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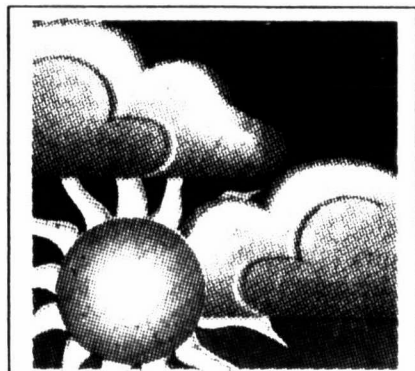
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One day remains to cast early ballot
 Gray County residents have one more day to vote early in the Election 2000 as early voting ends at 5 p.m. Friday.

County Clerk Susan Winborne told *The Pampa News* Thursday morning that 2,571 have cast ballots for the Nov. 7 election. The total includes voting by mail voters and early voters.

Winborne said the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. She added that no voting results will be given out until the polls close at 7 p.m.

Early voting is being conducted in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

A listing of the election day polling locations will appear in *The Pampa News* on Sunday.

Speech, Debate Team compete

PAMPA — Pampa High School Speech and Debate Team competed in the Coronado Classic held recently at Coronado High School in Lubbock. The team brought home five awards. Lance Burton and Josh Harrison broke the Quarterfinals in CX debate and earned two points toward TFA state. Richard Conner and Sarah Fraser broke to semi-finals and finals in Duet Acting and placed fourth overall. Conner also went to semis and finals in Prose Interpretation and won sixth overall.

- Darrell Andrews, 54, oil field roughneck
- Doris Oletha Kinnikin, 72, waitress
- Eloise Kitto, 90, services pending

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Precinct 1 Gray County Commissioner Joe Wheeley, left, listens as county resident L. H. Webb discusses his application with Gray County to build a neighborhood road for him to gain access to his property.

County hears road plea Fire pact talks on back burner

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners heard from L.H. Webb as he requested an access road to his property.

Webb and his wife, Emma, submitted an application for Gray County to grant permission for Webb to build a fence for him to gain access to his property. Commissioners took no action Wednesday on the matter.

County Clerk Susan Winborne said her office staff mailed a certified letter to the owner of the property, Beverly Brown, on Oct. 25 stating the request by Webb. However, Judge Richard Pect

said the green return card with Brown's signature has not been received. The commission decided to delay action to allow additional time for the receipt of the receipt or a response from Brown.

Webb wants to have a road which would allow him access to the property. He said the property on which he wants to build a gate is owned by Brown.

According to Webb's attorney, Kevin Nelson of Amarillo, and Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey, the Browns are not required to appear in county court if they do not oppose Webb's request.

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Wreck victim's family files suit against county

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

The husband of a woman killed in a collision with a county truck has filed a wrongful death suit against Gray County and the truck's driver in 223rd District Court here on behalf of himself and the couple's daughter.

Attorneys for Robert Dan Stuart and Alexis Stuart of El Reno, Okla., filed the suit naming Gray County and its employee, Kenneth Nickel, filed the suit naming Gray County and its employee, Kenneth Nickel, "acting within the course and scope" of his duties as an employee of Gray County caused the death of Cynthia Stuart on Nov. 30, 1998, as a "direct and proximate result of negligence".

According to Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports, the fatal collision happened about 3:30 p.m., Nov. 30, 1998, on Texas 152 nine miles east of Pampa. Mrs. Stuart, 30, was traveling east on Texas 152 in a 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle with her 11-month-old daughter Alexis. Nickel was driving semi-tractor trailer.

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Crash survivor phones mother

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Just as he promised, Singapore Airlines crash survivor Walter Lee Young called his mother in Pampa yesterday to reassure her that he's ok and receiving good care in a Taiwan hospital.

Blondine Young said Walter, 44, the youngest of her four children, didn't give her too many details of his harrowing experience Tuesday when he escaped the burning 747-400 jumbo jet that crashed on take-off.

Walter suffered burns on his hands and arms, and unlike some news reports are saying, he did not have burns on his legs, his mother said.

"It seems like he's afraid to talk to me," Mrs. Young said. "I think he worries I might get upset or have a heart attack or something. He really talks more with his sister Connie [Coble]."

And though Mrs. Young hasn't had any physical problems as a result of the ordeal, she is subject to break into tears when she talks about just how lucky her son is and how lucky the family is to still have him.

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Testimony starts; judge gives juror 30 days in jail

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Bobbie Simpson fought back tears this morning as District Attorney John Mann described the death of her great-grandson and her grand daughter's relationship with the man who is accused of killing the blonde-haired little boy.

Teland Milburn, 24, of Canadian, is accused of beating to death 2-year-old

Brendan Tyler Brown in May, 1999, at the house he shared with the boy's mother in Canadian. The trial was moved to 108th District Court in Amarillo on a change of venue due to publicity in Canadian.

Today started with a former juror being sent to jail, a Canadian attorney being barred from the courtroom and an opening statement by Mann outlining the state's case for the remaining jurors.

Christopher Eric Valenzuela, a juror who failed to appear Wednesday follow-

ing two days of jury selection in the capital murder case, was found in contempt of court today and sentenced to 30 days in Potter County jail.

Judge Steven Emmert also ruled that Mack Sansing, a Canadian attorney representing Caryn Lynn Brown, 19, the mother of the dead boy, and Robbie Simpson, Caryn Brown's cousin, could not be in the courtroom to hear testimony in the case.

On Jan. 6, Brown was charged with abandonment and endangerment to a

child after a Hemphill County Grand Jury indicted her on the charges and warrants were issued on Jan. 5. Justice of the Peace Frankie Hill of Canadian set bond on the two charges at \$15,000. Judge Hill said Wednesday.

Sansing was subpoenaed as a witness shortly before noon Wednesday. As a potential witness for the defense Sansing must be excluded from the courtroom during testimony.

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It's back! Polish Sausage event in White Deer Sunday

WHITE DEER — The Sacred Heart Parish of White Deer has scheduled its annual Polish Sausage Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 in the church's parish hall, one block east of Main Street.

Carolyn Rapstine, publicity chairman, says tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

This annual affair dates back to the summer of 1938, when the Rev. J.A. Zienta, a Polish priest, was pastor. The first sausage dinner was held in an open pasture north of White Deer and large black iron cauldrons were used to steam the sausage.

The rest of the food was prepared by the women in their homes, and the meal was served on plank tables. An old family recipe was used which had been handed down for generations. Approximately 150 people were served. Today more than 2,000 are served. Alice Haiduk, Isabel Urbanczyk and their sons are the seasoning experts.

Some 4,500 pounds of Polish links will be served barbecued or steamed in the traditional Polish way and will be accompanied by crisp slaw, red beans, potato salad and dessert. Takeout dinners as well as sausage-to-go, will be available.

The proceeds from the festival are used for parish need and charitable purposes.

White Deer is the only Polish oriented community in the Texas Panhandle.



Bart Wyatt and Brad Britten show how it's done to prepare for the annual White Deer Polish Sausage Dinner set for Sunday.



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Daily Record

Obituaries

DARRELL ANDREWS
CANADIAN — Darrell Andrews, 54, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Colony Baptist Church of Colony, Okla., with the Rev. Truman Smith officiating. Burial will be in Van Dyke Cemetery near Colony under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Andrews was born at Cordell, Okla., and graduated from high school at Guyton, Okla. He attended Panhandle State University at Goodwill, Okla., and lived at Clinton, Okla., and Woodward, Okla., prior to moving to Canadian in 1976.

He was an oil field roughneck in Texas and Oklahoma.

Survivors include a son, Tommy William Mohow; a sister, Sandra Cherry of Springtown; and a brother, Tommy Andrews of Canadian.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014; or to BSA Hospice.

The body will be available for viewing from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

DORIS OLETHA KINNIKIN

SHAMROCK — Doris Oletha Kinnikin, 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2000. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Dozier Cemetery at Dozier with Joe Jernigan officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Kinnikin was born in Collingsworth County and was a longtime Shamrock area resident, working as a waitress in local restaurants. She married Voda "Dude" Kinnikin in 1950 at Oklahoma City; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sisters, Juanita Brown, Mary Rankins and Lela Keys, all of Shamrock; and a brother, J.W. Sparkman of Michigan.

ELOISE KITTO

Eloise Kitto, 90, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.51
Milo	3.23
Corn	1.54
Soybeans	3.99

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	19.78	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magell	130.98	dn 1/8
Fairfax	19.16	dn 1/8

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

BP Amoco	50 1/4	dn 1/8
Cabot	19 5/8	dn 3/8
Cabot O&G	19 5/8	dn 3/8
Chevron	81 5/8	dn 1 3/16
Coca Cola	61 1/4	up 3/8

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TESTIMONY

Judge Emmert, however, ruled that Sansing can confer with his clients prior to their testimony but not following their testimony.

At two minutes after 9 a.m. today, the state announced ready in its case against Milburn. The defense asked to approach the bench.

A few minutes later, Milburn pleaded not guilty after the indictment for Brendan Brown's murder was read aloud.

Mann, in his opening statement, told the jury of four women and nine men, including only one alternate now, that he would present evidence showing that Leland Milburn and Caryn Brown were and are in a relationship that predates the baby's death by about four months.

Mann said that on the night of May 24, Milburn picked young Brendan up from Milburn's mother and took the two-year-old to his house in Canadian. Mann said that Caryn Brown joined them about 45 minutes later after she got off work from a local pizza restaurant.

The district attorney said that evidence would show that the small boy was asleep on a pallet in a second bedroom in the house and that Milburn and the baby's mother had a fight. She left and went to get cigarettes, then returned and the two sat on the

Police report

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Melford Hanks, 45, 533 Doyle, was detained at Ballard and Browning intersection on an instant warrant out of municipal court for failure to display registration, failure to change driver's license address within 30 days, and no proof of financial responsibility.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Christian Dale King, 18, 312 Miami, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety officers on capias pro fines for no valid driver's license, no liability insurance, failure to report an injury accident at once.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

7:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

7:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported one to PRMC.

11:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Nov. 2

11:13 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1200 block of Wells. The nature of the call was not listed on the fire report.

7:28 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road. The nature of the call was not listed on the fire report.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

WRECK

owned by Gray County south on County Road 18 when the collision occurred, according to Ron Shank, DPS trooper. The semi struck the Tahoe in the passenger side door, causing the Tahoe to flip and land on its top in the bar ditch.

Mrs. Stuart, critically injured, was flown by helicopter to an Amarillo hospital. She died of her injuries at about 4 p.m., Dec. 1. Alexis and Nickel were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by ambulance and were treated and released.

A Pampa News article about the wreck said that Mrs. Stuart, a 1986 Pampa High school graduate, had been visiting her parents and brother in Pampa and was returning to her home in El Reno.

A follow-up article reported the DPS officer as saying Nickel had "failed to yield right of way" at a stop sign.

The suit does not specify an amount of damages sought, asking for the "full amount available

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CRASH

There were 179 people on board the plane bound for Los Angeles when it may have hit something on the ground as the plane barreled down the runway at 145 mph. There were torrential rains and gusts of winds lashing the airport at the time as a typhoon closed in on the island.

