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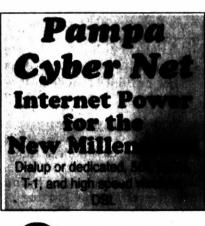
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PEDC votes training funds for corrections officer class

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

While prison officials say keeping the Jordan Unit staffed with enough corrections officers has not been much of a problem in the past there are now 34 job openings there.

In meeting with the Pampa Economic Development Commission Tuesday, Dan Wallace, regional recruiter for the TDCJ, and Captain of Correctional Officers Doug Pollock, blamed the shortage mainly on two things. First, the job market is tighter now and, secondly, some local corrections officers have been promoted and moved to other

"In the past ... in a loose job market people

"In the past ... in a loose job market people paid for their own training. We had people standing in line [for the jobs] but it is not like that anymore."

> Dan Wallace TDCJ regional recruiter

paid for their own training," Wallace said. "We had people standing in line [for the jobs] but it is not like that anymore."

As a result, the PEDC board, under its "job

creation" mission, unanimously voted to finance a training class for corrections officers which will cost \$292 per student. The limit will be 50 students but Wallace said he expects a class size of about 25-to-30 pupils.

The motion was made by Lee Porter and seconded by Riley Kothmann. The final okmust come from the City Commission.

More students than he thinks will sign up would be welcome as Wallace said being able to "overstaff" would allow current corrections officers to take the time off they have not been able to use due to the manpower shortage.

On a statewide level, Wallace said the corrections officer shortage amounts to 2,500 (See **PEDC**, Page 2)



Clue #1

Santa likes to eat on very nice china. Where could he go to do that?





High today mid 50s Low tonight mid 30s For weather details see Page 2

Library to sponsor

PAMPA Memorial Library will sponsor a free "Santa" workshop beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 with Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian. Participants will decorate cookies and make Santa placemats. Supplies will be available at no charge. To register or sign-up call or come by the library, 669-5780.

Eat Breakfast with Santa Claus

PAMPA Shepherd's Helping Hands will sponsor breakfast with Santa" at 9:30 a.m. or at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 in the parish hall of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Cost is \$8 per child and will cover breakfast, a picture with Santa and a goodie bag. Organizers encourage participants to make reservations early as space is limited. For more information, contact Cora at Shepherd's Helping Hands, 665-9750. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Elvis leather jacket out of wrong hands

DALLAS (AP) has sentenced a thief of Elvis Presley memorabilia to four years' deferred probation and fined him \$750 after he pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$100,000.

State District Judge Mark Nancarrow sentenced Kirk Sanders, 33, after he admitted to trying to help sell Presley's leather motorcycle jacket, which authorities say was stolen by Robert Louis Rodgers in February 1998 from a museum near Graceland in Memphis, Tenn.

· Bonnie J. Crider, 64, home-

 Minnie Zell Thomas-Ortega, 63, former Sunday School teacher.

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Getting ready for tomorrow ...



Beverly Ray, left, purchases a few last-minute items for Thanksgiving day dinner Thursday before going home to Shamrock today. Eula Perry, a checker for Albertson's Grocery Store, places Ray's smoked turkey in a sack. Ray works in Pampa as a house parent at a group home for the mentally disabled.

Kessie-sought recount favoring opponent Roach

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Recount results in Hemphill and Lipscomb counties Tuesday widened Republican Richard J. (Rick) Roach's lead in the 31st District Attorney's race to 240 votes. Prior to the recount, Roach lead by 222 votes over Democrat Charles Kessie.

Roberts County is conducting a recount today at the request of Kessie in the 31st DA's race while Wheeler County, which will be the last county to recount, is scheduled for Monday.

When the Tuesday recount was completed shortly before noon in Hemphill County, Roach received 441 in Tuesday's recount. Election officials reported Roach received 425 votes following the election on Nov. 7. Kessie picked up seven votes in Tuesday's recount, from 970 to

In Lipscomb County, Roach 'Kessie. picked up seven additional votes in the Tuesday recount while

With vote recounts complete in two counties and two more to go, the vote totals now stand at 6,870-6,630 with Rick Roach still in the lead.

Kessie garnered an additional

Kessie filed for a recount in four of the five counties in the 31st Judicial District last Thursday in Austin. His brother, John, who lives in Austin, represented him and personally filed the petition with the Secretary of State's office.

Gray County is the only county in the five member judicial district which will not be included in the recount request by

With vote recounts complete (See **RECOUNT**, Page 2)

Bush team angry after court allows recount

Al Gore's campaign is buoyant and George W. Bush's team is furious following a Florida Supreme Court ruling that allows manual recounts to continue for five more days and gives the vice president fresh hope of overtaking his rival for the White

Adding new uncertainty as well as a dispiriting twist for Republicans. Bush's vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney, 59, was hospitalized in Washington on Wednesday morning with chest

EKG tests on Cheney, who has a history of heart trouble, showed no abnormality and blood tests showed that his cardiac enzymes were normal, said Karen Hughes, speaking for Bush. Cheney spoke with Bush from the hospital.

With the court's decision, an election deadlock more than two weeks old became even more a race

"We are on the road to finality on this," William Daley, Gore's campaign chairman, said Wednesday on NBC's "Toda" show. But both sides made clear the court decision was not the last legal word.

In yet another potential helping hand for Gore, the Miami-Dade elections board voted Wednesday to limit its recounting to the more than 10,000 disputed ballots in the county and not review all 654,000 ballots cast in the county Election Day.

Without such a step, the county would have been hard-pressed to finish its recount in time. The decision angered Republicans.

"This is something if it were not so tragic — if we were not witnessing, in effect, the stealing of a presidential election — it would be laughable," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla.

(See COURT, Page 7)

Holiday decoration contest

Deck the halls and you could win this year's residential holiday decorating contest sponsored by The Pampa News and Pampa Junior Service League.

The city will be divided into six areas for judging. A seventh area includes rural homes within a four-mile radius of the Pampa city limits. First, second and third place winners will be chosen for each of the seven areas.

First place winners will receive Pampa bucks. Second and third place winners will receive cer-

Winners and prizes will be awarded at a Christmas Tea hosted by the Pampa Junior Service League from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12. The tea will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. All participants are invited to attend.



Mac Martinez, a City of Pampa employee, reaches to place a string of lights in the highest branches of a tree at the Inez McCarley Park on the corner of Frost and Atchison streets. City crews, assisted by prison inmates, spent the week decorating the city's parks and thoroughfares for the upcoming holiday season.



From The Board & Staff Of The Chamber Of Commerce Have A Safe & Happy Thanksgiving Holiday

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to the Pampa News today.

Obituaries

BONNIE J. CRIDER

LEWISVILLE — Bonnie J. Crider, 64, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Nov. 20, at Medical Center of Lewisville. Graveside services were to be at 12 noon today in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas with Delbert White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home of Lewisville.

Mrs. Crider was born Sept. 22, 1936, at Louisville, Ky. She married Ted Crider on Dec. 24, 1955, at Royal Oak, Mich.

She was a member of Central Park Baptist Church of Carrollton.

Survivors include her husband, Ted, of Lewisville; two daughters, Terre Clemens of Skidway, Mich., and Cheri White of Carrollton; three sons, Randall Crider of Clermont, Fla., Scot Crider of Winter Garden, Fla., and Dave Crider of Lewisville; a brother, Phil Meredith of Traverse City, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a hospice organization of choice.

MINNIE ZELL THOMAS-ORTEGA

CANADIAN — Minnie Zell Thomas-Ortega, 63, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2000. Services are to be at 4 p.m. today in Abundant Life Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Jimmy A. Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Thomas-Ortega was born in Morrilton County, Ark. She had been a Canadian resident since 1999, moving from Amarillo. She married Gregorio Ortega in August at Canadian.

She was a member of Abundant Life Assembly of God Church and Women's Missionary Council and had also been a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Gregorio; a daughter, Debra Diana Graham of Canadian; two sons, Jessie Eldon Thomas of Amarillo and Davey Lynn Thomas of Lockney; a stepson, Calvin James Ortega of Higgins; three sisters, Mary Rogers of Granbury, Esther "Bessie" Gregory of Mississippi and Tiny Pond of Troup; a brother, Buddy Deal of Grand Saline; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, P.O. Box 1367, Canadian, TX 79014; Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014; or Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

The body will be available for viewing from 12:30-3:30 p.m. today at the church.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	
Water	669-5830

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Burglary of a building was reported at Coe's Machine Shop, 115 E. Atchison. Someone entered the business through the west window and took \$7.50 in change. A plate glass window valued at \$200 was damaged in the break-in.

Evading arrest was reported in the 100 block of East Atchison.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Harassment was reported in the 1800 block of

North Wells.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Juan D. Cano, 18, 514 Warren, was arrested in the 800 block of North Gray on warrants for driving with license suspended and failure to

A domestic assault was reported in the 300 block of North Wynne.

Attempted suicide was reported in the 1100 block of South Wilcox.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 Joel Rameriz Lopez, 36, 740 Crest was arrested

for public intoxication. Michael David Gerik, 42, 519 N. Frost, was arrested for public intoxication.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

7:32 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a fire at the wooden bridge near M.K. Brown Municipal Pool. Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said the cause of the fire was a molotov cocktail thrown at the bridge. A small spot on the bridge was burned.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

1:25 a.m. – One unit and four firefighters were called to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Wilcox. The call was canceled before firefighters had left the station.

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Corn	3.62	Limited23 1/2	up 1/16
Soybeans	4.14	McDonald's33 7/8	dn 1/16
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Parents, coaches trade punches after championship football game

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — A crowd of rowdy par- Bell Memorial League's title game on Sunday, said ents and coaches traded punches after a champi- Seminole Coach Claven Robinson. onship football game, leading the league to cancel next week's all-star game.

Cougars rebuffed an offer to shake hands after losing to the South Philadelphia Seminoles at the Bert Robinson said.

From the sidelines, 11- and 12-year-old players watched the adults' ensuing madness — caught on The fisticuffs were sparked when the Springfield tape and broadcast for two nights on the news.

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City Briefs

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vacancies, noting he's concerned about any new prison construction saying, "We can't staff the

PEDC-funding training is something new for the TDCJ, Wallace said, noting one other panhandle community, Dalhart, is financing a class through their economic development board.

Quizzed about where class members might come from and whether they will want to work at the Jordan Unit, Wallace said a funding requirement can be they must work here a year or reimburse their tuition.

"We don't anticipate hiring people who want to go to other parts of the state ... the chances are we've hired them for elsewhere," Wallace said. "The marketing tool is we are putting on a class for people here."

The classes will be conducted sometime in March at the Jordan Unit through a contract with Amarillo College, the recruiter said. Classes last from five-to-six weeks and be held at night. Starting pay is \$1,812 a month with increases at sixmonth intervals. The jobs will be advertised soon.

Before being admitted to the class, would-be officers must undergo pre-employment screening, criminal background check and an interview process, Wallace said.

Because the corrections officer number is down to 200 for 1,400 inmates, Capt. Pollock said, 'We've cut back some the the curricular ... back on some things we'd like to do like the outside

squad." Pollock was making reference to specially-chosen inmates who, under supervision, leave the prison and do work in Pampa. Such work includes painting at schools during the summer, helping construct the hike and bike trail and, just recently,

installing Christmas lights on trees on Somerville. PEDC Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn said last year inmates help set up Celebration of Lights displays at Recreation Park but no crews have been available so far this holiday season.

Board President Richard Stowers spoke to the importance of having the free labor to use on spe-

"The inmate contribution to this community is tremendous," he said. "That can not be overstat-

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RECOUNT

in two counties and two more to go, the vote totals now stand at 6,870-6,630 with Roach still in the

"The recount results in Hemphill and Lipscomb County are a confirmation that the system in the northeastern Panhandle is a very sound system," said Roach Tuesday afternoon.

Roach said he and his wife, Cindy, watched the recount in the Hemphill County seat in Canadian along with their minister, Steve Patterson of the United Methodist Church in Miami. He said he was very pleased with the outcome.

"All the recount committee members were very courteous and very professional," said Roach. He said the process was complete in about two-andone-half hours.

Roach estimated approximately 50 of the voters

in Hemphill County chose not to cast ballots for either candidate for DA.

He said Lipscomb County Chairman Jim Shearer represented him at the recount held in that county. Roach planned to be at the Roberts County Courthouse in Miami today during the recount. Miami is Roach's hometown.

Kessie told *The Pampa News* the percent of error in recounting the votes has been very small. The Canadian resident said he attended the recount in

Lipscomb County on Tuesday. "It upholds my faith in the diligence of the election judges because of no significant departure from the original totals," said Kessie. "We both increased out vote count.

Kessie said he will have a representative at the Roberts County recount. "I'm just playing it by

precincts recounted, Gore had gained three votes.

precincts recounted, Gore had gained 157 votes.

— In Miami-Dade County with 135 of 614

In its 43-page ruling, the court rejected Florida

Secretary of State Katherine Harris' insistence that a

ear," said Kessie.

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. Within hours of the high court decision Tuesday night, Gore asked anew for Bush to meet him.

"I don't know whether Governor Push or I will prevail," Gore said. "We do know that our democracy is the winner tonight."

Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, speaking for Bush, said Republicans were exploring a number of "extraordinary possibilities" in response to the court decision mandating that hand recounts be added to the state's vote totals as long that is done by Sunday or Monday.

These possibilities could include having the Republican-led Florida Legislature "engaged in the Electoral College process," he said on CBS' "The Early Show," although he stressed he had "absolutely no information" that such a course

might be taken. Bush holds a 930-vote margin in official, but uncertified returns in the state that will settle the nation's longest presidential campaign. Gore has been whittling away at that, gaining 256 votes as of early Wednesday to bring Bush's lead unofficially to 674 as recounts unfold in Democratic-leaning Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties.

The unstated assumption of both sides is that if the recounts continue Gore may emerge the victor. In a statement of barely concealed rage late

Tuesday, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, representing Bush, said the court "has changed" the rules and has invented a new system for counting the election results.' Baker kept open the possibility of an appeal to the

U.S. Supreme Court, but also suggested the Republican-controlled Legislature might intervene. Baker did not say so, but federal law permits the Legislature to appoint electors — the men and

women who actually cast the ballots that select the president. A court hearing opened in Palm Beach County on one possibly crucial question — whether ballots set aside in the county because they were merely dim-

pled, instead of perforated, by the voting machine,

could be added to the count. Democrats are pushing to have them counted. A senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Republicans were likely to sue to reinstate rejected absentee ballots from members of the armed forces overseas. They were rejected after Democrats protested last week about lack of postmarks, but the Gore camp has since expressed a

willingness to reconsider. When the canvassing ended for the night Tuesday, the situation looked like this:

- In Broward County, with all 609 precincts recounted, plus more than 4,300 absentee ballots, Gore had gained 96 votes.

In Palm Beach County, with 103 of 531

deadline fixed in state law prevented her from accepting amended returns after Nov. 14. In unusually harsh language, the court said it could not allow Harris "to summarily disenfranchise innocent electors in an effort to punish dilato-

ry (election) board members. ... The Constitution eschews punishment by proxy." The justices added, "Twenty-five years ago, this court commented that the will of the people, not a

hyper-technical reliance upon statutory provisions, should be our guiding principle in election cases." The court's decision said Harris must accept amended vote totals until Sunday at 5 p.m — if her

office is open — or else Monday at 9 a.m. While the ruling clarified one issue, it touched on other questi**ons** without resolving them

These included the standards by which imperfectly marked ballots should be counted; the fate of more than 1,000 overseas ballots thrown out last week; and the question of how a challenge might proceed to Harris' eventual certification of a winner in the state that stands to pick the next president.

The court indicated it established its timetable to give either Gore or Bush time to protest the certification of the state's 25 electors, yet still leave time for that issue to be resolved so Florida's votes can be included when the Electoral College meets on

On manual recounts, the court said, "Although

error cannot be completely eliminated in any tabulation of the ballots, our society has not yet gone so far as to place blind faith in machines. In almost all endeavors, including elections, humans routinely correct the errors of machines." The high court did not specifically address the

question of whether "dimpled" ballots may be counted but cited an Illinois Supreme Court ruling that the seven justices said was "particularly apt in "These voters should not be disfranchised where

their intent may be ascertained with reasonable cer-

tainty," the Florida court wrote, quoting the Illinois The justices said, "We decline to rule more expansively, for to do so would result in this court substantially rewriting the code. We leave that matter to the sound discretion of the body best equipped to

address it — the Legislature.

Florida's Legislature, which is in adjournment, could hold a special session if the Senate president and House speaker jointly call for one. Or Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the candidate's brother, could step in and issue a proclamation.

Republicans hold a 77-43 majority in the House, and a 25-15 edge in the Senate.

Day-old infant boy kidnapped

DETROIT (AP) - An old high school friend vis- the hospital by coincidence, bumping into each iting a new mother at a hospital apparently kidnapped the mother's day-old infant. No one at Hutzel Hospital noticed anything

unusual Tuesday as the woman carried the baby

Police believe the kidnapper and mother met at

other in a hallway while the acquaintance was visiting another patient. The mother invited her old friend back to her

room to see her baby, then left them alone for a few minutes while she used the bathroom in her room. When she returned, they were gone.

The infant was still missing Wednesday.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, Mostly cloudy. Highs 55 to 60. Light and variable windsBecoming south-east 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Thanksgiving, cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Highs in he upper 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain

or freezing rain. Lows 30 to 35.

STATEWIDE - Clouds were Wednesday, as clouds began to moving into parts of Texas early Wednesday, bringing an increasing chance of rain and possibly a wet beginning to Thanksgiving, forecasters said.

High clouds moved into North of light rain. Lows in the upper Texas where southwest winds were at 10-15 mph. Lower high temperatures in the 50s are expected for many areas Wednesday.

In West Texas and the Panhandle, a weak cold front remain over the region until began to move in early Friday, forecasters said.

increase. The forecast for the region calls for highs peaking into the upper 50s to lower 60s. In South Texas, skies were

mostly cloudy. At 4 a.m. Wednesday temperatures ranged from 39 at Junction to 66 at Brownsville. Highs should range from the

mid-60s on the upper coast to the low 70s in deep South Texas.

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Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

> LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more infororganization serving women and men in 17 offices Martin, (806) 358-2765. covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074. required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

tions, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey for a \$10 rental fee. Applications may be obtained

PAS DANCE

Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, Pampa Area

The next dance will be Dec. 30. For more information, call 665-7059.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Shepherd's Helping Hands is sponsoring "Breakfast with Santa" at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Dec. 2 in the parish hall of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning. Cost is \$8 per child and covers breakfast, a picture with Santa and a goodie bag. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Cora at Shepherd's Helping Hands, 665-9750. TRAIN SHOW

annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as 5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six for \$5.

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weav- and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinmation or for an appointment, call 665-2291. ing, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For ics will be offered: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care meeting location or more information, call Becky Nov. 15, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 12-

RED CROSS CLASSES

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, will offer the following CPR courses during the funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a month of November: Community CPR and First licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon Aid (includes adult, child and infant CPR) 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 1, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; Community CPR class, 3-7 p.m., Nov. 14, at the ARC office; and Community CPR class, 5-9 p.m., make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office Nov. 29 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

MIP CLASSES Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Those taking the full test must attend both days. Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 Preregistration is required. For more information, with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organiza- more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356. ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

> Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 20th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 2 in the Community Center in Hereford. A limited number of booths are currently available by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or by calling (806) 364-0774.

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ly (but not necessarily in the top 10 percent) and available for \$1 each. present evidence of good character (two letters of school official and the other from a community For more information, call (615) 320-3149.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its The Texas Department of Health will be offering Dept. GGB-407-1, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including on the World Wide Web. polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at desa.m.-12 noon, Nov. 7, Methodist Church, White 62269. Deer; (flu) 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Skellytown School, Skellytown; 1-3 p.m., Nov. 9, Illinois St., Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 13, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS

Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more informausually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays wheelchair at their home or independent living and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web. public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. FREE BOOKLET

Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., The Celebration of Lights project will hold reguis offering a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular lar workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday Government Giveaway Programs," to consumers nationwide. To obtain a copy of the booklet, send \$5 to cover cost of printing, postage and handling to: sion. Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways, Dept. 100GG-0816, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, D.C. 20090-6071. For more informacall (202) 595-1031 or www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the Internet. ANIMALPRINTS.COM

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T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

tion, call 665-3024. **AL-ANON**

VFW CHARITY BINGO 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The

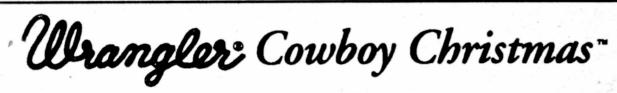
CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help

with the project is invited to attend any work ses-PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at

1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945. PANHANDLE ALLIANCE

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of a newly released series of artist's prints to bene- A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schiz-The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering ophrenia. There is no charge. For more informafree butterfly garden seeds (with growing instruction or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-





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Strengthening small businesses

Here are some numbers we can be proud of: Texas leads all states in net job creation this decade, and our growth is broad-based. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas' job growth ranks among the leadingstates in nearly all major economic sectors. While manufacturing jobs have declined nationally since January 1990, our state has experienced a significant increase.

The expansion of international trade, as well as the overall improvement of the Texas and U.S. economies, is contributing to growth in transportation, communications and utilities and wholesale and retail trade. The Lone Star State accounts for a disproportionately large share of U.S. growth.

It's no secret that small business is America's economic engine. Small businesses employ nearly 60 percent of the nation's workforce. They have created two-thirds of all new jobs since the early 1970s. They produce nearly half the private sector's output each year. And all while serving as the backbone of their individual communi-

Running a small business is challenging enough without the government making it more difficult. In October, Congress passed a tax-relief bill that aims to lessen that government burden. Unfortunately, the President has threatened to veto it, but I'm hopeful a compromise can be worked out. Included in that legislation are provisions that assure small businesses tax relief, among

-Provides immediate 100-percent deduction for healthcare for the self-employed.

