scientific advisory panel says.

Part of the confusion centers on tuna. More expensive canned white, or albacore, tuna contains nearly three times as much mercury as cheaper canned "light" tuna, and women need to understand the difference, the panel told the Food and Drug Administration on Thursday.

"You made a stab at tuna but you didn't quite get it right," said adviser Marion Aller, the Florida Agriculture Department's food safety director.

Fish is very nutritious, containing certain fats that are heart-healthy and important for fetal brain development.

But fish also can harbor mercury, a metal that accumulates in the bodies of fish-eaters over time. At high enough levels, mercury can damage the growing brains of fetuses and young children. About 8 percent of U.S. women of childbearing age have enough mercury in their blood to put a fetus at risk.

Different fish varieties contain more mercury than others. The FDA has long said that women who are or may become pregnant and young children should avoid those with the highest amounts: shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.

But the FDA in 2001 sparked controversy by saying 12 ounces a week of any other fish is healthy during pregnancy. Critics argued that tuna, with moderately high mercury levels, is

eaten so often by pregnant women and young children that it needed a different warning.

So the FDA proposed stressing that the 12-ounce weekly quota should come from a variety of fish, not the same type more than once a week, and mentioning that albacore generally contains more mercury than light tuna.

The planned recommendations are still confusing, the FDA's scientific advisers said.

More research is needed to clarify just how much mercury is in different fish and which kinds of fish different populations eat the most, the panel said.

While scientists figure that out, the FDA should create a consumer-friendly list that tells women of childbearing age not just which very high-mercury fish to avoid but which are believed low enough to be good choices, panelists said.

They said the list should also include a third category of fish with medium mercury levels that should be eaten only in small amounts, perhaps once a week. Light tuna would be on the low-mercury list, while medium-mercury albacore should be on the caution list, Aller said.

In addition, the FDA should provide more explicit advice for young children, giving examples of serving sizes for youngsters of various weights, the panel said.

The FDA hopes to issue revised consumer recommendations in the spring.

The tuna industry opposes being singled out. "The message consumers take away is, 'Do not eat seafood,'" said John Striker of tuna maker Bumble Bee Seafoods Inc.

Survey: Disabled finding health care hard to afford

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many disabled Americans have trouble paying for health care — skipping medication, doing without needed equipment or postponing care — though most have health insurance, according to a new survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

While attention has been focused on older Americans and the choices some face between food and medicine, the survey found that non-elderly adults with permanent disabilities confront similar hardships.

Nearly half said they go without equipment, while more than a third said they postpone care, skip doses or split pills because of cost. A third of those surveyed also said they spend less on such basics as food and heat to pay for health care.

The foundation polled 1,505 adults between 18 and 64 with permanent physical or mental disabilities. It published the findings Friday.

There are about 15.5 million disabled adults across the nation, the foundation said.

"Nowhere is the case for providing adequate insurance for people who need it more compelling than when it comes to people with disabilities," Kaiser chief executive Drew

Altman said. "This study shows that when the disabled fall through the health insurance cracks, they fall hard."

Other studies have found that more than 2 million disabled adults, about 13 percent of that population, are uninsured. Only 5 percent of those surveyed by Kaiser said they lack any insurance.

But among this group, most reported that they have no regular doctor and go without equipment and medication.

The survey findings also pointed up an issue that has

received much attention lately — the gap in coverage under Medicare, the government health insurance program for older and disabled Americans.

The Medicare law signed by President Bush Monday includes a new prescription drug benefit.

Among disabled adults with some insurance, those with Medicare and no supplemental insurance were most likely to have trouble paying health care bills. For example, more than half said they cannot afford their prescriptions.

North Texas charities face gift shortage

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas may be bleak for some needy North Texas children if donations don't pick up at several charities.

The Salvation Army in Dallas says it is facing its worst shortage ever, including the lull in charitable giving following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Each year it's been worse. Last year was worse than 2001, and this year is worse than 2002," said Patrick Patey, public affairs manager for the charity, which sponsors an Angel Tree program in area malls.

The Salvation Army aimed to help 13,518 fami-

lies with 41,791 children this holiday season. But as of Thursday, projections indicated that more than 13,300 children would be left without Christmas gifts.

"It's important for the community to understand that the Salvation Army isn't sitting here with a big warehouse full of toys," Patey told The Dallas Morning News for a Friday story. "We don't have a safety net or a fallback plan for these kids."

Some other North Texas toy donation programs said they also are running behind their usual pace.

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