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Courtyard Apartment fire



Pampa News Photos by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa Fire Department was dispatched to the Courtyard Apartments, 1031 N. Sumner, shortly after 11 a.m. this morning on a structure fire. In right photo, firefighters prepare to cut a hole in the roof. Photo above, firefighters climb up the ladder truck to spray water on the flames coming from the roof. At press time, the cause of the fire was unknown, but it is believed that everyone got out of the building safely.



HOLIDAY GIVING

Lions Club to match donations

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

Pampa Lions Club members would like to let Pampa residents know about two upcoming events this week. Local mail carriers will collect used eyeglasses on Wednesday and club members will ring the bell one last time for Salvation Army donations on Thursday evening and the Lions Club will match these donations.

The club has been collecting used eyeglasses the past few weeks to send overseas for people who need them but are unable to get them for a variety of reasons. Glasses can be any shape or style and if they are damaged it is OK also because the frames may still be used.

Mail carriers will pick up glasses from homes or mail boxes Wednesday. There will also be a donation box at the Pampa

post office until the end of December for anyone who would like to drop them off themselves.

Also, the Lions Club will be ringing the bell and collecting donations for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign Thursday evening around 5:30 p.m. at Wal-Mart. The group will also be singing Christmas carols to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

The donations that are collected Thursday evening will be combined with donations that were collected a few weeks ago for the Salvation Army and Lions Club will match the donations dollar for dollar. The club members said this is a great time for people to make donations for the Salvation Army since they will be essentially doubling their money to help those in need.

PGWCD to hear

year-end report

DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of trustees will hear the year-end report from the district's general manager and a 10-year water analysis study when they meet here Wednesday morning.

They will also consider Gray County Appraisal District director positions for next year and possible redrawing of the district's precinct boundaries.

The board will consider granting drilling permits for oneinch wells to Lewis and Liz Kemp in Bishop Hills northwest of Amarillo in Potter County; Maston Courtney near Bishop Hills in Potter County, and Dominion Homes, east of Amarillo in Potter County.

They will consider an eight-inch well permit for Lance Williams east of Panhandle in Carson County.

The board will meet at 9 a.m., Wednesday, at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District offices, 201 W. Third Street, in White Deer.

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Children's shopping tour success in spite of weather

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

Mother nature was unable to prevent the 45th annual Children's Shopping Tour from taking place Saturday in Pampa. Snow, ice and cold temperatures did not phase more than 350 volunteers who turned out to help 117 children buy Christmas gifts for their

According to treasurer John Warner, more than \$16,000 was spent at Pampa Wal-Mart in about two hours Saturday as the children and the volunteers made purchases. Including the gifts the volunteers bought for the children on the tour, 1,467 items were bought for 460 family members.

The call had gone out earlier last week that

the shopping tour was still in need of volunteers and Pampa residents really rallied for the cause. When all was said and done, there were actually more volunteers than there were children to shop for. Those extra volunteers who were not assigned a child went to Wal-Mart and stood by the entrance until they found someone in need of a little extra help. The extra hands also came in handy later on during the wrapping portion of the

Altrusa Club members and co-chairs for the event, Kerrick Horton and Judy Warner, said the event was a huge success.

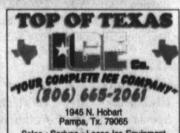
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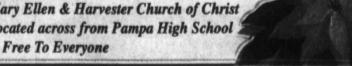
4 Santa, who is actually Lance DeFever, and his elf, better known as Brad Pingel, gave out candy to children participating in the Children's Shopping Tour Saturday. Santa listened to the wishes of the kids while the wrapping was finished and lunch was being prepared.

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Tuesday, December 25th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Fellowship Hall of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ 1342 Mary Ellen - located across from Pampa High School



NEXT DAY FORECAST









Cloudy

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Westnorthwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Southsouthwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A chance of snow or rain. Cloudy, with a low around 26. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

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Obituaries

Wayne Anderson, 75

Wayne Anderson, 75, of Plumbing for over Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 16, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry A. Loving, pastor, and Scott Davey, brother-in-law, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Anderson was born June 12, 1932, in Pampa where he attended Pampa schools. He owned and oper-Wayne Anderson 40 years.

He married Nita Davey in Clovis, New Mexico.

He was baptized into the service of his Lord as a very young boy in the First Christian Church where he was a member. He Anderson served his country for seven years in the Texas

National Guard in Pampa. Wayne enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. His

work, carpentry and music.

Wayne played drums and was the leader of a local 50's band, "Wayne Anderson and the Midnite Five." Survivors

include his wife, Nita Anderson, of the home; three daughte'rs,

Wayneta Britton, Karen McLain and Lisa Anderson, all of Pampa; one granddaughter, Brandie Troutner and husband Gary of Pampa; hobbies included creative art four grandsons, Davey

Anderson and Brad Britton and wife Sarah, all of Amarillo, Clay Britton and wife Galia of Nashville, Tenn., and Jessie McLain and wife Amanda of Victoria; and one greatgrandson, Nathan McLain of

Victoria. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Betty Rizzotto.

MEMORIALS: Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line regisbook www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Olene Brown, 90

McLEAN Brown, 90, died Monday, pending with Bailey-Ware

— Olene Dec. 17, 2007. Services are Funeral Home in McLean.

Sybil Howell, 95

JASPER — Sybil Howell. member of the Rayburn 95, of Jasper, passed away Baptist Church. Ms. Howell Dec. 14, 2007, at Jasper was an avid seamstress and Nursing and Rehabilitation had worked for many years Center. A native of Crowder, doing alterations Okla., she was a 50-year ressewing. ident of Pampa, Texas, and had lived in Jasper for the past 20 years and was a

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at 2 p.m. at Forest sons, C.L. Spotts of Sam

Oaks Funeral Home in Rayburn, Texas, and John Jasper with burial to follow at West Oaks Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, from 12 noon until service time at Forest Oaks.

Survivors include her

Spotts of New Caney, Texas; along with nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-greatgrandchildren.

Condolences accepted at www.timeformemory.com/f orestoaks.

Imrie Boyd Stephens, Sr., 86

Imrie Boyd Stephens, Sr., 86, of Placitas, N.M., died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007. Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery

A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. Friday Bernalillo United Methodist Church Bernalillo, N.M.

Mr. Stephens was born

May 9, 1921, in Toler, Texas, to Imrie and Mildred Louise Stephens. He married Bettye J. Parsons on Nov. 27, 1974. Mr. Stephens was a gener-

al contractor and had owned/operated Boyd Stephens Construction for 20 years. He was instrumental in the construction of Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa.

U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II and was recalled to the military during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed flying in the private sector and volunteered many hours to community charities and church functions. Mr. Stephens was preced-

ed in death by a brother, Harold Stephens. Survivors include his wife MEMORIALS: (In lieu of

He was a veteran of the Stephens of Placitas; a Methodist Church.

daughter, Mildred Terrell of Lubbock; a son, Imrie Boyd Stephens Jr. of Broken Arrow, Okla.; stepsons, Howard Parsons Matthews, N.C., Edward Parsons of Cuba, N.M., and David Parsons of El Paso; many grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchil-

of 33 years, Bettye J. flowers) Bernalillo United

Emergency Services

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Dec. 17

7:55 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Duncan on a lifting assist.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Dec. 17 Edward Lee Briley, Jr., 29, of Memphis, Texas, was arrested by GCSO for driving while license invalid, second or more offense.

Zalen Michael Mahley, 19, of Pampa, was arrested Pampa Police Department for evading arrest or detention.

Christopher Knowlton, 23, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Sarah Ann Harbour, 26, was arrested by GCSO for burglary of habitation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 15 7 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to a private residence.

4:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block

of Miami and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:03 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 8300 block of Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Davis and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Dec. 17

1:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and picked up two patients for transfer to an area healthcare facility.

9:34 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 1:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Terrace and transported a patient to PRMC.

U.S. Supreme Court asked to hear SC teen's case

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - A group of Texas attorneys has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case of a South Carolina teen sentenced to 30 years in prison for killing his grandparents when he was 12 years old,

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cruel. In the brief submitted to the

court late Monday, attorneys from the University of Texas School of Law asked the high court to hear Christopher Pittman's case on the basis

arguing that the sentence is that his 30-year sentence violates his Eighth Amendment protection from cruel and unusual punishment.

Such a lengthy sentence is "unconstitutionally disproportionate as applied to a 12year-old child," according a

copy of the petition provided Juvenile Justice Foundation. "Although the statutory schemes in many states appear to authorize the imposition of harsh sentences on such young children, and 12-year-olds commit many serious offenses, petitioner is the nation's only inmate serving such a harsh sentence for an offense committed at such a young age."