When it crashed, the plane broke into at least three pieces and exploded into flames. Walter was seated on the right side of the plane near the wing where one of the breaks occurred. He escaped by climbing through a hole then jumping 10 to 20 feet and landing in a mud hole.

The death toll rose to 81 today. Another 40 people were hospitalized and 58 suffered minor injuries or escaped unhurt, according to The Associated Press.

At least 23 of the dead are said to be Americans. Meanwhile, Coble and her husband, Jesse, of Amarillo, and Walter's other sister, Debbie Nicholson of Canyon, are preparing to fly to Taiwan to see Walter, Mrs. Young said. Singapore Airlines is picking up the tab for their expenses.

Mrs. Young said she won't be going along due to her asthma condition.

But that doesn't mean she won't be busy. There's been little sleep and lots of answering calls from well-wishers and those from print and television reporters who want to tell Walter's story.

Mrs. Young has lived in Pampa off and since 1956 and has two sisters, Renetta Kidd and Barbara Howe, who live in Pampa. Her oldest son, Ronnie Young lives here, too.

Today, the Cobles and Nicholson are rounding up birth certificates and working to get passports. They'll fly to Los Angeles and from there to see Walter.

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against the defendant under the Texas Tort Claims Act," while stating that as a result of Cynthia Stuart's death, her husband and daughter, Robert and Alexis Stuart, "sustained damages in excess of minimum jurisdictional limits of the court."

According to court records, Mrs. Stuart's parents, Tom and Neoma Turner, formerly of Pampa, waived their rights in the suit, assigning all rights to their granddaughter and son-in-law.

Gray County, through its attorneys, filed an answer of general denial on Oct. 17, also, claiming the plaintiffs should "take nothing and the defendants be discharged from all liability."

In response to motions within the suit, District Judge Lee Waters granted a motion to allow Oklahoma attorney Derek Burch to represent the Stuarts pro hac vice in Texas this case only even though he is not a member of the Texas State Bar. Judge Waters also appointed Mark Buzzard as guardian ad litem (for this suit) at the request of the plaintiffs.

Their trip of thanksgiving will be in sharp contrast to the scenes today of sobbing relatives clutching onto one another in Taipei as they begin the grim process of identifying the bodies of their loved ones.

Walter has been living in Virginia Beach, Va., and works for a Virginia-based marine company as a medic. He served as a medic for almost 11 years in the U.S. Navy. He's also a 1976 graduate of Pampa High School.

During their conversation, Mrs. Young said her son wanted her to make sure his pay check had been deposited.

"You know when you are not working there are still bills to pay," Mrs. Young said. "He's got a condo payment to make."

Walter had gone to Taiwan to take the place of a ship's medic who had gotten ill, she said. But when he found out the job was going to last four months instead of one, he declined it and was coming back to the states.

Due to his injuries, Mrs. Young quoted her son as saying it will probably be December before he'll be able to go back to work. He was in the process of transferring to Gulfport, Miss., when the accident occurred.

She said she's not sure she wants Walter to come back with his family if he still needs to be hospitalized.

"He says he is getting good care ... I don't want him to get an infection in those burns."

Also, Walter isn't anxious to get back on an airplane, his mother said.

"He said he doesn't know what he's going to do ... he's still pretty shaky," Mrs. Young said. "But he's strong and I think with some counseling he'll be fine."

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Judge Peet and Commissioners Joe Wheelley, Gerald Wright and James Hefley unanimously voted to table any action to allow the Brown's time to respond if they desire.

Webb said he would pay for installing the gate and any damages to the Brown property. He said he would prefer a funnel gate in the western half and southeast corner of the property.

He said the least problem would be to build two gates as he is wanting access to go to the corner to gain access to his property.

Judge Peet reported to the commission new contracts must be drawn up with area paid and volunteer fire departments each year, according to an attorney general's opinion. He said some of the contracts with the area fire departments have not been changed since 1982.

Action on contracts with area fire departments was tabled until clarification of the contracts could be made. The county is considering contracts with the City of Pampa and several volunteer departments, including Hoover, Lefors, Wheeler, Groom, Skellytown, McLean, White Deer and Mobeetie.

Commissioners voted to adopt a resolution regarding the flood control plan which allows citizens to take out flood insurance.

Gray County is not mapped for flood insurance, said Peet. He said any new changes must be approved by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. County commissions must approve the resolution in order for county residents to take out the insurance, said Peet.

In other action, the commission approved changes to a contract with ArchiTexas, the architectural company which is contracted for the courthouse restoration project.

Commissioners voted to participate in the watershed project for the year 2001 and granted approval to County Clerk Winborne to replace an employee in her department.

The commission also decided to submit a credit card application with Wal-Mart. County Auditor Elaine Morris said Wal-Mart has notified her they will no longer have open accounts.

Judge Peet was appointed the representative of Gray County to the Gray County Appraisal Board of Directors. He replaces Commissioner Hefley who asked

not to be reappointed. Approval was granted to District Clerk Gaye Honerich to add Kena McQueary's name to the checking account in her office.

Commissioners approved payment of \$184,132 for county payroll and \$100,810 for county bills.

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City Briefs

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DANCE AT Moose Lodge to "Archie Lard", Sat., Nov. 4th. Members & guests.

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PAM ACTIVITY Club Craft & Bake Sale, Nov. 3rd & 4th, 8 a.m.-?, at Rec. Hall. Soup, cornbread, coffee, coffee & cake for sale. 1200 N. Wells.

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On day of recall, 13-month-old boy strangled by blinds cord

WILLINGBORO, N.J. (AP) — A 13-month-old boy was found dead in his crib, apparently strangled by the cord to a set of window blinds, the same day the government announced a recall of blinds because of the danger to children.

The boy, whose name was not released, was found in his crib with a cord from a nearby window blind wrapped around his neck at about 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, police said.

He had apparently awoke during the night, and "it appears the child became entangled in a looped cord from a pleated blind located near the crib," police Lt. Dennis De Pew said.

A police officer tried unsuccessfully to revive the child before taking him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy was scheduled.

When police arrived, the father was in the street yelling "My baby! My baby!" De Pew said. The mother was at work at the time.

Earlier Wednesday, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington announced the recall of 500 million horizontal window blinds believed to be the blame for the strangulations of

130 children since 1991.

Children can turn the pull cords into nooses around their necks, the commission and an industry group, Window Covering Safety Council, said Wednesday. About 55 million horizontal blinds are sold each year.

It wasn't immediately clear if the window blind was among those included in the recall. De Pew said he believed it was, though.

Peter Rush, head of the Window Covering Safety Council, said consumers can visit the council's Web site at <http://www.windowcoverings.org> to learn how to check blinds for safety.

The safety commission advises owners of blinds to call the council toll-free at 1-800-506-4636 to request a free repair kit for each set of blinds. The kits include small plastic attachments to prevent the inner cords from being pulled loose and safety tassels for pre-1995 blinds with looped pull cords.

On the Net: Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny today with a high of 60-65 and northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a low of 40-45. Winds will be northeast to easterly at 10 to 20 mph. Friday, cloudy and rain chances increase to 60 percent with a high of 50-55. High Wednesday was 63 and the overnight low, 40.

STATEWIDE - Dense fog shrouded parts of North Texas on Thursday in the wake of showers and thunderstorms from a cool front, with forecasters predicting more precipitation through the weekend.

Early-morning lows ranged from the 30s to 60s across the state under clearing skies.

Storms, some severe, accompanied the front as it tracked

across the region Wednesday night. East of the front, temperatures were unseasonably warm.

Extremes ranged from 51 degrees at Junction to 77 degrees at Brownsville and Port Isabel.

Rains had moved off by early Thursday to a line from Texarkana through College Station to northeast of San Antonio, the National Weather Service said.

Fog developed after midnight in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, in eastern areas of the region and across East Texas southward to the Coastal Bend.

The weather service issued a dense fog advisory for central and southeastern parts of the state and a flash flood watch for the south central region.

Winds west of the front were light and variable, mostly from the south, at 5 to 15 mph.

Ahead of the system, winds are out of the south and south-east at less than 10 mph.

The front was expected to stall near the Gulf of Mexico, bringing a likelihood of heavy rainfall for coastal regions.

For East Texas, skies will be mostly cloudy today with showers and thunderstorms likely. Daytime highs should be in the 70s to 80s.

More rain and thunderstorms were expected through Sunday morning.

Lows overnight were expected in the 30s to 50s.

The Abilene area has received its sixth wettest October on record, the weather service said.

Total rainfall for the month at Abilene Regional Airport was 7.01 inches, 4.50 inches above the monthly normal rainfall of 2.51 inches.

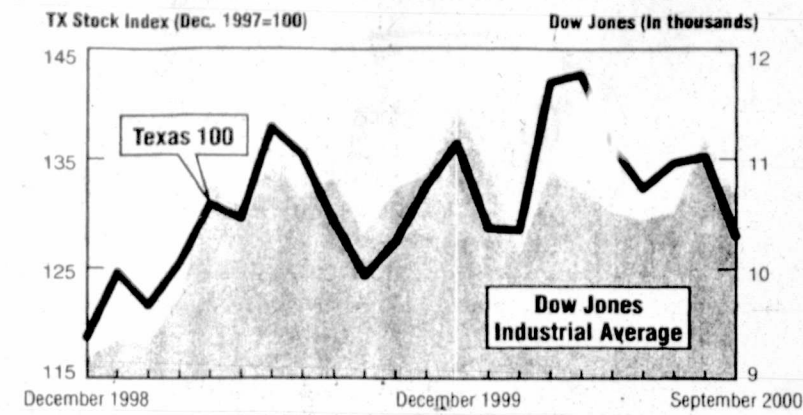
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The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 5.4% in September to a level of 128.0. Over the last 12 months, the index has risen 0.4% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials lost 0.7%.



Ups & downs by sector

Largest percentage changes in company stock prices

Sector	Change
Energy	+1.8%
Reliant	+25.6%
Texas Utilities	+13.4%
Exxon	+9.1%
Lyondell	-9.6%
Dupont	-8.9%
Halliburton	-7.7%
Other Manufacturing	+3.3%
Trinity	+20.7%
PepsiCo	+7.9%
VF	+7.9%
Goodyear	-23.1%
Coca Cola Ent.	-14.5%
I.P.	-14.5%
Entertainment & Travel	+0.2%
Darden	+17.6%
Southwest Airlines	+7.1%
Ticon	+5.1%
Phoenix	-14.3%
Delta Airlines	-10.4%
Brinker International	-5.9%
Retail	+2.4%
Walgreen	+15.3%
Target	+10.5%
Home Depot	+10.3%
Dillard's	-17.2%
J.C. Penney	-15.7%
Kmart	-13.6%
High Tech	-20.5%
Boeing	+17.0%
Lockheed	+16.1%
Verizon	+11.3%
AMD	-36.2%
Dell	-29.4%
Lucent Technologies	-27.4%
Service & Financial	+6.5%
Associates	+35.0%
Allstate	+19.5%
Federal Express	+9.9%
Sitel	-48.9%
Chase Manhattan	-17.2%
EDS	-16.7%

NOTE: The index reflects how much an investment of one dollar in each company made in December 1997 would be worth today (\$127.96)

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Rylander reports 5.4 percent slide in 100 Stock Index

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's Texas 100 Stock Index fell 7.28 points, or 5.4 percent in September, to 128.0. September also brought a 5.3 percent decline in the Standard and Poor's 500 and a 5 percent drop in the Dow Jones Industrials.

