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Billy Joe Broadbent, 73, services pending.

# Joint venture Two Pampa

### museums to present joint military show

Pampa's Freedom Museum and White Deer Land Museum are planning a joint summer military exhibit which will span the period from World War II to the current war in Iraq.

"We will be recognizing V-E Day and its 60th anniversary on July 6, but we will also include artifacts from Korea. Vietnam and the Gulf War. We also want to show support of our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq with this exhibit," said Anne Davidson, White Deer Museum director.

The museums seeking artifacts from each conflict for the exhibit, especially items from the Gulf region, Davidson said.

"We are also interested in the things of the cultures in the different countries where our soldiers were stationed,' she said.

Some items the museums would be interested in displaying include those from Pampa Army Air Force Base, the Pampa Red Cross during World War II, and photographs.

"We can't use personal histories or biographies, but the articles that those people used would be valuable," Davidson said.

Anyone who has items that they would consider placing on loan to the museums for the summer may call White Deer Land Museum at 669-8041 or Freedom

Museum at 669-6066. "We thank you for helping us to honor our soldiers of all generations with this exhibit," Davidson said.

# Drake: Roach out of inpatient unit

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Rick Roach was released from a Dallas inpatient substance abuse treatment facility last Thursday and is back in the Panhandle, according to assistant U.S. attorney Christy L. Drake of Amarillo.

Potter and Randall County," Drake said in a telephone interview this

Under the conditions of Roach's release from custody which were read at his arraignment Jan. 18 in federal court in Amarillo, he was to "undergo medical or psychological "He got out last Thursday and is treatment and remain in an institu-

back here. His travel is restricted to tion until further order of the court." He was also restricted to Potter

County in the original conditions of release, but Randall County was added at least in part because Roach's attorney and a family member are in Randall County, Drake

A corrections officer at Randall County Jail, where Roach had been confined at the time of the arraignment, said Roach was released into his attorney's custody at midday on Jan. 20.

Drake said she was not certain whether Roach's stay at the Dallas treatment facility was for purposes of treatment or evaluation.

See ROACH, Page 3

# Blast rocks house

Fire officials today say grass growing up underneath the siding of a house on Robert led to a fire and explosion beneath the residence Saturday afternoon.

At 1:54 p.m., an explosion and flash fire beneath a house at 511 Roberta was reported Pampa Fire Department. Two units and six firefighters responded to the call and discovered one wall and the adjacent interior of the house had been damaged, according to fire reports.

called Firefighters See BLAST, Page 3



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

### **Commission** to open bids for vehicles

Gray County Commissioners will open bids for two new Sheriff's Office vehicles during their 9 a.m. meeting tomorrow in the secondfloor courtroom at the courthouse.

The purchase of two

See BIDS, Page 3

### That wasn't so bad

Seventeen-year-old Maryra Herndez gives blood for the first time at the Coffee Memorial Blood Drive which took place in the PHS Auditorium last Thursday. The event, in its fourth year, was sponsored by the drama department and brought in a total of 60 donors, twice the number who from participated last

# Grand jurors hand up indictments

By MARILYN POWERS

Staff Writer

including one first-degree \$25,000.

felony and three seconddegree felony charges.

Gray County grand jurors was indicted for four counts years of age to contact his handed up 10 indictments of aggravated sexual assault. sexual organ on two occa- was indicted for possession Thursday, Jan. 27 in 31st Bond on the first-degree sions. Two other counts in of marijuana. Bond on the District Court in Pampa, felony charges was set at the indictment allege that

allegedly caused the mouth than 14 years of age to con-David Gene Tucker, 18, of a child younger than 14 tact his mouth.

Tucker caused the sexual

On May 1, 2004, Tucker organ of a child younger

Elisabeth Garibay, 24,

See JURORS, Page 3

# Pampa native helping Sri Lanka victims

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

PETHALE, Sri Lanka – A medical team that includes a girl from Pampa has set up shop on the east coast of this tsunami-ravaged nation.

Carleen Rogers, a Pampa native who now works as a registered nurse in Decatur, is part of a medical team of about a dozen people sent to Sri Lanka to help in the tsunami disaster relief effort by a Decatur-based missionary group, Beyond These Shores.

After flying halfway around the world to the island nation off the tip of India, the team has settled in Pethale.

They reported to relatives at home that they spent Friday (Thursday in Pampa), their first day there setting up their medical facility.

They arrived in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, on Thursday, relaxed from the long flight at the local Holiday Inn, visited an orphanage and at 10 p.m. left on an 11-hour bus ride to the eastern side of the island about three miles from the coast near Battilocoa, elevation 12 feet.



Beyond These Shores medical team members, are, front, left to right, Susie Surratt, Jessica Milligan, Leanne Peterson, Neil Livingston RN, Carleen Rogers RN; and back, left to right, Andy Milligan RN, Robbie Surratt, C. Kelley Tibbels MD, and Kris White.

They expected to begin their med-

ical relief mission Saturday morning. The men in the team are staying in a church. The women are in the pastor's home.

In addition to setting up their facility, according to Della Moyer, Rogers' sister-in-law, the first day

was spent battling large insects. Moyer and her husband, Jim, Rogers' brother, went to Decatur last weekend to help the group pack medical supplies.

"Carleen and I ended up packing about a half ton of medicines and medical supplies in nine of the biggest suitcases we could find," Moyer said.

Rogers' daughter, Maisie typed the manifest.

"Everything has to be counted and listed for the trip through customs.

Moyer said that all the passports for the group had been issued in one day and the needed vaccinations for the team were supplied by Dallas County health officials.

Moyer said the group was grateful for the donation of medical supplies from Pampa, as well as more than \$5,000 donated by Pampans.

"Carleen has asked us to pass along all her thanks for all the offerings, donations and prayers that have been sent on her behalf," Moyer said. "She was so thankful for the prayer list from the Church. She was showing it to everyone in her office this morning telling them, 'these are the people I grew up with

See VICTIMS, Page 3

### Billy Joe Broadbent, 73

Billy Joe Broadbent, 73, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Broadbent was born Dec. 4, 1931, in Butler, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. He married DeLoris Ann Terry on Oct. 17, 1954, in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death on Nov. 10, 2001. He owned Broadbent Scrap Metal for 35 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Alan www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Broadbent and Charlie Broadbent, both of Pampa; a daughter, JoAnn Adams of Pampa; one sister, Barbara Dodson of Nowata, Okla.; eight grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, William and Sarah Broadbent; one brother, Floyd Broadbent, and one granddaughter, Ashley Broadbent.

The family will receive friends at 1806 Coffee in Pampa.

- Sign the on-line register book at

### **Emergency Services**

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

Saturday, Jan. 29 Eleven traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was made from the 2500 block of North Hobart. A vehicle accident was reported at Kentucky and Hobart streets, and in the 1300 block of North Banks.

One business and one residential alarm were reported. Warrant service was conducted in the 1000 block of

Barnes. A welfare check was made at One Medical Plaza.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Huff and Prairie streets, City Hall, the 1200 block of South Hobart, and the 100 block of East Craven.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia, Crawford and Barrett streets, and twice in the 300 block of North Banks.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Lowry. Two pairs of shoes were reported taken, for an estimated loss of \$220.

Theft under \$50 was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles. A deck of playing cards was reported taken. One juvenile was detained in connection with the inci-

Attempted burglary was reported at Onie's, 1222 N. Price Road. Damage to doors was estimated at \$250.

A narcotic drug law report was received from the 1100 block of Perry.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive and in the 100 block of South

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Wal-Mart.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 600 block of South Cuyler.

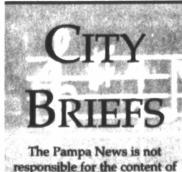
James Henry Bennett, 45, 1244 S. Hobart, was arrested in the 1200 block of South Hobart for a Woodward County fugitive warrant for failure to appear and theft by

Sunday, Jan. 30

Three traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported at Gwendolyn and Hobart streets.

A business check was made in the 100 block of South Russell.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Wilks and Dwight streets, the 2300 block of West Alcock, and the 200 block of N. Russell.