Pittman was 12 when he used a pump-action shotgun to shoot his grandparents Joe and Joy Pittman, and then set fire to their Chester County, S.C., home in 2001. During his trial four years later, Pittman's attorneys unsuccessfully argued the slayings were influenced by the antidepressant Zoloft - a charge the company that makes the

drug vigorously denied. Zoloft is the most widely prescribed antidepressant in the United States, with 32.7 million prescriptions written in 2003.

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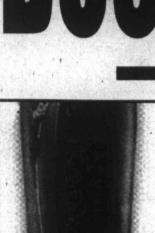
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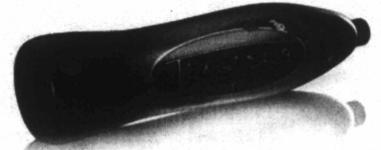
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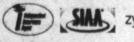




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Viewpoints

Best way to control traffic is to have no controls

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What's the best way to traffic controls. make a dangerous intersection safer for cars, bicycles and pedestrians alike and still maintain traffic flow?

In the U.S.A., it traditionally means traffic engineers laying on more traffic signals and turn lanes, posting more road signs and painting even more lane markings and directional arrows.

But in socialist Europe they're using a radical, less regulatory and shockingly counterintuitive way to make their roads and intersections safer - they make them even more dangerous.

More than a dozen towns have switched to "Shared Space," a traffic-management technique that reduces accidents and eases congestion by stripping streets and crossroads of all government walks.

Shared Space sounds scary and suspiciously antiautomobile to most redblooded Americans and, at first blush, it seems to reinforce the notion that all Europeans are totally nuts.

But for the Dutch town of Drachten - which sought a way to make its roadways equally friendly to those in cars, on bicycles or on foot -Shared Space has been a suc-

Several years ago the busy burg of 40,000 removed all of its traffic controls. Today a major intersection that handles 20,000 cars and thousands of bicyclists and pedestrians a day has no traffic lights, no speed limit signs, no directional markers, no curbs and no side-

The intersection has been redesigned into a big, open, traffic circle. Within that circle's seemingly chaotic flow, it's almost

impossible to tell where Steigerwald cars and people Columnist belong

which

exactly what Shared Space inventor Dutch traffic engineer Hans Monderman intended.

Monderman made the intersection seem as confusing, ambiguous and dangerous as possible, so that users would be forced to slow down, gauge each other's intentions, treat one another as equals and use eye contact to sort themselves out as they negotiated the traffic roundabout.

By all news accounts, traffic flows smoothly, safely and politely in the self-regulated anarchy Monderman

> has created. Accidents and traffic deaths have declined dramaticalin

Drachten, according to town officials.

It really shouldn't surprise anyone: We see this atomistic spirit of cooperation create order and safety out of chaos and danger - spontaneously and immediately whenever power outages knock out traffic signals at complicated U.S. intersections. It's no accident traffic usually flows more efficiently than when the traffic lights are working.

Monderman hates traffic signs not because they are annoying or stupid but because he thinks they are dangerous. He believes that the way you build a road affects how safely it's used and by whom.

If you make a road real wide and put up lots of 55mph speed-limit signs, he told Wired magazine a few years ago, it effectively tells motorists: "Go ahead, don't worry, go as fast as you want, there's no need to pay attention to your surroundings. And that's a very dangerous message."

Various tricks employed by Shared Space - eliminating turn lanes, narrowing roadways and erasing the center lane lines on secondary roads to slow down traffic and thereby reduce acci-

dents - are being used across Europe and even in downtown West Palm Beach, Fla.

But don't worry. Shared Space won't be coming to a tangled intersection near you anytime soon.

It's still pretty much a Euro-thing. But its deregulatory spirit ought to appeal to every American who's noticed that our traffic is micromanaged by government to the point of absurdity. And noticed that half of the 500 federally approved traffic signs we must obey are unnecessary and that we have 10 times the red lights we really need.

-Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2007. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1944, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans (Korematsu v. United States), but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained (Ex parte Endo).

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abol-

The only thing we have to fear on this planet is man.

> — Carl Jung Swiss psychologist (1875-1961)

ishing slavery, declared in effect.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1940, Adolf Hitler

signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1957, the World War II epic "The Bridge on the River Kwai" opened in New York.

In 1969, Britain's Parliament permanently abolished the

death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at

age 76. In 1987, Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in

prison for his role in a major Wall Street insider-trading scandal. (Boesky served about two years of his sentence). Ten years ago: President Clinton extended indefinitely

the deadline for withdrawal of U.S. troops helping with the U.N. peacekeeping effort in Bosnia. Onetime dissident Kim Dae-jung of South Korea was elected the country's president. Fired California highway employee Arturo Reyes Torres shot and killed four people at a maintenance yard before being killed by police. Comedian Chris Farley was found dead in his Chicago apartment; he was 33.

Five years ago: Embattled Senate Republican leader Trent Lott sustained a double-barreled setback as Rhode Island Sen. Lincoln Chafee broke ranks to call for a change in party leadership and Secretary of State Colin Powell forcefully criticized Lott's controversial remarks on race.



Racial hoaxes and present-day NAACP

Last May, firefighters at a Baltimore, Md., fire station came under scrutiny for displaying a deer with an afro wig, gold tooth, gold chain and a cigarette hanging from its mouth.

Marvin "Doc" Cheatham, president of the Baltimore chapter of the NAACP, went ballistic, charging, "There is now and has been a culture racism and white supremacy within the City Baltimore Fire Department."

As it turns out, it was a black fireman who dressed up the critter. Cheatham refused to apologize for his accusations of fire department racism, maintaining "there is now and has been a culture of racism and white supremacy within the Baltimore City Fire Department."

noose was found at the fire station with a note, "We can't hang the cheaters, but we can hang the failures. No EMT-1, NO JOB." The noose and note turned up on the heels of

an investigation into Walter allegations Williams of cheating on the test Columnist that emergency medical techni-

cians must take for certifica-

Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon, a black, in a written statement said, "I am outraged by this deplorable act of hatred and intimidation. Threats and racial attacks are unacceptable anywhere, especially in a firehouse."

Doc Cheatham said,

On Nov. 21, a hangman's "We're going to demand that this be handled as a hate crime. This thing really needs to end here in Baltimore city." The incident prompted a federal investigation. Donald

Maynard, a

fighter-

paramedic,

recently

confessed

having

black fire-

placed the noose, note and drawing depicting a lynching on a bunk in the firehouse. City officials said Maynard was recently suspended, prior to his confession, from the department Friday for failing to meet requirements for advanced life-saving training. A spokesman for Mayor Dixon said there would be

no criminal charges filed.

In response to Maynard's confession, NAACP President Cheatham still blamed white racism, saying, "It really saddens us to hear that evidently things have reached a stage that even an African-American does an injustice to himself and his own people as a result of a negative culture in that department."

Doc Cheatham is a poster boy for demonstrating a much larger problem, namely that the once proud and useful NAACP has outlived that usefulness and has in some instances become an impediment to black progress. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a black liberal-tomoderate Washington-based

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Dec. 10 San Antonio Express-News on what belongs in schools:

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently released the results of a test that assesses science and math skills of students in 30 industrialized countries. The results showed American students scored in the bottom half worse than their peers from 16 other countries, and better than only those from Italy, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and Mexico.

U.S. students do not reach "the base-

line level of achievement ... at which students begin to demonstrate the science competencies that will enable them to participate actively in life situations related to science and technology," the report says. The comparative results for math were even worse.

Many explanations exist for the lagging performance in science by American students. One that cannot be avoided is that some of the adults who are responsible for their science educations don't take science seriously enough.

Christine Comer was a science teacher for 27 years. And for nine years until last month, she was the Texas Education Agency's director of sci-

ence. She says she was forced to resign because hold on to your monkey trials she failed to show impartiality in the debate between advocates of intelligent design and evolution.

Specifically, the Austin-American Statesman reported, she forwarded an e-mail to a pro-evolution group announcing a speech by Barbara Forrest, a professor of philosophy at Southeastern Louisiana University. Forrest served as a key witness in a Pennsylvania court case that found intelligent design lacked sufficient evidence to be included in a scientific curriculum.

That puts Forrest and Comer at odds

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Children's Shopping Tour breakfast



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

Melissa Schroeder, left, and Lana Miller stand in line for coffee, orange juice and donuts prior to the Children's Shopping Tour orientation. Both participated by accompaning children shopping.

◆ Serving, and eating, donuts Saturday morning during the Children's Shopping Tour orientation are, from left, Bob Marx, Johnnie Marx and Judy Warner.



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IQ tests for sale on eBay raise concerns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Intelligence tests widely used to help determine mental competence of criminal defendants and placement of schoolchildren in gifted programs are for sale on eBay Inc.'s auction site, and the testmaker is worried they might be misused.

The series of Wechsler intelligence tests, made by San Antonio-based Harcourt Assessment Inc., are supposed to only be sold to and administered by clinical psychologists and trained professionals.