Only retail and energy sector stocks gained value, up 2.4 percent and 1.8 percent, respectively. In the energy sector, oil and utility company stocks rose, while chemical company shares fell.

High oil prices continue to affect the travel and entertainment sector. Higher jet fuel prices translate to higher passenger charges for airlines, while higher gasoline prices mean consumers may have less money to spend on travel, entertainment and dining out. Individual companies had a mixed month. For example, Southwest Airlines stock rose 7.1 percent, while Delta Air Lines stock fell 10.4 percent. Overall, travel and entertainment stock prices barely moved in September, dropping 0.2 percent, but are down 9.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Service and financial sector stock prices fell 6.5 percent overall. The star performer was Associates First Capital, a large issuer of credit cards and home equity loans, whose stock rose 35 percent when Citibank acquired the company.

Share prices in the non-high-tech "other manufacturing" sec-

tor fell 3.3 percent in September. Bridgestone Firestone Inc., whose stock fell more than 43 percent in August, dropped an additional seven percent last month. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. dropped 23.1 percent, despite the prospect that Goodyear may benefit from the Firestone tire recall.

High tech stocks, which have far out-performed other sectors this year, plummeted 20.5 percent in September. Investors have reaped so much profit from soaring technology stocks that any bad news, such as Intel's forecast of decreased chip shipments next quarter, can cause profit-taking.

The State Comptroller's Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock prices of the 100 largest publicly traded employers in the state. During the last 12 months, the Texas 100 has held quite steady, with an overall gain of 0.4 percent. The Dow Jones also changed little, dropping 0.7 percent. The Standard and Poor's 500 gained 5.4 percent during the year. The Texas 100 reflects the value of \$1 invested in each of the index's component companies in December 1997. That investment is now worth \$127.96.

Unemployment rate remains low in state

AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.3 percent in September, the Texas Workforce Commission recently reported.

"September's low rate is good news, with more than 214,000 Texans being added to the number employed since last September," TWC Chair Diane Rath said.

Nonagricultural jobs grew by an estimated 27,700 over the month, with widespread general industry growth.

The Construction industry added 1,800 jobs in September. "That represents an annual growth rate of 5.0 percent — the largest of any major industry in Texas," said commissioner representing Labor, T.F. O'Mahoney. (See TWC, Page 6)

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THREE PLACE

Three Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

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.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, will be accepting Christmas applications from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3 p.m., Oct. 9-13. Applications must include: Picture ID; birth certificates for each child in the household; Social Security cards for each individual in the household; and proof of income (pay check stub, award letters) and expense. For more information, call 665-7233.

AMERICAN LEGION E-CARDS

The American Legion is promoting free Veterans Day e-cards to celebrate Veterans Day, Nov. 11. This is the third year American Legion has offered the free, musical e-mail cards. To send a card to your special veteran simply visit the Veterans Day e-card service at the American Legion's homepage, www.legion.org on the World Wide Web.

POLISH SAUSAGE DINNER

Sacred Heart Parish of White Deer will hold its annual Polish Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 5 in the parish hall of the church in White Deer. Cost of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Takeout and sausage-to-go orders will be available. A video produced by the Carson County Square House Museum will be shown during the meal.

HOLIDAY HAPPENING

First Baptist Church Women's Fellowship Ministry will present a "Holiday Happening" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the church, 203 N. West. A meal of baked chicken and wild rice will be served and Jenna Edwards will perform in testimony and song. The guest speaker will be Nancy Rose of Amarillo. Her topic will be "Home for the Holidays." Cost is \$4 per plate. Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 10. For more information or to sign-up, call 669-1155.

ELECTION DAY CELEBRATION

United Methodist Church of McLean will host an Election Day dinner beginning at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7. Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings will be served. Cost of the annual event is \$6 per plate.

HIGHWAY PATROL MUSEUM

The Texas Highway Patrol Museum in San Antonio will unveil its new "Hall of Fame" exhibit with a special induction ceremony at 10 a.m. Nov. 18. Individuals with a combined 70-year service record with the DPS will be honored for their dedication. Other exhibits include "Hall of Honor," a tribute to 75 troopers killed in the line of duty, the "History of the Highway Patrol" and the "Medal of Valor" display. The museum also sponsors such programs as "Cruisin' to Coffins," which educates Texas school students on the perils of drinking and driving.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount

charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Oct. 4 and 18, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky.

FPC EXTENDED EDUCATION CLASSES

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes this month: Beginning Drawing; American Red Cross Adult Basic Life Support; and ARC CPR-Basic Life Support-Bloodborne Pathogen. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Nov. 7, Family Care Center, Shamrock; Nov. 28, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet # PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

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.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

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.



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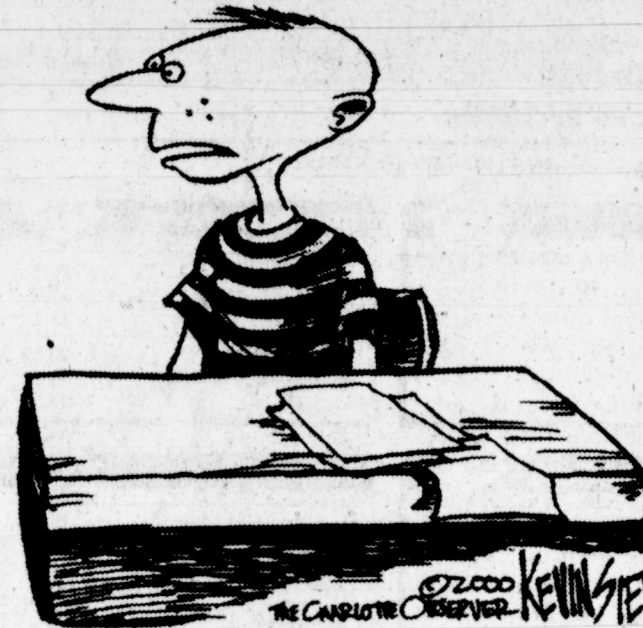
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TAKING STATE TESTS?



Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: San Antonio Express-News on candidates ignore issue of drugs:

Few issues impact Americans more than the illegal drug trade and not just because of the large drug-addicted population.

Largely because of the drug war and illegal immigration, this nation's 2,000-mile border with Mexico has become virtually a police state.

Yet neither presidential candidate has proposed a plan to stem the narcotics flow from nations like Mexico and Colombia.

Are Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore ducking the issue, or has the war on drugs lost its importance? Bush and Gore have had plenty of opportunities to address the drug crisis, which deserves their attention. But they have not done so.

The General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative agency, just finished a draft report critical of a \$1.3 billion aid package to Colombia. The assistance, announced by President Clinton during a recent one-day visit to the South American nation, consists mainly of military equipment. The GAO report says poor planning casts doubts on Colombia's ability to win the war.

Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox, who met with both Bush and Gore during a visit in August, wants to work closely with the United States because the illegal drug trade is a major threat to his ambitious agenda.

Perhaps because Fox also proposes an open border between the two nations, neither Bush nor Gore took him seriously.

The perception by many Americans is that the United States has lost the drug war. Both men need a workable plan that combats that notion.

They owe it to the nation, especially to the millions of young people either hooked on drugs or in danger of becoming addicted.

Election 2000 will soon be over ...

It's only five days until Election 2000 is over. Thank goodness. We will soon know who our 43rd president will be.

Early voting has been pretty brisk in Gray County, and I'm told that is the trend across the area.

There is only one more day (Friday) which qualified voters can vote in the early voting. On Tuesday, Nov. 7, the actual election day is held across the nation. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. and close until 7 p.m. The first voting returns will not be released until after the polls at 7 p.m.

I will really be glad when this election is over. Now, I don't know about the rest of your Texans, but I am quite irritated with all the 'Texas Bashing' which has gone on in the presidential campaign. If voters across the country believe Mr. Gore, they likely think Texas is a lousy place to live.

If voters listen to Mr. Gore and his campaign, Texas has the worst education system, our older people are living in horrible nursing home conditions, our environmental controls are the worst, we have a detestable criminal justice system because of the death penalty and the list goes on.

It seems to me that many of his statements might be, just might be, a little politically motivated, considering the timing. Considering our governor is his opponent, I think it might be highly possible.



Nancy Young

Managing editor

Has Bush been slamming Tennessee (Gore's home state)? I haven't read on the wire service in which Bush was criticizing Tennessee's policies. In fact, I haven't seen any negative stories about the Volunteer state.

A relative of mine tells me it is highly possible Gore won't carry his home state, and probably won't carry Arkansas—the home state of the Clinton's. She has been watching all the television coverage on the election. I don't know—I frequently use my 'off' button on my television.

As the campaign winds down, the rumors are swirling around like tornado clouds. Many of these rumors are nothing more than gossip, and continuous repetition of other rumors. Who knows the basis of these so-called bits of information about the candidates.

The family members of candidates had had to learn to develop a coat of heavy armor if they are to exist in the political world. I learned many years ago that anything can and will be

said about a candidate and his/her family in an election. Whether it's true or not doesn't seem to matter to many people. They have to be tough to endure.

It's the wives/husbands and children who really pay a price. Most of the time when the children want to discuss school or an upcoming football game with their parents during a campaign, an election crisis usually develops. It's a hard time for them, whichever party it is.

Anyone who files for any public office should expect to learn to walk on coals of fire. Many times they do, but so do the families. All candidates should really appreciate their families during these times.

Remember a lot of people will be runners up come next Wednesday morning. Let's not consider them losers.

Of course, I have my preference for president. In my opinion, it certainly won't hurt to have a Texas as U.S. President. I wasn't for the last Texan in the White House, and a lot in the Panhandle weren't. He was very powerful, and those of us who remember the Amarillo Air Base know that.

Now, I know the state of Texas isn't perfect, but I'm proud of it. I really hope Gore gets to read a good deal about the state during the next four years as Bush travels home to the 'Texas White House' on occasion from Washington, D. C. See you at the polls Tuesday!

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 2, the 307th day of 2000. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1948, President Truman surprised the experts by being re-elected in a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

On this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army" near Princeton, N.J.

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James K. Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, was born near Corsica, Ohio.

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

In 1920, radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh broadcast returns from the Harding-Cox presidential election.

In 1930, Haile Selassie was crowned emperor of Ethiopia.

In 1959, game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC-TV program "21."

In 1963, South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem was assassinated in a military coup.

In 1979, black militant Joanne Chesimard escaped from a New Jersey prison, where she'd been

serving a life sentence for the 1973 slaying of a New Jersey state trooper. (Chesimard, who has since taken the name Assata Shakur, now lives in Cuba.)