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Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 100 block of West Thut.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Charles.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of Lefors. No injuries were reported.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at One Medical A silent/abusive 911 call

was received from the 1600 block of West Somerville. Warrant service was

attempted in the 500 block of North Gray. A runaway was reported in the 800 block of Deane

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of

### West Foster. **Accidents**

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Saturday, Jan. 29 12:31 p.m. – A 1995 Buick LeSabre, driven by Angela Lynn Ramirez, 37, 504 N. Wells, and a 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Sandi Danylle Anderson, 19, McLean, collided in the 900 block of East Kentucky. No injuries were reported. Ramirez was cited for backing without safety and no valid driver's license.

12:33 p.m. - A 1988 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Margret Lucile Terry, 69, 428 N. Naida, collided with a building at 1304 N. Banks belongs Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

### Sheriff

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

Saturday, Jan. 29

Steve Cory Gardner, 19, 1217 E. Kingsmill, was transferred from Wheeler County on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehi-

Sunday, Jan. 30

Tina Rene Shackelford, 34, 1117 Juniper, was arrested for public intoxication.

John Edward Shackelford, Jr., 37, 1117 Juniper, was arrested for public intoxica-

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29

8:41 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a natural gas leak at a convenience store in the 2500 block of Alcock. Firefighters ventilated the building and stood by until Atmos Energy officials arrived.

9:54 a.m. - One unit and PRMC.

three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1100 block of North Somerville. None was found.

11:45 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Terry Road.

12:50 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1500 block of North Sumner. Firefighters found carbon monoxide coming from a hot water heater vent

1:54 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to an explosion and flash fire in the 500 block of Roberta.

3:35 p.m. - Three units seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of Roberta. Firefighters extinguished a smoldering fire from the earlier incident. (See related story on Page 1.)

Sunday, Jan. 30

5:10 p.m. – Two units and seven firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1100 block of Varnon. The smoke was coming from a cooking fire in the front yard of a residence.

5:21 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Gwendolyn streets.

### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls. Friday, Jan. 28

9:58 a.m. - A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:40 p.m. - A MICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one to

PRMC. 12:15 p.m. - A MICU responded to the 2100 block

of Coffee. No patient transported. 4:38 p.m. – A MICU

responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton and transported one to PRMC.

6:09 p.m. - A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

6:38 p.m. – A MICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Jan. 30

9:16 a.m. - A MICU responded to the 2700 block of Navajo and transported one to BSA West, Amarillo.

2:03 p.m. – A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

2:05 p.m. - A MICU responded to the 800 block of Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

11:48 p.m. - A MICU responded to 8200 Highway 70 and transported one to

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# Road-rage shooter kills boy in Dallas, police say

dead and his stepfather dom targets. wounded.

The shooting happened about 2 p.m. Sunday in a shopping center parking lot in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, about 3 miles west of downtown, police said.

Ruben Juarez, 14, was killed. His stepfather, Gilbert Garza, 25, was treated at Methodist Dallas Medical Center and later released. A 14-year-old friend of Ruben's was also in the family's sport-utility vehicle but was not injured.

Witnesses said the two vehicles were traveling in opposite directions when told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW that he honked at the car, and the other driver honked back.

his car and fired a single far. shot. The bullet went through Garza, then struck Ruben.

DALLAS (AP) - Police away. Witnesses said he was dows were rolled up," continued to search for a driving a silver, beige or Kirkpatrick said. gunman Monday after a sus- champagne-colored car, that left a 14-year-old boy attacker's victims were ran-

> 'It looks like we've got an innocent victim who was shot by someone over something that normally wouldn't go this far.'

Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick Dallas Police Dept.

"It doesn't appear that they nearly collided. Garza they knew each other," Kirkpatrick told The Dallas Morning News for its Monday editions. "It looks like we've got an innocent Kirkpatrick said the gunman someone over something that got out, pulled a rifle out of normally wouldn't go this

"It didn't sound like there the driver's-side window, hit was any yelling or screaming The gunman then drove and raining, and their win- http://www.dallasnews.com

He said police were seekpected road-rage shooting police said. They believe the ing more witnesses to the incident at the Westmoreland Plaza shopping center at Westmoreland Road and Davis Street.

"Somebody might have written down a license plate or might have other information about this," he said. "There's a lot of traffic. We believe there are witnesses that aren't here who we haven't spoken with."

Neighbors of the small duplex where Ruben's family lived, about a half-mile from the shooting scene, said the family had lived there for about two months. "We don't know much about them, only that a lot of young men lived there and that a lot of people came in and out of the house," said Joel Iglesia, who lives in the other unit of the duplex.

"He didn't deserve this," Dallas police Sgt. Gary victim who was shot by said the boy's mother, Mary Juarez. "He was just a baby. They took the life of a child who didn't deserve this."

> Information from: The between them — it was cold Dallas Morning News,

### SHUTTLE MAY FLY IN SPRING

# **Excitement over space shuttle's** return finally overtaking agony

We all want to

— Sandy Coleman

Project manager

do this in memory

of the crew.'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — deliver much-needed groceries and Two years after Columbia's demise, replacement parts. excitement over the space shuttle fleet's return to the skies in just a few short months is finally overtaking the agony of deeply personal. the accident.

dence they are rounding the corner.

thermal-protective skin. The other is a doing it for us." brand new fuel tank guaranteed by NASA that could harm the shuttle.

Those are two of the biggest technical changes resulting from a lengthy review of what destroyed Columbia and killed seven astronauts on that still painfully vivid Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2003.

It's appropriate, workers say, that two of the most crucial items for safely going into space again are

finally at Kennedy Space Center, just in sure no damage occurred. time for the second anniversary of the

focus on the future," said payload operations manager David Schubert. He was standing next to a 50-foot inspection boom, the new tool astronauts will use to make sure the shuttle has reached space unscathed.

For the first time since Columbia went down, "we're in pretty much known territory," said NASA's top spaceflight official, Bill Readdy, a former space shuttle commander. "We know how to process launch pad from here."

"You can just feel it in the air," observed shuttle program manager Bill Parsons. Especially satisfying, he said, is knowing that this spring's flight will help the two men aboard the international space station. The shuttle Discovery will quential corn flake or two.

For virtually everyone, the next launch

— possibly as early as May 12 — is

'We all want to do this in memory of deliveries have boosted morale among manager over the fuel tank. "This is for shuttle workers and provided tangible evi- them and this is what they would have wanted us to do. We knew them. They One is a special tool to inspect the next knew the dangers of spaceflight, and if it shuttle while in orbit for any damage to its had been reversed, they would have been

The fuel tank will be mounted to a pair not to shed big chunks of foam insulation of booster rockets in just over a week, and Discovery will be attached to the towering

threesome in March for the long-awaited trip to the

launch pad. If Discovery is not flying by early June, NASA will have to wait until mid-July because of the unwavering requirement to launch the shuttle in

daylight. That's to make

sure NASA gets clear pho-

tos of the launch to make

NASA guarantees that after two solid years of scrutiny and re-engineering, "We won't ever forget that. But when nothing bigger than a dinner roll will we have something like this to work on, it come off the fuel tank's foam exterior at gives us a lot of enthusiasm and pride to liftoff, too small to do the kind of damage that brought down Columbia.

> Compare that with the suitcase-size chunk of foam insulation that ripped away during Columbia's launch and gouged a sizable hole in the left wing. The hole was harmless in orbit, but during re-entry let in atmospheric gases hot enough to melt the wing from the inside out.

The shuttle came apart over Texas, just 16 minutes from the Cape Canaveral landing strip where the astronauts' families vehicles. We know how to get to the and NASA hotshots — like Readdy were waiting.

The bottom line, according to Readdy, is that even though a dinner roll is the maximum allowable size for flyaway foam, any pieces that do pop off will likely be more along the size of an inconse-

# Gray County Weather

Today: Cloudy, with a high around 37. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. North northwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Cloudy, with a low around 24. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday: Cloudy, with a high around 39. Wind chill values between 24 and 34. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 26. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. Calm wind becoming northwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 46. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. North northwest around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North northwest wind around 10

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

North wind around 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. North northwest wind around 10 mph becoming south south-

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 31. Saturday: Mostly sunny,

with a high around 57. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 57.