The intelligence tests, given over 1 million times a year nationwide, are often part of the battery of tests ordered by prosecutors and defense attorneys to determine the mental competence of suspects. A low IQ, for example, can be used to argue leniency in sentencing.

IQ tests for children are often used by public schools to determine placement in special programs for

gifted or struggling students.

Harcourt officials say they fear the tests for sale on eBay — apparently being resold by people authorized to buy them from the company — will be misused for coaching by lawyers or parents. They have asked eBay to restrict the sale of the tests, but eBay has refused. Five of the tests were listed on the site Tuesday.

"In order for it to maintain its integrity, there needs to be limited availability," said Harcourt spokesman Russell Schweiss.

The tests are generally administered with a series of questions and tasks like putting blocks together.

Misinterpreting the results, even without malicious intent, could lead to mistakes in assessing a child's intelligence, said Aurelio Prifitera, the president of Harcourt's clinical division.

But eBay officials say there is nothing illegal about the sale of the

cannot monitor for every possible misuse of items sold through its network of 248 million buyers and sellers.

Company spokesman Hani

tests, and the Internet auction site

Company spokesman Hani Durzy said the company does prohibit the sale of items that are illegal in some states, even if they're legal in others. And it has created policies to prohibit the sale of some items, like the teacher's editions of textbooks, as matter of public good.

But there is nothing illegal about the sale of the IQ tests. If there was a violation of intellectual property rights, eBay would remove the items, but Durzy said Harcourt has not lodged that complaint.

"We're always open to listening. Our list of policies has to evolve with society," he said. But "at this point, this is our response. We're not actively considering changing the policy."

Tour

Continued from Page 1

largest number that we have ever served," Horton said. "Last year, we served 315 family members which was a record at that time."

The volunteers began gathering at 7:30 a.m. in the Optimist gym to register and be assigned children. Each volunteer was given a brochure and badge prepared by Altrusa members explaining the project. Sandra McKinney and approximately a dozen other Altrusa members manned registration tables.

Volunteers enjoyed coffee, orange juice and donuts furnished by Tralee Crisis Center while Judy Warner gave an orientation and answered any questions regarding the event. Around 8:45 a.m., the volunteers fanned out across Pampa to pick up the children at their homes.

The children were told they could shop at any store in Pampa, but all chose to go to Wal-Mart. The store had four check-out lanes designated for the shopping tour only. The children were given a 10 percent discount on all purchases and they were not charged sales tax.

The children and volunteers then returned to the Optimist gym for a wrapping party sponsored by the Opti-Mrs. Club with Whitney Davis in charge. Boxes, wrapping paper, tags, scissors and tape were all provided on tables scattered throughout the gym.

The Energizer Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church entertained the children who finished their wrapping early by conducting a coloring contest and singing Christmas carols. The kids heard a rendition of "The Night Before Christmas" and then everyone was treated with cheeseburgers, chips and drinks by Kevin Davis and his crew of Optimists. They served over 350 hamburgers to the volunteers and children.

Santa, also known as Lance DeFever, and his elf, who was none other than Brad Pingel, visited with each child and gave them a gab of candy which was furnished by Jana Gregory of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross also furnished the materials and prizes for the coloring contest.

As the children left to return home with their gifts, Harley Knutson and Richard Morris from the Gideon Society gave a New Testament Bible in English of Spanish to each child who wanted one.

McKinney said they credit the Lions Club for having 100 percent participation by the children this year. She said Pingel and a group of Lions contacted 80 families a few days before the event who had not yet confirmed that their child would be available. McKinney said they did not have a single no show this year.

Shortly after noon, the volunteers took the children back home and surprised the children with a gift of their own also.

"At 6:30 a.m., we were receiving calls asking if we were going to go forward or cancel the event because of the bad weather," John Warner said. "We were concerned about the number of volunteers who could come, but we were overwhelmed by the large number of volunteers. We actually ran out of children while we still had a line of people wanting to help. We were very impressed by the large number of high school kids that come out to help with the tour. If it wasn't for them, this event would not run as smooth.

"One thing all of us leaned from the shopping tour this year is never underestimate the heart of this community and the Pampa people. They really came through for these kids."

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CREATE-a-Beat!

COURTESY PHOTO

Kaitlyn Bruce recently sang in the Karaoke Room while D'Asia Smith and Lindzy Hill watched, waiting for their turn. The activity was part of the Good Behavior Party at CREATE-a-Beat! after-school program at Pampa's Hi-Land Christian Church.

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Leno, O'Brien returning to TV but without writers

'I will make clear,

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Conan O'Brien

NEW YORK (AP) - NBC's two latenight franchises are coming back. Will the laughs come with them?

Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien plan a Jan. 2 return with fresh episodes, ending two months of reruns brought on by the writers' strike, the network said Monday. But until the strike is settled, the hosts will be on their

While late night TV will forge ahead without joke writers, they won't be far from anyone's mind.

"I will make clear, on the program, my support for the writers and I'll do the best version of 'Late Night' I can under the circumstances," O'Brien said in a written statement. "Of course, my show will not be as good. In fact, in moments it may very well be terrible."

Both NBC hosts indicated it was a torturous decision for them to come back, torn by their support for the writers and knowledge that several dozen other staff members would be laid off if the shows

remained dark. Some of the late-night stars covered employees' salaries during the holiday season. Leno said that with talks breaking down

and no further negotiations scheduled, he felt it was his responsibility to get his 100 non-writing staff members back to work. Mike Sweeney, chief of the "Late Night"

staff of 14 writers, said "we all know what a difficult position Conan is in. He's been incredibly supportive of us." Sweeney said he didn't want to comment

on his boss's decision to come back without the writers. The "Tonight" show's chief writer, walking the picket line in Burbank, Calif., was similarly reluctant to criticize his boss's decision. "I'm happy that he's been able to hold

out this long," said Joe Madeiros. "He's not the only one. There's a lot of pressure on

ing for Leno since 1987, said a "quality" monologue will be tough to produce without writers, but he's confident Leno can carry the show on his own.

"Jay traveled the country doing comedy clubs for years, working the audience. He warms up every show talking to people about what they do, where they're from,"

In a statement, the guild chided NBC. "NBC forcing Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien back on the air without writers is

> not going to provide the quality entertainment that the public deserves. The only solution to the strike is a negotiated settlement of the issues," either by the studio alliance or individual companies, the guild said. The strike has left the

nation's public discourse without its laugh track as the baseball steroids scandal spread, pop stars Amy Winehouse and Britney Spears continued to spiral out of control, and the presidential campaign heated up in anticipation of the first votes.

NBC's announcement could make it easier for other programs like Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" or "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" on ABC to return. Also, the WGA is talking about a separate deal with David Letterman's production company so his CBS show can return with its writers.

The development could cut both ways for the union. Suspended late-night programming has been the most visible sign of the strike for the viewing public, and bringing the shows back could remove a significant piece of leverage. At the same time, the hosts could come back and pepper their network bosses with ridicule in support of the writers' cause.

That's what Johnny Carson did in 1988, when he similarly returned to the air after two months off during a writers' strike then. Carson worked without writers for three weeks, then reached a separate deal with the Marvin Silbermintz, who has been writ- union to bring his staff back.

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The Kid Scoop Puzzler

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People in the news

911 tape details frantic moments as 2 women try to revive Donda West after heart attack

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LOS ANGELES (AP) -Two women tried to revive Kanye West's mother after she had a heart attack and stopped breathing, according to emergency 911 recordings released Monday.

An unidentified woman tells a male emergency dispatcher during the call that Donda West recently had surgery. She says West just had a heart attack, has stopped breathing and moving, and is "cold and clammy," according to the call released by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

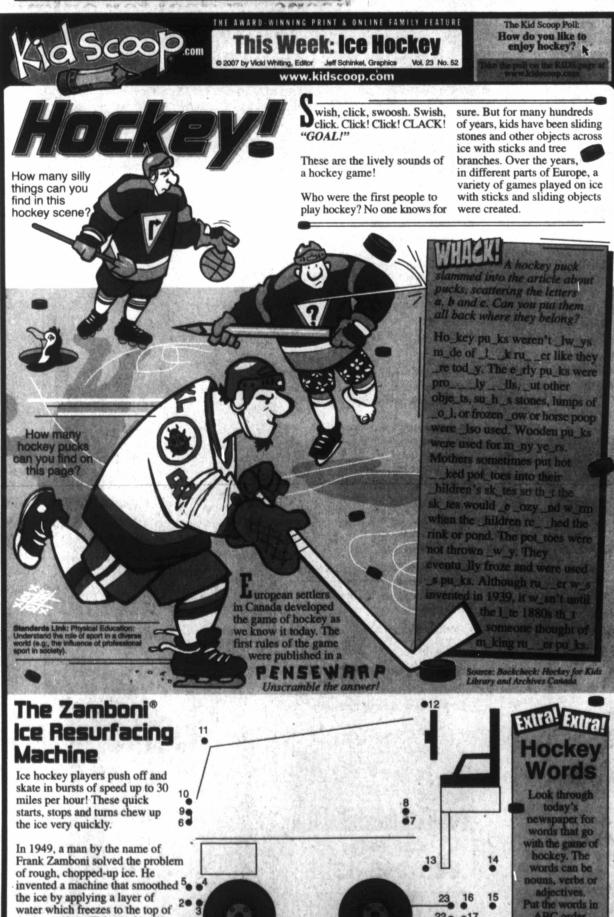
The woman says she and unidentified another woman are trying to administer CPR.