-Extends the Work Opportunity Tax Credit through June 30, 2004.

—Clarifies cash accounting rules for small business: Small business taxpayers will be permitted to use the cash accounting method without limitation.

-Makes other improvements in expensing and meal deductibility. But that only touches on part of what Congress has accomplished this year in terms of helping small business. Other constructive changes include:

—The Small business Investment Improvement Act, to make more investment capital available to small businesses that are seeking to grow and hire new employees.

-Creation of Small Business Interest-Bearing Checking Accounts to help small businesses grow by permitting banks and thrift institutions to pay interest on businesses checking accounts and repealing the prohibition of the payment of interest on demand deposits.

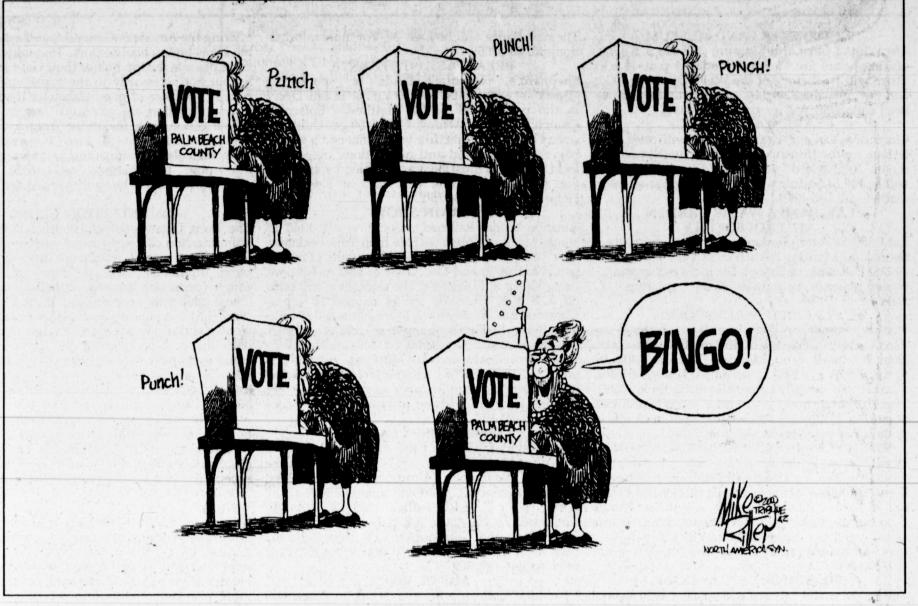
-Small Business Loan Program Improvements that free up the capital in the Small Business Act's Microloan Program, which makes loans and provides technical assistance to prospective small business owners for startup or materials and equipment costs.

—The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act assuring that the Department of Veterans Affairs offers programs that provide assistance to veterans who own small businesses, promotes entrepreneurship and improves veterans' access to technical business assistance.

-The Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act allows private organizations that already have received federal grants to receive additional funding, which comes in part from non-federal sources, to provide ongoing training and management support to small businesswomen.

Congress has made substantial improvements to the way government treats small businesses. They still are taxed at too high a rate. I hope we can do even more this year, but if not, we'll be back in full strength next year.

I will continue to work on finding better ways for the government to deal with the economic engines that create two out of every three jobs in our country: America's



Memories cannot be destroyed

Nancy

Thanksgiving is tomorrow. When I think of Thanksgivings past, I remember going to the ranch for my grandmother's deliciously prepared turkey with all the trimmings. No one could cook like her.

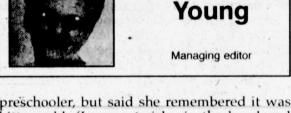
She spent several days preparing the pies, cookies and her wonderful Date Loaf to accompany a feast which we always enjoyed. I can still remember the smell of her kitchen and all the activity involved in the family

Homemade rolls, a variety of vegetables and salads, her special stuffing - all are memories of Thanksgiving past. It was wonderful to go to my grandparents' home for a day of eating and enjoying the fellowship.

As I look back I think of how adaptable my Thanksgiving meal time. More often than not revived. football playoffs and we sometimes played for Thanksgiving Dinner. We have the turkey games on Thanksgiving. Occasionally, it was Friday or Saturday before we ate our Thanksgiving dinner. Grandmother always worked it around the time of the football game.

Last week a neighbor of mine asked me if I remembered where I was on Thanksgiving 1959. I didn't have the foggiest idea, but she said she could remember quite clearly.

She described her memories of that night. We were playing in a football game that night in Borger's football stadium. She was just a



bitter cold. (I was a twirler in the band and don't remember, but I do remember the night of the semi-final game the next year in Vernon was so cold I couldn't get the baton to twirl.) own apartment and began moving.

As we laughed and talked about times past, Today, my grandchildren come to my home

and my Grandmother's special stuffing (just the way she cooked it). We also have the vegetables, salads, pies, candies and cookies. children love, and discontinued the Sweet Potatoes which they hate.

When my children were small we began the tradition of naming the turkey as he cooked. Each year we gave him a new name. Now, the

trying to decide on a name. This year we have more to be thankful for three children."

than in the past years. During the past year we have certainly learned about the importance of life and living.

With my diagnosis of cancer in January and the treatments which followed and the destruction of my youngest daughter's home in September by fire, we've had a good dose of reality. Both experiences have been very humbling.

On Monday both of us received an early Thanksgiving gift. After six months of chemotherapy and five weeks of daily radiation, and countless tests, there is no sign of cancer in my body. My daughter and her family have been living with relatives for two as we marched in several inches of snow. It months, and Monday received news of their

Both of us learned a tremendous lesson in grandmother had to be with the several memories of those times were the value of life this past year, and not to take life for granted. We both have learned that possessions can be replaced, and we know just how important life is to us now. We both

> Memories cannot be destroyed. They are really all that can be left to the next genera-We've added a Strawberry Salad which the tion. I've come a long way from that teenage twirler 41 years ago. Now I'm the Grandmother and I want to leave good memories for my grandchildren to remember.

> In her upbeat way, my daughter said this will likely be the easiest move she's ever grandchildren name him. They're already made. "I don't have that much to move," she said, "but I've got what's important - my

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 23, the 328th day of 2000. There are 38 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving ated by Henry R. Luce, was first

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 23, 1903, singer Enrico forces seized control of Tarawa and

New York, appearing in "Rigoletto." On this date:

In 1765, Frederick County, in Maryland, repudiated the British with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics

In 1804, the 14th president of the Broadway. United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N.H.

debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon.

In 1936, "Life," the magazine crepublished. In 1943, during World War II, U.S.

Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in In 1945, most U.S. wartime

rationing of foods, including meat and butter, ended. In 1959, the musical "Fiorello!,"

by Sheldon Harnick, opened on

In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. In 1889, the first jukebox made its Security Co. ncil.

In 1980, some 4,800 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

In 1996, a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the waves off Comoros Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on

Ten years ago: President Bush conferred separately with Egyptian Geneva, seeking Arab support for his drive to expel Iraqi troops from

ly accepted the U.S.-backed peace encing racially offensive behavior.

plan for the former Yugoslavia after meeting with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. Movie director Louis Malle died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 63.

One year ago: In a plea met with scant applause and silent stares, President Clinton told ethnic Albanians in Kosovo that "you must try" to forgive Serb neighbors and President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo stop punishing them for the terror and Syrian President Hafez Assad in campaign of Slobodan Milosevic. Defense Secretary William Cohen called for a military-wide review of conduct after a Pentagon study said Five years ago: Bosnian Serb up to 75 percent of blacks and other leader Radovan Karadzic grudging- ethnic minorities reported experi-

An endorsement for Harry Potter

I finally did it. I read a Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." If my children were still young, I'd encourage them to read the Potter books.

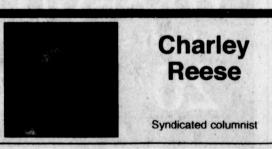
Some people have objected because the characters are wizards and witches. Well? The characters in "Winnie-the-Pooh" are stuffed animals that move and talk. The characters in "Treasure Island" are pirates.

R.K. Rowling is not the writer that C.S. Lewis and his friend J.R.R. Tolkien were, but then few writers are. Nevertheless, she has created an interesting set of characters and spins a good adventure yarn. I can understand why kids enjoy her books.

Harry is, in many respects, an ordinary boy, but when a crisis comes, he displays bravery and loyalty to his friends. There is a clear line between good and evil, and the author attaches no religious overtones to anything in her

The fact that Harry is attending a school for wizards in a world hidden from the eyes of humans (or Muggles, as they are called) just adds to the fun. Rowling is creating a separate world for her characters, just as Lewis did in his Namia stories

When the children in Lewis' stories pass through the magic portal, they find themselves in a world where an evil witch has created perpetual winter and turned her enemies into stone, and where animals talk.



Imaginative literature is important for a child, in my opinion, especially these days when so much written for children is dreary pseudo-realism and nihilistic. Heroic characters teach children that there are some things more some things are more important than life itself.

It especially surprises me that Christians would object to the Potter books. Christianity itself is full of what an atheist would call magic walking on water, healing terminal illnesses with the touch of a hand, resurrecting the dead, feeding the multitude with only 12 fish, dying and coming back to life.

I would offer this advice: If you hope your child's faith will survive the continuous battering from the secular world, then you had better encourage the imagination of your child, and there is no better way to do that than by encouraging them to read good literature. Imagination seems to me to be a crucial component of faith. If we cannot visualize what is

invisible to our eyes, then we will have a harder time sustaining our belief, especially in these bleak times.

Television, movies and computer games kill the imagination. (Some argue that they can kill the soul.) Everything is supplied, and all the viewer does is turn down his brain to the passive level.

Reading, on the other hand, requires an active brain. The reader becomes the casting director and supplies the set, the costumes and the props, as well as the scenery. A good fantasy or science-fiction story can take you out of your ordinary world so that when you return, you will see it in a slightly different way. And if they can't see their world in a slightly differimportant than creature comforts and that ent way than the secularists see it, then Christians will lose their faith.

The Harry Potter books ought to encourage children to read Lewis' wonderful "Chronicles of Narnia" and, when they are older, Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and the magnificent trilogy

"Lord of the Rings." Literature can teach either vices or virtue. There's no question that parents should supervise their younger children's reading. Unfortunately, you can no longer trust either the judgment or tastes of government schools and certainly not that of the entertainment

Better for children to read about wizards fighting evil than to grow up believing nothing is worth fighting for.

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Railways and buses offer Ministry, was China's most Palestinians were reported killed with an opposition victory cheaper Thanksgiving travel alternatives

NEW YORK (AP) — Train and bus companies say that more people are letting them do the holiday driving, thanks in part to higher gas prices and soaring airline tickets. Amtrak is adding 65,000 additional seats nationwide to keep up with the 580,000 passengers expected to travel by train this week, while Greyhound Lines Inc. is expected to carry close to a million this year. Greyhound's already bused in 60 extra drivers from across the country to help out in the Northeast. In Washington alone, they expected to add more than 100 extra buses Wednesday, when corporate employees are asked to lend a hand with ticketing, baggage and information.

China promises not to help foreign missile programs

BEIJING (AP) — China has promised not to sell missiles or components to countries developing nuclear weapons, easing tensions with Washington over long-suspected Chinese assistance to Pakistan, Iran and North Korea. A statement, released by the Chinese Foreign

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lifted some of the secrecy shrouding its ambitions in space. On Wednesday, it released a policy paper that calls for boosting commercial launch services with more powerful rockets — and putting a man in orbit by the decade's end. This is the first official overview of China's emerging space program ever made public.

Israel takes a one-two diplomatic punch from Egypt and Jordan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Egypt and Jordan delivered a one-two

explicit pledge to date on by Israeli troops near a Jewish something seldom seen during refraining from spreading missettlement Wednesday in south- Fujimori's hardline rule. sile technology. China also has ern Gaza. The circumstances

time Peru had an opposition-led Congress, President Alberto Fujimori locked the doors, posted tanks out front and put rifle- this month, according to final toting soldiers in the halls to results released Tuesday. In the keep lawmakers from return- complex Nov. 11 balloting, voting. That was in 1992, in a coup of Fujimori's own making. the Bosnian Serb Republic and Eight years later, Fujimori's the Muslim-Croat Federation congressional foes turned the elected members of a federal tables, declaring him morally unfit for office rather than diplomatic punch to Israel, leav- accept a resignation he had sent regional officials and a federaing the Jewish state without from Japan. It was raucous, it tion parliament. Bosnian Serbs Arab ambassadors as a protest was rowdy, and it was raw voted for a president and vice against its punishing rocket democracy at work as more president of their state and against its punishing rocket democracy at work as more presider attack on the Gaza Strip. The than 12 hours of congressional members violence continues. Four debate culminated late Tuesday liament.

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were unclear.

Opposition victory in ists and moderates
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LIMA, Peru (AP) — The last Herzegovina (AP) — Hard-line nationalists won a sizable bloc of support among Bosnia's Serbs and Croats in Bosnia's election the Bosnian Serb Republic and parliament. Votes in the Muslim-Croat Federation also chose members of their own local par-

Regulators cite legal limits in cracking down on industry

WASHINGTON (AP) - First same time, the agency said, it Amendment protections signifi- would also have to show that the cantly restrict the ability of the government to go after entertainment companies that peddle inappropriate music, films and video games to children, federal regulators are telling Congress.

With these constitutional guarantees binding its hands, the seeing certain R films. Federal Trade Commission says a better solution would be for the entertainment industry to step unaccompanied children under up self-regulation efforts and for lawmakers to keep a watchful Private Ryan' versus one like 'I

fail to stop marketing adult material to children, then Congress should consider narrowly tailored legislative remedies, the commission said.

Vice President Al Gore and his running mate, Joseph Lieberman, have already said they would favor federal action if the industry fails to police itself.

Lawmakers had asked the FTC to examine whether the agency could use its existing authority to take action against movie houses, video game makers and music producers that market inappropriate products to underage audiences. That came after a scathing commission report which found that industry executives aggressively and routinely target adult-rated material at children.

The FTC has jurisdiction to enforce regulations that prohibit "unfair" or "deceptive" marketing. But extending this authority to the marketing practices of the entertainment industry raises "a number of significant legal limitations, including substantial and unsettled constitutional questions," wrote FTC Chairman fore unfair. Robert Pitofsky in a letter to Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz.

audiences under age 17. At the films to children.

film was in fact not suitable for audiences under age 17.

While many R-rated movies are inappropriate for younger viewers because of violent or graphic content, parents may not have objections to their children

"People might have different views about the propriety of 17 seeing a film like 'Saving re. Know What You Did Last If entertainment companies Summer," the commission wrote.

> That could put federal regulators in the thorny position of determining which movies are appropriate for young audiraising ences, Amendment concerns, the agency said.

Some experts say that deceptive advertising may not be at the root of what parents and federal officials find objectionable about the industry's marketing

'The real objection to some of the marketing directed at children is not that it is untrue or misleading, but that it is too true in inviting children to see movies they might like but which we think are bad for them," said First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams.

He added that the distinction between the marketing of constitutionally protected content and the content itself is not clear-cut.

The commission also said it might also have a hard time demonstrating that a marketing practice of an entertainment company causes substantial injury to consumers and is there-

The FTC concluded the Senate Commerce Committee industry should bolster its efforts at self-regulation. Entertainment For example, to prove decep- executives have said they are tive marketing of an R-rated taking steps in this direction movie under one legal theory, already. The movie industry, for the FTC said it would have to example, devised voluntary show that advertising or other guidelines after the release of the romotional material indicated report to curtail the practice of the film was appropriate for marketing inappropriate R-rated

consolidation.

NBC of Pampa has signed a definitive agreement with Guaranty Federal Bank, F.S.B., to purchase a branch in Childress. The Childress branch. has approximately \$32 million in total deposits. Archie Overby, president and CEO of First National Bank and director of FNB of Rotan, announced the purchase and the intent of FNB to offer continued quality services to the citizens of Childress.

announced a new purchase along with a corporate

National Bank of Commerce in Pampa, an office The purchase will be completed in the first quarof First National Bank of Waupaca, Wis., recently ter of 2001.

In a related action, FNB also announced the consolidation of sister banks in Pampa and Shamrock. The purchase of the Childress bank and the

assimilation of Pampa and Shamrock with give FNB total assets of approximately \$340,000,000 with seven branches and 95 employees.

FNB will offer employment to all current employees of Guaranty Federal Bank's Childress branch.

First National has Wisconsin branches in Waupaca, Iola, Chetek and Weyauwega.

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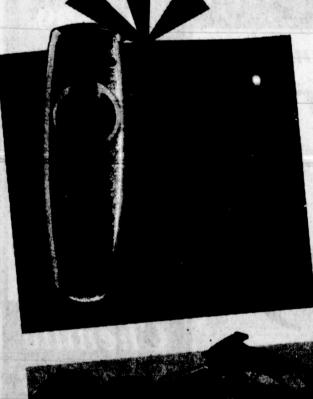














Man kills his three children. wife, then self over debt

of thousands of dollars in gambling debts because Moukalled withdrew debts and believing he had nowhere to turn, Jihad Hassan Three credit cards found inside the

"I never ever had a bad intent toward anyone," the 42-year-old man scrawled Tuesday on a single sheet of paper. "I think that I was gripped by the hope of 'one more shot.' I did not know how else to the relatives, he was gambling all escape what I got myself into. It is

pepper shakers on the kitchen counter — and Moukalled, his three young children and pregnant wife dead in their beds in their neat, twostory suburban Detroit home.

Police said years of problem gam-bling brought about Moukalled's anguished decision to suffocate his children as they slept, then shoot his wife before using the handgun on The victims were identified as his

wife, Fatima, 31; daughter Aya, 7; son Adam, 5; and daughter Lila, who would have turned 3 on Saturday.
"I did not equip them with any tools to go on by themselves, and I

am leaving them with less than nothing," Moukalled wrote. "May God forgive me." Police Chief William Dwyer said care about him."

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. Moukalled's Oak Park printing (AP) — Distraught over hundreds business had amassed \$500,000 in Moukalled put his despair in writ- house carried \$60,000 in debt, Dwyer said.

"Over the past two years, he's been making weekly trips to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, gambling large sums of money," Dwyer said. "According to a statement by one of over the place."

Moukalled had returned home at Hours later, a maid found the 4 a.m. Tuesday from Las Vegas. note — pinned down with salt and During the three-day trip, police pepper shakers on the kitchen said Moukalled had asked his business to deposit \$85,000 into a bank account with hopes the money could be transferred to a Las Vegas casino. The bank wouldn't honor the check.

> Police said he killed his family after returning home, suffocating the children as they slept tucked in their beds. There were signs in the master bedroom of a struggle with

his wife, police said.

Somewhere along the way,
Moukalled crafted his note, expressing remorse about gambling debts.

"There is nothing more destructive to life than gambling," he wrote. "A drug addict destroys his life, a gambler destroys his life and the lives of those he cares about and

Miami-Roberts County Chamber to sponsor arts and crafts bazaar

Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 2 and from 12-5 p.m., Dec. 3 in Miami Events Center, Old Bartlett Building, Hwy 60, Miami. The event — to be held indoors — is scheduled in conjunction with the Miami Basketball Tournament.

One-of-a-kind homemade, handcrafted items will be available with vendors from across the panhandle participating. Admission is free to the public Wares will include handmade and booth space is still availcrafts, fine arts, stained glass and much more.

MIAMI - Miami-Roberts ness information pamphlets County Chamber of Commerce along with candles, bumper will sponsor its Second Annual stickers and Miami-Roberts County 2000 Information Booklets. The Chamber will stock a separate booth with baked goods, popcorn, coffee, hot chocolate and other items.

Door prizes and free samples will be given away and Band Boosters and Miami Warrior Band will provide a gift-wrapping booth. The gift-wrapping service will be by donation-only.

Admission is free to the public able. For more information, contact Diane Stribling at 868-5021 In addition, the Chamber will or Katie Underwood at 868-set-up a booth with area busi- 3291.

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Within hours of the high court decision Tuesday night, Gore asked anew for Bush to meet him.

I don't know whether Governor Bush or I will prevail," Gore said. "We do know that our democracy is the winner tonight.

Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, speaking for Bush, said Republicans were exploring a number of "extraordinary possibilities" in response to the court decision mandating that hand recounts be added to the state's vote totals as long that is done by Sunday or Monday.

These possibilities could include having the Republican-led Florida Legislature "engaged in the Electoral College process," he said on CBS' "The Early Show," although he stressed he had 'absolutely no information" that such a course might be taken.

Bush holds a 930-vote margin in official, but uncertified returns in the state that will settle the nation's longest presidential campaign. Gore has been whittling away at that, gaining 256 votes as of early Wednesday to bring Bush's lead unofficially to 674 as recounts unfold in Democratic-leaning

Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties. The unstated assumption of both sides is that if the recounts continue Gore may emerge the victor.

In a statement of barely concealed rage late Tuesday, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, representing Bush, said the court "has changed the rules and has invented a new system for counting the election results."

Baker kept open the possibility of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but also suggested the Republican-controlled Legislature might intervene. Baker did not say so, but federal law permits the

Legislature to appoint electors — the men and women who actually cast the ballots that select the president. A court hearing opened in Palm Beach County on one possibly crucial question — whether ballots set

aside in the county because they were merely dim-pled, instead of perforated, by the voting machine, could be added to the count. Democrats are pushing to have them counted.

A senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Republicans were likely to sue to reinstate rejected absentee ballots from members of the armed forces overseas. They were rejected after Democrats protested last week about lack of postmarks, but the Gore camp has since expressed a willingness to reconsider.