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# **Bush promises help** to fight insurgency

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush made congratulatory calls to Iraqi leaders on Monday after declaring the election there a resounding success and promising that the United States will help Iraqis fight continuing insurgency as they build a democratic government.

Bush called Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

"All agreed that yesterday's election was a great success and an important step forward for the Iraqi people and a significant blow to terrorism," McClellan said. "The president and both leaders agreed on the need to make sure that the political process is inclusive of all Iraqis whether or not they voted yesterday."

Bush also called war ally British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his two sharpest war critics among European leaders, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, McClellan said.

In brief remarks on Sunday about four hours after polls closed, Bush said, "There's more distance to travel on the road to democracy. Yet Iraqis are proving they're equal to the challenge."

The president mentioned that some were killed while voting, but focused his remarks on the success for Iraq and its citizens. He told of one voter who lost a leg in a terrorist attack last year but still made it to the polls to vote for peace.

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," Bush said. "In great numbers, and under great risk, Iraqis have shown their commitment to democracy."

Bush on Sunday called three key U.S. allies in the Middle East — King Abdullah of Jordan, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt — to talk about building on the Iraqi election and to support democracy among the Palestinians.

Insurgents in Iraq struck polling stations with a string of suicide bombings and mortar volleys, killing more than 40 people, including nine suicide bombers. Bush also said he mourned the loss of U.S. and British forces on election day, including troops killed when a British military transport plane crashed.

"Terrorists and insurgents will continue to wage their war against democracy, and we will support the Iraqi people in their fight against them," Bush said. "We will continue training Iraqi security forces so this rising democracy can eventually take responsibility for its own security."

Bush did not take questions from reporters or mention any military withdrawal.

L. Paul Bremer, the former U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, said Monday the elections were "a great victory for the Iraqi people, for democracy and for the president's message of freedom."

# Iraq's interim PM calls for unity

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's interim leader called on his countrymen to set aside their differences Monday, while polling stations finished the first-phase count of millions of ballots from the weekend election that many Iraqis hope will usher in democracy and hasten the departure of 150,000 American troops.

From the counts by indi-

vidual stations, local centers will prepare tally sheets and send them to Baghdad, where vote totals will be compiled, election Commission official Adel al-Lami said. Final results could take up to 10 days.

With turnout in the vote still unknown, concern was focused on participation by Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, amid fears that the group that grow ever more alienated. Electoral commission officials said turnout in hardline Sunni areas was better than some expected, thought they cited no numbers. A U.S. diplomat warned that Sunni participation appeared "considerably lower" than that of other groups.

Guerrillas claimed to have shot down a British military

drives the insurgency could C-130 Hercules transport plane that crashed north of Baghdad just after polls closed Sunday.

Al-Jazeera aired an insurgent video showing a missile being fire and flaming wreckage purported to be that of the plane.

No missile impact was shown, and the footage's authenticy could not be confirmed.

# Roach

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"I think you should ask his lawyer. The court was only concerned with conditions of release pending trial," she said.

"He's still looking at a four-count indictment," she

said concerning a rumor that one or more of the charges against Roach had been dismissed.

A pre-trial conference for Roach is scheduled for Feb. 15, with trial set for March 1, Drake said.

Roach's attorney, William E. "Bill" Kelly III of Canyon, was not available for comment when called during the noon hour today.

Roach, who is 31st and 223rd district attorney, was arrested Jan. 11 in Gray County Courthouse for possession of methampheta-

An indictment against him later added further charges involving methamphetamines, cocaine and firearms possession.

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# **Bids**

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patrol units for the sheriff's office was approved at commissioners' Dec. 15, 2004 meeting. Two of the oldest units in the sheriff's fleet will be retired when the new ones are received, said Sheriff Don Copeland.

The bids will be opened at 10 a.m.

A contribution to the Rolling North **Plains** Resource Conservation and Development Council will be considered.

house is on the agenda, as is payment of bills and salaries.

### A service agreement with Trane on the chiller and circulating pumps at the court-

# Blast

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Guardian EMS to the scene to check on the resident and owner of the home, Fave Edmondson.

'We had her checked out by EMS, but she wasn't transported," said Jerry Brock of the Pampa Fire Department.

Firefighters returned to the scene at 3:35 p.m. to extinguish a fire that had apparently been smoldering after the earlier incident, fire officials said.

Brock said the fire had started in dead grass that had grown up underneath the siding of the house.

- Dee Dee Laramore,

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for us every minute we are gone." The team arrived in Columbo about 5:30 a.m., Thursday, relaxed briefly, packed more medical sup-

plies and reported they went

to McDonald's for dinner.

They said the trip went smoothly except for getting their medical supplies help. through customs. It took three hours to work out the problems.

Moyer said that the group was told to expect hundreds, if not thousands, of patients over the next few days.

Another medical team is scheduled to join them, Moyer said.

also travel to a survivors' camp to administer medical

The medical team will stay on the east coast of the island until Feb. 2, working out of tents and a local hospital. They should return to

Colombo Feb. 3, and are expected home about 3 a.m., Feb. 4.

Moyer said they're also During the week, they will trying to move as many children out of the refugee camps and into orphanages as possible because of diseases running through the

# SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1



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# **Jurors**

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second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Oct. 21, 2003, Garibay allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana. Eunice Maria Gutierrez,

23, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Oct. 21, 2003,

Gutierrez allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana. Jimmie Charles Johnson,

52, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$15,000.

On June 15, 2004, Johnson allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

On July 6, 2000, in 84th Judicial District Court of Ochiltree County, Johnson was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance. On March 13, 2003, in 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County, he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, enhanced.

Irma Calvillo, 45, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On Jan. 20, 2003, Calvillo allegedly possession 50 pounds or less but more than

five pounds of marijuana. Jere David Hink, 40, was

indicted twice for stalking. Bond on each of the thirddegree felony charges was set at \$10,000, for a total bond of \$20,000.

On April 8, 2004, Hink allegedly threatened to chop a hole in the roof of Betty Hink's house and burn the house. On Jan. 15, he allegedly called Betty Hink and demanded money and caused her to fear bodily injury.

Also on April 8, 2004, Hink allegedly called Ida Mae Boland and demanded money, causing Boland to fear bodily injury. On Jan. 16, Hink allegedly called Boland and demanded money again.

Eric Randall King, 24, was indicted for having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. Bond on the third-degree felony

was set at \$2,000.

On April 10, 2003, King allegedly took Alprazolam into Gray County Jail and was not delivering it to a correctional facility warehouse, pharmacy or physician.

Marlon Brian Larue, 36, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$15,000.

On Feb. 5, 2004, Larue allegedly possessed one or more grams but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

James Brent Adkins, 33, was indicted for burglary of a building. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Oct. 18, 2002, Adkins allegedly entered a building without the consent of Gabe Parsons, the owner, with intent to commit theft.

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# Viewpoints

# Real life never seems to be picture-perfect

Life is not always neat and well planned.

I was reminded of this a few weeks ago when I was in Lubbook visiting my son and his new bride.

Married about a year now, my son had sold his small house and his wife had sold her small house. They bought a large home just south of Texas Tech with a couple of big trees in the backyard.

As Dana scrambled eggs in the kitchen and Brad made coffee, I sat at the dining room table watching one of my grand dogs chase a squirrel along the fence.

I thought of another dog, another squirrel, a little boy

another backyard a long time

We had a big elm tree in our backyard. Brad was about three, and we would sit on the back steps and watch the squirrel that lived in the elm drop down to the tall wooden fence and raid the bird feeder.

Occasionally, we would put a dollop of peanut butter on the fence post nearest the house and in cold weather wrap up in a quilt and watch the squirrel make his way toward us.

Brad's eyes would get big and round as the squirrel would stop and stare at us as it ate the peanut butter.

A few years later, when he sitting in his father's lap in was four or five, we made a

family trip to Red River, N.M.

Brad's mother went shopping as was her habit. Brad and I went to Mallard Park, the city park back behind the

David

**Bowser** 

Staff Writer

Along one side of the park was a rockslide where menagerie of squirrels and

chipmunks lived.