"Are you doing it?" the dispatcher asks. "... Does anybody know how? That's what I already asked you."

As the two women talk, the dispatcher appears to grow frustrated.

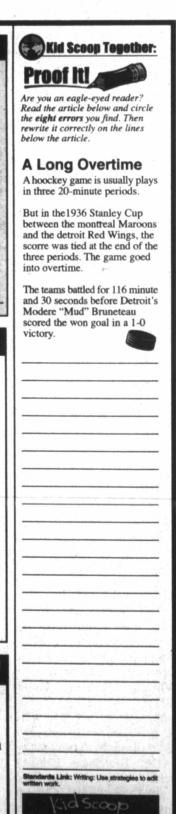
"Ma'am, let me tell you how to do this. You need to listen. You're not listening to what I'm telling you. You're not helping the person at all. ... Have the other people be quiet so I can tell you what to do.'

The dispatcher then instructs the woman in CPR, telling her to clear West's mouth and administer breaths. The women attempt to resuscitate West, but she doesn't respond. Soon after, paramedics arrive, and the dispatcher hangs up.



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Sports

Pampa picks up home-court losses against Plainview

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

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The Pampa Harvesters welcomed the Plainview Bulldogs to McNeely Field House Monday night in what was a re-match for the boys and a first-time face-off for the girls.

Last time the teams faced one another at the Gene Messer Tournament late in November, Plainview defeated Pampa by two

On Monday night, the Bulldogs celebrated another victory over the Harvesters this time, by a greater mar-

Junior Matt Smith jumpstarted the game with the first basket to give Pampa an early lead.

After the four minute marker, Plainview came back and pulled ahead, 7-6.

With just over a minute remaining, junior Heath Skinner was fouled on a shot and injured when Plainview player fell on top

Since he was unable to play at the time, Skinner was replaced by Cobran Harris, who made both of the free throws earned by the foul.

Smith had six points in the quarter, and Hayden Skinner, Blake Sieck and Harris had two points each as the Harvesters were behind 12-16 going into the second quarter.

Harris opened the quarter with a three-point shot less than 10 seconds in.

Almost two minutes into

the quarter, senior Mark Stone hit a basket and given a free shot for a three-point

Stone missed the free throw, but the two points put Pampa ahead again, 17-16.

Another three-point play attempt, this time by sophomore Alex Clendening, was failed with less than two minutes remaining.

Clendening had a total of eight points in the second quarter, Harris had three and Stone and Smith had two each as the Harvesters were down 28-32 at halftime.

The third quarter was slow for the Harvesters as they were only able to crank out ten points over the Bulldogs.

Hayden Skinner sank two free throws with four seconds remaining in the quarter as Plainview took a 51-38 lead going into the final peri-

Stone and Hayden Skinner each completed a three-point play just before the four sminute marker, and Alex Clendening sank two more free throws with 49 seconds remaining in the game.

The Bulldogs ended the game with their strongest lead over the Harvesters for a 57-72 win.

Matt Smith led the Harvesters with 14 points, and Alex Clendening followed up with 12 points.

Hayden Skinner and Mark Stone had seven points each, Cobran Harris had six points, and Blake Sieck had four points.

After Monday night's loss, Pampa currently stands with a record of 9-6 as the Plainview Bulldogs improve to 6-8 on the season.

The Harvesters have the next nine days off as they plan to play in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 27-29.

Game times for the Caprock Tournament will be listed as they become avail-

Lady Harvesters

Pampa Harvesters struggled from beginning Plainview Monday night as they were defeated 24-46.

Plainview improves to 15-3 on the season with their over the Lady win Harvesters.

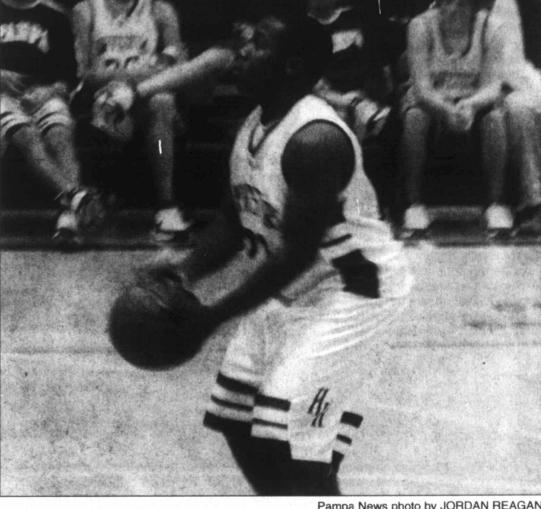
The Lady Bulldogs took a commanding lead in the first quarter, and led 15-0 at the four minute marker.

With three minutes remaining, Emilie Troxell sank one free throw to put Pampa's first point on the scoreboard.

A three-point shot by Shelbie Watson gave Pampa four points to end the quarter

Watson scored five more points in the second quarter, and Jasmaine Moore and Kiersten Taylor scored two points each, but the Lady Bulldogs held on to their 15point lead as the teams went into halftime with a score of

A three-point shot by



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa's Cobran Harris shoots a free throw late in the fourth quarter of Monday night's game against the Plainview Bulldogs. Harris was 3 for 4 from the free throw line and had a total of six points on the night.

Emilie Troxell was all that the Lady Harvesters were able to get in the third quarter as Plainview strengthened their lead to 36-16 going into the fourth quarter.

Krishna Henderson, Watson and Troxell scored two points each in the fourth quarter, and Amber Brown sank two free throws in the fourth quarter.

Plainview finished the game with a 22-point lead to defeat the Lady Harvesters

The Lady Harvesters will have a break from playing as

they prepare for the Caprock Tournament, which will take place in Lubbock Dec. 27-

Game times for the Caprock Tournament will be listed as they become avail-

JV girls brought down by Plainview

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

The Pampa JV girls team was defeated by Plainview Monday night,

The loss brings the girls' record to Holland had seven points. 9-6 on the season.

with 12 points, all of which were three-point shots.

Pearson had eight points and Ashley

Facio and Pearson led the team in Dumas.

Pampa was led by Taryn Eubank rebounds with six and five, respec-

After Monday night's loss, the team Ashley Facio had ten points, Sam will take a break over the Christmas holiday and play their next game Jan 4 as they begin district play against

Couple of freshmen lead No. 18 Gonzaga to 77-57 victory over Northern Colorado

By The Associated Press

One veteran freshman and another making his college debut led shorthanded Gonzaga in its first game after a nine-day break for final exams.

Austin Daye, the 18th-ranked Bulldogs' second-leading scorer and one of five players to average more than 20 minutes, had 18 points and seven rebounds in their 77-57 victory over Northern Colorado on Monday night.

Steven Gray, who missed the first 10 games of his freshman season after fracturing his wrist in an exhibition game, was cleared to play last week and he made his debut against Northern Colorado with 12 points in 28 minutes.

Gray had a pin inserted in his wrist on Nov. 14. With leading scorer Matt Bouldin out with an ankle injury, and starting guard Jeremy Pargo slowed by a hyperextended knee, his expected playing time grew sharply in the past

"At first it was 'You'll get some minutes at the end," Gray said. "Then Matt went down and they told me to be ready

"You have to make the most of your opportunities."

Gray, who is also battling a cold, added four rebounds.

"I was proud how Steven came out in his first action," Zags coach Mark Few

In other games involving ranked teams on Monday, it was: No. 6 Duke 111. Albany 70; No. 10 Marquette 80,

IPFW 56; No. 22 Miami 89, Stetson 53; and No. 25 Southern California 83, Delaware State 54. Micah Downs had 17 points, including a career-high five 3-pointers in 10 attempts, and Pargo had 10 points and

eight assists for Gonzaga (9-2). The status of Bouldin, who averages 13.3 points, is unclear for Thursday's game at Oklahoma, Few said. Forward Abdullahi Kuso, who had rolled an ankle, didn't score in 8 minutes on Monday.

Jabrik Banks had 18 points for Northern Colorado (5-4), which shot 24 percent in the first half and 31 percent for the game. The Bears missed their first 13 shots from 3-point range, and finished 4-for-20 from behind the arc.