When the canvassing ended for the night Tuesday, the situation looked like this:

- In Broward County, with all 609 precincts recounted, plus more than 4,300 absentee ballots, Gore had gained 96 votes.

- In Palm Beach County, with 103 of 531

precincts recounted, Gore had gained three votes - In Miami-Dade County with 135 of 614 precincts recounted, Gore had gained 157 votes.

In its 43-page ruling, the court rejected Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris' insistence that a deadline fixed in state law prevented her from accepting amended returns after Nov. 14.

In unusually harsh language, the court said it could not allow Harris "to summarily disenfranchise innocent electors in an effort to punish dilatory (election) board members. ... The Constitution

eschews punishment by proxy."

The justices added, "Twenty-five years ago, this court commented that the will of the people, rot a hyper-technical reliance upon statutory provishould be our guiding principle in election ca-

The court's decision said Harris must accept amended vote totals until Sunday at 5 p.m — if her office is open — or else Monday at 9 a.m.

While the ruling clarified one issue, it touched on other questions without resolving them.

These included the standards by which imperfectly marked ballots should be counted; the fate of more than 1,000 overseas ballots thrown out last week; and the question of how a challenge might proceed to Harris' eventual certification of a winner in the state that stands to pick the next president.

The court indicated it established its timetable to give either Gore or Bush time to protest the certification of the state's 25 electors, yet still leave time for that issue to be resolved so Florida's votes can be included when the Electoral College meets on Dec.

On manual recounts, the court said, "Although error cannot be completely eliminated in any tabulation of the ballots, our society has not yet gone so far as to place blind faith in machines. In almost all endeavors, including elections, humans routinely correct the errors of machines.

The high court did not specifically address the question of whether "dimpled" ballots may be counted but cited an Illinois Supreme Court ruling that the seven justices said was "particularly apt in this case.

These voters should not be disfranchised where their intent may be ascertained with reasonable certainty," the Florida court wrote, quoting the Illinois

The justices said, "We decline to rule more expansively, for to do so would result in this court substantially rewriting the code. We leave that matter to Aggie Bonfire are urging lawmak- agreatly with our healing process, the sound discretion of the body best equipped to ers to increase the university's we decided that A&M and the address it — the Legislature."

Florida's Legislature, which is in adjournment, could hold a special session if the Senate president and House speaker jointly call for one. Or Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the candidate's brother, could step in and issue a proclamation.

Republicans hold a 77-43 majority in the House, and a 25-15 edge in the Senate.

Cable One food drive



Over 150 cans of food were collected recently from Cable One subscribers and donated to Tralee Crisis Center. Representing Cable One from left are Barbara Preas, Fran Daniels, Lupi Juarez, Whitney Davis of Tralee Crisis Center, Judy Kidwell and Donna Litterel.

Higher cap on bonfire suits urged by parents of victim

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) -The parents of a Texas A&M \$500,000 liability limit.

In a Nov. 17 letter sent to the responsibility for the accident that families of the other victims, the parents of Christopher Lee Heard said that A&M and the state 'need to accept responsibility" for the bonfire collapse that killed their son and 11 other Aggies.

The couple's lawyer, Ron Armstrong of Brownsville, said that his firm is investigating the circumstances surrounding the

The family has not decided whether to sue, but they will ask the Legislature to raise the cap for a possible lawsuit. State law limits damages in lawsuits against the state and any of its institutions and agencies, including A&M, to \$500,000.

In the wake of the collapse, A&M created a bonfire relief fund to help victims' families with expenses. But the Heards, while acknowledging emotional and financial support, said it is not

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"While the love and caring of state representatives for the right University student killed in the the Aggie family has been to sue," Armstrong said. "That Nov. 18, 1999, collapse of the tremendous and has helped us doesn't preordain Sen. Eddie

> wrote Leslie and Andrea Heard. The Heards are out of state for the Thanksgiving holiday, accordbe reached to comment.

State of Texas need to accept

Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, said Tuesday that he may introduce a bill to raise the cap.

"I think everybody should have hurt us all in one way or another," their day in court," Lucio said. "This would take a long time to get out of committee, probably most of the session. I don't think it ing to their lawyer, and could not would be easy, but I think it can

Chest pains hospitalize Cheney; early tests show no abnormality

Republican vice presidential can-lesterol. didate Dick Cheney was hospitalized Wednesday morning with chest pains and was undergoing tests, the Bush campaign said.

Cheney, 59, suffered three heart attacks more than a decade ago. Doctors had given him a clean bill of health when he became George W. Bush's running mate.

"My understanding is that Secretary Cheney had some chest pains early this morning, and as a precaution, he went to George undergoing tests," spokeswoman Internet rumors that Cheney had Karen Hughes said.

She said she was notified at ments. Cheney would laugh off al blockages. 6:08 a.m. that Cheney had been

When Bush selected Cheney as his running mate, he knew the former Wyoming congressman and White House chief of staff had a history of heart problems. As the recount battle continues between Bush and Democrat Al Gore, Cheney has been quietly overseeing transition planning for the potential new administra-

Hughes said bush talked with Cheney by telephone. She also said campaign chairman Don Evans spoke to Cheney and the former defense secretary sounded calm and described himself as comfortable.

Hughes said that Cheney was admitted with shoulder pains in addition to the chest pains. She said EKG tests showed no abnormality and that blood tests showed that his cardiac enzymes were normal.

"He is free of discomfort, but remains hospitalized for further tests and observation," Hughes said.

Cheney had three heart attacks and quadruple cardiac bypass surgery before turning 50, but recently said he now leads an 'extraordinarily vigorous lifestyle." Cheney says he quit smoking, exercises regularly and

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WASHINGTON (AP) - takes medicine to lower his cho- the rumors and said he was in

Dr. Jonathan S. Reiner, a cardiologist, said earlier in the and unchanged for the past several years."

erwise was in good health his doctor. throughout a strenuous fall cam-

good health.

Over the course of the cam-George Washington University paign, the Cheney campaign turned down media requests to presidential campaign that car- release his complete medical diac stress tests "have been stable records - as other candidates had done - but the Cheney staff always declined, saying that Cheney had a cold in the final there were no plans to put out weeks before the election but oth- anything beyond the letter from

Cheney's first attack, at age 37, paign. Reporters covering him was in 1978. He had a second in repeatedly inquired about his 1984 and a third in 1988. All were Washington Hospital where he is health because of persistent described as mild. In August of 1988, Cheney underwent the been hospitalized for health ail- bypass surgery because of arteri-

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Did bureaucrats' zeal cost psychologist his license?

By CHRISTOPHER NEWTON paying the price. **Associated Press Writer**

ines what life would have been inappropriately like if he had turned away a secret information. teen-age girl who came to him and sexually abusing her.

In the daydream, Singer still practices psychology, still owns the bureau charged Singer with a home, still has a life.

to police back in 1988 and is still initial report.

Pennsylvania's Bureau of refused to pay. HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Professional and Occupational James Singer sometimes imag- Affairs charged Singer with tered by legal bills and unem- denies the allegation.

The primary charge against his license. claiming her father was beating him was eventually dropped. But during an investigation that his lawyer calls overzealous, several other infractions, some But Singer reported the case having nothing to do with the

The girl's family complained. lost his license in 1992 when he

Since then, his life - shatdivulging ployment - has been defined

I'm still not sure why."

Though Singer's legal appeal has been denied, a separate sion, Singer was visited by the lawsuit filed recently claims the patient's teen-age sister. Within professional licensing agency moments, Singer said, the girl police. Court decisions uphold-

Singer was fined \$6,000. He prosecuted cases even when was in tears. there was little or no evidence of wrongdoing, simply to keep its "numbers up." The agency

Singer's downfall began in July by his fervent hope of regaining 1986. At his practice in Dubois Hospital, he accepted the referral "They ruined my life," Singer of a 25-year-old patient, whom said. "And after all these years, hospital records said was emacihospital records said was emaciated, depressed and alcoholic.

After a family therapy ses-

'She told me how her father had been abusing her," Singer and other care providers would said. "He pulled her hair, called later prove him right. her profane words and threatened to break her neck."

Then, the story took another

"She said his hands went from her neck and slipped down to her breasts," Singer said.

He felt state law required him to report the girl's statement to

ing a mandatory reporting law that includes doctors, teachers

"I could have been locked up for purposefully hiding knowledge given to me about an incident of abuse," Singer said. "I had no choice but to report the abuse. It was not up to me to decide whether it was true or

The consequences of his actions became clear over the following months.

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The number of patients flowing into his office slowed to a trickle. "I had no idea what was going on," Singer said.

He discovered the state Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs had launched an investigation based on a complaint by the family. His patients were being called and asked if they had experienced problems with Singer in the past — an investigation documented in state records obtained by The Associated Press.

Some of Singer's patients still remember the calls they

"They wanted to know if we had ever had problems with Dr. Singer," said Darlene Johnson, a woman he treated in the mid-1980s. "It was unusual and I thought it was weird because we had never reported anything or had any problems. I felt like they were searching for something.

The state charged Singer with almost 50 counts of inappropriate behavior with patients stemming from the child abuse report and billing matters the agency turned up. The allegations included failing to inform clients that they could refuse his services and failing to properly explain how he billed them.

Of the 50 charges, Singer was found guilty on six counts, relating to billing practices and alleged overcharging.

Representing Singer in the case were several attorneys, including former state Auditor General Don Bailey.

To me, the state's case against Singer was excessive, abusive and overreaching beyond what the evidence or facts in my view supported," Bailey said. "This was an attempt to make an example of someone because they didn't want doctors feeling as though child reporting laws applied to them. A lot of this is tied to money."

In a separate lawsuit filed this year, Bailey is representing two former Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs attorneys who allege they were forced to prosecute trivial matters so the agency could justify its expanding budget.

Ralph Edwards, a Harrisburg psychologist who studies cases in which licenses have been revoked, says, "The agency decides you're guilty and then determines what it is you are guilty of."

A state hearing board convicted Singer on the billing charges, and he appealed to Commonwealth Court. With his appeal pending, the Bureau Professional Occupational Affairs withdrew

Singer's license for not paying a \$6,000 fine. Commonwealth Court declined to hear Singer's appeal.

Don Bunty, a spokesman for the bureau, denied the agency prosecutes cases to fulfill any quota.

"There were performance goals for various bureau employees, but there were no admonishments or punishments and no rewards for exceeding those goals," Bunty said.

Singer's case has received substantial review, he said, and "the rulings speak for themselves."

Over the years, some of the state's most prominent politicians have rallied to Singer's defense. Gov. Tom Ridge, then a congressman, sent a letter in 1994 to Attorney General Janet Reno requesting her interven-tion in the case. The request went unanswered. As gover-nor, Ridge has been silent on the matter.

With no legal options left, Singer still walks the halls of the state Capitol, talking with legislators, hoping to revive interest in his case, hoping to practice again.



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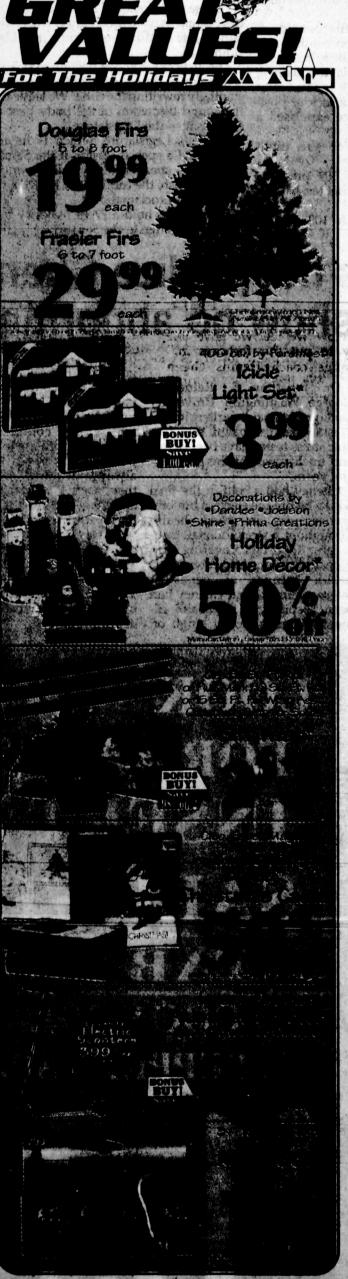












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PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club continues to have basketball signups today through Friday.

Signups can be taken over the phone by calling 669-8236 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and leaving a message. After 5 p.m., call Dean Crockett (665-3927), Robert Cottrell (665-0335) or Danny Martin (835-2906).

There will also be a signup Sunday from 3 to 5 in the Baker School gym. The signups are for boys and girls team in Kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Coaches, referees and sponsors are also needed. If interested, call 669-8236.

FRITCH — White Deer downed Sanford-Fritch 51-45 in girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

Samantha Parks had 16 points and Suni Petty 13 to lead White Deer's scorers.

Rachel Smith was Sanford-Fritch's high scorer with 13. Danielle Jones added 8 points. The Does are now 2-1 on the season. Sanford-Fritch falls to

OBITUARY

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Emil Zatopek, a fourtime Olympic track champion who set 18 world records, has died. He was 78.

Zatopek died Tuesday night in Prague's military hospital where he was being treated after a stroke in late October, hospital

spokesman said Wednesday. The long-distance runner was the first to run a 10,000meter race under 29 minutes. Zatopek enjoyed a cult status in his Czech homeland for over five decades.

Following a 15-year career, he was ostracized by the communist regime for criticizing the Soviet-led military invasion of Czechoslovakia

He won his first Olympic gold at the 1948 London Games, and added three more in Helsinki four years later, where he dominated the 5-kilometer, 10km and marathon races.

Milan Jirasek, head of the Czech Olympic Committee, was not surprised by Zatopek's death.

"We knew that he was in critical condition for some time already," Jirasek told The Associated Press. "But with his death, the legend not disappear. Everywhere in the world, even young generations know him and his achievements."

The 5km race at Helsinki, which Zatopek won with a strong finish, is regarded as one of the most thrilling races ever.

"I wanted to win every time I was on the track, Zatopek told his biographers. "At Helsinki, I was tired after the 10K race, but I still shattered all my rivals."

Zatopek was born on Sept. 19, 1922, in the town of Koprivnice in the industrial northeast part of the country. He ran his first official race - 5,000 meters - in 1943 and immediately became Czechoslovakia's best long-distance runner.

After the end of World War II in 1945, Zatopek regularly faced the world's top athletes and, within a year, clocked the world's best times in 5,000 and 10,000 meters, his showcase events.

Zatopek was also known for his unorthodox training methods, which have become popular during the last five decades.

Instead of practicing long distances, Zatopek preferred dozens of 400-meter stretches run at full speed so he could improve his explo-

siveness and stamina. Nicknamed "The Engine" after winning an unprecedented 38 10,000-meter races between 1948-54, Zatopek ended his career in the 1950s but fell out of grace with the communist regime.

Randall content in Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) Randall Cunningham will be watching from the other side while his protege throws passes for a Super Bowl contender.

quarterback Second-year Daunte Culpepper is blossoming in Minnesota, where just two years ago Cunningham had the best season of his NFL career. Now Cunningham is the backup for struggling Dallas.

"You don't need to throw the whole playbook at him, you need to condense it to the things he does best and use the ability of the other players. And that's what they are doing," Cunningham said. "I've seen a lot of growth in Daunte. Even last year, he began to grow

While the development of Culpepper pretty much left no need for Cunningham in Minnesota, he harbors no resentment for the Vikings or their young quarterback.

Cunningham will get an upclose look at Culpepper in action Thursday when the Vikings (9-2) travel to Dallas (4-7) as the opponent for the Cowboys' traditional Thanksgiving Day

"They are probably the best team in the NFL right now. They're gelling together at the right time," Cunningham said. "And Daunte is getting better and better each week."

When the Vikings drafted Culpepper in 1999, they considered him the top player available. They gave him that season to adjust while Cunningham started the first six games before being replaced by Jeff George.

After last season, both Cunningham and George left Minnesota.

"Now we feel we have one guy to put our fortunes in," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "We think he's the right guy and we are hopeful that over the next 10 years we won't have anybody playing quarterback but Daunte.

Cunningham signed with Dallas, content with being Troy Aikman's backup, after being released by the Vikings last sum-

Culpepper has responded as the Minnesota starter with 2,919 yards to complement the NFL's best running game with Robert Smith (1,128 yards).

And he says his season alongside Cunningham was valuable. The two still talk by phone periodically.

"Randall is definitely a mentor for me, and a role model at the same time," Culpepper said. "He was a good person to be around for a young guy like myself coming into the league, and just a good person to be around."

The Vikings, who lead the league with 143.4 yards per game rushing, are preparing to go against the NFL's worst rushing defense. Dallas is allowing 171.1 yards per game, including two 200-yard rushers and 187 yards to Jamal Lewis in last week's 27-0 loss at Baltimore — the Cowboys' first shutout loss since 1991.

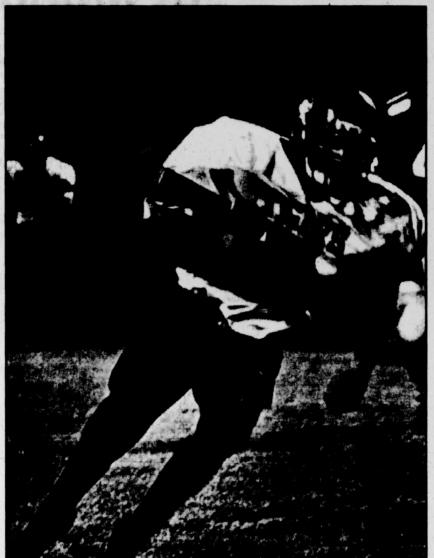
When Smith isn't running the ball, Culpepper is throwing to Randy Moss and Cris Carter, who is just seven catches away from joining Jerry Rice as the only players with 1,000 career receptions.

In the past two games, Smith has had 100-yard rushing games while Moss and Carter both had more than 100 yards

Two years ago, when the Vikings won 46-36 on Thanksgiving Day at Dallas, Aikman threw for a career-high 455 yards while Cunningham was on the other side throwing for 359 yards and four touchdowns, mostly to Moss and

That was part an All-Pro season for Cunningham, who was 13-1 as a starter with 3,704 passing yards and 34 touchdowns as the Vikings advanced to the NFC championship

He was replaced by George as the starter after Minnesota started 2-4 in 1999.



Senior running back Dewayne Gray scored four touchdowns and rushed for 90 yards in Groom's 40-26 win over Miami last weekend in bi-district six-man play. The Tigers meet Lazbuddie in the area round of the playoffs at 7:30 Friday night at Silverton. Groom has an 11-0 record while Lazbuddie is 8-2.

Bud Selig: 'Time for sweeping changes' in baseball economics'

WASHINGTON (AP) page after next season.

faith for the fans of more than expires Oct. 31, 2001. half our 30 clubs," Selig said "Isn't it going to depress Tuesday to the Senate Judiciary wages?" asked the Ohio Committee's subcommittee on Republican, the only senator antitrust, business rights and who attended the hearing. competition. "It is my job to restore hope and faith. I can assure you this system will be changed."

Selig cited statistics that only three of 189 postseason games since the 1994-95 strike were won by teams that didn't have payrolls among the top half.

The players' association, however, isn't convinced there is a problem and has fiercely resisted changes to free agency and salary arbitration, which have raised the average salary from \$51,501 in 1976 to about \$1.8 million this year. The last work stoppage baseball's eighth since 1972 lasted 232 days, wiping out the World Series for the first time in

Union head Donald Fehr turned down a chance to appear at the hearing, citing a personal commitment, and declined to comment on Selig's testimony.

"There certainly is no cause that I see out here for optimism that there won't be a work stoppage," said agent Tom Reich, who served a prominent role in Ashleigh Burns 499. negotiations during the last strike. "It's way too early to presume the worst, but everybody should be prepared."

Subcommittee chairman Mike Listening to baseball commis- DeWine, a Cincinnati Reds seasioner Bud Selig testify before a son ticket holder, repeatedly Senate panel, it sounded like pressed Selig on how owners players and owners could be could convince the players' assoheaded to another work stop- ciation — the most successful and militant union in sports — to 'At the start of spring training, accept substantial salary there, no longer exists hope and restraints when its labor contract

Bowling **Harvester Lanes**

Caprock Men's League Steve Williams had a 300

game. Williams, who carries a 191 average, won the ABC 700 award with a 711 series. He also was recognized for bowling 100 pins over his average. Bill Merrick received ABC awards for a 670 series (150 pins over his average) and a 264 game (250 or better). Merrick carries a 166 average.

Harvester Women's League Ladies high scratch series: Belinda Nolte 572.

Ladies high scratch game: Jo Hicks 225.

Correne Nichols, who carries a 126 average, was recognized for bowling a 207 (75 pins over average award).

Stars of Tomorrow Girls high scratch game:

Ashleigh Burns 200. Girls high scratch series:

Boys high scratch game: Shaun Smith 185.

Boys high scratch series: Zach

Pampa Middle school cagers beat Dumas

school boys' basketball teams 23. won three of four games against Dumas on Monday night.

In 8th grade action, Pampa Pampa with 18 points, followed Robbins had 6 apiece. by Brandon Johnston 9.

Pampa Red beat Dumas 30-18. 54-36. Top scorers for Pampa were Janssen Eilenberger with 8, Jarrett Kotara 8 and Colby Scott Andrew Fraser 7, Cameron 6 for Pampa. Seger 4 and Ricky Gattis 4.

In the 7th grade division, at the middle school gym.