I had just gotten a new telephoto lens, a Nikkor 500mm F/8 mirror reflex lens to be exact, and thought this might be the time to try it out.

Brad and I bought some peanuts and found a small

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bare knoll amid the grass in the park a few feet out from the rockslide.

We sprinkled nuts atop the knoll, a bare spot an inch or so higher than the grass around it

and maybe the width of a hand. That lens would focus

down to about 15 feet at which point a squirrel would just about fill the frame.

We backed off 15 feet and I lay flat on my belly looking through the lens waiting for a wee timorous beastie of the forest to come into view.

Brad was lying perpendi-

cular to me with his feet propped up and crossed and his head against the small of my back. He was busy with the rest of the peanuts in the

Quietly we lay there in the late morning sun, mountains soaring in front and behind

Slowly, ever so slowly, I could see a squirrel inching up on the nuts lying on the barren knoll.

Through the viewfinder I could see the out-of-focus movement of a squirrel beyond the peanuts. His head dipped as he moved closer. His head rose as he sniffed the air for the nuts and any sign of danger.

We lay perfectly still.

Little by little the squirrel came up. I had focused on the nuts and was waiting for him to pop into focus and begin his feast.

Slowly he approached. I could make out his form through the lens. Only another inch or two and he would be in focus.

"Here, Squirrel!" came the scream. "Have some more."

Brad was up and throwing peanuts at the little furry creature. I looked at my son. I looked back at the nuts on the knoll. No squirrel in

We had often laughed at the story, which had become

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2005. There are 334 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer 1.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna, In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named General-in-Chief

of all the Confederate armies.

In 1905, 100 years ago, author John O'Hara was born in

In 1917, Germany served notice it was beginning a policv of unrestricted subma-

having what you want, but wanting

what you have.' — Rabbi Hyman **Judah Schachtel** 

American theologian

In 1934, President Happiness is not Roosevelt devalued the dollar in relation to gold.

> In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik became the only U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an

American firing squad in France.

In 1950, President Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1971, astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell

and Stuart A. Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon. **Ten years ago:** President Clinton scrapped a \$40 billion rescue plan for Mexico, announcing instead that he would act unilaterally to provide Mexico with \$20 billion from a

fund normally used to defend the U.S. dollar. Legendary

Broadway producer-director George Abbott died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 107.

Five years ago: An Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard. Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker was suspended by baseball commissioner Bud Selig for disparaging foreigners, homosexuals and minorities in a Sports Illustrated interview. Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis was charged with murder in the deaths of two people outside an Atlanta nightclub hours after the Super Bowl. (Lewis ended his trial early by pleading guilty to obstruction of justice; two co-defendants were acquitted.)

# 'Creative destruction' creates wealth

Now that the elections are over, there's little political gain for demagoguery about jobs, but let's prepare ourselves for the next time. Losing a job means a financial crunch and readjustment regardless of the source of job loss. If it's not from an economic downturn, the loss might be a result of outsourcing, but much more likely, it's a result of technological innovation. Job destruction and job creation through natural market forces are enriching. Calling for Congress to save or create jobs is to court disaster.

Let's look at a bit of jobloss history. Anthony B. Bradley, a research fellow at

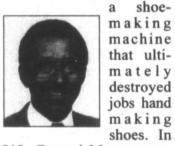
written an article on the subject, "Productivity and the Ice Man: Understanding Outsourcing."

Citing the Walter of work Forrester Williams Research Inc., Columnist a technology research firm, Bradley says,

"Of the 2.7 million jobs lost over the past three years, only 300,000 have resulted from outsourcing." Job losses and job gains have always been a part of our history.

Let's look at some of the history of job loss described

the Grand Rapids, Mich.- in Bradley's article. We based Acton Institute, has might also ponder whether measures should have been taken to save these jobs. In 1858, Lyman Blake patented



shoes. In 1919, General Motors started selling Frigidaire. As Bradley says, "This 'electric ice box' wiped out a whole set of occupations, including ice-box manufacturers, ice gatherers, and the manufacturers of the tools and equipment needed to handle large blocks of ice."

Auto manufacturers use thousands of robots for tasks that people used to do such as spot welding, painting, machine loading, parts transfer and assembly. Robots have replaced thousands of workers in electronic assemand bly mounting microchips on circuit boards, reports Bradley.

We could probably think of hundreds of jobs that either don't exist or exist in far fewer numbers than in the past "jobs such as elevator operator, TV repairman and coal deliveryman.

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# Student weigh-ins: Good idea on surface

good ideas are only skin deep. In this case, a Texas lawmaker's bill to require schools to measure who's fat and who's not has too many financial calories, if you will. It's a health issue thing, and that part is good. But:

It will cost money to measure the body mass index of students, i.e., fat vs. lean. And the Texas Legislature is already stymied on how to properly finance its school districts with available and finessed money.

It will require teachers to spend more time not teaching. Already there is concern that too many teachers are

Good idea. But sometimes required to be baby sitters for some students as compared to being a full-time teachers for all students. If this bill were to pass, teachers would then have to become nutrition monitors, too. Teach nutrition, yes. Calculate

fatty tissue vs. muscle tissue based on height and weight, no. More than

a third of are overweight - some obese - according to the Department of Agriculture. In El Paso, many of the citizens who are

by Type 2 diabetes, which is upon the border region in epidemic proportions, according to health officials. So Sen. Leticia Van de

Putte, D-San Antonio, has a good idea in the health sense.

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"I've seen Texas Thoughts 8- and 9year kids who now El Paso Times

three school-age children in Texas four times a day," she said. Van de Putte said her bill would require the school to provide parents with nutrition facts about their child

and with information about

overweight are also plagued health problems that may occur in overweight students.

> But Eric Allen of the Association for Texas Professional Educators said most parents don't need to be told their child is overweight. He's right.

Tying academic success to a healthy body does have merit, but as Allen said, "... it doesn't have a place on a report card."

Taking it one step further, the logical place for fat-vs.lean testing is not in school that's for the mind. It's logical place is around the family table - that should be the home for healthy

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For students at Clarendon information

College, "where to find out" is the new \$1.3 million Vera Dial Dickey Library, which will host a grand opening celebration and symbolic book pass Thursday, February 3, 2005, beginning at 11 a.m., at the library's entrance, 1122 College Drive.

The grand opencelebration will include events such as a ribbon cutting, dedication of the library and a special proclama-

Life

ing of the Vera Dial Dickey ing.' Library, the public is invited to join Clarendon College President Dr. Myles Shelton from the old library at the College." Following the life-long

library building.

knowing where to find out," human chain, shoulder-to- visitors until 4:30 p.m. was once stated by Alvin shoulder, to move the last

"So much has been accom- research lab with access to 45 Toffler, an American writer books in the library's collec- plished over the past year," computers, three study/read- the college provides academ- opportunities. and former executive editor tion," said Jaylene Watkins, said Shelton. "We are thrilled ing areas, improved office ic transfer programs, work-Clarendon College public that the Vera Dial Dickey and work spaces and special force education programs, Opening doors, changing officer. Library will not only provide display cases for items such student services, develop- lives ... one degree at a time. as the Texas

> Collection. "Mrs. Dickey was a classy lady, and this building is a class act," said Jack Moreman, member of the Clarendon College Board of Regents.

"With increased space, we'll be able to special host events to celebrate our grand opening throughout the year," said Jewel Houston, library director for the

College the entire area can be proud." to come see our building and The 10,500 square-foot take advantage of its

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administration building. The 'the Harned Sisters Fine Arts tunities that assist in the mental education courses, "Participants will form a library will remain open for Center, features improved holistic development of its continuing education/comamenities such as a computer constituents and community. munity service courses and

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Sage, the wonder dog, looked over her

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tion from the office of Texas "Everyone involved will be expanded services to our stu- Vera Dial Dickey Library. Governor Rick Perry. To able to say they had a hand in dents and people in the sur- "We want potential students, symbolize the official open- the move and grand open- rounding communities, but it current students, community will be something of which members and area residents

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when Brad was little. "Yeah," he said, picking up a small stone and hurling it with a forceful sidearm pitch at the squirrel, which scampered off unharmed. "Damned tree rats."

son bringing me a cup of coffee. The **Jobs** 

part of our family's lore.