In 1994, a jury in Pensacola, Fla., convicted Paul Hill of murder for the shotgun slaying of an abortion provider and his bodyguard; Hill was sentenced to death.

Ten years ago: The White House announced that President Bush planned to spend Thanksgiving with American soldiers in Saudi Arabia.

Five years ago: A man claiming to have a bomb hijacked a school bus with 13 learning-disabled children aboard, leading authorities around Miami-area highways for an hour and a half before being

fatally shot by police. The United States expelled Daiwa Bank Limited for allegedly covering up \$1.1 billion in trading losses.

One year ago: Xerox repairman Byran Uyesugi opened fire on his coworkers in Honolulu, killing seven of them. (Uyesugi was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison.) Republicans pushed the year's last and biggest spending bill through Congress toward a sure veto by President Clinton.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Charlie Walker is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Earl "Speedo" Carroll (The Cadillac; The Coasters) is 63. Reform Party presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan is 62. Actress Stefanie Powers is 58.

Thought for today

"Many forms of government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

—Winston Churchill

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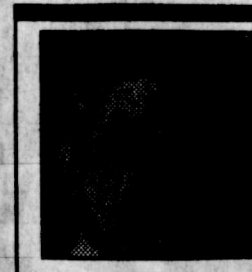
What would you say if I told you there's a sure-fire way to reduce child poverty, make kids more likely to stay in school and less likely to experiment with sex, and cause crime rates to drop even further?

Before you assume you've tuned into some late-night "infomercial" or — worse — a political convention, let me quickly unveil this seemingly magic cure-all: marriage. A growing body of social science research shows that marriage is the best antidote to a host of societal ills and that divorce is more harmful to children than most people think.

Which makes the number of U.S. children affected by divorce — more than 1 million a year, up from fewer than 500,000 in 1960 — all the more worrisome.

Heritage Foundation researchers Patrick Fagan and Robert Rector recently reviewed hundreds of articles and studies from leading social science journals to chart what they call "the downward spiral of family breakdown." Their report is a sobering read.

Consider the link between crime rates and family structure. You can actually use the divorce rate in a given area to predict its level of crime, according to University of Chicago sociology professor Robert Sampson, who studied 171 U.S. cities with populations above 100,000 and found that the lower a city's divorce rate, the lower its crime rate.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Another study tracked 6,400 boys over 20 years and found those who grew up without fathers in the home were two to three times more likely to commit crimes. In Wisconsin (the only state to release government data on the link between divorce and crime), children of divorced parents are 12 times more likely to serve time in jail than are children from intact, two-parent families.

Then there's the connection between divorce and poverty. According to Mary Corcoran, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, household income for children living with two parents averaged \$43,600. It dropped to \$25,300 following a divorce.

Studies also show divorce affects education. High school dropout rates are much higher among children of divorced parents than among children of always-married parents, and the children of divorce are 60 percent less likely

to attend college than children from always-married parents. Girls from intact families are also far less likely to skip school.

The effect of divorce on sexual behavior is noteworthy, too. U.S. and British studies show that daughters of divorced parents are more likely to engage in pre-marital sex. African-American girls are 42 percent less likely to have sex before age 18 if they live at home with their biological fathers. But a stepfather can have the opposite effect, with one study of Hispanic-American girls finding this makes them 72 percent more likely to have sex before 18.

The list of harmful effects goes on. But the question is, can anything be done to reverse the trend? Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, whose state has the second-highest divorce rate in the country, believes it must — and he has vowed to cut his state's rate by one-third over 10 years.

But Keating is not pushing big-government solutions. Instead, he's working with his state's private sector and religious communities to encourage marriage preparation and discourage divorce. Perhaps most importantly, Keating is using his bully pulpit to counter the widespread assumption that divorce is just another social arrangement.

No one's saying it should be impossible to get out of a marriage. But considering its importance to the health of our society, shouldn't it be just a little bit harder?

Gore, Bush trade charges in final days of campaign

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — Al Gore warned that rival George W. Bush offers the promise of "deficits and debt" as the two traded charges and chased each other through states that could hold the key to next Tuesday's election.

"We have worked too hard on this economy to put it all at risk," Gore said Thursday, opening his campaign day with a rally in Pennsylvania. "We've been down that road, and we're here to serve notice: We're not going back."

Gore has launched a high-risk offensive questioning Bush's capacity for the White House, and he returned to his core message that the Democrats should be credited for a sound economy.

"We have never had a chance this great to help every hard-working family open the door to their dreams," Gore said, invoking the nation's low unemployment, crime and inflation rates, as well as the large surplus.

Bush countered that Gore is a big-spending Democrat who would run the country into debt, a charge Gore said isn't backed up by the record.

"He wants to change the very best things about the economic course were on," said Gore.

President Clinton chimed in from Washington, urging minorities who have supported him to turn out in large numbers for Gore as "the next best thing."

Clinton has kept his distance in the campaign as Gore has made a point of running as his own man. The president spoke Thursday on the Tom Joyner radio show, greeted with shouts of "four more years" as he was introduced.

The Bush camp thought Clinton's comment made their point that Gore represents a bad legacy from the current administration. "Enough said. Thank you for making our case," spokeswoman Karen Hughes said.

The Democrats saw it as a compliment. "I think it's like when Mickey Mantle replaced Joe DiMaggio. It's two great players, but one era takes over for the other," Gore spokesman Chris Lehane said.

Continuing to hammer Bush on Social Security, the Democratic National Committee was updating a TV ad that accuses him of promising the same \$1 trillion to young workers for private

accounts and to current retirees. The only change from an ad released in mid-October is the opening line, which now says: "George W. Bush still won't answer questions about his Social Security plan."

Bush advisers say the \$2.4 trillion Social Security surplus will absorb the cost of the private accounts, but the surplus is already expected to run out once the baby boomers begin to retire. Draining money for private accounts will exacerbate the program's long-term solvency problems, and Bush has not explained how he will fix them.

Gore offered himself as a fiscal conservative as he swept across the country, warning Bush's proposals "would take us back to deficits and debt."

Both Bush and Gore were campaigning in Illinois on Thursday, with Bush also spending part of his day in Missouri and Wisconsin. Gore also was hitting Pennsylvania, Texas and New Mexico before flying into Missouri for the night to prepare for campaign stops Friday.

With five days remaining before the election, both were returning to core campaign themes, accusing the other of offering proposals likely to damage a relatively robust economy. Bush labels Gore a big spender, while Gore is polishing a populist riff depicting Bush as a tool of the rich.

Bush also questioned Gore's trustworthiness.

Firing back, Gore began airing tough new ads questioning whether Texas Gov. Bush has what it takes to be president.

The spot blasts Bush on taxes, the environment, children's health care and the minimum wage in Texas. It closes by asking, "Is he ready to lead America?"

Gore's campaign debated the move for days, with some strategists warning the ad would appear desperate in the campaign's final days. Others pushed the aggressive step, arguing that the biggest doubt most voters have about Bush is his capacity to lead.

Gore running mate Joseph Lieberman and campaign surrogates, including Tipper Gore, opened the week arguing that Bush is unqualified for the job, but Gore has not joined them.

Appearing at a community center in University City, Mo., Thursday, Lieberman stood in

front of a giant Social Security card and told 350 people that Bush was promising \$1 trillion to younger people to invest on their own, taking that money from older people's Social Security checks.

"In promising that same trillion dollars to two groups of people, the governor has given new meaning to an old phrase, 'the Texas two-step.' It may be a good dance, but not with people's retirement funds," Lieberman said.

He also praised the widow of Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, who died last month in a plane crash. Jean Carnahan is encouraging voters to support her husband for Senate. She has said she would accept appointment to the office in his place.

On Wednesday, Bush raised the issue of Gore's credibility during a swing through Minnesota, yet another Midwestern state where polls show a close race.

Bush accused Gore of "spending without discipline, spending without priorities and spending without end."

"Al Gore's massive spending would mean slower growth and higher taxes," he warned. "And it could mean an end to our prosperity."

Gore fired back, telling seniors in Florida he'd protect Social Security while Bush would bankrupt the program. Mrs. Gore and Lieberman also aided the candidate in Florida, another state with a tight race although Bush's brother is the governor.

"My opponent talks about a commitment to today's retirees," Gore said. "But let's be clear on this: Soothing words don't pay the rent, much less buy prescription medicine."

Seniors, he said, should vote to "save Social Security" by sticking with Democrats. Bush was firing back Thursday with a reprise of his plans to reform Medicare and provide coverage for prescription drugs, setting up his own weekend swing through Florida.

Previewing the issue, he told an audience in Duluth, Minn., Wednesday night that "political Halloween evidently is still going on."

"My opponent is still trying to scare seniors," he said, and was answered with cheers.

Polls generally show the race competitive, but Democrats are worried about a survey Wednesday by the Pew Research Center showing Bush generating more enthusiasm among his backers, and voters becoming increasingly comfortable with his stand on issues.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Associated Press Writer Laurie Kellman contributed to this report from Minnesota.

New CofC member



The Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member Edward Jones Investments at 408 W. Kingsmill. From left, Scott Hahn, Mary McDaniel, Ben Watson, Edward Jones representative, Joetta Bailey, Dick Stowers and Jack Reeve.

Autopsy: Toddler froze in woods after Dad went out to scout deer

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Autopsy findings appear to end suspicion that a 2-year-old boy found dead in the Utah woods was killed by his father, authorities said.

The boy froze to death after leaving Paul Wayment's pickup truck and wandering into the woods by himself, the Utah medical examiner said in a preliminary finding. Gage Wayment died of hypothermia. It wasn't known when he died.

Despite Wednesday's finding, the father was still expected to take a lie-detector test later this week.

"He's as anxious to clear himself from any accusations as we are to determine all the facts in this particular incident," Summit County Detective Rob Berry said.

The boy, whose pajamas feet were worn through, walked for miles after leaving the truck last Thursday. Authorities said he had a scratch on his face — indicating he walked through brush — but no other injuries.

A volunteer and his dog found the boy under several inches of snow early this week. The searcher was lost and couldn't notify police until Tuesday, telling them he found the boy in a fetal position and carried the body for hours.

There was no explanation of how the little boy got so far into the wilderness that hundreds of searchers and dogs couldn't find him.

Wayment, 37, told police he had parked his truck while he scouted for deer in the rugged hunting area 35 miles from Salt Lake City.

He said the boy was sleeping and strapped in his car seat when he left, but was gone when he returned about 40 minutes later.

Investigators had discounted the likelihood of a kidnapper because the private hunting area is accessible only through a gate with a combination lock. Wayment was questioned three times by police.

Wayment was awarded temporary custody of the boy in June and a review hearing was scheduled within the next two months. His former wife was stripped of custody of all six of her children from four marriages.

"I know what my brother did was not the best," Paul Wayment's sister, Valerie Burke, said Monday. "But that little boy was absolutely his whole life. He's not the irresponsible terrible person that a lot of people are concluding."

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Girl pierced by pencil in heart ready to leave hospital after treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — A 6-year-old girl whose heart was pierced by a No. 2 pencil is ready to go home from the hospital after a freak accident in school.