PAMPA — Pampa middle Pampa Blue defeated Dumas 50-

Pablo Alvarado was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points. Jarrod Moler had 8 points while Red won by a score of 48-29. Cody Ellis, Shane Goldsmith, Brittin East was top scorer for Tyson Hickman and Nick

Dumas won over Pampa Red

Eric Kingcade had 9 points,

Pampa Blue has a 1-1 record Both Pampa teams have 2-0 while Pampa Red is 0-2.

Pampa hosts Canyon Nov. 30

Mavericks down Jazz

They've won two straight dat- half. ing to last season at the Delta had lost 25 in a row.

Finley scored 29 points, and 11 points as the shots." Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 107-98 Monday night.

you," Nash said. "That's the own the building. way it has to be to win a building like this."

close a six-game road trip. It Bradley said. might feel more like a seven-

like a road game," said leader in assists and steals.

Mavericks coach Don Nelson. "Nash is very good," play as well as tonight."

Dirk Nowitzki added 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Jazz to 40 percent shooting.

been going well but tonight hurt it again with 3:47 remainwe picked up the defense and it ultimately got us the win," "He may have a bit of a sep-Finley said. "We knew if we aration there, but I'm not realplayed hard and aggressive ly sure," said Dallas coach against Utah, we'd be able to Don Nelson. "He couldn't re-

At 8-4, Dallas has its best going 9-3 in 1988-89.

mer, made two free throws who went home to Oklahoma with 50.5 seconds remaining to be with his seriously ill and Nash added two more mother. ... Bradley had three with 32.8 seconds left.

quarter to win their last two an elbow at Christian games, at Seattle and Laettner.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Vancouver, but this time they The Dallas Mavericks are rid-maintained a double-digit ing their best start in 12 years. lead for much of the second

Bryon Russell led the Jazz Center, where they previously with 17 points and Jacque Vaughn came off the bench for If the Mavericks seem like a 15 points. Stockton scored 14 different team, chalk it up to and Karl Malone was held to Michael Finley's scoring, 13 points, the third time in the Steve Nash's playmaking and past four games he has scored Shawn Bradley's defense. 15 or less.

"We had some looks, so it's Nash had 17 points and a not all about them," Malone career-high 17 assists and said. "We had our opportuni-Bradley had six blocked shots ties. We just didn't make our

Last March, Dallas broke its 25-game losing streak at the "That's one of those nights Delta Center. They returned where everything is going for this season looking like they

"Not many teams win here twice in a row and we're Dallas won three straight to happy to do it. It's huge,"

With Nash darting around game road trip, however, as he directed the offense, when the weary Mavericks Dallas built a 56-48 halftime are home tonight against lead and never let it slip below seven after that. He "We have Seattle in our looked like a young version of home and it's going to be just Stockton, the NBA's career

"We've been on the road so Stockton said. "He had a great long. We've just got to wake game. He was very good out up and play. I hope we can there, drawing people to him. When you don't do things Nelson hopes the Mavericks right defensively, I guess you handle every opponent like overreact to certain things they did the Jazz. You're out of position to help You're out of position to help yourself."

Nowitzki left late in the Mavericks, his third straight third quarter after aggravatdouble-double. Dallas won ing a strained left shoulder, with defense, too, holding the which he initially injured two weeks ago in practice. He "Offensively, things have returned with 6:05 to play but

"He may have a bit of a sepinjure it anymore. We'll get a report (Tuesday) and see.

start through 12 games since Notes: Utah rookie DeShawn Stevenson, drafted out of high Former Jazz guard Howard school, made his second Eisley, who signed as a free straight start. He scored seven agent with Dallas last sum- points in place of John Starks, blocked shots in the second The Mavericks had to come quarter. ... Malone got a firstfrom behind in the fourth quarter technical for swinging

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BYU 100, Elon 63

Arizona St. 64, Colgate 50

CS Northridge 78, UCLA 74

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Oregon 99. Denver 90

N. Arizona 91, Cascade 73

FAR WEST

Ark.-Little Rock 75, Cent. Arkansas 47

Texas-Arlington 76, Ark.-Monticello 70

E. Washington 90, Evergreen St. 58

San Jose St. 58, UC Riverside 55, OT

UC Irvine 62, Loyola Marymount 57

Long Beach St. 84, Air Force 77

Southern Cal 78, San Diego 67

Connecticut 77, Chaminade 61

North Carolina 88, Calif. All Stars 65

Western Professional Hockey League

HOCKEY

23 23

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NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory;

shootout losses earn one point and are

65 55

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Pts GF GA

UTEP 73, Washington 61 TOURNAMENT

Arizona 76, Dayton 59 Illinois 90, Maryland 80

Louisville 86. UNLV 85

At A Glance

B.Shreveport

Corpus Christi

Fort Worth

San Angelo

New Mexico

referred to as ties

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled Wednesday's Games

Tupelo at Lake Charles

Odessa at New Mexico

Corpus Christi at Monroe

upelo at Bossier-Shreveport

Central Texas at New Mexico

Austin at San Angelo

Thursday's Games

Friday's Games

El Paso at Amarillo

Odessa at Lubbock

Corpus Christi at Fort Worth

El Paso

Western Division

Monroe

Eastern Division

Maui Invitational

Wichita St. 76, Kansas St. 66

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	W	L	T Pct PF PA
Miami	8	3	0 .727 220 146
Buffalo	7	4	0 .636 220 206
Indianapolis	7	4	0 .636 303 239
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0 .636 243 219
New England	. 3	8	0 .273 183 219
Central			
	w	L	T Pct PF PA
Tennessee	9	2	0 .818 228 159
Baltimore	8	4	0 .667 218 128
Pittsburgh	5	6	0 .455 184 153
Jacksonville	4	7	0 .364 220 259
Cleveland	3	9	0 .250 130 268
Cincinnati West	2	9	0 .182 106 233
	W	L	T Pct PF PA
Oakland	9	2	0 .818 311 221
Denver +	7	4	0 .636 333 262
Kansas City	5	6	0 .455 267 257
Seattle	4	7	0 .364 185 260
San Diego	0	11	0 .000 189 291
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Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	264	179
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	213	184
Washington	7	4	0	.636	218	178
Dallas	4	7	0	364	227	246
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	170	311
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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	279	235
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	213	218
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	262	180
Green Bay	. 5	6	0	.455	235	231
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	153	256
West			_		-	-
	w	L	T		PF	
St. Louis	8	3	0	.727	412	336
New Orleans	7	4	0	.636	225	183
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	210	204
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	290	336
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	192	306

Sunday's Games Detroit 31, N.Y. Giants 21 Buffalo 21, Kansas City 17 Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 10 Dakland 31, New Orleans 22 Philadelphia 34, Arizona 9 Green Bay 26, Indianapolis 24 Tennessee 24, Cleveland 10 New England 16, Cincinnati 13 Minnesota 31, Carolina 17 Denver 38, San Diego 37 N.Y. Jets 20, Miami 3 Baltimore 27, Dallas 0 San Francisco 16, Atlanta 6 Jacksonville 34, Pittsburgh 24

Monday's Game Washington 33, St. Louis 20 Thursday's Games New England at Detroit, 12:30 p.m. Minnesota at Dallas, 4:05 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 Chicago at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m. Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m. Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. Atlanta at Oakland, 4:05 p.m. Denver at Seattle, 4:15 p.m. Miami at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m. Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m. Tennessee at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 8:20 p.m. Open: San Francisco Monday, Nov. 27 Green Bay at Carolina, 9 p.m.

COLL**EGE BASKETBALL** Tuesday's Major College Scores By The Associated Press EAST

Brown 91, High Point 83 Bucknell 68, St. Francis, Pa. 62 Duguesne 82, N.C.-Wilmington 73 Holy Cross 60, Harvard 55 Maine 80, Providence 71 Manhattan 71, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 57 Niagara 74, Albany, N.Y. 66 Rider 65, Monmouth, N.J. 63 Rutgers 72, Lafayette 65 Siena 67, Radford 59 Wagner 88, Lehigh 71 West Virginia 80, American U. 64 SOUTH Belmont 68. Furman 61

Boston U. 55, Liberty 54 Centenary 70, SW Texas 63 Fla. International 77, Palm Beach Atlantic 60 Georgia Tech 85, Charleston Southern 62 Hofstra 87, Florida Atlantic 67 Iona 78, Coppin St. 61

Jacksonville 80, Georgia Southern 78 All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE Louisiana Tech 90, Ouachita 51 Miami 65, Colu

Louisiana-Lafayette 88, McNeese St. 81		W	L	PCT	GB
Miami 65, Columbia 41	Philadelphia	10	0	1.000	-
Mississippi St. 93, MVSU 53	New York	8	4	.667	3
N.CAsheville 63, Lenoir-Rhyne 52	New Jersey	6	4	.600	4
New Orleans 83, Norfolk St. 56	Miami	5	5	.500	5
Northwestern St. 57, Southern U. 53	Boston	4	6	.400	6
SE Louisiana 76. Florida A&M 65	Orlando	4	8	.333	. 7
Seton Hall 79, Clemson 78	Washington	3	. 9	.250	8
South Alabama 73, Stephen F.Austin 51	Central Divis	nois			
South Carolina 71, Wolford 48		W	L	Pct	GB
Southern Miss. 88, Alcorn St. 62	Cleveland	7	3	.700	
Stetson 89, Flagler 67	Charlotte	6	6	.500	2
Tennessee 66, Wisconsin 56	Indiana	5	5	.500	2
UAB 97, Alabama A&M 62	Toronto	5	5	.500	2
UNC-Greensboro 81, Guilford 54	Milwaukee	3	6	.333	3 1/2
W. Kentucky 75, Union, Ky. 45	Detroit	4	8	.333	4
Winthrop 70, Campbell 39	Atlanta	1.	10	.091	6 1/2
MIDWEST	Chicago	1.	10	.091	6 1/2
Bowling Green 92, Evansville 87	WESTERN C	ONFE	RENC	E	
Cent. Michigan 67, Purdue 66	Midwest Divi	sion			
Cincinnati 79, Marshall 75		W	L	Pct	GB
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Portland

Sacramento

L.A. Clippers Golden State Monday's Games Charlotte 100, Toronto 64 Dallas 107, Utah 98 Denver 95, Vancouver 92 w Jersey 86, L.A. Clippers 85

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Tuesday's Games San Diego St. 77, New Mexico St. 62 San Francisco 77, UC Santa Barbara 74, OT Portland 104, Washington 94 Cleveland 117, Detroit 98 Seattle 116, Dallas 110 New York 85, Orlando 84 Golden State 89, Chicago 77 Wednesday's Games Houston at Boston, 7 p.m New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Portland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Denver at Utah, 9 p.m. New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Chicago at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m. Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Toronto at Indiana, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

American League ANAHEIM ANGELS-Agreed to terms with RHP Ramon Ortiz on a one-year contract. Purchased the contracts of RHP Steve Green, RHP Bart Miadich and OF

BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Promoted Mary Foley to roving catching instructor and special assignments CLEVELAND INDIANS-Named Terry

NEW YORK YANKEES-Agreed to terms with C Joe Oliver on a one-year contract. Purchased the contracts of INF Scott Seabol, INF Christian Parker and RHP from Columbus of the International League, Placed C Chris Turner on waiver for the purpose of giving him his uncondi

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Designated 2B Miguel Cairo, OF Quinton McCracken OF Ozzie Timmons, P Jim Morris, P Jet Sparks and P Cedrick Bowers for assign ment. Added 2B Brent Abernathy. P Jesus Colome, P Bobby Seay, P Matt White, F Jason Standridge, P Delvin James and F

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Purchased the contracts of P Scott Sobkowiak and INF Marcus Giles from Greenville of the Southern League; P Horacio Ramirez, P Billy Sylvester, P Brad Volyes and OF Cory Aldridge from Myrtle Beach of the Carolina League; and INF Wilson Betemit from Jamestown of the New York-Penn

Pampa girls take second at Monahans swim meet

MONAHANS — The Pampa 15th place: Megan David, 29.59. swim team competed in the 100 butterfly Monahans Swimming and Diving Invitational this past 1:11.64. weekend. The Pampa girls team 100 freestyle hadn't placed in an invitational in several years and they did it Stowers, 1:05.71. with only seven girls competing.

Pecos placed first in both the boys and girls division. The Pampa boys team ended up sixth Kelley Stowers, 2:03.21. out of 14 teams.

placed high considering the stiff competition.

Pampa hosts Amarillo High in a dual Dec. 2 at Pampa Youth and Community Center. The meet starts at 10 a.m. and fans are urged to come and support the Pampa swimmers

Pampa individual results at Diving the Monahans Invitational are as follows: **GIRLS**

200 medley relay Third place: Andrea Brancetti, Megan David, Misty Moman and Tamra Henthorn, 2:07.15. 200 freestyle

First place: Tamra Henthorn, 2:14.16. 200 IM First place: Andrea Branchetti, 2:18.59; Eighth place: Kelley Stowers, 2:53.51.

Sixth place: Misty Moman, 28.66; Seventh place: Michael Eskridge, Ninth place: Jon Sturgill, 74.75.

Third place: Misty Moman,

placed second overall. Pampa Second place: Tamra Henthorn, 1:03.42; Sixth place: Kelley

> 200 freestyle relay Seventh place: Megan David, Jessica Hall, Desiree VIgil and 100 backstroke

Both Pampa boys and girls First place: Andrea Branchetti, 1:02.51.

100 breaststroke 10th place: Megan David, 1:25.80; 15th place: Jessica Hall,

400 freestyle relay First place: Andrea Branchetti, Kelley Stowers, Misty Moman and Tamra Henthorn, 4:06.65

Sixth place: Jessica Hall, 58.35. BOYS

200 medley relay Eighth place: Doug Warren, Willie Griffin, Clay David and Matt Schoenrock, 1:59.57; 13th place: Julian George, Jason 1:25.48. Kilhoffer, Michael Martinez and Jon Sturgill, 2:38.36.

200 freestyle Fifth place: Clay David, 2:07.33; 16th place: Julian George, 2:30.11; 25th place: Cameron Cargill, 2:52.14.

2:26.86; 13th place: Doug Warren, 2:38.54; 17th place: Charlie Graves, 2:48.39.

50 freestyle 12th place: Matt Schoenrock, 26.35; 22nd place: Charlie Graves, 27.28; 44th place: Jon Sturgill, 31.63.

Seventh place: Michael Eskridge, 1:05.24; 11th place: Ben Whitten, 1:10.27; 17th place: Michael Martinez, 1:34.45; 19th place: Cameron Cargill, 1:40.62 100 freestyle: Fifth place: Willie

Griffin, 56.00; Eighth place: 58.15; 16th place: Joe Johnson, 1:02.07.

500 freestyle Third place: Willie Griffin,

100 butterfly

5:56.08. 200 freestyle relay 12th place: Charlie Graves, Joe Johnson, Ben Whitten and Michael Eskridge, 1:51.87.

5:37.73; Fifth place: Joe Johnson,

100 backstroke Ninth place: Clay David, 1:09.52; 11th place: Doug Warren, 1:10.25; 24th place: Michael Martinez,

100 breaststroke 14th place: Ben Whitten, 1:19.18; 21st place: Julian George, 1:23.08. 400 freestyle relay Seventh place: Charlie Graves,

Joe Johnson, Ben Whitten and Michael Eskridge, 4:10.25.

Singh is Grand Slam leader

Singh's game hasn't been up to ing award this year. par since he won the Masters in

But going into Wednesday's final round of the 36-hole PGA Grand Slam title. Grand Slam of Golf, Singh feels it's coming around.

After shooting a 3-under-par 69 on the Poipu Bay Golf Course on Tuesday, he was two strokes ahead of Tiger Woods with Tom Lehman at 73 and Paul Azinger another stroke behind.

"Yeah, it was kind of disap-Singh said. "That was the high point of my year. Then, things kind of slowed down. I didn't play the way I felt I would. I just couldn't score.'

It's different now, however, and Singh hopes a Grand Slam victory will serve as a springboard into the 2001 campaign.

"And now, toward the end of the year, I feel where I'm able to score again and I'm putting well again. I'm looking forward to next year. I'm playing well, and, you know, I'm gearing up for next year. Hopefully, it's going to be better than this year."

But standing in his way in the

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii (AP) \$1 million event is the man who thing. I was telling Stevie going

Woods, meanwhile, hopes a ood night's sleep will propel him to his third consecutive "Dinner and a lot of sleep,"

was what Woods said he had planned after an adventurous Woods, who won the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand on

hours before his tee time. workout at the spa, he marched

Williams. 'Tuesday was a very long day," the two-time Grand Slam defending champion said. "It started out Tuesday when we left (Thailand) and got to relive it all

for the first tee with caddie Steve

over again here. He added, "We teed off at 2 in your body is not really used to teeing it up at 2 in the morning bogey on the par-5 14th. and being wide awake and ready

"That was the most difficult purse.

- By his own admission, Vijay has cornered almost every golf- down No. 1, 'I can't tell if the ball was moving or if I was moving on the tee.' I'm saying, 'The ball is teed up, it can't be the ball." Woods made the turn in 2 over,

but picked up the tempo with three birdies on the back nine. "I just tried to kind of get the ball in play as best I possibly

could and grind it out somewhere near par," he said. "I knew that would be a good score Sunday, arrived at the Poipu Bay and I was able to get it under par, Course a little more than two which is a bonus. That's about After checking in and a quick Singh birdied the first and

third holes, but dropped a stroke to the driving range for a few with a bogey on the 374-yard warmup swings before heading eighth hole. He added birdies on Nos. 13 and 18 to open the twostroke margin.

"It was one of the most toughscoring rounds of golf I've played," Singh said. "I didn't hit the ball good at all off the tee, but I managed to make both 6- and 8-footers that counted."

Lehman birdied the 10th hole. the morning Thailand time. So, but triple-bogeyed the par-3 11th. Azinger had a double-

> The winner will receive \$400,000 from the \$1 million

Stakes high in Notre Dame-USC tilt

PRO BASKETBALL

high when Notre Dame plays USC. As far as out on a Fiesta Bowl berth worth \$8.5 million money goes, they've never been higher than and stayed home. Sanson received death they will be Saturday.

Win, and the Irish likely play in the Fiesta Bowl with its \$13.5 million payout. Lose, and extreme case, Davie said the pressure of playthe Irish play in the Gator Bowl, worth \$1.4 million, or in the Music City or Insight.com bowl games, at \$750,000. Notre Dame's last two losses at USC already

have cost the school more than \$20 million. Two years ago, the Irish dropped from a Bowl Championship Series appearance, which would have brought in \$11 million-\$13 million, and settled for the \$1.4 million Gator Bowl. Irish coach Bob Davie said he's not worried

about too much pressure being put on his players because of money. "Truthfully, I don't think those student ath-

letes think about that," he said. "I don't think anybody really thinks about that. I don't think about that; maybe I should. It's not about all that. It's about playing and coaching."

Athletic director Kevin White said he wants the players focused on USC, not the bottom

'We haven't looked at this issue from any other vantage point and hope our student athletes will maintain the same focus. It's all about finding a way to beat USC, that's what it's all about at the end of the day," he said.

Tackle Kurt Vollers said players don't look at bowl games in terms of money. He said the Irish players look at a BCS berth as proof that Notre Dame, which finished 5-7 last season for its first losing season in 13 years, is back. The Irish are 8-2.

"It's more in the satisfaction we get from the change that's happened, that's the biggest thing," he said. "We need to make that BCS game in order to completely satisfy what we started here.

But both Davie and Vollers remember four years ago, when Jim Sanson missed an extra

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Stakes often are late, then win in overtime. The Irish missed While those threats were an unacceptably

ing in games with so much money on the line is expected at Notre Dame.

'With every step you go up the ladder, so do the stakes. But so do the rewards," he said.

Davis pointed out that in the same season that Sanson missed the extra point against USC, he was praised for kicking a 39-yard field goal as time expired to beat Texas.

"Well, when you miss one, there's going to be something of a trade-off. Because you just had the best of the best," the coach said. "You could have been kicking in the Edinboro-Slippery Rock game if that's what you chose to

Vollers said the pressure may not be fair, but playing in such a high-profile program has its

There's some great things about it and there's some not so great things about it," he said. "Personally, I think the great things far outweigh the bad things."

TCU in Mobile Bowl

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) - Southern Mississippi accepted an invitation to the Mobile Alabama Bowl Tuesday, where the Golden Eagles

will play No. 15 TCU.

It is the fourth straight season the Golden Eagles (7-3) will play in a bowl game and the 12th time in The Mobile Bowl will be played Dec. 20 at Ledd-

Peebles Stadium. Southern Miss has lost two of its last three games, including Saturday's 27-24 loss at Cincinnati in which the Eagles blew a 17-point lead in the fourth

That loss knocked the Golden Eagles out of the national rankings for the first time this season and years ago, when Jim Sanson missed an extra ended their chances of winning at least a share of the point that allowed the Trojans to tie the game Conference USA championship for the fourth time.