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My thoughts were interrupted by my

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"Creative destruction" is a discovery process where we jobs. find ways to produce goods and services more cheaply. That in turn makes us all richer.

That same principle applies when it's outsourcing serving as the engine for creative destruction. Daniel W. Drezner, assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago, discusses outsourcing in "The Outsourcing Bogeyman" (Foreign Affairs, May/June 2004). Professor Drezner reports that for every dollar spent on outsourcing to India, the United States reaps between \$1.12 and \$1.14 in benefits. Why? U.S. firms save money and become more profitable,

benefiting shareholders and increasing returns on investment. In the process, U.S. workers are reallocated to better-paying \_\_\_

Drezner also points out that large software companies such Microsoft and have Oracle increased outsourcing and used the savings for investment and larger domestic pay-

rolls. Nationally, 70,000 en, but it has little to do with computer programmers lost their jobs between 1999 and 2003, but more than 115,000 computer software engineers found higher-paying jobs during that same period.

By the way, when outsourcing doesn't work, com- employment fell by 11 per- University in Fairfax, Va.

panies backtrack, as have cent. Globally, manufactur-Dell and Lehman Brothers, which have moved some of China lost 15 percent of its their call centers back to the more competitive, mostly United States from India Brazil lost 20 percent. But because of

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> jobs has falloutsourcing and a lot to do with technological innovation and it's a worldwide phenomenon. During the seven years from 1995 a John

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Instead of calling on Congress to enact job protectionist measures, he did what was necessary to find another job.

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is through 2002, Drezner Distinguished Professor of notes, U.S. manufacturing Economics at George Mason

### Calendar of Events

 Several courses, worth varying continuing education units, will be offered in the area for individuals with pesticide applicator licenses. The courses will include the Crop following: Production Clinics on Jan. 13 in Spearman and on Jan. 14 in Panhandle; West Rolling Plains Chemical Conference. 18, Dickens; Ornamental & Turf, Jan. 20, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center; Right of Way, Jan. 25, Hemphill TAMREC; County Ag Day, Jan. 27, Canadian; and Grain Elevator Workshop, Feb. 8, Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo. For more information, contact Gray Cooperative County Extension office at 669-

 Amarillo College's Youth Lamplight Theatre Company will "Broadway present Musical Review" at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28 and 29 and at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in Ordway Hall on the AC campus. Adult admission is \$8. Student admission is \$5. For ticket information, call

(806) 371-5353. The theatre company will, in addition, present a silent auction fund-raiser Jan. 24-30. Items are listed onwww.amarillo.tv/lamplight.

 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 31 and March 29, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court. Lefors; and March 24. First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster. Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost selfexam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

 BSA Hospice will offer a free volunteer training and community education class from 6-9 Mondays Thursdays, Feb. 7-March 3 at the hospice offices, Sumner. N. Clarendon College will award 2.4 CEU's if the class includes 10 or more participants. To register or for more information, contact Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, at 665-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

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 Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree County will sponsor a beginning futures and options workshop for area producers from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Dr. Steve Amosson will be the instructor for the course which will provide basic information to producers about using futures and options in marketing. The registration fee is \$10. To register or for more information, call Scott Strawn by Feb. 16 at (806) 435CHANGE, sometimes it happens and it forces you to take a new step in life. Time for PRIME INC. Absolutely the best over-the-road trucking opportunity there is.

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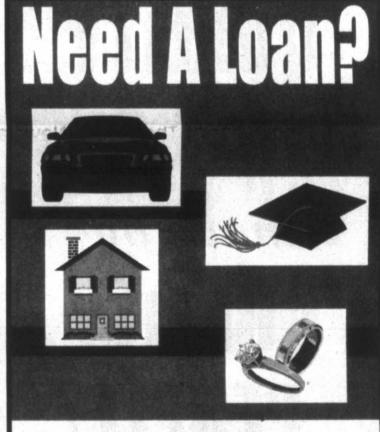
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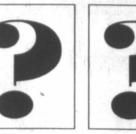








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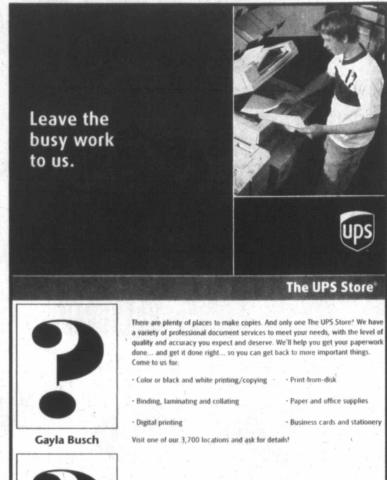
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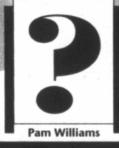
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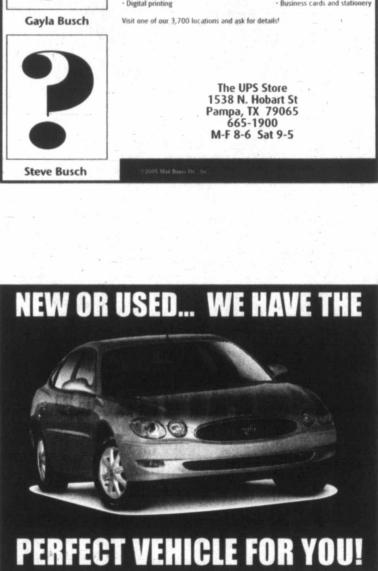
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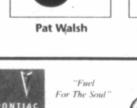




















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# Dear Abby By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Adam," came home from Iraq for a two-week visit. He brought with him some T-shirts for his father, his sister and me. They were last-minute purchases. Now my mother is furious that she didn't get a souvenir from

Our extended family is huge, and Adam didn't have room to bring something for everyone. No one else in the family is upset about it. They're just glad he came home healthy and safe.

My mother complained to her sister, "Irene," and Aunt Irene sent Adam a card in Iraq ordering him to send my mother something. It upset him because he barely knows Aunt Irene.

When I defended my son, Mother said: "I am the grandmother. I should have gotten something." I told her no one expected anything from him.

Is she being unreasonable or am I? Adam is furious that this nonsense is going on while he's risking his life in Baghdad. I will forward your response to him. --PROUD MOM IN OHIO

DEAR PROUD MOM: Please tell Adam that he is in my thoughts and prayers for his safe return from a dangerous tour of duty -- which his grandmother apparently has confused with a sightseeing tour. Your son doesn't owe anyone a gift. His gift to the family will be his safe return.

DEAR ABBY: I married my husband, "Greg," a year ago. He's a wonderful man from a wonderful family. His parents are upper-middle class and have always had money. Greg and I are just starting out, so we don't have a lot. His mother, "Ruth," has been generous and thoughtful enough to buy us many of the things we needed to establish our one for you. The toll-free num-

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taste and I love everything she gets me. I always say thank you, and sometimes send her notes. Greg tells me she keeps buying me things because she sees that I use everything she gives me.