"We couldn't get anything going offensively," Northern Colorado coach Tad Boyle said. "Our guys aren't used to playing against that size of players."

Gonzaga outrebounded the Bears 45-37 and blocked four shots.

the Duke/Albany DeMarcus Nelson scored 23 points and Jon Scheyer added 18 for the Blue Devils (10-0), who shot 60 percent, including 15-for-26 from 3-point range, in their first game since Dec. 8. Duke improved to 10-0 for the sixth time in eight seasons. Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski earned his 785th career victory to move within a game of tying Lefty Driesell for sixth on the all-time

Ticketmaster, NFL ink licensing deal for online ticket resale service

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ticketmaster plans to launch a Web site next year where people can resell tickets to pro football games, the latest push by the event ticketing secondary ticket market.

The company signed a multiyear deal with the National Football League that includes branding and promotion for the site, Ticketmaster said in a statement[®] being released Tuesday. Financial terms were not disclosed.

West Hollywood-based Ticketmaster already operates separate, so-called ticket exchange sites for 18 NFL teams, which allow ticket holders to resell their game tickets online.

The latest deal moves those teams and adds four others to the new portal set for debut sometime next year, said Ticketmaster, which is owned by New York-based Internet conlomerate IAC/InterActiveCorp.

Resales are a growing slice of the ticket market for sporting events, concerts and events,

Ticketmaster lags other online ticket resale outlets such as StubHub, which is owned by eBay Inc., and auction sites.

"It's fair to say we're an company into the lucrative underdog in the category right now," said Eric Ticketmaster's Korman, executive vice president. "We need to really aggressively compete to win dollars and grow ahead of the competition."

Ticketmaster plans to guarantee the resold tickets, which are sent to buyers electronically, just like it does with its regular primary ticket sales.

The company is counting on that security feature and the NFL branding to woo prospective ticket buyers and sellers.

"It's going to be safe, it's going to be reliable, it's going to be efficient,' Korman said. "When you show up at the gate, you're ensured that ticket is going to be valid."

The company profits on the secondary sales by charging the seller and the buyer a percentage of the resale price.

All silent on the steroid front, but with silence comes judgment

By TIM DAHLBERG **AP Sports Columnist**

Roger Clemens is speaking only through his attorney. Andy Pettitte communicates through statements. No one has heard a word from Paul Lo Duca or Eric Gagne.

The innocent usually protest the loudest. But there's barely been a peep from most of those named in George Mitchell's landmark report on steroids in baseball.

Could be they're busy finding just the right gifts the week before Christmas. Or maybe they're all just waiting to spill their guts to Bud Selig.

So far, though, their collective silence is both deafening and forward by his former trainer

incriminating.

No howls of protest. No claims they were framed.

The talking head apologists on TV — mostly former players have to be beside themselves. When the report came out they were quick to claim the evidence was weak, based on only a few sources, and did a terrible disservice to baseball players everywhere.

Now they're as quiet as the players Mitchell named.

The only outrage came from Clemens' paid mouthpiece, not the Rocket himself. If the cover boy in the Mitchell report really didn't use steroids - and the evidence put

makes that hard to believe — he's not helping his cause by clamming up when there's some real explaining to be done.

High school coaches in Texas certainly want to hear his side. Clemens was supposed to attend their annual meeting next month to speak about "what he did on a daily basis that kept him in shape," but that was before they heard what he might have really done to keep in

Maybe Clemens could just can the speech and bring along some syringes and vials of Winstrol and Deca-Durabolin for show-and-tell.

Pettitte, meanwhile, did the right thing by at least admitting he used

human growth hormone. But he would have been a lot more credible had he faced reporters to answer questions about how long he used it, whom he bought it from, and whether or not his teammates were also using it.

Instead, Pettitte waited until most of the media had gone home for the weekend before issuing a statement through his agent that he was sorry "if what I did was an error in judgment on my part."

Pettitte's claim was that he used HGH only two days while on the disabled list, and only to heal quicker. He wants us to believe that he stopped after injecting himself twice because his conscience suddenly started bothering him.

He just might be telling the truth. Stranger things have happened. But why hide behind a statement issued through your agent if you are truly repentant and have done nothing wrong?

Former Red Sox reliever Brendan Donnelly also went the statement route, issuing one saying he was "sick to his stomach" and hadn't slept after being named in the report. Unlike Pettitte, he denied using anything, even though Red Sox executives were sure he had been juiced at one point in his

Since Donnelly isn't sleeping, he

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Knicks coach Thomas unloads on his team after loss to Indiana

By The Associated Press

Only a week ago, New York coach Isiah Thomas said he didn't believe in criticizing his teams during tough times.

Tough times have apparently changed. Thomas unloaded on the team he assembled after it was blown out by Indiana 119-92 Monday night.

"As a coach, you bring certain things to the table, but our collective energy, our collective heart, our collective toughness, we say the right things but we don't gut it out for 48 minutes," Thomas said.

They sure didn't on Monday night. Indiana led 84-72 after three quarters, and the only mystery after that was how loud the Madison Square Garden staff would have to pump out the sound effects to drown out the "Fire Isiah" chants as the lead grew in the fourth quarter.

In Monday night's other NBA games, it was Cleveland 104, Milwaukee 99 in two overtimes; Phoenix 100, San Antonio 95; Dallas 111, Orlando 108; Miami 91, Minnesota 87; Atlanta 116, Utah 111; Golden State 125, Memphis 117; and Portland 88, New Orleans 76.

The game was tied at 64 midway through the third quarter, before Mike Dunleavy got going. He made a layup and scored Indiana's next 12 points, capping his personal flurry with a 3-pointer that made it 76-66 with 2:08 left in the quarter.

Dunleavy scored 22 of his career-high 36 points in the quarter

"Michael carried us," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "He was brilliant tonight. He's having a career year. He was just on fire and it was great to see because we need-

Jermaine O'Neal, who developed into an All-Star while playing for Thomas in Indiana, scored 22 points two days after a mild concussion in a victory at Miami.

"My heart goes out to Isiah, because I know him personally," O'Neal said. "Isiah's like a father to me and I know the type of competitive nature he has and the effort that's out there, and it's tough to see. It's tough to hear the crowd say fire him."

Stephon Marbury returned to the Knicks after missing four straight games after his father's death. He came off the bench and scored 16 points, and Eddy Curry also added 16.

Curry was also the victim of a hoax. Word somehow got out that he guaranteed a victory — which Curry denied — but word got back to the Pacers, who believed it. O'Neal said the players discussed it and thought it was strange.

Not that it matters in what is quickly becoming a lost season for the Knicks.

"We don't grind and we don't compete like we should for 48 minutes and I've never ... a lot of things that can be said about me and teams that I've coached and the way I played, but I've never been accused of not having heart or competing," Thomas said. "Tonight was very discouraging to me because we didn't collectively play with heart and compete like I know I

"I can give you a lot of things, but I can't give you pride and heart," he said. "A certain amount of that, the team collectively as players got to bring that to the court every

Suns hand Spurs first home loss of season

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Nobody on the Phoenix Suns team was talking about revenge on Monday night.

After all, this is still the early part of the regular season and their 100-95 win over the San Antonio Spurs may not mean much come playoff time.

But the teams' first meeting of the year came with plenty of baggage, and by winning, not to mention handing the Spurs their first home loss of this season, Phoenix could claim a little bit of revenge for what was a controversial and disappointing end to last

Even if they weren't going to talk about it. "Obviously this is a big win for us," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's a good one to take home with us.'

Grant Hill scored 22 points for the Suns and Leandro Barbosa added 18 in what was a close game to the end.

"It definitely was fun to play the last few minutes. High intensity. The fans were up and at it," said Amare Stoudemire, who had 17 points for Phoenix. "A playoff atmosphere. If you get a playoff atmosphere game in December, you know it's fun to play."

Tim Duncan scored a season-high 36 points and grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds for San Antonio, which is now 13-1 at home. It was Duncan's second game back since sitting out for four with a sprained

"He needed a game like this," said Manu Ginobili, who added 18 points for San Antonio. "He did everything he could to make us win this game. ... It was frustrating for us not to help him get the win."

But the Spurs were without point guard Tony Parker, who sat out his third straight game with a sprained left ankle.

"I thought it was a good win for us. We scrapped it out. It wasn't pretty for us in stretches. But we did the job," said Phoenix

point guard Steve Nash. "Tonight the effort was there. Somehow we found a way to win over those guys.'

The Suns' talk about the intensity of the game and the playoff-like atmosphere harkened back to last season's Western Conference semifinals series, which was marked by nasty words and nastier fouls.