Engel was strong at the net for PHS volleyball squad

Congratulations to Pampa senior DES-TINY ENGEL, who was a first-team pick on the All-District 3-4A volleyball team this season. It's difficult for a volleyball player to be named first-team, all-district when her team isn't among the top three to make the playoffs. Only, eight players are picked for first-team honors. Engel, at 6-0, was a force around the net for the Lady Harvesters. "We really relied on Destiny this year. She was a terrific power hitter and a solid blocker," PHS coach Carmen Pennick said. "Over her career she's shown a lot of improvement every year. Engel was also this season named the Lady Harvesters' Most Valuable Player. Senior ALEXIS AMADOR won the Fighting Heart Award and junior JENNIFER LIND-SEY was named the Best All-Around Player....Congratulations also to PHS tennis player MICHAEL CORNELISON. A senior, Cornelison was a perfect 28-0 in District 3-4A singles and doubles competition this fall. Has that ever been done before?.... MIKE MILLER, a Texas wildlife biologist, lives in Pampa. Miller is noted for his work with landowners on wildlife management in the eastern Panhandle....Dec. 9 is an important date for area hunters to remember. That's the opening day for pheasant hunting in the Panhandle. The season lasts through Dec. 24....Canadian's CAPP CULVER is going to Stanford University on a football scholarship. The 6-3, 220-pound senior is an awesome talent on both sides of the ball. At running back, Culver rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns in the Wildcats' 44-14 win over Lockney last weekend in the bi-district round of the playoffs. He was second-team, all-state at linebacker in 1999....It's good to



L. D. Strate **Sports**

hear that middle linebacker ZACH THOMAS is expected to return to the lineup when Miami meets Indianapolis this weekend. Thomas, the Dolphins leading tackler the past four years, has missed five of the last six games with a sprained right ankle. Even though Thomas gained his reputation as a bruising defensive player, he was quite a high school fullback at Pampa. Thomas rushed for 799 yards and 9 touchdowns as a senior in 1991, the year Pampa advanced to the fourth round of the playoffs (state quarterfinals) for the first time in school history. Just taking a look at some September statistics in a couple of '91 games points out Thomas' ability on offense. He was the team's leading rusher with 69 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown in a 17-7 win over Levelland to open the season. One of his better efforts came later in the month during Pampa's 21-14 win over Lubbock Dunbar when he rushed for 127 yards on 20 carries and scored two TDs. Opposing coaches often hoped Thomas would wear down playing twoway at demanding positions. It turned out to be only wishful thinking....As a conservative voice at The Pampa News, here's hoping AL GORE eventually runs out of votes and retires to his anti-tobacco farm in Tennessee.

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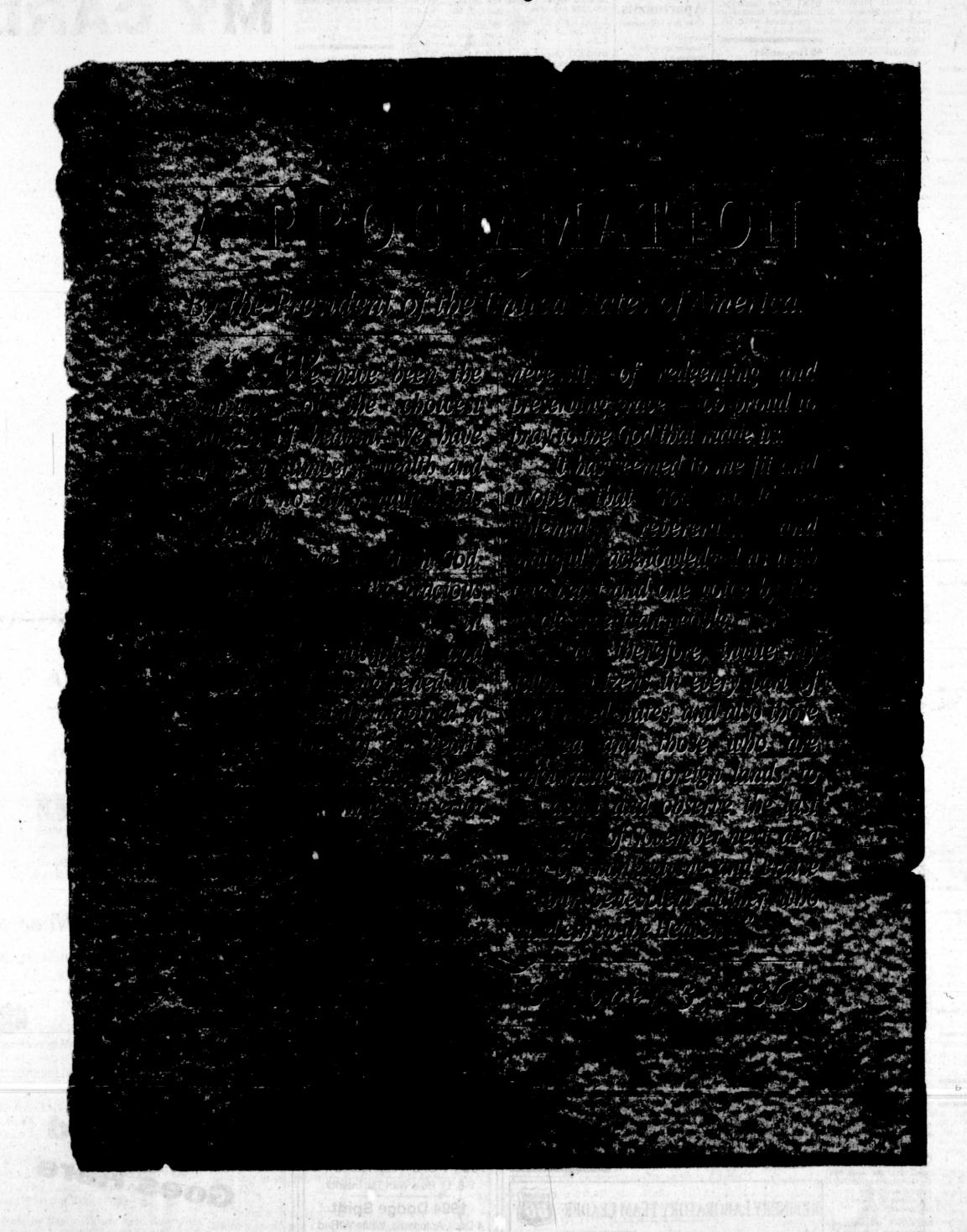
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Big Country home to many disappearing rural towns

By LARRY ZELISKO (Abilene) Reporter-News Staff Writer

SANCO — A silent sentinel stands watch over the ghost town of Sanco.

The iron man is strangely out of sync with his surroundings. It's just a rusting sculpture of scrap metal, but its mechanical, robotic appearance contrasts with the simple, old-fashioned remnants of the rural community.

All that's left of Sanco is a long-closed general store, a crumbling school building, a Methodist church last used for a funeral, an open-air tabernacle and the sentinel. A few houses are scattered along the Sanco Loop, which isolates the community from the Colorado City-Robert Lee high-

Sanco is a typical Big Country ghost town. It is a reminder of a simpler time, an example of a turn-of-the-century community formed with high hopes and hard work that thrived for a brief

time before slowly fading away.
From Acampo in Shackelford County to Ziker in Howard County, the Big Country is chock-full closed shop, the town was expendable. of ghost towns like Sanco. Scores of similar towns west of Fort Worth and south of the Panhandle have disappeared from maps and memories. Consider that:

Ghost Towns of Texas by T. Lindsay Baker features chapters on 17 Big Country ghost towns. The Texas Almanac lists 42 communities in

changed their names. The Encyclopedia of Texas Ghost Towns lists 36 area places just among the first three letters of

the alphabet. - A search for "ghost town" on the Texas State Historical Associations Handbook of Texas Pitcock said. Online Web site gives 5,556 matches.

Most area ghost towns were never much to begin with and even harder to find a trace of now. Towns disappeared for a variety of reasons

and at varying speeds. Some such as Runnels City in Runnels County or Jewel in Eastland County died quickly when the railroad bypassed them. Others such as Jimkurn in Stephens County sprang up along the railroad, but lasted only a short time.

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Losing the county seat led to the downfall of Rayner in Stonewall County, Belle Plain in Callahan County, Clairemont in Kent County and others.

Company towns, among them Comyn in Comanche County, Thurber in Erath County and Parks Camp in Stephens County, prospered with the companies that ran them. When the company

Oil booms boosted the populations of towns such as Pioneer and Sipe Springs for a while, although you cant tell it today.

Some agricultural-based towns such as Sanco

faded slowly. Sanco was settled by ranchers in the 1880s, but relocated to its present location on Yellow Wolf Taylor County alone that no longer exist or have Creek in 1907, according to the faded historical

'Yes, you can call Sanco a ghost town," said resident Winnie Pitcock. "There used to be lots of people who lived here."

Now, only one other person lives nearby,

Pitcock, 75, has lived in her present house since 1952. Her parents grew up and went to school in Sanco. She was raised down the road a bit and went to school in Robert Lee. The Sanco school had closed by the time she graduated in

The town comes alive the second weekend of June when the Sanco homecoming is held each year, she said. The Methodist church is still used occasionally. Last year it was the setting for a wedding, Pitcock

said, and earlier this year it was used for a funeral. The general store was built in 1916, according to From the Top of Old Hayrick: A Historical Narrative of Coke County. It closed in the 1970s,

when gasoline sold for 34 cents, according to the price still listed on the pump. A San Angelo man is restoring it, Pitcock said. The statue was brought here from San Angelo,

she said, adding, "Nearly everybody who comes through here takes a picture of it."

In A History of Coke County, the late Ulmer

Bird wrote of Sanco, "The marvel is that for one generation thrifty, determined, resourceful people made livings and raised families on 160-, 320acre farms, and one-two section ranches.

Improving rural roads in the 1940s and 1950s were the final blow to Sancos economy, according to the Handbook of Texas Online.

"Now if you don't like quiet, this isn't the place for you," Pitcock said. "But I like it."

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FSA releases statewide Drought Report

Report, developed by Farm Service Agency County offices, reveals extensive row crop, pasture/hay-land and livestock losses in each of Texas' 254 coun-

Extended periods of extreme heat compounded losses in 223 counties. Crop year 2000 marks the fourth consecutive droug years for much of Texas. The report reflects areas of the state harder hit than others, but no single region was unaffected by, or immune to, the effects of the drought.

'Although recent rain has been received throughout the state, the damage done by the drought is irreversible. Predicted above average rainfall for fall 2000 will not alleviate the current precipitation deficit," explained State Executive Director Wayland Shurley of the USDA's FSA.

Crop condition data received by FSA indicated 53 percent of the state's wheat acres, 42 percent of cotton, 35 percent of sorghum, 4.9 percent of corn and 81 percent of peanuts failed. Statewide, corn was the only exception to the widespread losses. Texas' corn acres were either harvested or matured to the extent the dry conditions did not adversely impact the crop. Additionally, livestock and pasture losses were recorded in 207 counties, with many counties indicating higher than normal culling and in some cases, liquidation of entire operations.

"The resulting economic hardship felt by Texas farmers and ranchers has been devastating," said Shurley. "FSA's report showed approximately 136,000 producers with 30 percent or greater losses

COLLEGE STATION — A statewide Drought vide programs and lending opportunities to pro-eport, developed by Farm Service Agency County ducers in an attempt to lift some of the financial strain inflicted by the drought."

To date, 24 counties have received primary disaster declarrations for the 2000 drought and an additional 39 counties have received contiguous decla-

"Although these numbers are substantial, I do not feel the list is complete or adequately mirrors the needs of counties that have not yet received disaster declarations," said Shurley.

Damage Assessment Reports have been requested from 44 additional counties and are pending review for eligibility for Secretarial Disaster Designations. Disaster declarations provide farmers and ranchers with low interest emergency loan assistance. This year, the declarations will be a key factor for providing assistance to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses.
FSA's survey also indicated 39 counties where

agricultural businesses are feeling the effects of the lack of production and depressed commodity prices, a statistic that is vital considering agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas. Losses suffered by the state's farmers and ranchers have a severe impact on Texas' entire economy

Fortunately, the farm spending bill for 2001 was recently signed by the president, providing for approximately \$3.5 billion in disaster aid for agriculture losses nationwide. Texas farmers and ranchers will benefit from provisions that specifically allocate monies for crop loss payments, dairy marand 15,000 producers who will have difficulty ket loss payments and livestock assistance. For meeting their financial needs through comercial more information on the farm spending bill, visit lenders. USDA and FSA are doing all we can to pro- http://www.fsa.usda.gov. on the World Wide Web.

Texas milk production up from last year

last year. Revised production for September 2000 totaled 396 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during October averaged 345,000 head, down 1,000 head from last 1,145 pounds during September 2000.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in September 2000.

AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 447 the monthly survey totaled 11.9 billion pounds, million pounds during October, up 3 percent from up 2.9 percent from production in these same states in October 1999. September revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from September 1999.

Production per cow during October averaged year and from September 2000. Production per 1,514 pounds, 23 pounds above a year ago. The cow averaged 1,295 pounds during October, up 3 average number of milk cows in the 20 states percent from last year and up 13 percent from the was 7.85 million head, 105,000 head more than last year and 2,000 head more than in

NGSP officials optimistic about future of sorghum

National Producers (NGSP) see a bright future ahead for sorghum, based on the potential for new markets of transgenic enhancements or resulting from increased interest in manipulation. Sorghum's non-sorghum's unique marketable GMO status should also reassure sorghum's unique marketable characteristics such as its official non-genetically modified organcharacteristics and gluten-free cerns.

can be used in the cereal, snack food, baking and brewing industries, says Tim Snyder, NGSP mar-lar to that of corn. keting director. Additionally, sorghum's unique characteristics make mycotoxins such aflatoxin a virtually nonexistent problem in sorghum.

Nutritionally, sorghum is a gluten-free grain comprised of 11.3 percent protein and 3.3 percent fat. Antioxidant rich sorghum varieties offer high levels of phe-

Inspection Service (FGIS) will provide upon request to U.S. Association has linked to cancer sorghum customers official state- prevention and improved cardioments indicating that there is no genetically modified, or transgenic, sorghum in U.S. trade chan-

LUBBOCK — Officials with the According to NGSP, this official extruded, steam-flaked, popped, Vational Grain Sorghum non-GMO certification should puffed or micronized. Ingredient reassure concerned customers of U.S. grain that U.S. sorghum is free grain buyers and food processors that may be hesitant to purchase ism (non-GMO) status, nutritional U.S. grain based on similar con-

"U.S. sorghum is a comparable Sorghum is a versatile grain that substitute for other carbohydrate

sorghum. varieties offer high levels of phe-The U.S. Federal Grain nols and tannins, which are two compounds the American Heart

vascular health, says Snyder. Sorghum is available as a meal

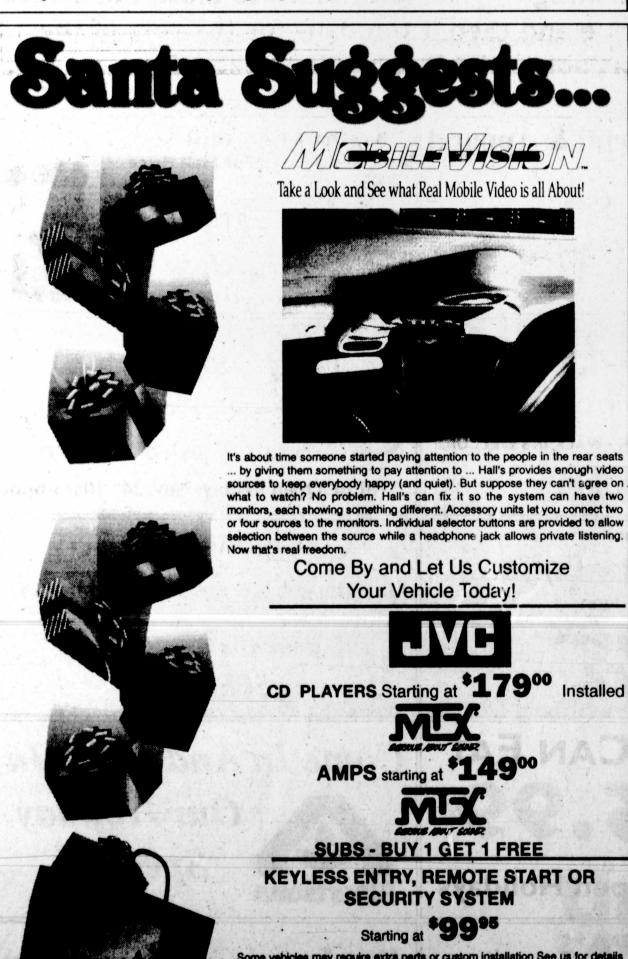
puffed or micronized. Ingredient benefits include light color, bland taste and flavor absorption in addition to its non-GMO status. Extruded sorghum flour puffs exhibit size and texturea characteristics similar to that of commercial brands, says Snyder.
Additionally, breads produced

with sorghum bran can provide approximately five grams of

dietary fiber per 56 gram slice.

Questions concerning U.S. sorghum can be addressed to Tim Snyder, NGSP marketing director, by e-mail at tsnyder@sorghumgrowers.com or by phone at (806)749- 3478.

NGSP represents U.S. sorghum producers nationwide. Headquartered in the heart of the U.S. sorghum belt at Lubbock, the organization works to increase the profitability of sorghum production through market development, research,



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Deathly ill patients want more options

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A majority of terminally ill patients say the options of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide should be available to Americans but very few would consider such choices themselves, says one of a series of major new studies on how we die.

When it comes to improving end-of-life care, "euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide are Roch largely irrelevant," concluded Dr. Ezekiel ings. Emanuel of the National Institutes of Health, who led the first study to track terminally ill patients' opinions on the subject over a number of months.

ow to care for dying people, to ease their Lpain and try for the most peaceful death, is a growing concern. Nearly 80 percent of Americans die in hospitals or nursing homes, very often bedridden, incontinent and in pain. Yet very few write 'advance directives" outlining if they want heroic lifesaving measures, and most "do not resuscitate" orders and moves to hospices are made just before death.

In fact, dying Americans have priorities such as spending final time with loved ones and preparing for death — far more important than euthanasia, say studies published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

But "a collusion of silence" in which doctors and patients don't discuss impending death means that too often people don't have time to prepare, Dr. Timothy Quill of the University of Rochester told a news conference on the find-

Consider how one doctor struggled to tell a longtime lung-disease patient that he had only a few months left:

"It was the unacknowledged elephant in the room," the physician, identified only as Dr. G., told Quill. "Every day I worried that he'd come in with pneumonia by ambulance in the middle of the night and I wouldn't hear until the morning that he'd been intubated. ... I knew this was not what he wanted so I needed to get it settled."

That patient, "Mr. B," told Quill well before his doctor made her comments that he didn't want breathing machines, yet Mr. B hesitated to ask if he was dying. It was weeks before doctor and patient finally got Mr. B's treatment wishes recorded.

For children, it can be even longer: One study found parents realized, on average, 106 days before their child's death that cancer would claim him or her — while their doctors knew 100 days before that. It wasn't clear if parental denial or doctors' reluctance to break the news was to blame.

And many doctors don't realize other elements that dying patients list as most important to their last days, such as being mentally aware at the end, not being a burden on family, and coming to

peace with God, another study found. 'Have the courage to have these discussions"

before it's too late, Quill advised.

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Such grim statistics fuel public debate over physician-assisted suicide. Polls suggest between 60 and 70 percent of Americans feel terminally ill people in pain should be able to end their lives, with a doctor's help if needed. Oregon is the only state where physician-assisted suicide is legal; 43 people have used the law to die since it passed in 1997. Maine voters rejected a similar law last

To see how the terminally ill really feel about suicide, Emanuel tracked 988 dying cancer patients for six months. Sixty percent said euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide should be an available option.

But initially, only 10.6 percent admitted considering it for themselves. Two to six months later, half of those people had abandoned the idea.

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Another 29 people who hadn't initially considered ending their lives had started considering it.

Only 1.6 percent of patients discussed the option with doctors, and 2.5 percent hoarded painkillers in case they decided to try suicide.

Of the 256 deaths during Emanuel's study, one patient died from physician-assisted suicide. Another tried to kill himself but failed. A third repeatedly asked her family and doctor for help in dying, but they refused and she ultimately died at home.

The surprise, Emanuel said: Pain wasn't the biggest influence on who considered suicide depression and feeling burdensome to family were the biggest factors.

Obviously anyone nearing death is sad, but full-scale depression needs treatment to improve the quality of remaining life, Emanuel stressed.

Better communication — among doctors, patients and caregivers alike - is also crucial, he added, citing a patient who considered suicide because she felt she was too big a burden on her husband. "He was just heartbroken" when Emanuel revealed his wife's fear. "What could be more important for him than caring for his wife of 50 years?"

On the Net: JAMA: http://jama.ama-assn.org

The estimated \$69 billion spent in the regions differs from the total

statewide spending of \$70 billion because more than \$1 billion cannot be directly identified with any specific region.

Doctors utilize robot in heart valve op

success in using a three-armed robot to repair heart valves — an approach considered cheaper and less

invasive than conventional open-heart surgery.

Using a computer and robotic arms equipped with a tiny camera and miniature surgical devices, doctors probe through inch-long chest incisions to

In the first U.S. government-approved study to determine the feasibility of mitral-valve repair by robots, surgeons at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., have operated on nine patients since May.

The operations to repair leaky valves were as safe as open-heart surgery but reduced patients' hospital stays by about half, Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr. and colleagues reported at a meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

left atrium into the left ventricle. If the valve is called the findings promising but said the proce-leaky, often because of a structural abnormality, dure is still considered experimental. blood backs up into the atrium and surgery may be

necessary. than 70,000 heart valve operations done each year. In conventional mitral valve surgery, surgeons cut through the breastbone and open up the chest

Conventional open-heart surgery can require hospital stays of about nine days. Chitwood said his patients had no major complications and went home in an average of 4 1/2 days, with hospital

costs reduced by about 33 percent.

The da Vinci Surgical System operated by Baltimore.

CHICAGO (AP) - Doctors are reporting early Chitwood won Food and Drug Administration approval in July for general surgery and has been used in several abdominal operations nationwide. Mitral valve repairs via robots have been done in

> During the surgery, the robot works at the operating table while the surgeon sits at a computer, which controls the robotic arms. The arms have flexible mechanical wrists with tiny instruments such as needle holders, microscissors and tissue graspers at the tips. A tiny camera-equipped arm is inserted in an incision and provides the surgeon with 3-D images of the heart.