I want to do something nice for Ruth that will really be special, but our funds are very limited. No one has ever been so nice to me, much less bought me things, and I want her to know how touched and grateful I am. Any suggestions on how to show my appreciation? -- BLESSED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR BLESSED: Just one. Take out pen and paper and write your mother-in-law a letter telling her how blessed you feel to have someone so loving and generous as she in your life. A love letter is one of those gifts that keep on giving joy to the recipient. I guarantee, it's something she will keep for a lifetime.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-yearold girl who was molested ever since I was 8. I told the police, and we are going to court about it -- but I can't stop thinking about it. I need help forgetting about it. I can't let my boyfriend near me. Please help. --"MISSY" IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR "MISSY": You did the right thing in telling the police what happened. However, as big a step in the right direction as that was, there is more to do before you can heal from the abuse. Please clip this letter and give it to your mother. Counseling can help you to put the abuse behind you, and an excellent place to get it would be the nearest rape crisis center. An organization called R.A.I.N.N. will help your mother locate ber for its national sex-assault Recently she has started buy- hotline is (800) 656-4673. You ing me things from very expen- are a brave girl, and I wish you

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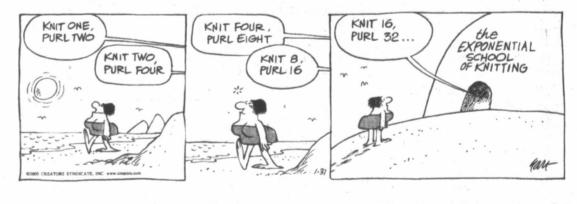
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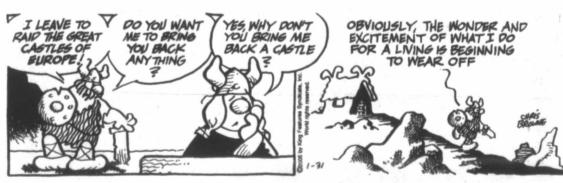
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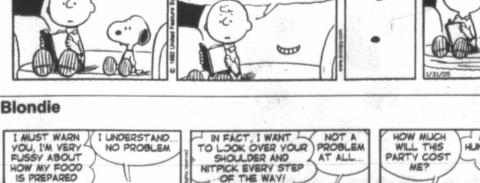
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# Sports Day

# Pampa drops two in Abilene

team dropped two games in a double header at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium on Saturday.

In the first game, Abilene High's offensive passing was too much for Pampa (3-7-1), who was shell-shocked after an early score in the 2nd minute from Cole Lowrence. The Eagles kept up with a near-perfect performance for the rest of the half, striking in the 30th and 37th minute marks.

Left with no choice, the Harvesters regrouped for the second half, and held the home team scoreless for the rest of the game. The Harvester's lone goal of the day came from freshman Rusty Snider, who took the ball down the left side of the field, out-played two Eagle defenders, and fired from outside of 30 yards in the

The Harvester boys' soccer 75th minute. The score ruined Abilene High's shut-out bid, 3-1.

In the second match of the day, Harvesters took on the Stephenville with a much improved performance.

After holding the Yellow Jackets scoreless for the first half, the Harvesters fell victim to a penalty kick after an interference call on junior Brody Smith. The Harvesters attempted to respond with a heightened offensive effort, but were unable to find an answer to the Jackets' physical play. Taking advantage of the Pampa's desperation, Stephenville added one last goal in the final 30 seconds for a 2-0 final.

The Harvesters will be in action tomorrow in Dick Bivins Stadium against Amarillo High. Game time is slated for 5 p.m.



Pampa Harvester Drew Morrison heads the ball away from the goal on an Eagle corner kick during Saturday's game against Abilene High at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

# PJHS, freshmen in action tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High School girls' and boys' basketball teams will take the floor against their Dumas counterparts tonight. The boys will host Dumas with the 7th A and 8th B games getting underway at 5 p.m. The 7th B and 8th A games will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The girls will travel to the land of the Demonettes. Game times are the same as the boy's.

The Pampa High School freshmen are also playing basketball tonight. The boys will host Plainview at 6:30 p.m., while the girls will host Tascosa Black at 5 p.m.

### First female men's coach fired

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ashley McElhiney, the first female coach of a after an on-court dispute with the co-owner of the Nashville Rhythm of the

Anthony was unhappy that McElhiney was playing Matt Freije after Anthony

instructed that he be benched.

The argument over the men's pro basketball team, former Vanderbilt star's was fired Saturday night playing time began during the third quarter and apparently escalated Anthony attempted to remove McElhiney Co-owner and CEO Sally coach during the team's 110-109 win over the Kansas City Knights.

### Harrison: "What would I say? It's Freddie Mitchell."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Even without the pads on, New England safety Rodney Harrison delivered quite a blow.

Asked whether he will say anything to Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who dissed the Patriots' secondary last week, Harrison took his shot.

"What would I say?" he said. "It's Freddie Mitchell.'

And with that, Super Bowl week

The Eagles and Patriots, two teams with very little history or animosity between them, opened America's big football celebration with a nice bit of trash talking Sunday at the first of the dozen or so news conferences that will take place during the week.

This was Harrison's first chance on the Super Bowl stage to respond to Mitchell. Last week, the Eagles receiver said he couldn't name any of the got something for him.'

Harrison, who has spent much of his 11-year career playing the us-againstthe-world card to anyone who would listen, found his perfect foil in Mitchell, who let political correctness take a back seat and greased the wheels for this Super Feud.

"You're always going to find one jerk out of the bunch. Just like Vanderjerk. Mike Vanderjerk." Harrison said, referring to Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who earlier in the postseason suggested the Patriots were ripe for a loss.

> You're always going to find one jerk out of the bunch. Just like Vanderjerk. Mike Vanderjerk."

— Rodney Harrison Safety, New England **Patriots** 

"You're always going to find one Patriots defensive backs except for guy like that who wants some attention Harrison, about whom he said, "I've and wants to do something to try and Patriots, seeking their third title in four stir up the emotions of the game."

Not surprisingly, Mitchell was unavailable at the Eagles' media opportunity Sunday. Also not surprisingly, coach Andy Reid tried to sidestep the inevitable questions about how he reacted when he heard what Mitchell said.

"That's between Freddie and I," Reid said.

Meanwhile, Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb understandably took his teammate's side in the fray, framing Mitchell's comments as meaningless blather made during the tedious bye week.

"Freddie didn't mean anything by them. It's sad that people have to blow them up to make them into a story," McNabb said.

"Freddie apologized. If someone needs those comments to get up for a game like this, they don't need to be here. This is the Super Bowl, this is the ultimate."

The Mitchell-Harrison imbroglio took at least a temporary bite out of the other main "football" stories of the week: whether the Eagles will get lost in the hoopla of playing in their first Super Bowl since 1981 (Reid said he'll give the players their freedom, treat them like adults); whether the years, are on the verge of a dynasty (Coach Bill Belichick insists the past has nothing to do with this week); and, most notably, whether Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens will deem his injured ankle sturdy enough to play.

See HARRISON, Page 12

### **IT'S STILL JUST A GAME**

# Betting the farm on Sunday, praying for help on Monday

Guess what honey? We're a touchdown away from being home-

I heard about a man in Philadelphia who learned the only way he could get to the Super Bowl was to buy a package that included plenty of pre-game accouterments. Airfare, hotel, food, fun and more were available in the package, that came with a price tag of \$6,000 dollars. Strapped for cash, the man took out a second mortgage on his home. Shortly afterward, and expecting a tongue lashing, the man tells his wife what he did. To his surprise, she is all for it. However, what she was not aware of, as he puts it, is that the package he purchased contains only one ticket to the game. I wonder how she will feel when she learns that little secret. Seems to me some one is staying in the hotel room Sunday to watch the game. Hope he enjoys rooms serv-

I doubt his is the only story like this. In fact, it is probably safe to say this is just a small example of how stupid people can get over this game. Kid's college funds will be depleted. Emergency money will be spent. House payments will be used. Money people really don't have will go toward getting a seat at the game Sunday in Jacksonville, Florida to watch guys play a football game. The Super Bowl is a great business example of charging what the market will bear. And when that market is made up of mindless goofballs who place more value on this game than more important events in their lives, then why not soak them for all they are worth?

I doubt any of these people spent anything close to what they are for this game in celebration of the birth of a

child. I have never seen people tailgating prior to their child's graduation. When the offering plate comes around and all they can manage to give is ten bucks, but they can blow a couple grand on this game, what does that say about their moral character? Come Monday morning, many of them will drop to their knees and ask for forgiveness and a sack full of money to help repair the damage they caused. Why is fire, brimstone and a pillar of salt suddenly coming to mind?

Michael J. **Stevens** 



Look, if you got it, good. But it troubles me to know that so many people who do not, are willing to go to bizarre and, frankly, dangerous extremes to simply plant their butts in a seat for a few hours and watch the rich get richer playing a football game.