Among other things, there was Stoudemire's accusation that the Spurs were a "dirty team" and his singling out of Bruce Bowen and Ginobili in particular, plus an incident at the close of Game 4 in which the Spurs' Robert Horry bumped Nash, who went flying into the scorer's table. Horry was suspended for two games and Stoudemire and Boris Diaw each got a one-game suspension for leaving the bench in the ensuing altercation.

The Spurs eliminated the Suns in six games on their way to the NBA title.

"I wasn't worried about our effort tonight, considering all the history and last year," said veteran Hill, who is in his first season with Phoenix. "I knew we would be ready to play and I knew they would be ready to

The Suns were up 74-67 going into fourth quarter after a late third-quarter burst. But the Spurs opened the final period with a 10-2 run capped by Duncan's basket to put San Antonio up 77-76.

After that it was back and forth, and the game was tied at 90 with 1:55 to play. Ginobili's running jumper put San Antonio up by one, 95-94, but the Suns hit six crucial free throws and the Spurs made mistakes that cost them the game. Bowen missed a corner 3-point attempt and Diaw stole the ball from Ginobili after an inbounds pass, leading to a free throw that made it a two-possession game with 6.8 seconds to go. Nash hit one more foul shot with 6.1 seconds left.

Nowitzki's 31 points help Mays send Magic to rare road loss

DALLAS (AP) — Dwight Howard has been on a tear this season, playing "at an MVP-type of level," according to Mavericks coach Avery Johnson.

Yet, Dirk Nowitzki is still the reigning MVP, and he reminded Howard and Johnson of it Monday

Nowitzki scored 11 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, including a surprisingly rare 3-pointer and a pair of free throws in the closing seconds to help send Dallas past Howard and the Orlando Magic 111-108.

"He was tremendous — but, you know, we've had a lot of people be tremendous against us," Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Dirk's a great player, but everybody can score on us."

The Magic fell to 12-4 on the road, with the other defeats coming at San Antonio, Phoenix and Milwaukee. The Mavericks won for the fifth time in six games.

"I think we're taking a step in the right direction," said Nowitzki, who has cracked 30 points in three of his last seven games. He also had 11 rebounds and four assists.

Howard had been doing whatever he wanted lately, putting together consecutive 30-point, 15rebound outings. He scored 11 of the Magic's first 13 points in this game and had 16 after one quarter, showing off his thunderous dunks, high-arching floaters and even a

Then Johnson challenged center Erick Dampier to make things tougher on Howard. Johnson also gave Dampier help by often sending a second defender over. Plus, the guards worked harder to keep the ball from getting to the big

It all worked to perfection as

Howard went from 6-of-8 in the first quarter to 3-of-8 the rest of the way, scoring only six points over the final three quarters. He actually was shut out in the second and fourth quarters. As if that wasn't bad enough, Howard cut the side of his right hand on one of his few baskets, a standard-shaking alley

"We just stuck with the game plan," said Dampier, who had eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks. "We just wanted to limit his

touches and contest his shots." Despite Nowitzki's success and Howard's struggles, this game was

still decided in the final seconds. The Magic played from behind most of the night, but never folded, not even after a nifty stretch by Nowitzki put the Mavs up 93-85 midway through the fourth. Their

final rally began with a basket by Hedo Turkoglu that trimmed Dallas' lead to 105-101, then a 3 by J.J. Redick got Orlando within 107-

Peterson gets going late, leads surging Vikings past Bears 20-13

Already stung by four turnovers and a missed extra point, the Minnesota Vikings were on the verge of another mess-up early in the fourth quarter.

Brooks Bollinger and Adrian Peterson banged into each other before the handoff on third-andgoal at the 8-yard line, and Chicago's Brian Urlacher closed

Peterson shook his shoulders, though, and Urlacher bit on the fake. The rookie raced left and into the end zone, giving the Vikings their first lead. They finished with their fifth straight victory, 20-13 over the Bears on Monday night to maintain control of the NFC's last wild-card spot.

"We kept plugging away, plugging away, and kept fighting," said Darren Sharper, who sealed the win

with an interception at the goal line of Kyle Orton's long pass. "That's the sign of a good football team, and we have the potential to be a great football team."

Trampled by Peterson the last time they met, Urlacher and the Bears figured out how to stop Minnesota's star back for the better part of three quarters. Just not when it really counted.

"Couldn't finish," said Urlacher, who kept his sparse postgame comments to grouchy sentence frag-

Tarvaris Jackson's career-high 249 yards passing were overshadowed by three interceptions, mistakes that added up to a 13-3 Bears lead until Peterson's first score early in the third.

Peterson finished with 78 yards on 20 carries, just enough to keep Minnesota (8-6) one game in front

of New Orleans and Washington in the conference race. Defending NFC champion Chicago (5-9) was officially eliminated from con-

"This was kind of the story of our season," tight end Greg Olsen said. "We just come up short at the end. It's tough. It's frustrating."

Peterson's play impressed everyone including Bollinger, who was subbing while Jackson sought treatment for a cramp in his calf.

"I was still going, 'What the?' when he made the move," Bollinger said. "But he made it happen."

Bollinger's dive forward on a draw play gave the Vikings the 2point conversion and a 20-13 lead with 10:56 left, plenty of time for Chicago to come back.

Orton, though, didn't have it in him in his first start in two years.

Too many of Orton's throws were way off target, though he completed 22 of 36 passes for 184 yards.

"The more you play the more comfortable you get, but I didn't make enough plays to win," Orton said. "I felt comfortable in the game. We just didn't make enough plays. Put that on me."

The Vikings have come a long way since Nov. 11, when they were whipped on the road by the rival Packers by a humbling score of 34-0. So what's different about this team now?

"It's really not any of the bodies," coach Brad Childress said. "I think it's mind-set, more than any-

thing.' The Vikings wore purple from head to foot after pulling their dark pants from the back of the closet. This game had the look of one of

those black-and-blue Division

clashes with the Bears from 20 years prior.

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Urlacher played like the six-time Pro Bowl pick that he is, harassing Jackson often, recording two sacks, and twice taking the ball from Minnesota.

He was angry and embarrassed two months ago when Peterson shredded the Bears defense for 224 yards and three touchdowns to send the Vikings to a 34-31 victory at Soldier Field. Never in the history of the franchise had an opposing player gained so much on the ground.

Well, they didn't forget that game, and the return of starting cornerback Nathan Vasher — after nearly two months because of a nagging groin injury - gave the Bears' beat-up defense another

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should have some extra time on his hands. Why not use it to answer specific questions about what he did and didn't do instead of dismissing it in a few well-

crafted paragraphs? The same goes for Lo Duca and Gagne, former teammates on the Los Angeles Dodgers who surely would be happy to talk about their days together. Lo Duca can explain how he suddenly stopped hitting hard line drives, prompting the Dodgers to trade him a few years back, while Gagne can tell how his body broke down about the same time as his fastball.

Come to think of it,

Kevin Brown hasn't said a thing either. Of course, Brown never said much about anything, though he might have issued a few choice words when he punched a clubhouse wall a few years ago and broke his

A few are talking, including former player Fernando Vina, who told ESPN that he used HGH but denied using steroids. Backup catcher Gary Bennett also admitted to HGH, and both said they used it merely to heal from injuries.

The biggest fish, though, is Clemens, and he remains strangely mute. But his high-priced attorney was more than eager to hold a conference denounce the allegations against the pitcher and claim he had been slandered by trainer Brian McNamee

in the report.

Rusty Hardin then went on to call McNamee a "troubled" man who wasn't a credible source.

Again, where is Clemens to answer the charges against him? His reputation has been ruined, his Hall of Fame chances are slipping away, and he can't bring himself to get in front of a microphone and either deny everything or explain something?

In the end, we can only judge by what we hear.

And the overwhelming silence of those named in the Mitchell report makes that judgment an easy one to

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Romo, Cowboys say it's not doomsday after loss to Eagles

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Sore-thumbed quarterback Tony Romo is going to be OK and the Dallas Cowboys still are tied for the NFC's best record, with the inside track for home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

So it wasn't exactly doomsday Monday for the Cowboys (12-2) when they dealt with defeat for the first time in two months. Things could have definitely been much worse.

But with two games left in the regular season before a home playoff game, Dallas obviously isn't playing its best football.

While the 10-6 loss Sunday to Philadelphia was the first for the Cowboys since mid-October against still-undefeated England, it was their second poor performance in a row. They had struggled throughout a week earlier at Detroit before finally taking the lead with 18 seconds remaining.

"It puts your nose back to the grindstone, it shows you you're not invincible," coach Wade Phillips said Monday. "It's a different feeling for us, and we don't want to lose again."

At least Phillips knows Romo is going to be "all

right." Romo's throwing hand got banged against Philadelphia, but he didn't miss a play. The coach also was encouraged with how center Andre Gurode was walking around on his injured left knee, and said defensive end Chris Canty's left knee was fine.