> "This technology is helpful because it is so precise," Nifong said. "The computerized part of the system eliminates all tremor so the surgeon can perform precise movements.

American Heart Association spokesman Dr. The mitral valve allows blood to flow from the Irving Kron, a University of Virginia cardiologist,

After the 10th and final patient in Chitwood's study is operated on Nov. 6, the results will be sub-Mitral valve surgery is common among the more mitted to the FDA, and Chitwood said additional studies at other institutions probably will follow.

He predicted the FDA will approve robotics for general cardiac use within the next five years.

with a retractor.

With robotics, three tiny incisions are made in the chest between the ribs. There are fewer bleeding implications for medicine, potentially allowing patients anywhere to benefit from the expertise of Proponents of robotic surgery say distancing the surgeon from the operating table could have broad

Demonstrating less sophisticated robotic surgery on a patient with chronic testicular pain, a doctor at the Chicago meeting sat at a computer video screen and directed an operation more than 700 miles away at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in

Keeping an Eye on Texas **Health Care Spending in Texas** Health care injects a lot of money into local economies. Statewide, Texans spent more than \$70 billion on health care in 1998 and the estimated spending in the 11 Comptroller regions parallels the populations: the more people, the more spent on health care. **Health Care Spending** (In Billions) **Economic Region** Private **Public Charity** Total \$10.65 \$5.63 Metroplex \$0.25 \$16.53 0.34 **Gulf Coast** 9.28 6.00 15.62 4.15 Upper South Texas 3.73 0.12 8.00 2.84 0.11 7.32 **Central Texas** 4.37 Lower South Texas 2.75 2.66 0.05 5.47 1.69 **Upper East Texas** 2.08 0.04 3.81 1.28 **High Plains** 1.56 0.06 2.90 Southeast Texas 1.49 1.36 0.03 2.88 **Northwest Texas** 1.14 1.14 0.02 2.30 **Upper Rio Grande** 1.19 1.04 0.03 2.26 **West Texas** 0.82 1.10 \$39.34 \$28.55 **\$1.0**8 Texas

Research suggests tea might be good for the heart

nice cup of tea might just be good for the heart, a study sponsored by the tea industry suggests.

Although it is too soon to elevate tea to the status of health food, researchers at Boston University found that it may help the arteries work better when people have heart disease.

Several studies have found that regular tea drinkers seem to have a lower risk of heart attacks. However, it is still unclear whether this is actually the case or how tea might help the heart.

In a new study, doctors had people drink tea regularly while carefully measuring the effects on their bodies. The work was financed by the North America Tea Trade Health Research Association and presented Monday at a meeting in New Orleans of the American Heart Association.

'Drinking tea reverses an important underlying abnormality of blood vessel function that is related to heart disease and stroke," said Dr. Joseph A. Vita.

People with heart disease often have a defect in which the lining of their blood vessels fails to relax quickly in times of stress to allow more blood flow. The researchers studied 50 men and women who had this defect.

All were asked to drink four eight-ounce cups of tea a day for a month. Then they drank four cups of water a day for another

They found that the response of their blood vessels to the stress of a blood pressure cuff became normal during the month of tea drinking. However, there was no change when they

But Vita cautioned that it is too

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A soon to urge tea drinking as a pect it is chemicals called flavitreatment for heart disease. "I drink tea because I believe Alice H. Lichtenstein, a nutri-

it's healthy," Vita said. "But we tion professor at Tufts are not ready to make any rec- University, cautioned that until

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noids, which give tea its taste.

ommendation on tea drinking." much more research is done, no
Just how tea might be good for one can say with certainty the heart or the circulatory sys- whether tea actually does any-





'Grinch' takes gold as Seuss fable dominates box office

By DAVID GERMAIN AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Grinch is having a green Christmas.

Jim Carrey's live-action version of "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" took in a whopping \$55.1 million in its first three days, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It was a record for a non-sequel or prequel, and if the estimates hold when final numbers are reported Monday, it would be the fifth-best box-office debut ever.

The animated "Rugrats in Paris: The Movie" opened in second place with \$23 million, about "Rugrats" grossed in its first weekend two years ago.

"Charlie's Angels," the No. 1 movie the last two weekends, big films, "102 Dalmatians" and others praising the elaborate proslipped to third place with \$13.7 million, pushing its total to \$93.6

American consumer today.

economy is headed for trouble.

read the assignment.

rowing to do so.

"The Grinch," directed by Ron Howard and produced by Brian Grazer, received mixed reviews, with some critics calling it overblown and uncreative and others praising the elaborate production and Carrey's manic performance as the holiday boogey-

cloning thriller "The 6th Day," which grossed \$13.2 million.

Ben Affleck and Gwyneth a record Thanksgiving weekend Paltrow, opened at No. 5 with topping last year's \$225.5 mil-\$11.5 million.

The overall box office soared, \$4 million less than the first with the top 12 movies grossing Howard and produced by Brian \$148.3 million, up 42 percent Grazer, received mixed reviews, from the same weekend last year. with some critics calling it

writer-director M. Shyamalan and Bruce Willis, man. Premiering at No. 4 was from the supernatural sensation Schwarzenegger's "The Sixth Sense." Many studio though, considering the built-in

Consumers careless of economic future

NEW YORK (AP) — Do you recall the kid in of Michigan consumer survey, primarily that con-

the fifth grade who always seemed to be looking sumers are worried that incomes might fall and

ing, and local, state and federal governments are cousins doesn't make an impression, what can?

least one card.

On the surface, at least, this seems to defy the vey, said Richard Curtin, director, "still expected

concerns expressed in the most recent University the expansion to last at least another five years."

out the window while the teacher was writing the inflation might rise.

assignment on the blackboard? That's the

Businesses are re-examining their capital

appropriations plans lest they overdo their spend-

promising cuts. But it seems the consumer hasn't

It's been repeated enough. Chairman Alan

dozens of times over recent years: Slow down, dards.

Greenspan of the Federal Reserve has said it

watch your spending, try to save, or else this

the economy will achieve a soft — rather than a

crash — landing. But little thanks to the consumer,

The Federal Reserve said recently that con-

who continues to spend with abandon, even bor-

sumer credit rose by \$13.4 billion in September, a

figure that was translated into unexpectedly

strong automotive and home sales, in extraordi-

nary spending on travel and entertainment, and

September, but apparently not sufficiently to con-

not enough to raise the savings rate above zero.

True, consumers' incomes rose strongly in

vince them to use cash instead of credit, and still rather than abandoned it.

in the casual, everyday use of credit cards.

He's succeeded to a degree, and now it appears

executives and analysts expect the holdover films and new "Bounce," a romance starring entries to propel the box office to

"The Grinch," directed by Ron Next weekend brings two more overblown and uncreative and "Unbreakable," which reunites duction and Carrey's manic per-Night formance as the holiday boogey-

Reviews did not matter,

It also seems to ignore the precipitous decline

in dot-com stocks, on which a good deal of con-

sumer hopes depended. If the sudden loss of \$500

billion or so in the value of dot-coms and their

learned their assignments very well, they aren't

totally at fault. Federal regulators are worried that

banks have just as indiscreetly lowered their stan-

during April, May and June reached 992 million,

the highest quarterly number ever measured by

BAIGglobal, a market research firm specializing

resistance to solicitations, but issuers still netted 4

million applications, and it can be assumed that a

large number of nonrespondents already have at

the fearless courage of consumers has diminished.

of stock market and other worries this year, con-

sumers have merely tempered their optimism,

In fairness, while consumers might not have

Consumer solicitations by credit card issuers

Consumers, in fact, even showed unusual

Their resistance, however, hardly indicate that

The Michigan surveyors comment that in spite

The majority of consumers in the October sur-

Dr. Seuss book and TV cartoon, Paris." said Paul Dergarabedian, presiwhich tracks box office earnings. Distributor Universal also genering the country with a Grinch marketing blitz, he added.

"This is a family film that was impervious to any critical thrashthat it received," Dergarabedian said. "The Grinch was everywhere. Especially if you're a kid, there's no way you could not know that the Grinch was coming to town."

all audiences and age groups, said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. Playing in 3,127 theaters, "The Grinch" averaged a stellar \$17,621 a cinema, compared with \$7,839 in grossed \$100.5 million.

audience of fans who adore the 2,934 locations for "Rugrats in

You have to credit Ron dent of Exhibitor Relations, Howard, Brian Grazer and Jim Carrey for doing what they did," Rocco said. "They looked to ated substantial hype by blanket- make it a film for all ages, and they have made this a universal, worldwide event film."

Paramount, which released "Rugrats in Paris," was gratified that the movie did so well considering the competition.

"It proves that even in the face of something as gigantic as the Grinch, the franchise of the Rugrats is as strong as ever," said The movie drew strongly from Rob Friedman, vice chairman of Paramount's motion-picture

Friedman said the studio believes the sequel can match "Rugrats: The Movie," which

In limited release, the critical favorite "You Can Count On Me" continued to do well in its second weekend. The movie expanded to 35 theaters in the top 10 markets, up from eight cinemas, and grossed \$320,000 for a \$9,143

average.

1. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," \$55.1

million. 2. "Rugrats in Paris: The

Movie," \$23 million. 3. "Charlie's Angels," \$13.7

4. "The 6th Day," \$13.2 million. "Bounce," \$11.5 million.

6. "Men of Honor," \$8 million. 7. "Little Nicky," \$7.7 million. 8. "Meet the Parents," \$6.4 mil-

9. "The Legend of Bagger Vance," \$2.9 million. 10. "Red Planet," \$2.7 million.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on Club members are to bring books a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each to week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as distributed and membership Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Progressive Club

Education Association Club met Nov. 9 at the home of Geneva Barton with President June Rowan presiding. Nine members and one guest, Pat Winkleblack, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements

-Members answered roll by answering the question: "What is your favorite Thanksgiving exchange. food?"

-Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read Secretary Helene-

Baumgardner. -Mary Ann Bailey gave the treasurer's report and Council delegate, Leny Howard, gave the Council report along with results of the Tupperware party.

—A District Educational

Officers Training is scheduled Nov. 30 in Hartley.

Evening Stars Club co-hosting. Thanksgiving program

for children aged 2-14 to donate Department of Human

-New year books were requirements were discussed.

-Council Chairman Elizabeth Alexander presented the pro-"Creating Confident Progressive Texas Extension Readers," a course taken from

state meeting in Odessa.

—"Get Well" cards for members Marilyn Butler and Florence Rife were passed around for all to

The hostess prize, provided by G. Dalton, went to Alexander.

The next meeting will be at 2 .m., Dec. 14 at the home of Beulah Terrell. Members will participate in a Christmas gift

Kappa Alpha

Kappa Alpha Chapter #3001 of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met Nov. 2 at the Sheriff's Office, 218 N. Russell.

The following announcements were made:

The club's pecans were due to arrive the week of Nov. 13. -Eighteen members attended district meeting.

The next meeting will be at 7 -The local TEEA club-wide p.m., Nov. 16 at the home of Christmas party will be Dec. 17 at Lucille Merilatt, 2228 Evergreen. the home of Joan Gray, with Mildred Scott will present a

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Nov. 7 in the home of hostess Alice Raymond with President Kay Crouch presiding. One guest, Rue Parks, was among those pre-

Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year, Crouch was recently honored with an exhibit at White Deer Land Museum.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 21 at the home of Martha Kothman, Keller Estates.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Nov. 14 at Pampa Country Club with President Karen Bridges presiding. Chleo Worley and Mary Wilson served The following business was

conducted and announcements

-Pat Johnson reported on Career Clinic slated Dec. 1 at

Pampa High School and reminded members to contact consul--Mattie Norton reported on

the Schneider House Bingo party held recently and thanked members for helping with the project. -DeLynn Gordzelik reported

on "Make a Difference Day" proect at Pampa Learning Center. Books, shelves, chairs, rugs and lamps were donated to PLC for a reading center. Altrusans will be in charge

of Celebration of Lights booth on Nov. 30. Members were asked to volunteer.

-Members were urged to participate in the Salvation Army Gift Wrapping project on Dec. 14 and 18.

—Bridges presented "Stitches from the Heart' awards to Gordzelik and Norton for outstanding service.

—Pat Pierce presented the accent "Momentary Reminder" which emphasized the value of the time. She also discussed the Meals on Thanksgiving Share a Meal

-Birthday wishes went to: Mary McDaniel, Julie Cooke, Dorla McAndrew, Brenda Tucker and Wilson.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at Pampa Country

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Oct. 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Two guests were among those pre-

The following business was conducted and announcements

Seven members participated in "Show-and-Tell."

-Blocks for the Friendship Block Exchange were returned for both Kathy Gist and Nell Thompson and Betty Simmons distributed appliqué Sunbonnet Sue's. Thompson's blocks mark the conclusion of the current ses-

sion of the exchange -Sunbonnet Sue blocks in Christmas colors were distributed for the annual Christmas Block Exchange, and, instead of the regular program, members held a "garage sale" featuring sewing-related items.

—Members were reminded to

bring a covered dish to the upcoming holiday meeting.

—Deadline for the monthly

newsletter is the 10th of the month. All information is due to Christine Griffin, newsletter edi-

tor, at that time. Joyce Taylor won the PPQG door prize and Pam Hibler, the Sand's Fabrics' door prize.

The annual Christmas/holiday meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. As in the past, there will be a voluntary gift exchange and a potluck buf-fet dinner. Members are asked to bring their sewing-related present gift-wrapped with their name inside. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.



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Co-Worker of Office Baker Is Shocked by Her Filthy Home

DEAR ABBY: I work in a small office with about 20 people. One lady often brings homemade cookies, cakes, candies and breads to the office. We all eat and enjoy everything she makes.

Yesterday I had to drop off some work at her home. She said she was making a batch of cookies and invited me in. Abby, her house and kitchen were filthy! Cats everywhere, some sticking their noses in the cookie dough. All she did was push them away and continue without washing her hands. Insects were crawling over stacks of unwashed dishes and on the kitchen floor. I can't understand why no one became violently ill from eating what she prepared.

There is no way I will ever again eat anything she brings to the office. How can I stop eating her food without explaining why? Should I tell my co-workers what I saw? I don't know how I should handle this.

FEELING ILL IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FEELING ILL: If you tell your co-workers what you saw you'll only humiliate the woman. A more effective solution would be to tell the office manager what you saw and request that a new policy be instituted that discourages bringing homemade goodies to

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-eight

Horoscope

THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** * You would much rather

spend your time with one person at a

time instead of a kaleidoscope of people

this Thanksgiving. Perhaps adding that

extra eye contact or going out of your

way to spend a few minutes with the spe-

cial people in your life will work.

*** * Confusion surrounds your

plans, and you don't much care. What is

important to you is being with your

friends and loved ones. Know that not

everything will happen as you'd planned,

but you could still have a wonderful

Thanksgiving. Tonight: Let others domi-

*** You could ultimately be the

chief meat carver or the cook. You like

nurturing others. You enjoy seeing others

kick back and enjoy themselves. Don't

forget that this day is for you, too. Let

others know how thankful you are.

* * * * Your flirtatious and fun-lov-

Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Tonight: Veg out.

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23 Go awry

24 Kneecap

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5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

years ago, my husband was diagnosed with cancer and treated with cobalt radiation. He was cured. Two years ago, he was diagnosed with cancer again. His doctors agreed it was a radiation-induced cancer.

There were no symptoms other than "indigestion," for which our family doctor prescribed antacids. All the while, the cancer was getting larger. My beloved husband died three months ago.

If we had only been warned of the risks of radiation therapy in later years, we would have insisted on yearly screenings.

Abby, please urge your readers to see their doctor if they received radiation treatment years ago. It could save their lives.

CHARLIE'S WIFE

DEAR CHARLIE'S WIFE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband.

I am printing your letter with this advice: People who have ever had cancer should have routine checkups for the

Play till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

another. Tonight: Visit!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

something special for another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Tonight: Whatever you wish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your natural characteristics emerge right

now. Help a family member or dear

* * Even though you're a sports fan,

somehow this holiday could be less than

rest of their lives.

DEAR ABBY: There is this gal I see all the time. She works in customer service departments at two places I often patronize. She has a nice smile and seems very friendly, and I'd love to ask her out for lunch or dinner sometime. However, the only time I ever see her is when she is at work, and I worry that asking her while she is busy with other customers would be inappropriate. I thought about handing her a note but also thought that would be inappropriate. I'd really like to ask her out, but don't know how. Any

nothing inappropriate about handing the "gal" a note. Include your telephone number so she can reach you after working hours if she wishes. If you're her type, she'll be delighted you asked her. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

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and acquaintances. You embody the spir- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Pilgrim outfit unless you are having a responsibilities. Others appreciate that ciously. You might not be exactly sure about what a parent or older relative * * * Last-minute errands could be wants. Ask questions. Remain sensitive costly. Your desire to please others to someone you look up to. Tonight:

ing yourself about a child or loved one. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Someone is keeping a secret that you might need to know. Share your humor others at a distance. This might entail a and good mood. Observe. Tonight: Do trip or meeting someone halfway. Be sure to get directions clearly. You might not be listening as well as you think you *** The moon in your sign puts are. Honor another's needs. Help this you in the spotlight. Others seek you out. person clarify what is on his mind.

friends over. Your magnetism speaks. Cowboy Billy the Kid (1859), actor Boris Karloff (1887), swimmer Shane Gould (1956)

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A BACHELOR IN LONDON

DEAR BACHELOR: I see

with way too much. You dance to a dif- Thanksgiving represents, no matter what ferent tune this Thanksgiving. Tonight: happens. You find solace in getting down to basics. Tonight: Get a good night's * * * Stay close to home. You won't CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

enjoy yourself at the same level if you go **** You seize the moment and out. A partner has very different ideas, make this Thanksgiving more than spebut you can mollify him. Relax with cial. Your desire to celebrate takes over, close family members. Tonight: Put your allowing more to happen and giving you a greater sense of direction. Invite friends over, especially if you know they don't * * * * Not only do you bring cheer have other plans. Your thoughtfulness to those in your immediate circle, you touches another. Tonight: You're all also go out of your way for neighbors smiles.

it of the holiday; just don't don the *** You're in the mood to assume historical Thanksgiving! Reach out for you fill in where they slack. Do so graproves to be a driving force. Quit delud- Could be a late night.

> ** * Make an effort to reach out to Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

friend feel at home. Invite family and

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ing ways emerge. A loved one has a perfect. Perhaps you can't watch the strange way of showing his caring. Know football game you want. Or maybe you that this person feels as if he is dealing burn the turkey. Remember what

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"Why do you always fast-forward through the part where Bambi's mother gets shot?"

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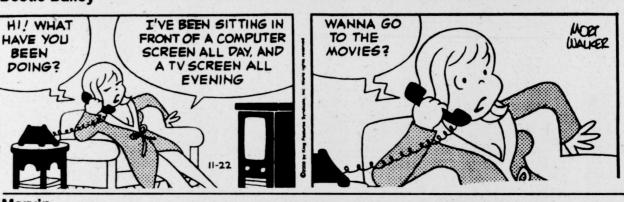
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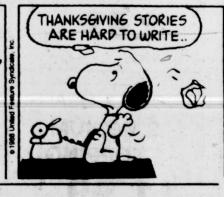




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A Thanksqiving Story You turkey!" she cried. "Who's a turkey?" "You, you turkey!"

"Listen to who's talking, you meat loaf!" "I'd rather be a meat loaf than a turkey, you turkey!



Blondie







Mallard Filmore



At mid-life, novelist tries to write own happy ending

By ALLEN G. BREED **Associated Press Writer**

FRIPP ISLAND, S.C. (AP) -Like a character in one of his novels, there he was, spending his 50th birthday in a California divorce court. A second split in what Pat Conroy euphemistically calls "a sloppily lived life."

Then, during a recess, the author had an epiphany - in the men's room of all places.

He remembers looking at his body, saying to himself: "My hands are 50 years old. I am standing on a 50-year-old foot. ... Every part of my body is a halfcentury old.

"And all of a sudden I started thinking seriously about, I only had a certain number of books I was going to write until I die. ... wanted to just make sure I made weary, Southern sadness. friends. I mean all these fights, what have they been all about?"

great personal grief.
His novels, "The Great Santini" and "The Prince of Tides," alien- Neanderthal from Chicago. ated him from members of his family.

"The Lords of Discipline" made him persona non grata at his alma and two tours in Vietnam. mater.

him to suicide.

Conroy is facing his most difficult cursing, said, "I just want you to challenge - writing his own know that you couldn't hold my happy ending.

He made peace with his father, Marine Col. Donald Conroy, before the elder Conroy died in 1998 of colon cancer.

He has patched things up with Irish cheeks flushing. The Citadel, the Charleston military college whose brutality and bigotry he had exposed in "The book because he loved his father, Lords." Last month, just before his 55th birthday, the school that didn't love me. once barred him as a traitor

He has turned once again to nonfiction, the genre he began his career with in 1968. His newest of how things should be. book, titled "My Losing Season: A Point Guard's Way of team at The Citadel.

Conroy is using real names in Pat's in love with the truth." the book, and his friends are terri- In his pursuit of that truth, tegrated to junk mail," but Rawls

reconsider decisions he's made as an author.

of people," he says, as if he had never quite fathomed that before. "Instead of saying I write autobiographically, I wish I'd said, 'Oh, I made it all up..."

It's too late for that.

Pat Conroy has been picking at the carcass of his family for years. The oldest of seven children, he has made a living telling stories that most people try to hide.

His mother was the poor Southern belle who read "Gone me," With the Wind" to him at bedtime. In the film of "The Prince of Tides," which draws on the family's history of mental illness, Kate Nelligan plays the character night with an American hero.' What were they? Then, I also based on his mother with a

In the film of "The Great Santini," Robert Duvall swaggers Tough questions for a man and stumbles through a thinly whose life's work has won him veiled portrait of Conroy's father. countless fans but caused him The novel's title was the father's real nom de guerre.