Gone But Not Forgotten

Having moved to the Texas panhandle from Jacksonville, Florida nearly 10 years ago, I feel some small connection to this weekend's Super Bowl. Especially having had the privilege of working for the Jacksonville Jaguars in their first year of play in the NFL. I attended every home game, providing color commentary for radio stations and networks across the country as well as for the station I worked for at the time.

I had attended a few college games prior to the Jaguar's birth. Games played in a stadium I once knew simply as the Gator Bowl. As I watch the pre-game programs, I am taken back to those days. I find myself pointing to buildings along the Jacksonville skyline and identifying them. I see reporters at landmarks all along the St. Johns river, and I know exactly where they are. I hear reporters talk about hot spots along The Landing Jacksonville's version of a river walk and recall the last time my family and I ate and shopped there. Good memo-

It will be hard to keep these memories to myself when our little group gathers this Sunday. Just a handful of folks who gather each year to share food and watch the big game. It's nothing big. We're all so old, most of us will fall asleep during the game, managing to wake up near the end. I will want to point at the big television screen and boast how I have been there, seen that and done that. And I think our little group would understand if I did. It's the kind of folks we are. But such boasting will seem out of place this year as we will be one member short.

Our friend Larry Fuller passed away just a few months ago. Where he was somewhat quiet and reserved, his wife, Suzy, is loud and colorful. She gets excited about the great television commercials. "Shut up, here comes one," she orders. She yells at players as if they can hear her. "You idiot! The ball only hit you in your hands." She does so while lying on the floor, just as we all did when we were kids.

I expect nothing less than loud, colorful Suzy this weekend. It wouldn't be a Supoer Bowl party without her. But we will all keep Larry in our minds and in our hearts.

# Pampa swimmers dominate districts

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS** Sports Editor

Congratulations to Head Coach Greg Miller and the Pampa Swim and Dive team. The Harvesters competed in Districts over the weekend in Lubbock, and dominated nearly every category.

Miller, already making preparations for his team's next meet, says he is very proud of his team's performance.

Sports Day will feature results and more in tomorrow's

# **Baseball Boosters** meeting tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Just a reminder the High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Ready Room of the PHS Athletic Office.

Those interested in sup-

porting this Harvester baseball team are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact a club member or the Athletic Office at 660-4830.

### Clemens says decision not easy

NEW YORK (AP) -Roger Clemens picked up his latest Cy Young Award at the annual New York baseball dinner Sunday night and said his decision to put off retirement again was "very heart-wrenching."

Then he turned to Joe Torre, his former manager with the Yankees, and practically apologized.

"Skip, I'm really trying to retire, I promise," Clemens said. "I guess we'll just start calling it a comeback."

Earlier this month, the 42year-old pitcher agreed to an \$18 million contract with his hometown Houston Astros, choosing to return for at least one more season. He said one factor was a long chat he had with friend and teammate Andy Pettitte, who told Clemens that his rehabilitation from elbow surgery was progressing nicely.

The Rocket ended a brief retirement last offseason to join Pettitte in Houston and went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts, earning his record seventh Cy Young Award - first in the National League.

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Owens, who tore up the ankle Dec. 19 and has missed the last four games, has not received clearance to play from the surgeon who operated on his ankle.

Nevertheless, the receiver hasn't ruled himself out of the game and his status has become the overarching theme of the buildup to the big game.

"It seems like everyone talks about the Patriots, then when they talk about the Eagles, it's what T.O. will do," McNabb said. "If he plays, you'll talk about him. If he doesn't play, you'll talk about him anyway."

Reid said Owens has been steadily increasing his work and will try to "do"a few things" at a light practice Monday, but his availability won't be determined until much later in the

And while there will almost certainly be an entire week to speculate on Owens, it's hard to know how long the Mitchell mess will last.

Even if it was only for a fleeting day, it was good

"When he says something like that, he's disrewhole specting our defense," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said. "Not only Rodney, but me, and Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel and all the rest of us."

But especially Harrison. "Maybe he was drinking before he started talking,' he said. "That was clearly a mistake, because no one in this league would attack somebody a week before the Super Bowl."

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### Court presence

Lady Harvester head coach Troy Froy talks to Krissie Alexander while Pampa shoots free throws in last Friday's win over Hereford. Pampa faces Randall tomorrow night in Amarillo.

First player implicated

in game-fixing scandal

BERLIN (AP) — The first soccer player was implicat-

ed in Germany's widening game-fixing scandal Sunday,

and prosecutors charged three men arrested in the case

A referee also was replaced for a first-division game

Sunday after his name surfaced during the investigation. The German Soccer Federation called the move "purely

precautionary" and said it did not suspect Juergen Jansen

had informed the federation that one of its players was

involved with the Croatian betting group allegedly behind

Michael Born, the business manager of third-division SC Paderborn, confirmed to The Associated Press his team

### Leonard wins BHC Friday's Games

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LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Justin Leonard shot a 5under 67 Sunday to overtake the faltering Joe Ogilvie and win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

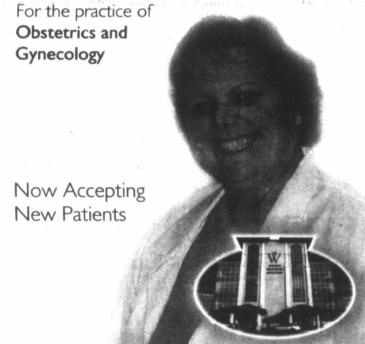
Leonard finished the 90-hole tournament at 28-under 332, three shots in front of Ogilvie and South Africa's Tim Clark. Ogilvie, winless in six years on the tour, closed with a 73. Clark shot a 69.

Coming off his worst year since joining the tour fulltime in 1995, Leonard rolled in six birdie putts and had just one bogey in the final round at PGA West's Palmer Course.



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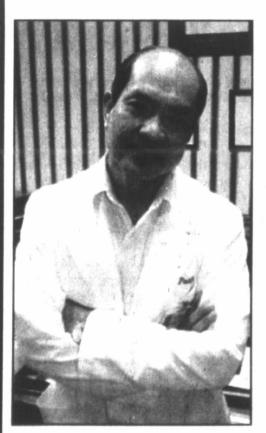
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# Oklahoma State gets rare win in Boulder

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John Lucas and JamesOn Curry had a successful debut as Oklahoma State's starting backcourt.

Lucas, the veteran who led the Cowboys to the Final Four last season, and star freshman Curry started together for the first time this season and led Oklahoma State to a 104-86 victory, its first at Colorado in almost nine years.

It was the most points for the ninthranked Cowboys since they had 108 against Oklahoma in 1989.

"When your starting guards have 48 points, 12 assists and only one turnover, you're not going to lose very many games," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said. Lucas had 26 points and Curry, starting

in place of Daniel Bobik, had 17 of his career-high 22 in the second half.

"I had six steals and no turnovers, that's all that matters," Curry said.

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 2 Duke 100, Virginia Tech 65; No. 10 Washington 79, Arizona State 70; No. 14 Alabama 75, Georgia 47; Notre Dame 78, No. 19 Connecticut 74; and Maryland 79, No. 22 Georgia Tech 71.

No. 2 Duke 100, Virginia Tech 65 J.J. Redick had 29 points and Shelden Williams added 25 points and 17 rebounds as the Blue Devils (16-1, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back from their first

Zabian Dowdell had 15 points for the Hokies (11-7, 4-3), who fell to 0-8 all-time at Cameron Indoor Stadium and played the final 4:39 without coach Seth Greenberg, technical foul.

For the first time in his career, Redick missed more than one free throw, going 7of-10. He has made 96 of 103 (93 percent) this season.

No. 10 Washington 79, Arizona St. 70 Nate Robinson scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half and the visiting Huskies (17-3, 7-2) moved into a tie with Arizona for first place in the Pac-10.

Ike Diogu had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Arizona State (15-6, 4-5), which committed 21 turnovers.

No. 14 Alabama 75, Georgia 47

Kennedy Winston scored 18 points and the Crimson Tide (17-3, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) held Georgia to 31 percent

Notre Dame 78, No. 19 Connecticut 74 Torin Francis scored 19 points and the Fighting Irish (13-5, 5-3 Big East) dominated inside.