The Cowboys learned later Monday that the NFL had suspended safety Roy Williams for one game after his third illegal "horse collar" tackle this year.

Williams, whose use of the tactic led to the rule making it a 15-yard penalty, did it against Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb.

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SPACE PROGRAM

Space station astronauts take space walk to make repairs

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pair of space station astronauts ventured out on a spacewalk Tuesday to inspect two defective mechanisms that are hobbling power generation at the orbiting complex.

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Some 200 miles below, NASA was recreating fuel gauge problems that grounded shuttle Atlantis earlier this month.

Engineers started filling the space-

ship's external tank with liquid hydrogen fuel at daybreak, in a test at the launch pad to pinpoint the nagging trouble. One of the four fuel gauges promptly failed, and two others were not working consistently.

The problem could be anywhere in the 100 feet of circuitry between the shuttle and tank, or in the fuel gauges.

Atlantis' astronauts were supposed to examine the clogged rotary joint at the international space station. With the shuttle mission delayed until January, NASA moved up the joint inspection and added another chore to the spacewalk after a second

system failed 1 1/2 weeks ago.

Commander Peggy Whitson and Daniel Tani made history as they floated outside well before dawn: It marked the 100th spacewalk at the space station.

They quickly headed to a mechanism that is supposed to tilt the solar wings on the right side of the space station toward the sun. The component experienced circuit breaker trips Dec. 8, possibly after being hit by a piece of space junk or micrometeorite.

Whitson and Tani found no signs of

Afterward, the spacewalkers moved over to the bigger solar rotary joint, which is supposed to automatically revolve 360 degrees to keep the solar wings pointed toward the sun. The joint tank, which could be catastrophic. n used sparingly in the past three months because of vibrations and electrical current spikes.

During a spacewalk in October, Tani

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - A found steel grit inside the 10-foot-diameter joint. Even though he collected samples of the shavings, which were returned to Earth on the last shuttle flight, engineers still do not know what is grinding inside.

Whitson and Tani looked deeper into the joint Tuesday, taking off more covers and using a dentist-style mirror on a rod to peek inside. They collected more samples, using tape to dab the grit. They were asked to remove a set of suspect bearings, but no repairs were planned

> during the excursion. Tani said the magnetized grit looked like marching ants as the gears moved. "It's hilarious," he called down.

"It's like it's animated,

like they're alive." Despite the seriousness of the job, the spacewalkers enjoyed laughs Mission Control. One flight controller, a man, wanted to know from Whitson "if this beats cooking and sewing."

"Tell him I'm going to take care of him when I get back - maybe not the way he wants," replied Whitson, the space station's first female skip-

Three hours later, she component in the space station's power became the new female spacewalking champion - "the queen," according to Mission Control.

The unrelated predicaments are curtailing power generation at the space station and could delay future shuttle

Atlantis' trip to deliver the European lab, Columbus, is off until Jan. 10, a date that hinges on the results of Tuesday's fueling test. The Japanese lab, Kibo, or Hope, is supposed to follow on multiple shuttle flights.

NASA has been struggling with spoimpact.//item with nove ton bine binogradic fuel gauge problems for two years bin and wants to resolve them once and for all. The gauges are part of a backup safety system; they prevent the shuttle's main engines from running on an empty

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Plans for pollution-free coal plant move forward in Illinois

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government and industry research project to learn ways to burn coal without emitting global warming gases took a major step forward Tuesday as an industry group said it would build the facility at a site in Illinois, choosing the loca-

tion over two potential sites in Texas.

The futuristic \$1.8 billion power plant, known as FutureGen, will be built on several hundred acres near Mattoon, Ill., where construction is expected to bring hundreds of jobs and boost the local economy.

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think-tank, reported that 88 percent of blacks favored educational choice plans. A Gallup Poll found 72 percent of blacks support school choice. The NAACP, acting as handmaidens for the teachers' unions, is solidly against school vouchers. A Gallup Poll shows 44 percent of blacks are for the death penalty and 49 percent against it, but the NAACP is solidly against it.

The major problems confronting a large segment of the black community have little or nothing to do with racism problems such as unprecedented illegitimacy, family breakdown, fraudulent education, crime and rampant social pathology. If white people became angels tomorrow, it would do nothing to solve problems that can only be solved by blacks.

But I'm somewhat optimistic. More and more blacks are seeing through race hustlers such as Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and Doc Cheatham. An even more optimistic note is the financial decline of the NAACP. Declining black support is good evidence that the civil rights struggle is over and won. That's not to say there are not major problems but they are not civil rights problems.

Today, most civil rights organizations get their financial support from white businesses and foundations caving in to intimidation or seeking to sooth feelings of guilt. For them, I have a cheaper alternative, "Proclamation of Amnesty and Pardon Granted to All Persons of European Descent," available at walterewilliams.com.

-Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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with some members of the State Board of Education. "Employees have to be able to work with all the members in a fair way without the perception that they are sid-ing with one group or another," spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe told the newspaper. "That's why it's important for us to be neutral on issues and just to say what the policy is and not to create it our-

Ratcliffe obviously didn't catch the irony of the "create it ourselves" line. The real issue, however, is not group dynamics. There's a place for faith, and a place for science. And the two shouldn't mix in public school classrooms.

Do Texans truly want their educators to be neutral on the teaching of religious faith versus science in schools? If so, then the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency are well on their way to making students in Italy, Portugal, ' Greece, Turkey and Mexico feel proud. URL: http://www.mysa.com

Dear Abby.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Smothered in Michigan" (Oct. 24), whose "loving, caring, generous boyfriend" stops by her job "only a few times a day" and shows up at her door the minute she gets home from ALABAMA work, was wrong. You told her to tell him she needs some space. Well, that won't work. Men like these, under the pretext of "love," try to inhabit every molecule of air around the women they target. I dated a man like him until I finally woke up to the fact that there was no such thing as personal space with him. He'd show up unexpectedly (with flowers), call first thing in the morning "to see how I was" and last thing at night (bed check!), etc. I can relate to the writer's feeling smothered. My psychologist pointed out that this guy's need to control me was beyond obsessive and helped me to realize he wasn't ever going to change, so I needed to get away. I did, but it wasn't easy. These guys do not want to go away! My advice to "Smothered": End this relationship and find a man who will both love you and give you space to be yourself. -- FORMERLY SMOTHERED IN **ILLINOIS**

DEAR FORMERLY SMOTHERED:

After that letter appeared, I received a ton of mail like yours from readers warning "Smothered" that she needs to get away, and that getting away may be complicated. For others in this situation, the number to call to form a safe escape plan is (800) 799-SAFE (7233) -- the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Smothered in Michigan" may be picking up on signs of an abusive personality, which include isolating the victim and constantly checking up on her. Stopping by her work "only a few times a day" is a few times too many, because it could cost her her job and spring the trap for this potential abuser to make her totally dependent upon him. As someone who works daily with victims of domestic vio

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lence, I would urge her to contact the nearest domestic violence program to learn more about how to identify a potential batterer. -- VICTIM ADVOCATE IN

DEAR ABBY: I speak from experience. Men who can't let a woman out of their sight are often abusers. While in college, I met a man I thought was Prince Charming. He showered me with gifts, waited on me hand and foot and wouldn't allow me to lift a finger. His darker side emerged as I came to realize that by monopolizing my time and removing my ability to make decisions, he was cutting me off from everything. I no longer went out with friends and family -- only him. I couldn't make a move without him tagging along. "Smothered's" sense that she's becoming "indebted" is dead-on. He will soon call in that marker. Mine did when he started tracking wherever I went, dropped by my classes, even recorded the mileage on my car. One night he became enraged because I hadn't returned from a visit with a relative "on time" and bounced me off a wall. "Smothered" needs to listen to that creepy feeling she's having. And you, Abby, should know better. -- BOBBY IN NEW CASTLE, PA.

DEAR ABBY: Every woman in my office -- and we're all counselors -- agree that "Gary" is an abuser waiting to happen. He's already indebting her, showing insensitivity to her feelings, smothering and controlling her. She was married to an alcoholic, which may be a sign of her poor judgment when it comes to men. She needs to drop him -- and fast. -- KNOW 'EM WHEN WE SEE 'EM

READERS: Tomorrow I'll reprint one of my most requested items, the warning signs of an abuser. Perhaps we could all use a reminder.