The colonel was the Northern Fighter pilot. Member of the famed Black Sheep Squadron. Veteran of World War II, Korea the right spots.

This was the man who, after Pat "Beach Music" nearly drove scored 25 points in a college basketball game, pulled him aside, Now, somewhere past mid-life, pushed him against a wall and, jock as a basketball player."

"I thought I wrote 'The Great Santini' because I hated my father's guts," says Conroy, his blue Irish eyes hardening, his red

It took him years, he says, to realize that he really wrote the "and couldn't figure out why he

embraced him with an honorary Prize-winning cartoonist, says Conroy's works have been attempts at creating a world that could live up to his expectations

"If you read 'Santini,' you see it him at work. was a love letter," says Marlette, a Knowledge," due out next year, is fellow military brat whom Pulitzer Prize-winning author about his senior-year basketball Conroy considers his best friend. and journalist, spent three years "And 'Lords of Discipline.' ... writing a movie script with

ly not himself.

An essay prepared for Forbes 'There's power in the naming magazine gives a glimpse of Conroy's upcoming book. He describes visiting the home of Al Kroboth, a player on his senior basketball team.

Conroy avoided the draft after graduating from The Citadel, then became anti-war protester. Kroboth went to Vietnam. When his A-6 Warthog was shot down, Kroboth suffered a broken back and broken neck. He was a prisoner of war.

'It had never once occurred to Conroy writes, "that I would find myself in the position I did on that night in Al Kroboth's house in Roselle, N.J.: an American coward spending the

Conroy and his wife, Alabamaborn novelist Sandra, share a story-and-a-half frame house on Fripp Island, a gated paradise of tidal marshes and white-sand beaches separated from the mainland by 17 miles and several bridges. Deer graze along the sand-strewn roads. Spanish moss hangs from trees as if someone had the job of draping it in just

Conroy tries to maintain two daily routines: Read at least 200 pages, and take a swim or at least walk on the beach. White as a ghost and prone to melanoma, he swims just before dusk, shrimp skipping across the water as he

The Atlanta-born author has become part of the local land-

At his favorite local steam bar, regulars have brass plaques on the tables, and the walls are lined with autographed photographs of minor celebrities who've eaten there. Conroy has neither plaque nor photo; the waitress who Doug Marlette, the Pulitzer brings his tin bucket of oysters clearly has no idea who he is.

"As a writer, nobody knows who you are," Conroy says. "It's

a great thing. You're invisible." But not to those who have seen

Wendell "Sonny" Rawls, a

fied. Their reaction has made him Conroy spares no one — especial- wouldn't trade the experience for

anything.

He talks of long writing sessions with Conroy's five-disk CD player endlessly cycling through Harris, Linda Emmylou Rondstadt and African chants.

When he starts writing," Rawls says, "it just sort of flows like this wonderful elixir."

Conroy's massive leather-inlaid mahogany desk is smothered with journals, account books and diaries. Scattered all over the floor and bed are loose pages from yellow legal pads — lists of words, chapter titles, names.

Conroy does everything in longhand, another thing he blames on his father.

He once enrolled in a typing class. The colonel found out.

"Son," Conroy says, aping his father's cold Chicago accent. him "an emotional tea bag." Corporals type. Girls type. You'll be a fighter pilot. You won't need to type. ... You're dis-

The study is like Conroy's mind: painful." cluttered. He confesses to having misplaced pages, only to find them after the book they were intended for has been published. "So that gets into the next

book," he says nonchalantly. The rest of Conroy's house is a reflection of himself — with his

wife's tidying influences. In every room, there are books, floor to ceiling. Nearly one entire bookcase is dedicated to the works Homeward, Angel" convinced Conroy he should become a writer.

The couple's kitchen is like a his own self-help program. Renaissance still life: drying herbs, multicolored bottles of stages of dissection.

The bathtubs are dusted with beach sand, and just about every room contains at least one empty wine glass. Everywhere there are reminders of family.

A kitchen wall is a collage of Conroy family moments.

There's a Christmas list from his childhood. There's Carol, the poet sister

whose struggle with mental illness inspired "The Prince of Tides.

whose 1994 suicide prompted ly reached with his father. Conroy. The script "finally disin- Conroy to retrieve "Beach Music" himself.

"I had to go change that," he says, "because the book had enough sadness without that." And there is a black-and-white

hoto of three women marching down a street, a stiff wind molding cotton dresses to swollen bellies. "This is my mother and her in the history of fathering." two sisters," Conroy says. "All of them are pregnant. ... Two out of

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As for The Great Santini, he has his own shrine.

As you enter the atrium, the first thing you see is a shadow box filled with medals, including five distinguished flying crosses.

The wall is lined with movie posters from "The Great Santini." There's a lonely oil painting of a flight jacket. Beside it is a photo of an older, white-goateed Col. Conroy sticking a gloved finger through a crack in the Berlin Wall.

Conroy made a studied effort not to be like his dad. He's proud to have kept a vow never to hit his children or wives.

Conroy has often said that his books are dictated to him screamed at him, really - by the hurt little boy he once was and, in many ways, still is. Rather than hardening him, Marlette says, Conroy's upbringing has made

He has to put everything through his bloodstream. He has to ingest the experience and then bleed it through his pores. ... It's

Conroy has been in therapy for years, and his doctor was there for him when he had his worst. most suicidal breakdown, which occurred after he finished "Beach Music," which was published in

He refuses to take drugs for fear they will take away his ability to write. His psychiatrist says he

doesn't need them. "She said, 'Pat, there's enough of Thomas Wolfe, whose "Look wrong with your life to explain why you're crazy.'

Slowly, Conroy has developed

Last year, when a state senator exotic oils, vegetables in varying proposed consolidating The Citadel with other Charleston colleges, Conroy wrote in an opposition letter to the Charleston newspaper: "I love the college more than anyone who ever lived. ..."

The gesture was noticed, and Conroy has gone from pariah to official greeter. Today, a letter on Conroy stationery is sent to all incoming freshmen. It begins with the opening line of "The Lords of Discipline": "I wear the

Healing that rift was nothing There's youngest brother Tom, compared to the detente he final-

Conroy believes the colonel from his editor so he could resurtook "Santini" as a personal chalrect a brother character who kills lenge to become the father he had always thought he was. He went on book tours with his son; he joked with his children at family get-togethers and cried with them at Tom's funeral.

Last year, Conroy wrote in Atlanta magazine that his old man had "had the best second act

Conroy resigned himself long ago to the fact that his father three of those kids are schizo- would never say the words, "I love you" or "I'm proud of you."

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But it's clear he still suffers from the want of those words.

People who visit Conroy get a tour of his adopted hometown, including stops at two cemeter-

Across from the historic St. Helena Episcopal Church, Conroy stops by a brick wall at the grave of Anne Wales Christensen, better known to the literary world as Ann Head. She taught him creative writing at Beaufort High School.

"I come here whenever I publish a new book," he says. "I say, 'Ann, I published a new one. ... Thanks for teaching me so well." His voice is manly and confident.

The next stop is the Beaufort National Cemetery and a grave with a white marble stone saying, 'Great Santini."

Conroy, his voice is highpitched, childlike, half jokes about not being able to get the government to carve "The" on

the stone. "Dad!" he squeaks. "This is

what you get for hitting me!" Despite all of his success, the

little boy is still there. Still, something was different when, in writing his latest book, his imagination grappled with his team's final game against its archrival, the Virginia Military Institute.

As Conroy watched his younger self suit up in the locker room, in stepped his fictional self, Will McLean, from "The Lords of Discipline." Then he realized that he, the old, white-haired, paunchy Pat Conroy was there,

"It was a very schizophrenic moment for me as a writer," he says. "But I wanted to explore it."

Will questioned the old man's being there, then scoffed at Conroy's authority. Finally, Conroy says he decided to put his creation in his place. He took away Will's breath.

"I could see the fear in his eyes," he says. "I said, 'I can erase you. You don't exist without me.' . I said, 'Go sit in the stands

"And I write the game as it happened, not in fiction. And before Will went up he said, 'How's the game end? Does it end the same way?' I said, 'Watch pal — and enjoy yourself."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Allen G. Breed is the AP's Southeast regional writer, based in Raleigh, N.C.

Lamar honor roll

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year. SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll Dominique Alva, Emily Barrett, Lance Bookout, Taylor Dickson, Daniela Dominguez, Aubrei Dowdy, James Hathaway, Bianca Hernandez, Terrin Johnson, Ramon Jimenez, Roscoe 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Keys, James Lawyer, Steven Marrufo, Sissy Palmer, Angela Rendon, Danielle Towles.

AB Honor Roll Martin Caldwel, Orlando Castillo, Elizabeth Harris, Tanisha Lofton, Patricia Mata, Bivianna Mendoza, Shasta Morris, Brianna Preston, Fabian Tinajero, Raul Vasquez, Patty Williams.

> THIRD GRADE A Honor Roll

Meghan Asencio, Jessica Brown, Kristie Davis, Cristina Garcia, Katzen Hernandez, Laura McGrath.

AB Honor Roll Ashley Akins, Steven Botello, Amanda Estes, Mikaela Flores, Dawn Harkins, Marticka Jackson, Alexis Johnson, Jessica Ramirez, Andrew Rregalado, Lorena Sieber, Fabiola Soria, Tracy Torres, Tessa Walker, Chris Wood.

FOURTH GRADE A Honor Roll

Codi Guthrie, Tyler Jones, Oscar Retana. **AB Honor Roll** Francisco Apodaca, Sky Balay,

Heather Bryan, Selena Duarte, Heather Green, Andrew Hatcher, Richelle Olsen, Shawntavia Parker, Tristin Reeves, Jonathan Robinson, Kelsie Serrato, Hayden Skinner, Heath Skinner. Serrato, FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll Andy Akins, Erin Hall, Veronica Solarzana, David Soto, Elizabeth Wade.

AB Honor Roll George Albear, Scotty Brown, Shane Davis, Yesenia Flores, Adrienne Hernandez, Veronica Herrera, Skyler Hunnicutt, Elizabeth McGrath, Jesse Nunez, Cristina Perez, Aaron Sanders, Jarett Towles.

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(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	120 4	20	. 149
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	154	10	91
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	52	4	29
(6) EAST TEXAS	104	6	64
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	101	- 56	14
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	108	26	54
(8) MIDLAND	154	81	9
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	70	46	1
(9) NORTH TEXAS	113	17	21
(10) PANHANDLE	39	8	34

TABLE 2 – AUGUST TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES

	RANKED BY PREL	IMINARY PRODUCTION	
COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLS)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF
1. GAINES	2,759,789	1. ZAPATA	26,044,598
2. YOAKUM	2,258,475	2. WEBB	25,445,052
3. ANDREWS	2,198,269	3. HIDALGO	23,622,123
4. HOCKLEY	1,932,467	4. PECOS	20,661,681
5. ECTOR	1,769,879	5. PANOLA	20,506,867
6. PECOS	1,072,054	6. HARRIS	11,534,219
7. UPTON	1,020,856	7. STARR	10,026,357
8. CRANE	926,503	8. CROCKETT	9,822,360
9. MIDLAND	880,165	9. FREESTONE	9,284,831
10. SCURRY	625,334	10. LAVACA	8,764,433

RRC posts monthly oil-gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently posted its reported 298 oil, 429 gas, 29 injec- from the 1,068,346 barrels daily October permits to drill, issuing a tion and one other completions, average of August 1999. total of 1,147 original drilling compared to 167 oil, 414 gas, 15 permits in October 2000 com- injection and two other comple- oil production figure for August pared to 874 in October 1999. Total drilling permits for 2000 year-to-date is 10,008, up from 6.742 recorded during the same

period in 1999. permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 55 to re-enter existing weu bores and 223 for re-completions. Permits issued in October included 287 oil, 281 gas, 541 oil and gas, 29 injection and nine other permits.

The total number of well com- during August 1999. pletions for 2000 year-to-date is

plugged and 105 dry holes dur- total of 444,881,084 mcf. ing the same period last year.

crude oil production averaged gas wells.

Also in October, operators 1,060,711 barrels daily, down

The preliminary Texas crude tions during the same month last 2000 is 32,882,041 barrels, a decrease from 33,118,732 barrels

Texas oil and gas wells pro-6,641, up from 4,768 recorded duced 459,654,908 mcf (thousand The October total included 869 during the same period in 1999. cubic feet) of gas based upon pre-Operators reported 705 holes liminary production figures for plugged and 151 dry holes in August 2000, up from the August October compared to 454 1999 preliminary gas production

Texas production in August Texas preliminary August 2000 came from 148,793 oil and 54,410

Derrick built to commemorate Spindletop

By ANDREA WRIGHT **Beaumont Enterprise**

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Dangling precariously in mid air, the 65-foot, 14,300-pound oil derrick was gingerly tilted to upright position and lowered to its base, the whole operation taking less than 10 minutes recently.

Its design and construction took considerably

The reproduction derrick that replicates the famous Lucas Gusher derrick of 1901 bringing in Spindletop oil field was designed and built over about four months.

On Spindletop's centennial Jan. 10, 2001 at approximately 10:30 a.m., it will gush. There will be an 8-inch line connected to a 250-

horsepower water pump, pumping 2,500-gallons per minute through the derrick skyward," said Sina Nejad, design engineer of the replica.

It won't be oil, but the re-enactment of Lucas gusher's historic eruption is expected to be

nonetheless impressive, and dignitaries will be seated well away from splashdown at the 100th celebration next year. We've even researched the weather conditions, and studied wind speed for the last 50 years," said

Nejad. "We are estimating the prevailing wind for Jan. 10 and expecting it to blow southward. So they will be seated away from it. We wouldn't Day Enterprises. want to get George Bush wet." The former president is featured speaker for Distributed by The Associated Press

Gladys City Boomtown's blowout Jan. 10, which will be a daylong event.

Mason Construction built the derrick in just 10 days, said Chuck Mason, company president.
Once the design was complete, he said, "it didn't take long, and we've got fast workers."
Bolted to a concrete slab with anchor bolts, the reproduction is securely attached. "It's just like

any other industrial structure, only this one's of wood," he said, but the wood covers an inner steel

skeleton for support.

Whereas original wooden derricks were built to last only until the well went dry, Mason said, This one will be around a long time.'

The derrick raising, conducted earlier this month, was attended by students from Odom Academy and Lumberton Intermediate, whose fund-raising helped make it possible.

Lumberton Intermediate raised the most so far

by a school - \$2,607.38 - through various activities, and Odom was recognized as being the first school to turn in money to the Gusher Club.

The club was organized by Alex Broussard and the Spindletop 2001 Commission to interest area students in participating in the celebration and help raise funds for construction of the derrick. Other donors contributing to the project were the Hamill Foundation, Noble Drilling, BASF FINA Petrochemicals Limited Partnership and Perfect

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #1R Coffee Estate, 660' from North & 2310' from

West line, Sec. 16,4,1&GN, PD 2850'. GRAY (PANHANDLE) The Operating Co., #11
Patton-Purviance, 919' from North & 484' from West line, Sec. 61,B-2,H&GN, PD 3350'. Replacement well HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Douglas) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #5 Flowers 'A', 467 from North & 2310' from West line, Sec. 27, A-

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #2 Lockhart '58', 660' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 58,42,H&TC, PD 7800'.
HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite)

SNW Operating Co., #C-4 Lewis, 2169' from South & 2640' from East line, Sec. 40,3,T&NO, PD 3250'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) J.M. Huber Corp., #1-14
Locke Cattle, 467 from South & 2640' from West line,
Sec. 14,M-2,H&GN, PD 5200'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc.,
#1045 Thompson, 1320' from North & East line, Sec.
45,M-2,H&GN, PD 12500'.

Application to Re-Enter
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & MATHERS RANCH Douglas) Wolf Creek Exploration Co., #2 Lewis, 1001' from South-8-865' from Bast line, Sec. 47,1,G&M, PD 7300'.

Oil Well Completions
WHEELER (THORNDIKE Lower Missouri)
Samedan Oil Corp., #1 Lohberger, Sec. 91, A-5, H&GN,
spud 9-9-00, bdl. of 44 grav. oil + 30 bbls. water, GOR 357, TD 8200', PBTD 7811'

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Corp., #A-19 Bivins, Sec. 42,M-20,G&M, spud 9-600, drlg. compl 9-10-00, tested 10-27-00, TD 2820

Plugged Wells
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Dyne Oil & Gas, Inc., #10
John Haggard, Sec. 112,3,1&GN, spud unknown,
plugged 11-9-00, TD 3300' (disposal) —
HEMPHILL (CANADIAN Upper Morrow) Amoco

Production Co., #3 Cruseman-Bogan, Heimbolt Survey, spud 9-30-95, plugged 9-6-00, TD 11350' (gas) — Form 1 in Midgard Energy HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Amoco

Production Co., #3 Willa Rea Dumler 'A', Sec. 2,1,1&GN, spud 2-11-97, plugged 9-25-00, TD 8150' (oil) — Form 1 in Midgard Energy
HUTCHISON (PANHANDLE) Lera, #3 Herring,
George Bason Survey, spud 6-7-57, plugged 10-16-00,
TD 3325' (oil) — Form 1 in Wm. K. Davis

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Government struggles to halt slide in food-stamp rolls

By PHILIP BRASHER **Associated Press Writer**

BALTIMORE (AP) — A heart attack knocked Lorraine Smith out of work in June, making her more dependent than ever on food stamps. But the benefits are fast becoming more trouble than they

Meager allowances - Smith was getting just \$35 in stamps per month — plus state regulations intended to cut down on fraud and errors are among the reasons the program's enrollment has declined by one-third since 1996, say hunger relief groups America's Second Harvest and Food Research and Action Center.

Slightly more than 17 million people were on food stamps nationwide in May, the latest month for which data are available, compared with 17.9 million in May 1999 and 25.5 million in May 1996. Seven states, led by Delaware, Texas and Maryland, have seen caseloads drop by more than

The decline is due partly to the booming economy and a 1996 ban on benefits to immigrants, but federal officials say many poor people don't know they are eligible for the stamps or left the program because of bureaucratic red tape. The government estimates that 37 percent of people eligible for food stamps aren't getting them.

"We need to do as much as we can at the federal and state levels to ensure that working families get the easy access to nutritional assistance that holds, don't get enough to eat. they need," said Andy Solomon, a spokesman for

USDA analysts say the good economy accounts for 28 percent to 35 percent of the decrease in participation since 1996. Some 935,000 legal immigrants, less than 5 percent of the 1996 caseload, lost their food stamp eligibility under a federal welfare system overhaul that year. Congress later restored benefits to 250,000 elderly, disabled and minor immigrants.

the Agriculture Department, which administers

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Meanwhile, food banks report demand is as strong as ever, and the government estimates that 10 million families, or about one in 10 U.S. house-

to be eliminated because she hadn't gone to the benefit is about \$70 per month. local welfare office to have her benefits recalculated, a step Maryland requires of food stamp recipients every four months.

"I have no income, no nothing right now. On top of that I have a special diet," Smith said as she bag of free groceries.

State officials say they have been forced to expand their applications and recalculate benefits more often to prevent payment errors and satisfy USDA auditors. Error rates last year ran as high as 17.6 percent in Michigan. Twenty-two other states had rates over 10 percent. Maryland's was 13.6

"On one hand, it's a topdown overregulated program focused on correct benefit delivery. On the other hand, it tries to be an accessible customer-oriented delivery program. Neither the Congress nor the Department of Agriculture has determined what it wants it to be," said Richard Larson, a Maryland Department of Human Resources policy director.

More than half the states and the District of Columbia have applications of 10 to 36 pages long, demanding information about everything from burial plots to income from blood donations, and nearly all require a 12th-grade reading level, says a study by America's Second Harvest.

North Carolina is the only state with an application requiring only a fifth-grade education.

Larson also said benefits are so meager, as low Smith recently was told her stamps were about as \$10, that some people don't bother. The average ondharvest.org

Smith, a 45-year-old grandmother, said she spent most of her \$35 in food stamps in one shopbing trip, spending \$33 for fish, beef, liver, oil, flour and fruit.

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'You used to be able to into a store and buy anywaited this summer in a church food pantry for a thing you wanted without going over the limit,"

The Clinton administration has relaxed eligibility rules over the past year and initiated a public education campaign to encourage poor people to sign up. The administration has asked Congress for \$10 million for more outreach efforts.

USDA officials also held public meetings in seven cities this summer to find out what it could do to increase enrollments. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman urged the nation's governors to identify poor people who are eligible for food

stamps but not getting them.

States could help by reducing paperwork and keeping offices open longer hours, advocacy

"There does tend to be a feeling on the part of state administrators that the most important thing to get right is the payment accuracy," said Ellen Vollinger of the Food Research and Action Center.

On the Net: USDA's Food and Nutrition Service:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns Food Research and Action Center:

http://www.frac.org America's Second Harvest: http://www.sec-

Small New England town fund brightens women's lives for 95 years

By TRUDY TYNAN **Associated Press Writer**

GREENFIELD, Mass. (AP) -\$10,000 in his will to help "aged and deserving women over 55," lives in three small towns in the hills of western Massachusetts.

In recent years, the income from Davenport's bequest — the as being old today, but it was in woman got a new bed after hers principal is now worth more than 1905," Jones said. bought mouthfuls of dentures give up to \$1,000 per person in a sions.

and even paid the veterinary bills single year to eligible women livfor a retired minister's beloved

Nearly a century after bachelor can help a grandmother just get- 18,000). But most of last year's 30 farmer George W. Davenport left ting by on Social Security buy a grants, totaling \$16,600, were for plane ticket to visit a new grand- a few hundred dollars. child in Ohio," said trustees his generosity is still brightening chairwoman Irmarie Jones, who cer got a television after her set joined the three-member board stopped working. "We decided it more than a decade ago.