Denham Brown led the Huskies (12-5, 4-3) with 20 points, while Marcus Williams had 10 points and tied the school record with 16 assists.

UConn missed its final five shots, including a breakaway layup by Williams that would have tied the game at 76 with 15

Maryland 79, No. 22 Georgia Tech 71 Nik Caner-Medley scored 19 points and Chris McCray had 16 for the Terrapins (13-5, 4-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), who fol-

lowed Wednesday's win over Duke with

another victory over a ranked team. Isma'il Muhammad had 15 points for the Yellow Jackets (12-6, 3-4), who lost for the fourth time in five games and fell to 0-3 on who was ejected after receiving his second the road in the ACC.

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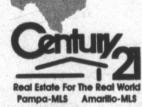
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You hit your share of roadblocks. Watch for yellow lights rather than have a head-on mental collision with a key associate. Your positive attitude could go down the drain if you take risks. Use diplomacy. Tonight: Back to square GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\* What has been an unusually creative period could slow down. But don't think that your lucky rabbit's foot lost its magic. Use this time to consolidate recent gains. Though work needs to be your highest priority, allow yourself some time to reflect on other areas of your life. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Muster up your imagination. You will need this gift to jump some of the hurdles today. Others might get a bit petty or scrappy. Don't feed into this emotional climate. Stay secure despite a sudden twist. Tonight: Please don't take

your work home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\* The reception you expect might be exactly the opposite of the one you receive. What is going on here, you ask. Understand that since the beginning of fall, many of your expectations have become realities. Though this pattern might not stop, it will slow down until June. Tonight: Lick your wounds.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Don't even think that the financial whirlwind you have been on won't end. At the moment, reality rears its ugly head. Be grateful for what is rather than pine away. Communication needs serious attention. Tonight: Hang close

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Jupiter in your sign goes retrograde, perhaps putting a serious end to the easy, effortless events of late. Hopefully, during this period you considered what made your life better. Pursue this course. Don't make agreements. Tonight: Pay bills; Don't incur

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The decision followed late-night meetings by directors of SBC, the nation's second-biggest regional phone company, and the 120-yearold icon AT&T, which gave birth to SBC when its monopoly was broken up in 1984.

SBC spokesman Larry Solomon said documents in the acquisition were signed early Monday after AT&T's board of directors approved the deal. Board members of SBC approved the transaction on Sunday evening.

The acquisition is still subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, but the companies expected to close it by the first half of 2006.

San Antonio-based SBC has about 50 million localtelephone customers, mostly in the Midwest and South. It also is a 60 percent owner of Cingular Wireless, which serves more than 46 million wireless customers.

AT&T handled the nation's telephone calls before it was broken apart 21 years ago. The Bedminster, N.J.-based company has nearly 30 million long-distance customers.

In their latest earnings reports for 2004, SBC reported \$40.8 billion in revenue while AT&T reported \$30.5 billion. The combined revenue total of \$71.3 billion would slightly surpass the \$71.28 billion reported for Verizon Communications Inc., the nation's biggest phone com-

### **KEY FEATURES**

THE COMPANIES: SBC Communications Inc. traces its roots to the original Bell Telephone Co. Meanwhile, AT&T, founded in 1877 by Alexander Graham Bell and two partners, was a legally sanctioned, regulated monopoly for many years before being formally broken up in

INCOME: In 2003, SBC had revenue of \$40.8 billion and net income of \$8.505 billion, while AT&T's revenue was \$34.53 billion and its net income was \$1.865 billion.

EMPLOYEES: SBC has 167,000 employees, while AT&T has 61,600 workers.

"Today's agreement is a huge step forward in our efforts to build a company that will lead an American communications revolution in the 21st century," Edward E. Whitacre Jr., SBC chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

combining AT&T's national and global networks and expertise with SBC's strong platforms and skills in local exchange service, wireless and broadband," he added. "It's a great combination."

Shareholders of AT&T, under terms of the agreement, will receive total consideration currently valued at \$19.71 per share, or about \$16 billion. From SBC, AT&T shareholders will receive 0.77942 shares of the Texas company's common stock for each AT&T common share, in an exchange ratio equaling \$18.41 per share based on SBC's closing stock price on Jan. 28, 2005. That amounts to about \$15 billion in stock, Solomon said.

Additionally, AT&T will pay its shareholders a special dividend of \$1.30 per share at the time of closing, totaling about \$1 billion. The stock consideration in the transaction was expected to be taxfree to AT&T shareholders.

"The combination of these two strong, complementary companies will ensure that together we will have all the capabilities necessary to compete successfully in serving a broad range of customers across the country and around the globe," David W.

Dorman, AT&T chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

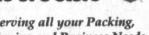


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# Incomes jump record 3.7 percent

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WASHINGTON (AP) Personal income, boosted by a large dividend payment from computer software giant Microsoft Corp., shot up by a record 3.7 percent in December. That helped to boost consumer spending during the all-important holiday season by 0.8 percent.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that the income gain would have been a smaller 0.6 percent in December without the one-time \$3 per share dividend payment Microsoft made on Dec. 2. Even that reduced figure would have been an improvement over the 0.4 percent rise in personal incomes in November.

The higher incomes gave a boost to consumer spending which rose at twice the rate of a 0.4 percent increase in November. It was the best showing since a similar 0.8 percent increase in spending in October. After adjusting for inflation, consumer spending was up 0.9 percent last month, the best showing in five months.

For all of 2004, personal incomes increased by 5.4 percent, the largest annual

advance since an 8 percent jump in 2000, the last full year of the decade-long economic expansion. Since the 2001 recession and an extended jobless recovery, personal incomes have grown at much smaller rates of 3.5 percent in 2001, 1.8 percent in 2002 and 3.2 percent in 2003.

Consumer spending rose by 6.1 percent last year, the best showing since a 7.3 percent advance in 2000. Spending had been up 5.2 percent last year.

Economists closely watch consumer spending since it accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

The government reported Friday that the economy expanded at an annual rate of 3.1 percent in the final three months of the year, the slowest performance since early 2003, as strong consumer spending was offset by a huge widening of America's trade deficit.

For all of 2004, however, the economy grew by 4.4 percent, and that was the best showing in five years. Analysts believe growth will moderate slightly in the current year under the impact of rising interest

Federal Reserve policy-makers will hold their first meeting of 2005 on Tuesday and

Wednesday and it is widely expected they will boost rates by another quarter-point as they continue a gradual credit tightening campaign in an effort to ensure that inflation does not get out of con-

government report on incomes and spending showed that after-tax incomes rose percent in

December, also helped by the Microsoft dividend payment. The amount of income that Americans had left over after taxes climbed by just 0.4 percent in November.

The big jump in after-tax incomes helped boost the personal savings rate to 3.4 percent in December, compared to 0.3 percent in November.

The savings rate for the whole year totaled just 1 percent. That was the smallest annual rate since the Depression year of 1933 when personal savings dipped into negative territory of minus 1.5 percent.

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# Nation's largest insurance brokerage firm settles \$850 million conflicts case

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The nation's largest insurance brokerage firm on Monday agreed to pay \$850 million to end an investigation into charges it took payoffs from insurance companies to steer clients their way.

Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc. will give \$850 million in restitution over four years to policyholders, change its practices and issue a public apology calling its conduct "unlawful" and "shameful," New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said.

"It is one of the largest restitution funds in history that we are aware of from a single company," Spitzer said. "We are establishing new ethical ground rules for this industry.'

Marsh's president and chief executive officer, Michael G. Cherkasky, said the settlement "is a significant step forward" for the New York-based company.

"We will set the standard for transparency and demonstrate Marsh's commitment to being the industry leader for ethical business practice service," client Cherkasky said in a state-

Spitzer sued Marsh in October in a suit that also

implicated International Group and several other major brokers, accusing them of bid rigging ny's commission system and price fixing. Spitzer said brokers took payoffs from insurance companies to steer corporate clients their way rather than get the best

American prices for policies, as they are required.

Spitzer said the compaessentially amounted to kickbacks and forced businesses to pay more than necessary for insurance cover-

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