Although it's been less than a week since the pencil was lodged three inches deep in the first-grader's chest, doctors say Destiny Lopez has healed enough to leave Ben Taub Hospital on Thursday. With some follow-up treatment, the student probably won't face any long-term complications, according to the Houston Chronicle.

"She has made amazing progress and, with some follow-up treatment, she probably won't face any long-term complications," said Dr. Todd Maxson, Destiny's pediatric trauma surgeon.

A hospital spokeswoman did not return a telephone call Thursday morning to The Associated Press.

Victoria Cereceres, Destiny's mother, said her daughter has had a few nightmares about the accident and will see a psychologist. Cereceres, a single working mother, also is arranging for a tutor to assist her daughter with her studies at home for the remainder of the school year.

The accident happened last Thursday, when Destiny was walking to her desk after turning in a writing assignment at Youens Elementary School in Alief. She tripped and fell on her pencil, which pierced her abdomen and traveled straight up through her diaphragm into her heart.

Doctors said Destiny's teacher, Terry Kirksey, saved the girl's life by not removing the pencil, which would have caused her to bleed to death.

Destiny spent most of the week in the hospital's intensive care unit recovering from surgery to seal the perforation in her right ventricle.

Maxson said the puncture should heal in just a few weeks. But her sternum, which was cracked during surgery to reach Destiny's heart, will take about two months to heal.

Destiny is scheduled to go home Thursday. She has been able to get up from her bed and walk across the hospital room by Monday, and even participated in a Halloween parade for pediatric unit patients.

"I'm surprised she's moving around as fast as she is," Cereceres said of her only child. "The staff and nurses have really helped motivate her on top of caring for her."

"Every time I think about it, I just want to drop to my knees and thank them for saving my life — by saving Destiny's life, they saved my life."

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During this time, it was determined that my pulse was very low and I was facing a life-threatening situation. The emergency room doctor, Dr. Bruce Harrow

determined that I was bleeding internally and did offer me the option of being transferred to Amarillo — even though there was some doubt that I could make the trip. I opted to stay in Pampa, was admitted to ICU, and this is the rest of the story:

Further tests were made to determine my condition and shortly after lunch the next day (Sunday), Dr. George Smith, Pampa's new surgeon, came into my ICU cubicle and told my family the prognosis of a ruptured spleen and he would be immediately preparing for surgery. I was taken to surgery and dur-

ing the ordeal found that not only had my spleen ruptured, it had somehow turned itself wrong side out and about four-fifths of my body's blood supply had accumulated in my abdominal cavity. Fortunately, the surgery went well, and before long I was back in ICU. I remained there for three more days before being transferred to a private room for an additional three days.

I want to tell you how very lucky we are to have a wonderful medical facility here in Pampa. I can honestly say that had it not been for the caring efforts of Dr. Bruce Harrow and Dr. George Smith, I would not be alive today. They were not only great but I felt a sense of compassion from both of them and they were faithful in checking on me daily to see my progress.

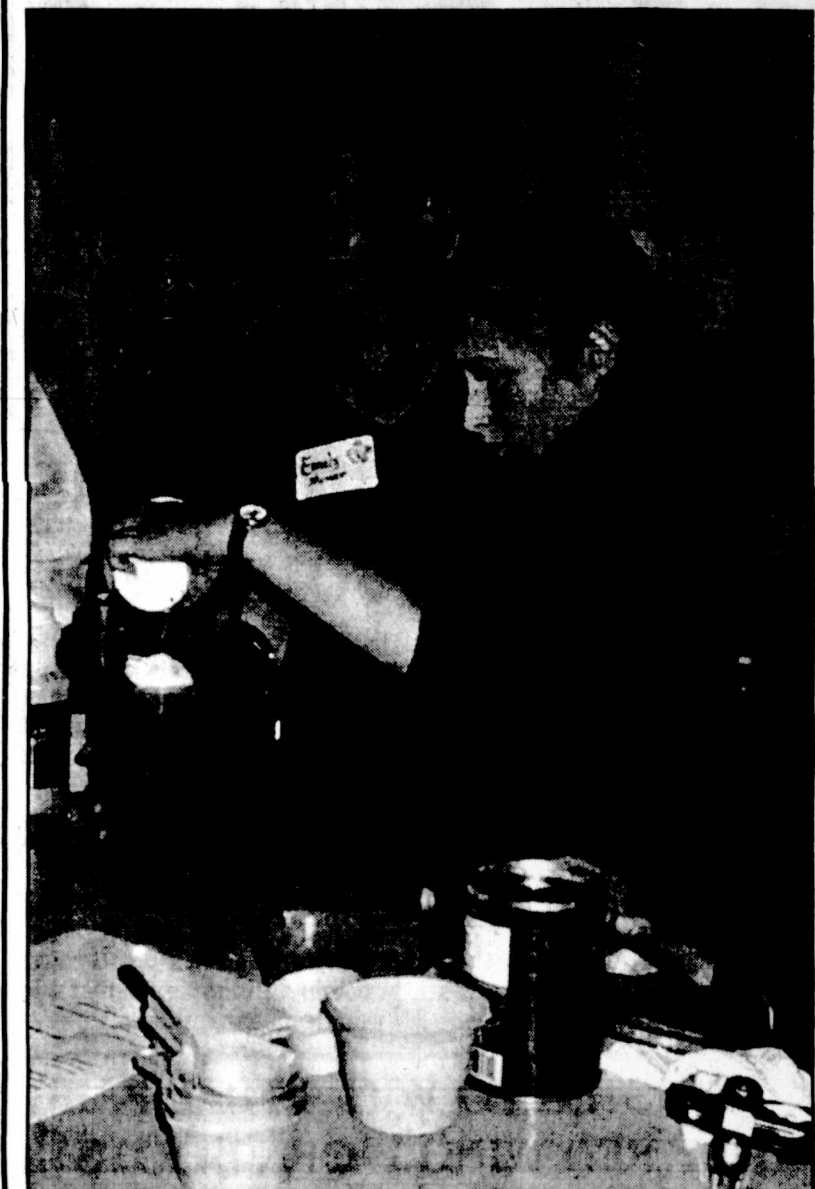
Dr. Mohan also stopped by my room to say hello and to check on me following a weekend out of town. The hospital staff, both in the ICU area and on the floor wing, were wonderful and never for one time did I doubt that I was getting the best of care. I could not have been better taken care of had I been able to choose to go to Amarillo — and staying here made it much more convenient for my family.

The next time you get a chance, drive out to Pampa Regional Medical Center and take a look at all of the new changes that have been made including the emergency room, and the outpatient area — just to mention a few.

So people, the next time you talk about what Pampa might not have, stop and observe what we do have and be thankful for the growing facet of the wonderful medical facility we have, the excellent doctors and hospital staff we have, and keep a positive attitude. We need this medical availability in Pampa and I can proudly say not only do I feel I acquired two wonderful doctors to address my medical needs, but I have found a special friendship with both.

I'm "Positive About Pampa!"
— Nancy Hahn

Food workshop



(Photo by Judy Elliott)

Gray County 4-Her and teen leader, Emily Nusser, looked on recently as Rachel Schwerzenbach of Canadian adds yogurt to a fruit smoothie during the Multi-County Foods Workshop. The workshop was held in preparation for the upcoming Gray County Food Show slated Saturday, Nov. 11.

Man charged in bathtub slayings

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The man accused of killing two women in the so-called bathtub slayings has also been indicted on three aggravated sexual assault charges.

Dale Devon Scheanette already faces capital murder charges in the 1996 slayings of Christine Vu and Wendie Prescott. Both victims, who were residents of an Arlington apartment complex, were found naked in their half-filled bathtubs.

Scheanette, who remained Thursday in Tarrant County Jail, was indicted by a Dallas County grand jury in connection with three October 1998 attacks on women who lived at the Portafino apartment complex in Lancaster, a southern Dallas County suburb, and at a second complex in that city.

Before the indictments Wednesday, the 27-year-old defendant also had been charged with sexual assaults in nearby Grand Prairie and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Prosecutors say DNA evidence has linked Scheanette to the five North Texas rapes.

Salvation Army Angel Tree



(Special photo)

Lt. Dolores Watts of the Salvation Army takes applications for the annual Angel Tree and Food Distribution slated Friday, Dec. 22. To date, the Salvation Army has taken 140 applications of assistance this holiday season and will accept up to 160 more.

Livestock authorities to participate in disease outbreak exercise

AUSTIN — As part of an international test exercise, Texas livestock authorities will test their disease "response-ability" early this month with a simulated outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in South Texas.

Foot-and-mouth disease is a highly contagious viral disease that does not affect humans but causes severe blistering and open lesions in the mouth and on hooves and teats of susceptible animals. Animals stricken by this foreign animal disease become lame, lose weight, stop producing milk and become debilitated. Young animals may die.

"This is an opportunity to test our planned response to a livestock disaster in Texas, as we'll be the U.S. site for the initial disease outbreak for this exercise. We want to see how quickly and efficiently we can tackle an outbreak," said Dr. Walter Riggs, area epidemiologist in Texas for the USDA's Veterinary Services.

Riggs and Dr. Ken Waldrup, field epidemiologist for Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency, are members of the international planning team which has included livestock authorities from the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

"Even one case of foot-and-mouth disease could stop our ability to trade livestock and livestock products across state lines and internationally," said Dr. Riggs. "Because it is so contagious, and we have so much global trade and travel, this fast-moving disease always poses a threat to North America. It is also an excellent disease for an exercise scenario, as it can affect a wide variety of livestock and moves quickly through a population."

Riggs said the simulated outbreak will demonstrate how long disease can go unnoticed and how quickly the virus can spread among susceptible animals which include cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer and all other species with cloven or split hooves.

No animals will be sacrificed in the exercise. However, in an actual outbreak, affected animals would be destroyed to stop the spread of the disease.

In such a case, carcasses would be burned or buried and premises would be disinfected. Strict livestock movement restrictions, biosecurity practices and administration of vaccines are all control measures employed to contain such an outbreak.

Dr. Riggs went on to explain how a simulation of a foreign disease outbreak can help TAHC and USDA "Texas Emergency Response Team" or TERT coordinate with each other, practicing working within the structure of Texas Division of Emergency Management, headed by Texas Department of Public Safety.

Under this statewide system, TERT can benefit from equipment, manpower and technical assistance from agencies such as Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Health and local disaster emergency management organizations.

Actual outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in recent months have resulted in thousands of animals being destroyed. In Greece, more than 7,000 affected head were depopulated while in South Africa, nearly 1,000 animals had to be killed.

In South America, more than 14,000 head were destroyed in Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Uruguay. In addition to the direct losses of livestock, affected countries suffer severe trade restrictions until they are proven to be disease-free. Restrictions can apply not only to susceptible live animals but also frozen meats, processed products, such as hams, and leather goods.

In conclusion, on an international level, said Dr. Riggs, the exercise will test communications, coordination and decision-making among Canadian, Mexican and U.S. livestock health authorities. The countries will have to determine when and where extremely limited supplies of foot-and-mouth vaccine will be distributed and used.