\$409,000 — has fixed porch steps, The trustees are allowed to being used to move her posses-

ing in either Leyden (population 660), Bernardston (population "This is the kind of fund that 2,000) or Greenfield (population

A woman dying alone of canwas a mental health emergency," "Of course we don't think of 55 Jones said. Another elderly was stolen along with the truck

gram," said Myrtle Whitsett, 81. court. "I'm very glad I was born in and we are just living on Social that's what we are doing." Security, It really helped us."

never practiced. He inherited his money.

"A brief biography I found a minimum of five years. years ago said he was wounded and dabbled in farming," Jones

Davenport, who was fond of local widows in his will.

"It's just a wonderful pro- before the fund prevailed in with her training, but her med-

"He really just wanted to help

Initially, the grants were limit-Little is known about ed to women born in the three Davenport, a friendly, humorous towns near the Vermont border small-town philanthropist, who where Davenport had farms, but lived to 66, and studied law, but about eight years ago the trustees women who'd lived in the towns wrong," Jones said.

"With today's mobile society, it being repaired. in action during the Civil War just didn't make any sense any for The Recorder of Greenfield.

children and known for helping Rev. Eleanor Kreiger. The out in the community with both Davenport Fund pays for her sertime and money, also left several vice dog's annual physical and Medicare, Jones explained. small bequests of \$100 or \$200 to shots and bought a special backpack the dog wears.

of his other relatives fought the ances me," Kreiger said. "The thankful I am to you for what will, Jones said. It was years Service Dog Association helps you did."

ical care is my problem."

The fund even provided Greenfield. My back porch was elderly and needy folks in a prac- Sheeba with a little sign the falling down. My husband is 86 tical way," Jones said. "And friendly shepherd-collie mix wears while she and the retired minister make their rounds. It reads, "Please ask to pet me."

Many of those being helped are widows. "They have this big, old house they don't want to leave persuaded a judge to include and all these things going

But it's really lives that are

"Thank you. Thank you. more," said Jones, a columnist Thank you. Thank you for the \$1,000 you sent to my dentist to "It's peace of mind," said the help with my teeth," one woman

Dentures aren't covered by

"I am wearing my new dentures and they are absolutely per-He left no wife or children "I depend so much on Sheeba. fect!" another woman wrote.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING open more information, call 669-7501 to youth five to 15 years of age. Practice is held at CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meet-900 N. Frost. Season ends in February 2001. For ings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. more information, contact Coach Rick Urguhart, 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 information, contact 669-3988. p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Citizens Center. For more information, contact Willie Mae Mangold, 669-7259.

hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529. WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its

30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September. WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be selling

leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to one. For more information, call 665-4926. families, family members and friends. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for vic-

tims of family violence - both women and children - meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council

meets once a month. For more information, call 669-MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost,

will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER 665-6144. Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays

and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748. PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic read-

ing/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331. GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS, 500 W. Kingsmill, is open from 12-4 p.m., Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Saturday through Nov. 7. For more information or to volunteer, call 669-3545. OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more

information, call 665-1182. PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTAL-LY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays

and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For nightly. For more information, call 665-1631.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meet-MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER of the American ings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W, 23rd. For more

Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is 6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

HIDDEN HILLS Women's Golf Association will hold its "Play Day" at 6 p.m. each Monday from May-September. For more information, call 669-

regular meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Sheriff's office class-FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH room at the Francis St. eet entrance. For more information, call Harley Madison at 669-6294.

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa - churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to every-

PAMPA MOOSE LODGE #1385 charity bingo is at 7 p.m. every Friday at the lodge, 401 E. Brown. PAMPA SHRINE CLUB will meet every third Friday at the Sportsman's Club. For more informa-

tion, call James Washington, 665-1488. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is taking orders for deep-fried and smoked turkeys ranging in size from 12- to 14-pounds. Cost is \$25. Deadline is Nov. 12. For more information, call 665-1562 or 665-3786. PAMPA GARDEN CLUB is sponsoring the annual "Festival of Trees" scheduled Dec. 9-10 at

Lovett Memorial Library. Entry fees are \$5 for small trees and \$10 for full size trees. The deadline is Nov. 30. For more information, call Cynthia, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR will hold a

school instruction Jan. 8-9 in honor of Worthy Grand Matron Naomi Wolfe and Worthy Grand Patron Buddy Baker. For more information, call Bettie Craig, deputy grand matron, District II, Section I, at 665-5081.

NOVEMBER 30 - GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Parade will start at 6:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium and end downtown. For more information, call the Chamber, 669-3241. DECEMBER

1 - GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Style Show will be at 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 669-

1-2 - CELEBRATIONS Open House will be from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Coronado Shopping Center. For more information, call Sharon McCormick, 665-2-5 - CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a Christmas spectacular called "That Night" at 7 p.m.

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For brother of USS Cole victim, life — and football -

By AARON BEARD **Associated Press Writer**

HARRISBURG, N.C. (AP) — The faint smell of smoke hangs in the air — traces of wildfires in the mountains to the west — and wisps form a fuzzy halo around the football stadium lights

As the West Rowan Falcons prepare to take the field in a high-stakes game against Central Cabarrus — a victory will give them their first conference championship — senior linebacker James Francis carries more on his shoulders than just his shoulder pads. Sadness hovers around him like the smoke in the air.

He's still searching for some balance between a young athlete's natural euphoria and the grief of a brother whose beloved sister has fallen victim to the hole in the ship and the water took her out into terrorism.

Lakeina Monique Francis was one of 17 sailors USS Cole as the Navy destroyer was in port in ference foe Concord High in 24 hours.

football. When I get home after a game, that's when I start thinking about other stuff."

A month ago, James couldn't have found Yemen on a map. He imagined his sister's life in generalities, picturing her just sailing around the world from port to port. He never worried about her safety.

Everything changed Oct. 12.

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He first heard his sister was missing and presumed dead as he, his father, Ronald, and younger brother, David, drove home from David's junior Sandra, paged them. They learned the news by cell

'It was a quiet ride to the house," James says. Lakeina, 19 and out of high school just a year, lot of things." had left the family only three weeks earlier to join the Cole, following in the footsteps of her father, who spent 22 years in the Navy. She was supposed to serve six months at sea.

says. "When you move around so much, you don't have too many friends. So it was me, my sister and

They had talked on the phone only two days earlier, and James heard her excitement as she told of seeing dolphins and whales for the first time.

As the house filled with military officers, police and family members, the phone rang constantly, but it was never the voice he wanted to hear. Instead, it was military officers offering the latest information on the search for Lakeina's body or learned the week of the funeral that he had been reporters requesting interviews.

James, an even-keeled youth who turned 18 last week, describes the night, with understatement, as

As the house filled with military officers, police and family members, the phone rang constantly, but it was never the voice he wanted to hear. Instead, it was military officers offering the latest information on the search for Lakeina's body or reporters requesting inter-

the harbor. You always prepare for the worst." In the turmoil, another thought nagged: The killed when a bomb ripped open the hull of the Falcons were supposed to play state-ranked con-

Head coach Scott Young planned his roster with-"Football helps relieve the frustration," James out James. But at school the next day, James said he says. "When we play football, I'm thinking about wanted to play. That night, he tallied 18 tackles, two quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery. He also ran in the final two-point conversion as the

Falcons cruised to a 17-3 victory. Teammates hoisted James on their shoulders and

carried him off the field. "It was highly emotional for the entire team," Young says. "James had the guttiest performance I've ever seen out of a high school athlete. Me personally, I don't know if I could've played that

The performance earned him player-of-the-week varsity football game that Thursday. His mother, honors from area television stations. His own attention again was elsewhere: The next morning, he took a college placement exam.

'He's a Francis," his father says. "We endure a

The Falcons' defeat of Concord gave them three straight victories against the conference's top

'This has been the toughest season I've ever We were real close, like best friends," James been a part of," says starting quarterback Jared Barnette. "We knew deep down inside that he would be hurting and all of us were hurting. That's one of our brothers. Every one of these players are like brothers. We care for him so much.

The next week, the Francis family attended the memorial service for the Cole victims in Norfolk, Va. One day later, the Navy announced it had recovered the last bodies from the Cole's hull. The family buried Lakeina on Oct. 28.

The cycle of highs and lows turned again: James selected to play in the Shrine Bowl, an honor bestowed on the top senior football players in North and South Carolina.

'All the awards and recognition he's gotten are rightly deserved," Young says. "They're not out of pity." James says he spends plenty of time walking

reflecting on memories of his sister while trying to

He says he doesn't cry anymore: "I have no more tears to cry.

Instead, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound linebacker has channeled his hurt into football.

James finished the 11-game season with 143 tackles, four sacks and an interception return for a touchdown.

He added six more tackles in the Falcons' first playoff game Nov. 10, as West Rowan bested Franklin High 34-13. A week later, West Rowan moved on to the state semi-finals by ly. defeating High Point Andrews 36-19, and James made 8 tackles.

As the clock was ticking down in the fourth quarter of the Nov. 3 season finale against Central Cabarrus, the West Rowan sideline was lit with smiles. The Falcons had rallied from a 7-0 halftime deficit to lead 28-13

James had done his part, making 12 tackles in his first game since his sister's funeral — on the same day the 200 survivors of the Cole attack returned to home port.

A well-earned smile broke across James' face as the clock reached 00:00. The Falcons had won the Class 3-A South Piedmont Conference crown. James raised his helmet high and joined his teammates on the field to shake hands with their oppo-

His smile never wavered. He shook hands with his father, hugged teammates and laughed hearti-

Even as the celebration went on, the smoke and the memories — hung in the air.

"What we do is try to tell him he has to go on and keep his sister's spirit in his heart," Ronald Francis says. "She would want him to do the best he can. He has to take one day at a time and we'll get through it.

Dallas attorney's passion for blimps balloons; makes 'blimpana' his life

By BETSY BLANEY Associated Press Writer

ple love planes, trains or auto- senger transportation.

digs blimps. In a big way.

off and fly across the country. Who wouldn't want to do that? I ponent to it.'

Gameros, who describes himself as "America's oldest 8-yearblimps and zeppelins since self," Davis said. "It's an obses- Dallas' central business district. childhood, impressed with their sion. That's not too strong a stateliness and grace.

His passion for them bal-

and Gulf War veteran has made collecting "blimpana" his life's hangs next to his desk. A rusty work — when he's not doing replica of the Graf sits on his commercial litigation at Lynn office credenza. Tillotson and Pinker.

about a labor of love."

Known collectively as dirigibles, blimp in the world.

their heyday was the early part of the 20th century.

Dallas attorney Bill Gameros ed with inert helium instead of more excited whenever we meet He'd love to float above the they can rove the skies for up to Grand Canyon or cruise over the seven hours, blimps have many ocean and watch whales breach uses, such as surveying in "I'd be willing to take a few days try, with corporations using their ceased. Gameros got wide-eyed

do think there's a romantic com- Davis, recalls learning about his ed skyward, like a ship on a affection for airships while inter- wave. viewing for the job.

Surprisingly, Gameros has "Show me a way I could be a ridden a blimp only twice. Last lawyer for an airship company year, wife Kathy Gameros Monster.com blimp. And last driving his car.' Blimps have no framework month, Kathy sent e-mails and inside the oblong envelope, made countless phone calls to Mesquite has flown almost while zeppelins are bigger and get her husband aboard the every type of aircraft. He prefers have an internal skeletal frame. Winstar, considered the largest airships.

"We're 'thrilled that millions of people across the nation can The 1937 Hindenburg explosee the Winstar ... when they look DALLAS (AP) - Some peo- sion doomed dirigibles as pas- to the sky," said Scott Ableman, vice president of brand market-Today, the airships are inflating for Winstar. "We are even flammable hydrogen. Because someone like Bill, who's just as passionate as we are about the Winstar airship.'

While on the ground, or just park one in his back yard. forestry management, checking Gameros chattered happily "They're so cool and they're a oil and gas pipelines, or circling about airships. Once on board lot of fun," said Gameros, 36. sporting venues across the coun- the Winstar, however, the banter

> envelopes for advertising. This is awesome," was all he Gameros' secretary, Susan could utter as the blimp undulat-This is awesome," was all he

As a bonus, Gameros was "That was one of the first asked to get behind the controls old," has been interested in things he told me about him- and drive the Winstar around

"I've never done this before. It's very different than a tank," At Gameros' home, a wind- he chuckled, referring to his up blimp rolls around on the experience driving an armored More than just poring over floor. A print of the German- vehicle while serving in the 24th books, the West Point graduate made Graf Zeppelin docked Infantry Division during Desert atop the Empire State Building Storm. "It's smoother. It's just a great ride."

Even Kathy couldn't resist the pilot's offer to get in the driver's

"It's a little different than my Volvo," she said. I feel like a litand I'm there," he said. "Talk arranged for a trip on the tle girl sitting on my Dad's lap,

Capt. Corky Belanger of

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At 90, photographer of 'forgotten ones' receives Governor's Arts Award

By CAROLYN THOMPSON **Associated Press Writer**

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — What a sight Milton and Anne Rogovin were, there on Buffalo's lower west side: white faces among the brown, relative haves among unmistakable have-nots. Up in years, their trusting faces approaching suspicious younger ones with a simple but profound request: "Can we take your photograph?"

For decades, the photographer and his wife sought out what they call the "forgotten ones," the hard working, hard-luck or just plain hardened of society, capturing their faces with a vintage Rolleiflex camera and black and white film.

"I'm not trying to entertain people. I want to let them know that there are people in this world who are poor and should be paid attention to," says Rogovin, at 90 as committed as ever to his cause.

Rogovin's "forgotten ones" fill books. "Triptychs," a collection from those west side days, shows subjects first photographed in the 1970s and revisited in their careworn neighborhood in the 1980s and 1990s. The gritty "Portraits in Steel" shows Buffalo steelworkers on the job and at home shortly before the industry's catastrophic collapse.

Rogovin, the 1983 recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Award for humanistic photography, has found other "forgotten ones" in Buffalo's black churches, the coal mines of Appalachia, on New York Indian reservations and in far-flung corners of Chile, France,

Last year, he ensured that the forgotten ones would be forever remembered when he donated his entire archive of 1,200 boxed pictures, negatives and contact sheets to the Library of Congress, the

nation's premier photographic archive. "His dignified portraits of workers speak of the dreams and aspirations common to humanity," the Library said in a statement.

Rogovin's work as a social documentary photographer was honored oce again when he received the New York State Governor's Arts Award from Gov. George Pataki Nov. 20 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Rogovin did not set out to do this work. An optometrist, the father of three practiced for 20 years while keeping politically

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Graduating from Columbia University in 1931 in the midst of depression opened his eyes to the hardships of his forgotten ones. 'Whatever I did after that, I always had those people in mind," he

His activism would land him before the House Committee on Un-American Affairs in 1957.

"My practice was almost destroyed," Rogovin recalls of that dark "Children on our block were not permitted to speak to our children. Patients thought they would be tarred with the same brush so they stayed away."

It was such a difficult time," adds Anne Rogovin, who taught disabled children before retiring and becoming a fixture at her husband's side in the field. Especially since "every cell in his body is dedicated to the common man," she said.

It was then Rogovin found that he could still be heard. Rogovin was 48 and had no formal training when a friend asked him to take pictures while he recorded music at a black storefront church in Buffalo. Though his friend finished the recordings in three months, Rogovin became a fixture in that church and a handful of

active in the minority community, encouraging members to register others for three years, capturing the transitory nature of the buildings and the emotion of the services.

By going to do photography in the churches I felt, here's an opportunity to speak out again," Rogovin recalls. Eventually, he would close his optometry practice and devote all his time to pho-

Rogovin's work is in the collections of more than 20 institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the International Museum of Photography at the George Eastman House and the J. Paul Getty Center.

He has had one-man shows at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History and Buffalo's Albright-Knox Art Gallery

But, in the living room of the Buffalo home in which he and Anne have lived for more than 50 years, Rogovin is most proud of the photos that hang in a Buffalo subway station and line the walls at a health clinic in the poor neighborhood in which they were taken.

"In this neighborhood there is such potential there, but you know, under the condition that exists in our society, very little of their potential will come to fruition," Rogovin explains, "and this is what I'm trying to say. Here they are. Pay attention to them."

Environmentalists decry wetlands restoration plan

By LEON DROUIN KEITH **Associated Press Writer**

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) known as swamps, marshes and bogs, Bolsa Chica was tied to the ocean's undulations.

For millennia, its high tides and low tides nurtured creatures that wriggled in the mud and the cordgrass, and thus made a fine din-Southern California.

The Bolsa Chica wetlands lost its direct connection to the Pacific more than a centusouth of the inlet for construction. ry ago when its inlet was blocked off for the sake of a duck club. The discovery of oil decades later means walking-beam oil pumps slowly churn where marine life once teemed.

Now, in what may be the biggest and best chance to recover a chunk of the more than 90 percent of California coastal wetlands lost to human use, more than 1,200 acres of the in the Bolsa Chica lowlands. Orange County saltwater wetlands will be restored to something resembling its former inlet would give the wetlands only a shadow

But how close the resemblance will be is dividing former allies.

Environmentalists who had fought to save Bolsa Chica from development now question the idea of sacrificing beach land to create a new ocean inlet, the main measure in a \$63 million proposal put forward in an environmental report released this summer.

The document is the product of a Bolsa Chica steering committee that includes eight state and federal agencies. They collaborated three years ago to buy 880 acres of the wetlands from a developer who once planned a marina there.

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The preferred plan, which would be mostly funded by the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, would eliminate part of Bolsa Chica State Beach - across Pacific Coast ner spot for hundreds of bird species in Highway from the wetlands — to create a 360-foot-wide inlet. It temporarily would close areas of the beach 800 feet north and

> Estimates in the agencies' environmental impact report show that without an inlet, the project would be about \$40 million cheaper.

> "From an ecological value standpoint, there may be more bang for the buck by not doing such an aggressive restoration," said Evan Henry, president of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, which has fought efforts to build

> Defenders of the project say dropping the of its potential biological diversity. A 300acre portion of Bolsa Chica that was restored two decades ago represents only the beginning, they say.

> The existing wetlands relies on ocean water delivered through a channel running from Huntington Harbor a few miles north.

> The system mutes the tidal system, making the difference between high tide and low tide about 18 inches, said Jack Fancher, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife official and one of the project's managers. In a full tidal system, the difference would be as much as 10 feet.

> An inlet, which would have to be dredged

"We have fought tooth and nail right variety of wetlands habitats. Under such alongside some of these same people, but conditions, Fancher said, "the ecosystem (building an inlet) is just an unwise thing to blossoms" with great blue herons, great do," said Don Slaven, a member of the exec- egrets, California halibut, sea bass, Back when wetlands were less respectfully utive board of the local chapter of the anchovies, smelt and hundreds of other

"If you'd like to see 60 (fish) species instead of 10 or 12 species, you need an ocean inlet," Fancher said.

Restoration without an inlet "may still have some benefits, but it won't have all these others," Fancher said. "If your restoration potential is a 10, it gives you a 2."

Amigos de Bolsa Chica, a group that has fought to preserve the wetlands since development plans emerged in the mid-1970s, supports creating an inlet but contends it will need to be smaller for the project to gain the approval it needs from 16 different federal, state and local entities.

Dwight Sanders, Bolsa Chica's state-level project manager, said after officials produce a final environmental report that responds to concerns about the proposals, the steering committee will decide which of seven alternatives to put forward. The State Lands Commission could vote on a course of action sometime next year.

On the Net:

California State Lands Commission: http://www.slc.ca.gov

Bolsa Chica Wetlands Steering Committee: http://swr.ucsd.edu/hcd/bolsa.htm

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"I'm not going to lie to you," said Belanger, who has enjoyed his bird's-eye view above nine Super Bowls, 200 NFL games, the Olympics and World Cup. "I probably get bored less." Kathy Gameros has indulged

her husband's passion as far back as their wedding. From the tail of the blimp-shaped groom's cake rose a sign that read: "Go Army, Beat Navy."

They don't make cake pans for that, I'm told," she said.

At Christmas, the tree is sprinkled with blimps, large and small, hand-blown glass and

And though they'd like for their Shiba Inus, Kira and Kobi, to have a blimp chew toy, they haven't found one yet.

Friends, who have added dozens of greeting cards depicting dirigibles to Gameros' collection, alert him when one floats into Dallas-Fort Worth. Then Gameros "runs around the office, window to window, watching the blimp," said colleague Trey Cox. The Gameroses also raise their

eyes skyward — just in case. 'It's not a sunroof anymore," Kathy Gameros said of their can "It's a blimp roof."

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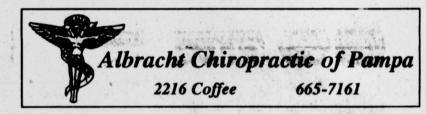
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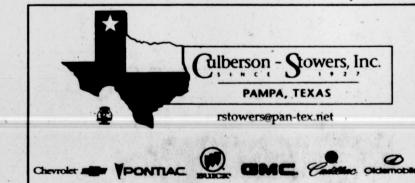


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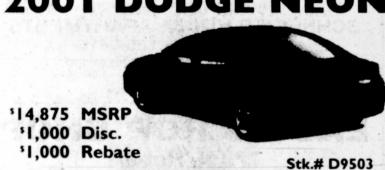


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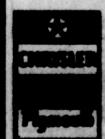
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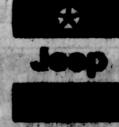
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