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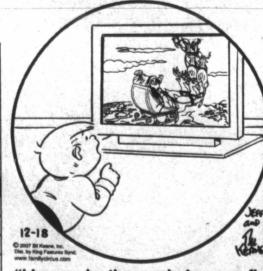
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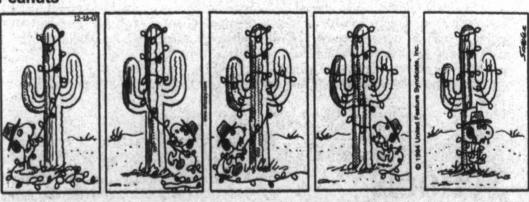
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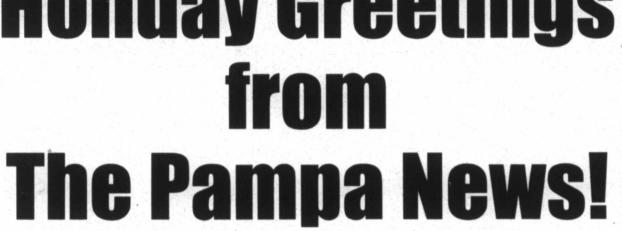
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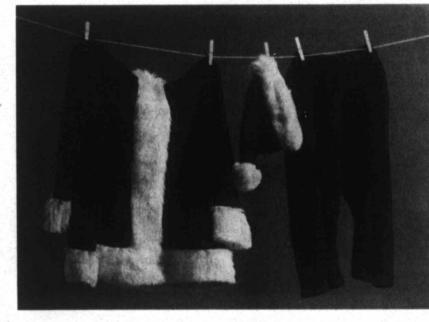
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especially professionally. Frequently

stop and re-evaluate your priorities, espe-

cially your reaction to money, the materi-

alistic world in general and your attitude

toward a key loved one. Have you been

kidding yourself lately about an impor-

tant matter? Stop. If you are single, you

might opt to date awhile before hooking

up, if you don't meet that special person

in the next few months. If you are

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tionship might be occurring. Is this what

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tired than you have been in a while. Rethink your must-dos with the realization that you only have so much energy. Professionally, you are in a fortunate period. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Keep certain information secret, and you will be a lot happier. If a child or loved one starts acting strangely, don't be surprised. Give this person the space or attention you feel he or she needs. Don't

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might want to rethink a deci-

cannot continue with the present situation. That fact becomes clearer. Communicate that, please. Tonight: Some time off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Understand what makes you and others tick. You also might be more pivotal in others' moods than you are aware change or information you receive might not seem to need extra thought. Tonight: Where the action is.

could change as the result of your attitude. Investigate and think positively. Understand that your spirit and cheerfulness are needed. Go to the helm and accept your natural position. Tonight:

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might be out of kilter, as you

be coming up. Take your time as you analyze a situation. Investigate possibilities. Tonight: Honor a need to lie back. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

a feeling or what you are sensing. Make it OK that others step up to the plate or want to lead. Their need to be dominant gives you plenty of thinking time. Consider what is happening with care. Tonight: Maybe chat with a dear friend or be alone

might do a reversal, causing you to rethink the basis of that bond. Don't

make a big thing out of the situation -

for now. Use time as an ally. Discussions

*** During this period, a friend

make this person's attitude a big deal. Tonight: All smiles.

sion with an eye to a better relationship

with your family or a roommate. You

of. Loosen up and enjoy yourself. Still, a

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** How you deal with someone

Curb unneeded spending.

feel a major planetary change. Note information that might have been or will

*** You might be uncomfortable with SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

ish with the moment. Curb a tendency to overspend in order to make yourself feel better. Look at the real issue at the heart of the matter. Tonight: Easy does it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

prove to be illuminating in the p.m.

*** Creativity, puts an unusual slant

on information: Allow yourself to flour-

Tonight: Sort through possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Though others might find you silent and a touch reclusive, you are coming from an anchored position. Listen to what others are sharing. Creativity will team up with romance if you are open. Tonight: Be the ever-playful Goat.

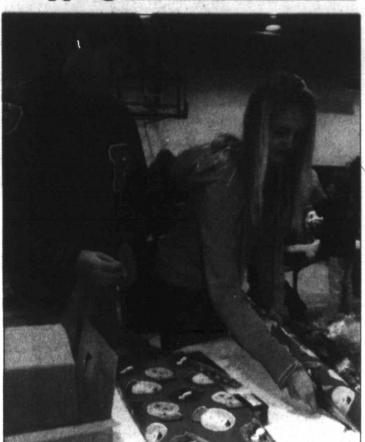
AQUARIUS-(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You could be wondering what is going on with a specific friend. Don't make a big deal if someone seems more reclusive. Just keep your antenna up. Clear your desk and return messages. If you can, finish up errands. Tonight: You need all the rest you can get! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You might want to do something in a different manner. If you open up to change, you will see that someone has another view or opinion. You don't have to play follow-the-leader; you are your own person. Tonight: Hang out, finish errands and share eggnog.

Actress Cicely Tyson (1933), guitarist Alvin Lee (1944), magician Criss Angel

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Wrapping



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Alex Clendening and Kailyn Troxell wrap gifts during the Children's Shopping Tour Saturday. Over 350 volunteers came out for the event and that included hundreds of high school students.

Santa suit given to wrong person by dry cleaner

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — One dry cleaner now knows how to get on Santa's naughty list: lose his suit.

After Christmas last year, Max Weisberg took his red velvet suit to Royal Cleaners, which accidentally gave it to someone else. The family-owned business acknowledged the mixup and offered to pay him half the value of the nearly \$400 suit, said Jean Hwang, who said she's the owner's

Weisberg, 54, a civilian employee of the Navy, took the business to small claims court and won a \$396.50 judgment to cover the suit and court costs.

But he had to collect the money himself. So Weisberg decided to do it with flair. His wife's public-relations firm notified the media that he would drop by the shop.

Donning a new red velvet suit with soft white trim and shiny black boots, a jolly Weisberg burst into the dry cleaners Monday, television cameras rolling.

"Merry Christmas! Have you been a good girl?" he asked a smiling Hwang. She promised to put the check in the mail to Weisberg the next day.

Weisberg, who has been playing Santa at events for about a dozen years, made a promise, too: If it didn't arrive, he'd be back to protest again.



Holiday cheer

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Tiffany House, left, and Linda Sanchez, both from Xcel Energy, had fun wrapping gifts during the Children's Shopping Tour Saturday. They were a few of the many who wrapped the gifts for the children that volunteers secretly purchased for them.

NJ inmates used photos to hide holes used for jail-break

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) women to hide holes they used to escape and left behind a thank-you note, signed with a smiley face, for a guard they claimed helped them, officials said Monday.

Jose Espinosa, 20, and Otis Blunt, 32, squeezed through the openings sometime before dawn Saturday in a high-security unit of the Union County jail, jumped onto a rooftop below, and made it over a 25-foot-high fence topped with razor wire, authorities said.

name of the officer the inmates said was involved. The note, found in derblocks from the wall, Espinosa's cell, read, "Thank you Officer ... for the tools needed. You're a real pal. Happy holidays."

Authorities are investigating the claims. The guard named in the note has not yet turned in a report, and disciplinary action has not been taken against any guard, said county prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow said, whose office is overseeing the escape investiga-

Police were still searching Monday for the two men. Espinosa was awaiting sentencing for manslaughter in a drive-by shooting, and Blunt is facing robbery and other charges in the shooting of a convenience store manager.

Meanwhile, authorities Two jail inmates used are reviewing security of bikini-clad measures. They barred inmates from pinning up pictures from magazines on their cell walls.

> The jailbreak is reminiscent of one in the movie Shawshank "The Redemption" in which the main character, an inmate, uses posters of women, including of a bikini-clad Raquel Welch, to conceal an escape tunnel he had been digging.

Espinosa and Blunt used at least two improvised tools — a thick metal wire like those used to bind chain Authorities withheld the link fences to poles, and a 10-pound steel water shutoff wheel — to remove cin-Romankow said.

> The thick wire was used to scrape away mortar around a cinderblock in the wall between their cells, and then around a cinderblock in an exterior wall in Espinosa's cell that faced busy rail tracks, Romankow said.

The shut-off wheel was used to crush the cinderblocks so they could be hidden in the cells, Romankow said. They also laid out pillows and sheets to make it look like men were sleeping under blan-

kets, authorities said. Once they landed on the railroad easement outside the fence, they ran in opposite directions, Romankow said. No blood was found.

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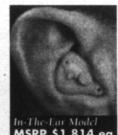
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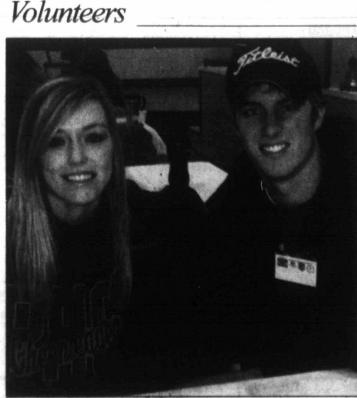






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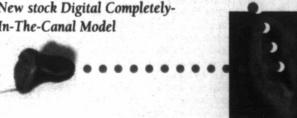
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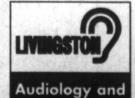
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