RRC sets gas production allowables for November

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission has set November natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 35,880,703 mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the November 2000 allowable represents an increase of 861,223 mcf when compared to actual production of 35,019,480 mcf in November 1999. In setting the November 2000 allowable, the commission used historical production figures from November 1999 and producer forecasts for the November 2000 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc. Gas

well gas from prorated fields accounts for 10 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Texas natural gas in storage reported the commission for the month of September compares 210,136,433 mcf to 314,940,539 mcf in September 1999. The October 2000 gas storage estimate is 210,094,486 mcf.

Preliminary statewide production reported for August 2000 is 32,882,041 barrels of

crude oil and 385,802,131 mcf of gas well gas. The commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0332 for crude oil and 1.0756 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casing-head gas or condensate.)

The next hearing has been scheduled at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 20.

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The Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities industry gained 1,800 jobs in September. "The industry leads the Service Producing Sector with a 4.2 percent annual growth and has added 24,000 jobs in the last year," said commissioner representing Employers, Ron Lehman.

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas was 1.5 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next at

2.1 percent, followed by Lubbock at 2.5 percent. The Dallas and Killeen-Temple MSAs were fourth lowest at 3.3 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 13.4 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA. El Paso followed at 8.5 percent, with Beaumont-Port Arthur and Brownsville-Harlingen both at 8.1 percent and Brazoria at 6.9 percent.

"September's figures demonstrate the Texas economy's ability to add jobs while maintaining historically low levels of unemployment," Rath said.

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Middle School honor roll

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Neighbor Struggles to Strike Match of His Dreams on Fire

DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor (friend) who's 55. I'm 60. We're both in good physical condition and share similar interests. No matter what we do, we always have a good time. I've gotten to know her well enough to consider her the match of my dreams.

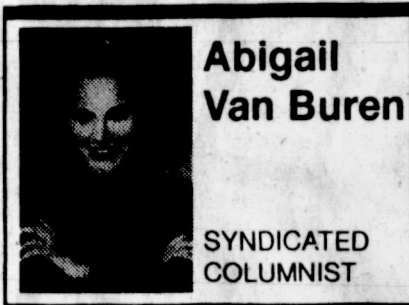
She knows how I feel about her, but early on, she stated that she had a history of bad relationships. (She's been married twice; I've been married once.) She claims that most men want only to dominate her.

Every single holiday, she leaves town accompanied by other friends with no other word to me than, "Talk to you later!" As I write this, she's been gone four days following a 10-day illness. During those 10 days, I nursed her - running errands, buying her flowers, washing her car, bringing her food, you name it.

I don't know what to do. I have respected her privacy and given her all the space she seems to need, and I hate to walk away. This feeling of being left standing on the back porch while she's running out the front door has become really hurtful. My friends say if I confront her, she'll be gone - and maybe I should just enjoy our relationship for what it is.

Abby, what's your take on this? SMITTEN IN ODESSA, TEXAS

DEAR SMITTEN: When it's clear that no commitment is forthcoming, people who want a serious relationship usually



Abigail Van Buren

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drift away. Only those who think they do not deserve better remain in the unhappy "status quo."

DEAR ABBY: After reading "Missing Mom in Minneapolis," about the sister who submitted a \$10,000 bill to her mother's estate for services rendered, I was compelled to write.

I once worked for a private home health-care agency in Maryland, doing all of their billing and payroll. I understand matters of money are difficult, especially when a family member dies.

The sister who was not asked to care for their mother, but did so anyway, probably wasn't offered any help either. Had their mother had to pay for those services (24 hours/365 days/five years), the costs would have totaled about \$265,000.

That family not only got a terrific deal financially, but I'm sure the mother appreciated having a family member look after her when she needed it most.

NAVY WIFE LIVING IN JAPAN

DEAR NAVY WIFE: I agree. P.S. Your figures are astonishing!

DEAR ABBY: At the end of this week, I'll be leaving my job after working here for 14 years. A co-worker with whom I have worked for three years has given me a very expensive gift worth around \$400. I suppose it's a token of friendship. He didn't really explain; he just said, "I've got something for you."

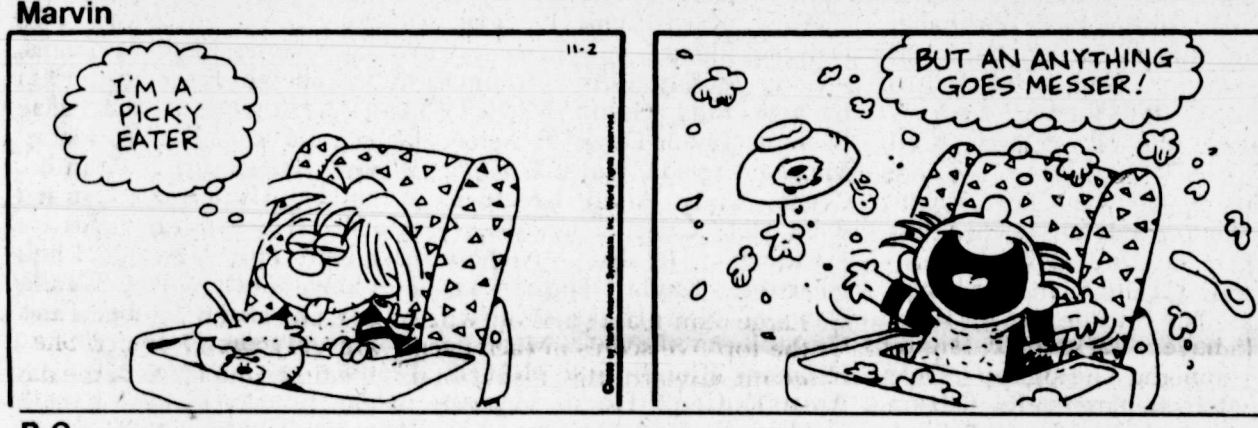
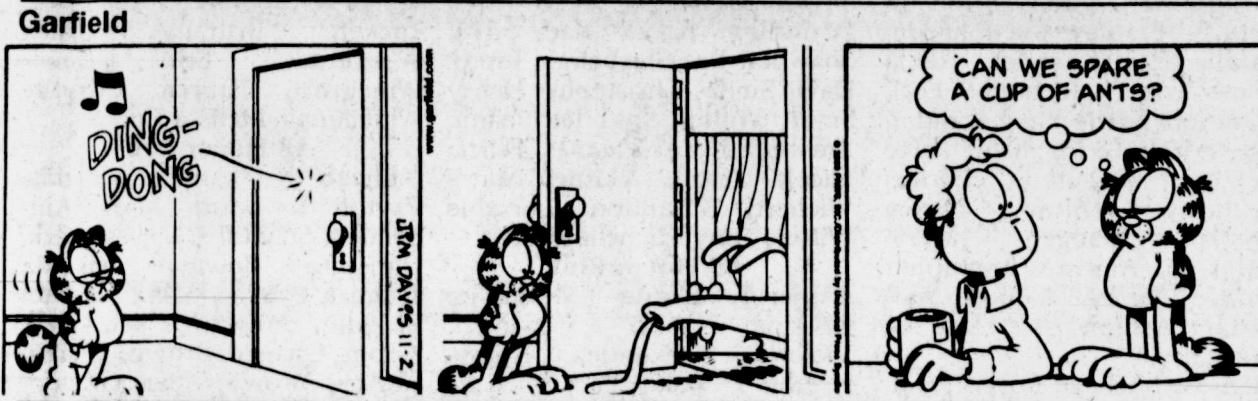
Frankly, I was shocked to get such a lavish gift. It's something he and I had spoken about, so he knew I adored it, but would never buy it for myself.

Abby, what should I do? Some people in the office are saying I shouldn't accept it; others tell me I should give him an expensive gift in return. Your thoughts, please.

EAGER TO MAKE THE RIGHT MOVE

DEAR EAGER: If your co-worker hadn't been able to afford the gift, he would not have given it. Since you had discussed the item with him, he knew it was something you would like. Count your blessings - not the least of which is that you have such a generous friend. Write him a lovely thank-you letter, keep the gift (and his phone number), and enjoy utilizing both of them.

For Better or For Worse



Horoscope

FRIDAY, NOV. 3, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Share what appears to be a great idea with co-workers. Don't settle for less than what you want. Good news arrives on your doorstep. Make calls and seek out others. A partner becomes more testy than he has been for a while. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You carry more than your weight at the office. Others might dump work on you. Could you be too willing? The plus is that you gain financially and make more money. Know your assets. Be willing to demand more of what you want. Consider a new exercise program. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your optimism helps others. Together you can make something special happen that you have wanted for a long time. Your caring flows in an unprecedented manner. Do some thinking about a loved one and what would make him happy. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Work with others and get to the bottom of a problem. A loved one or associate might be daydreaming and have stars in his eyes. Use his enthusiasm, and make what you want happen.

Stay on top of funds and work. Your instincts guide you. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Defer to others, as you will have little choice, anyway! Don't cause yourself a problem. Stay open. Get together with a friend whom you associate with good times but whom you also consider unusually bright. Together you come up with answers. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Get into work. Expect to do nothing less than 100 percent. Accept a money-making opportunity. You gain professionally. Others look to you for direction. Popularity soars to a new level. Make your work conform to your interests and creative needs. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Do what feels good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your high energy comes out. If you feel frustrated, you could become testy. Allow more of your creativity to come out. Let your imagination lead you about work and personal matters. You add that extra touch. Humor adds to the conviviality of work. Tonight: Follow your desires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Step back and take your time with personal matters. Carefully check out an investment. You could easily make a mistake. Your follow-through does make a big difference. A partner eases the way. Ask for what you really want. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Express your caring nature. Another appreciates your call and responds to your positive energy. What

might have been a problem clears up. Zero in on what you want. Bring friends together and share news. Your intuition guides you in a new direction. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Expenses might need a strong hand. Curb spending. Take a strong overview. Your work demands a lot of attention, as more than one project might be cooking. A boss or someone in charge makes demands. Your temper could be triggered when you least expect it. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You can let your imagination guide you. Explore options. Make calls or take a strong action that will expose you to new ways of thinking. You're running on all cylinders. Others enjoy touching base with you. Ideas flourish. A new friendship could develop into a lot more. Tonight: Decide first what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Say little, especially if you're not sure of facts. An associate could be explosive or somewhat touchy. You might want to explore what is going on with this person without getting defensive. Your optimism drives you, making nearly anything possible. Tonight: Stay close to home.

BORN TODAY

TV personality Dennis Miller (1953), musician Adam Ant (1954), actress Roseanne (1952)

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Crossword Puzzle

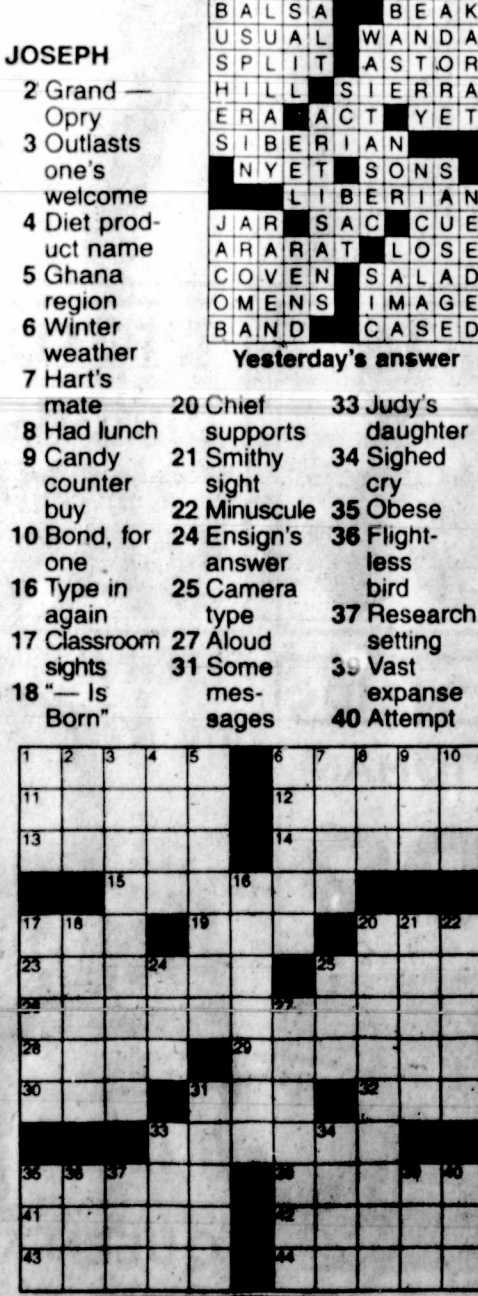
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Marmaduke



"You can hide a bone better than that."

The Family Circus



"When do my 'good ol' days' begin?"

SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa-Canyon 7th grade A game was canceled because of heavy rainfall Monday night.

The B team game played earlier was won by Canyon 12-6.

Trevor Day scored Pampa's touchdown on a 2-yard run. Weston Teichmann and Ryan Torres each had fumble recoveries.

Pampa middle school teams close out the season Tuesday at home against Westover. The B team plays first at 5 p.m.

Pampa A has a 1-3-1 record while Pampa B is 5-1.

PAMPA — Pampa shut out Canyon 22-0 in an 8th grade football game played earlier this week.

Seth Foster scored in every-way possible for Pampa. He scored twice on runs of 5 and 72 yards and caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Tyler Doughty. He also kicked a 42-yard field goal and had a 2-point conversion run.

Pampa improved its record to 5-1.

Pampa also won the B team game 24-8.

Jared Winegeart caught two touchdown passes covering 50 and 21 yards from Drew Morrison and Dusty Lenderman. Lenderman and Cameron Seger each scored on 5-yard runs.

Sam Gambie and Uriel Pena each had an interception.

Pampa B team improved to 4-1-1 for the year.

The 8th graders play their last games Nov. 7 at Valleyview. Game times are 5 p.m. (B team) and 6:30 p.m. (A team).

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Kids and Youth Club will have basketball signups tonight. The signup is from 6 to 8 at Topographic's, located at 2225 North Perryton Parkway (between Dollar General and Western Auto). Another signup is scheduled for Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in front of Wal-Mart and Frank's Grocery.

The signups are for boys and girls teams in Kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Cost is \$20 for one player, \$35 for two players, \$45 for three players. Scholarships are available.

The club is also seeking coaches, referees and sponsors. If interested, call 669-8236.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars made sure they didn't take the Columbus Blue Jackets lightly.

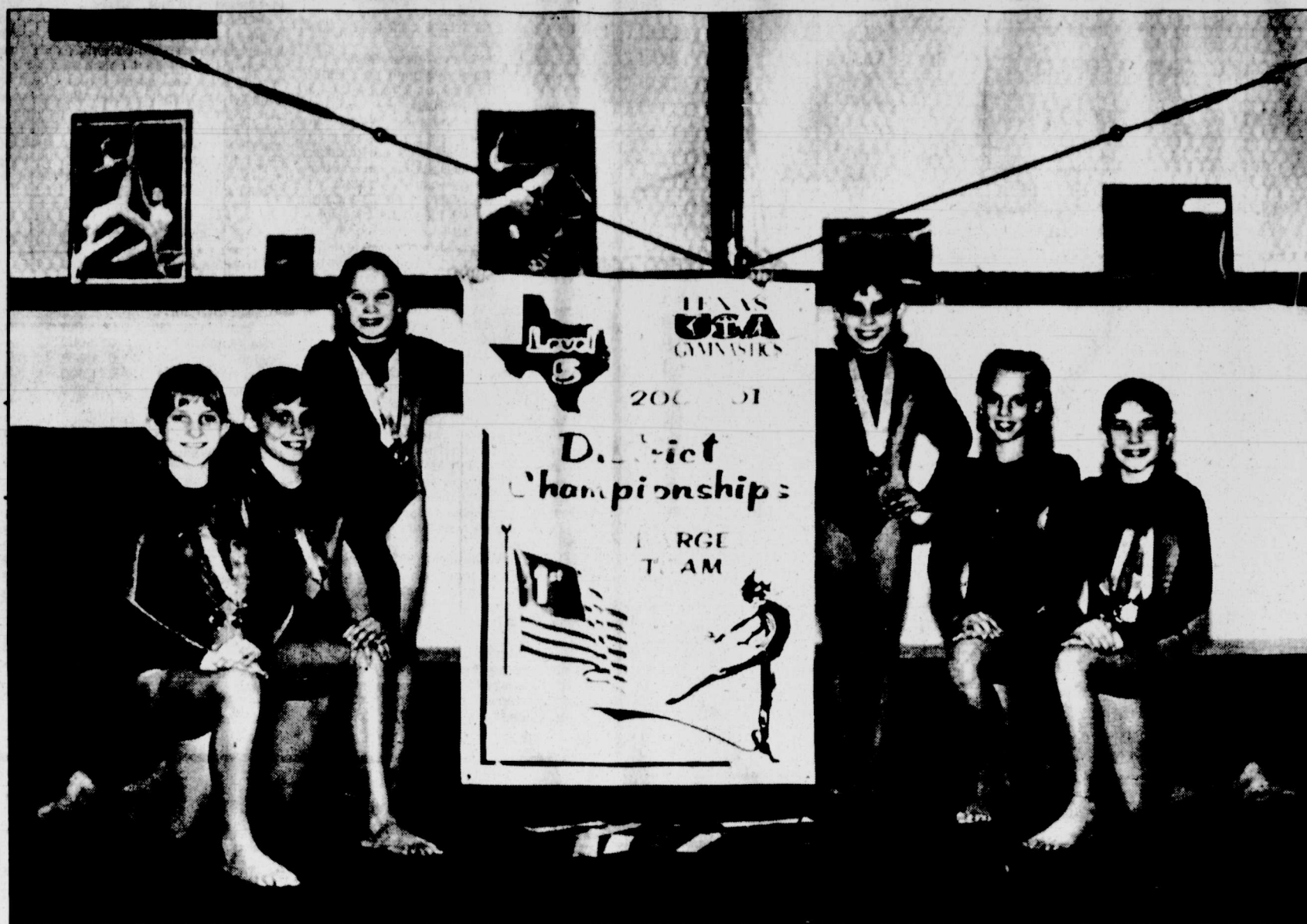
That would have been natural enough for Dallas, which has been in the Stanley Cup finals the last two years. After all, the expansion Blue Jackets are 13 games into their inaugural season and were meeting the Stars for the first time.

Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice as Dallas beat Columbus 4-0 Wednesday night, ending the Stars' three-game losing streak.

"Sometimes you can take a new team for granted," said Stars goalie Ed Belfour, who made 14 saves for his second shutout of the season and 51st of his career. "It happens, but tonight we wouldn't let it."

Nieuwendyk, a two-time 50-goal scorer over his 15-year career, is trying to recover from a 15-goal effort last season, which was marked by injuries and ineffective play. He already has seven goals in 13 games.

"It was a difficult season last year because of all the injuries," Nieuwendyk said. "I just feel much better and that makes it a lot more fun to go to the rink every day. I feel confident, and my health is the key."



Gymnastics of Pampa Level 5 District Team Champions: Left to right, Lacie Thompson, Keisha Crowell, Kelby Doughty, Brittany Klein, Brandi Holden and Brittany Warminski.

Local gymnasts win another team title

LUBBOCK — Gymnastics of Pampa's Level 5 gymnasts won their second straight District Team championship at the recent District One Championships in Lubbock. The Level 5 team was led by 11-year-old Brittany Warminski, the District All-Around Champion.

Brittany and her teammates competed against teams from San Angelo, Lubbock, Big Spring, El Paso, Midland, Odessa and Amarillo in the Large Man Team Division, where the top five scores in each event count toward the team total. Team Pampa had six competitors in Level 5 at the District Championships. San Angelo, the runnerup in the Large Man Division, was competing with nine Level 5 gymnasts.

All of Brittany's scores counted toward her team's total. Not only did she win the District Champion title in All-Around, but she also won gold on bars 9.0, beam 9.2, and floor exercise 9.5. Her winning All-Around

was a 36.15, the meet's highest score.

One of Team Pampa's newest Level 5's, Kelby Doughty, had the most outstanding performance of the team for the bronze medal in the 9-year-old All-Around. Kelby had personal bests on balance beam, floor exercise and All-Around, and won the District title on vault.

"We really needed our newer Level 5's to step up and help us for the team title this year. Kelby did more than her share and we are very proud of her. She was the first competitor of the day on beam, and instead of falling apart like many gymnasts in that position do, Kelby did the best routine of her life! She was ecstatic," said coach Kristi Fatheree.

Kelby's best-ever beam score was an 8.85 and earned sixth place. She also placed fifth on floor exercise with her personal best 8.7, and was fifth on bars with an 8.45. Kelby's District Champion vault score was an 8.8 and her best-ever All-Around

was a 34.8 for the bronze.

Another solid performance came from 11-year-old Lacie Thompson, who won the District Champion title on vault and tied Warminski for the title on bars. This is the second year in a row that Lacie has won District on vault. Her winning scores were an 8.55 on vault and a 9.0 on bars. Lacie placed sixth on balance beam with an 8.55 and won the silver medal in the All-Around with a 34.4.

Brittany Klein competed for Team Pampa in the 9-year-old Division, where she had her best scores ever on bars, beam and All-Around. Brittany finished 8th on bars 8.2, 7th on beam 8.65, 5th on vault 7.65 and 7th in the All-Around 32.8.

In the 10-year-old Division, Keisha Crowell finished 5th on bars 8.1, 9th on beam 8.0, 9th on floor exercise 8.1, and 9th in the All-Around.

All five competitors, Brittany Warminski, Kelby Doughty, Lacie Thompson, Brittany Klein

and Keisha Crowell, qualified for the Division One North State Semi-Finals with their performances at district. Their teammate, Brandi Holden, qualified for the Division Two Semi-Finals. The Semi-Finals meet will be held Nov. 4-5 in Lancaster, Tex. The top finishers in Division One and Division Two will advance to their respective State Championship meets.

Also competing at the District meet for Team Pampa were Kelli Willson and Diana Mechelary, who are both Level 4 gymnasts.

Kelli earned blue ribbons on bars 8.15, beam 8.8, floor exercise 8.4 and in All-Around 32.15. She earned blue a white ribbon for vault 6.8.

Diana received blue ribbons for bars 8.4, beam 8.0 and floor exercise 8.15, a red ribbon for All-Around 30.8 and a white ribbon for vault 6.25.

Kelli and Diana are first-year competitors who train under coaches Kristi Fatheree and Kathy Rice.

Cunningham ready for return to Philly

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Focusing only on good memories, Randall Cunningham is actually looking forward to his return to Veterans Stadium, where he spent the first 11 years of his NFL career.

Whether Philadelphia fans will be happy to see him is another question.

"I really don't know," Cunningham said. "Of course, everybody wants to be welcomed. But it's not always how you want it."

Cunningham's love-hate relationship with Philadelphia fans ended on a high note with a standing ovation in his final game there five years ago. He sat out the 1996 seasons, then never made it there during three years with the Minnesota Vikings.

Now on the Dallas Cowboys, Cunningham might be the starter Sunday, if Troy Aikman's back pain continues. Aikman missed practice Wednesday, but was hoping to work out Thursday. Coach Dave Campo said Aikman could return Friday and still have a chance of starting Sunday.

Either way, it seems likely Cunningham will line up opposite the Eagles in Philadelphia for the first time.

"I'm kind of enthusiastic about it," Cunningham said Wednesday. "I've spent most of my life as an adult there, and I've got a lot of great memories."

"I'd like to be cheered, but if I'm not, I'm not going to be upset about it. There's not a lot of guys on the Philadelphia Eagles that I played with, which is going to make it a lot different for me."

Even if fans like Cunningham, it'll be hard to root for him with a star on his helmet. The last time Dallas played at the Vet, Philly fans cheered what ended up being a career-ending injury to Michael Irvin. Cunningham delicately described those fans as having "just a lot of enthusiasm."

Cunningham arrived in Philadelphia in 1985 as a second-round pick. With a strong arm and fast feet, he became a fan favorite, but he also frustrated fans and coaches with his willingness to run and with many of his passing decisions.

Things were great from '88-90 when the Eagles made the playoffs and Cunningham made the Pro Bowl each season. In '91, he blew out his left knee in the opener and was done for the year.

He returned in '92 and again led Philadelphia to the playoffs, only

to have another injury cut short his '93 season. The one-time love affair between him and the city was never rekindled.

"For nine years, everything was really very, very good. My last two years got a little tougher," Cunningham said. "Whenever you're somewhere eight, nine, 10 years, you get kind of old there. People get used to your face, what you've got to say and a change of pace is sometimes good."

In his final season, Cunningham played just seven games as Rodney Peete won the starting job. Cunningham's contract was up, so fans knew he wouldn't be back in '96.

Coach Ray Rhodes let Cunningham bid adieu by sending him in to mop up a 58-37 playoff win over Detroit.

"I came off the bench and the fans gave me a standing ovation," Cunningham said. "I called a keeper and went for a first down. There was a scuffle and our guys stood up for me. The fans were pretty excited, and I was thankful for it."

A few weeks ago, Cunningham remembered the end of his Eagles career with more anger.

"When I retired, I hated foot-

ball," said Cunningham, who used his time off to start a marble, tile and granite business in Las Vegas.

"Getting benched, coming back in the lineup, getting booed, still doing well, but still getting booed — there was no answer to justify my situation. That was the hardest part."

"It wasn't that I was a weak person, it was just that I had put up with it for about a year and a half and I figured I was at the point of retirement."

Cunningham remains No. 2 on Philadelphia's career passing yardage list, and he's the team's third-leading rusher. He holds club records for passing yards in a game and a season and most completions in a game and a season.

He even holds the team record with a 91-yard punt.

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes Casino League

Ladies High Scratch Game: Linda Williamson 202; Ladies High Scratch Series: Peggy Smith 552; Men's High Scratch Game: Carlton Cates 278; Men's High Scratch Series: Steve Nolte Sr. 627.

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Ladies High Scratch Game: Brenda Wallis 138; Ladies High Scratch Series: Brenda Wallis 409; Men's High Scratch Game: Ralph West 253; Men's High Scratch Series: Ralph West 619.

Youth High Scratch Game (Boy): Andrew Winton 179; Youth High Scratch Series (Boy): Zach Wilson 451; Youth High Scratch Game (Girl): Ashleigh Burns 169; Youth High Scratch Series (Girl): Ashleigh Burns 416.

Harvester Couples League

Ladies High Scratch Game: Belinda Nolte 205; Ladies High Scratch Series: Belinda Nolte 581; Men's High Scratch Game: Ray Romack 223; Men's High Scratch Series: Tommy Cox 577.

Harvester Women's League

Ladies High Scratch Game: Peggy Smith 222; Ladies High Scratch Series: Peggy Smith 651.

Manuel is voted AP's Manager of the Year

CHICAGO (AP) — There was a time during spring training that Jerry Manuel looked at his young Chicago White Sox team and thought it might have a chance to do something special.

Sure, it was early and the Cleveland Indians looked as formidable as ever. But if things fell a certain way, maybe, just maybe, the White Sox could have a year to remember.

And what a year it was. Despite a payroll of just \$37 million, Manuel led the White Sox to the AL Central title and the playoffs for the first time since 1993. On Wednesday, he was named the Associated Press Manager of the Year.

"I'm excited, that's quite an honor for me," Manuel said. "But a lot of the credit goes to a great deal of the organization. I'm standing on a lot of peoples' backs."

Manuel, in just his third year as a major league manager, received 27 votes in nationwide balloting by writers and broadcasters. Dusty Baker, who led the San Francisco Giants to the best record in baseball, was second with 23.

Art Howe, who led the Oakland A's to the AL West crown despite a payroll of just \$32.7 million, was third with 21 votes, followed by Seattle's Lou Piniella and the Mets' Bobby Valentine (13 each).

St. Louis' Tony LaRussa was sixth with four votes. Joe Torre, who led the New York Yankees to their fourth World Series championship in five years, was seventh with two votes. Atlanta's Bobby Cox got one vote.

"I think it's wonderful that Jerry Manuel would receive this honor, particularly in a year when so many managers in this league had some tremendous achievements," said Ken Williams, the White Sox general manager.

"I'm happy that it was Jerry. Both he and his family have a lot to be proud of, and so does the White Sox organization."

Frank Phillips College plans baseball camp

BORGER — Frank Phillips College and FPC baseball coaches Guy Simmons and Rex Threath will host a Thanksgiving Baseball Camp Nov. 24-25. The camp is open to all interested players from age nine through high school seniors.

Campers will go through an intense, one-day instruction on pitching and/or hitting. They may choose instruction in hitting, pitching or both.

The Nov. 24 session is for ages 9-12. Hitting instruction runs from 9 a.m. until noon, while pitching instruction is from 1-4 p.m. The Nov. 25 camp is for ages 13 through 2001 seniors, with hitting instructions from 9 a.m. to noon and pitching from 1-4 p.m.

"Guy's success in coaching comes from his knowledge of the game and being able to relate with people," according to Richard Jones,

University of Illinois head baseball coach.

The cost is \$20 or \$30 for both sessions.

Registration will be the day of the chosen camp, from 8-8:45 a.m. on the Frank Phillips College baseball field.

Campers may call Simmons or Threath at 806-274-5311, ext. 778 to reserve a place in the camp. Campers should provide their own lunch.

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T'Andra Holmes
Vanessa Orr
Good Luck
at Regionals!**

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Pampa looks to be up-tempo team this basketball season

Harvesters open against Seminole on November 18

PAMPA — Look for the Pampa Harvesters to be a fast-breaking team for the 2000-2001 basketball season.

"We're going to try and play an up-tempo style," says second-year head coach Jerry Schaeffer. "We've been doing a lot of fullcourt drills, both offensively and defensively. We're learning how to execute on the run."

The Harvesters opened workouts Oct. 23 in preparation for the season opener Nov. 18 at Seminole.

Schaeffer said the biggest change on this year's squad is the addition of assistant coach Jeff Reed, who comes from Clovis, N.M.

"Coming from Clovis, Jeff is real familiar with up-tempo

basketball. He brings a lot of discipline and character to our program," Schaeffer said.

The Harvesters gain Reed, but lost part-time starters Reece Hartman and Derek Williams. Hartman, a senior, transferred to Happy and Williams, a junior, moved to South Carolina.

Pampa could be without senior guard Tanner Hucks for part of the season. Hucks sustained possible ligament damage to his thumb and may have to undergo surgery.

"We're very concerned about Tanner and his injury," Schaeffer said. "He's worked himself into a starting role at point guard and then to have this happen. Right now we're just waiting to find out how serious the situation is."

Schaeffer is looking at guard Gary Alexander, post Victor Brooks, forwards Kirk George and Adam Rodgers to carry much of the load this season. Alexander, Brooks and George are seniors while Rodgers is a junior.

"Alexander is showing some real team leadership and Rodgers has developed into a fine perimeter shooter for us," Schaeffer said. "Brooks has become a strong post threat and George, who is going to be our tallest player (6-4), is going to get a lot of good looks the way we operate our offense."

Schaeffer says sophomore Max Simon has been impressive in practice.

"Simon is a versatile all-around player. He's one of those athletes who can do just about anything," Schaeffer added.

The Harvesters' first home game is Nov. 28 against Amarillo Tascosa.

Consolation champs



(Special photo)

The Pampa 8th grade B team won the consolation trophy at the District Volleyball Tournament this year. Team members are (front row, from left) coach Jenifer Leonard, Michelle Evans, Kendall Stokes, Payton Baird and Chera Chavado; (middle row, from left) Monica Eakin, Kara Shepard, Heather Dildy and Eric Winegeart; (back row, from left) Garnet Skinner, Rebecca Middlebrook and Jerrica Timmons.

Houston gets 2004 Super Bowl

ATLANTA (AP) — The Super Bowl will be dropping anchors in Jacksonville.

Going along with the concept of using cruise ships as floating hotels, NFL owners voted Wednesday to bring their championship game to north Florida for the first time.

Jacksonville beat out Miami, which has played host to eight Super Bowls, in a closely contested race for the 2005 game.

As expected, the owners gave the 2004 Super Bowl to Houston and the 2006 game to Detroit, rewarding both cities for building new stadiums. Neither had opposition.

That wasn't the case for Jacksonville, which required four ballots to become one of the smallest metropolitan areas to land the biggest one-day event in American sports.

"They voted for us because we're unique," said Wayne Weaver, owner of the Jaguars. Jacksonville, with a metropolitan population just over 1 million, was picked even though the NFL had serious concerns about a lack of hotel space and airline flights.

The city will dock at least 10 cruise ships near Alltel Stadium on the St. John's River, adding about 8,000 rooms to its downtown hotel capacity. Sydney used a similar tactic during the Olympics.

"I think the membership bought into that," Weaver said. "That's what differentiated us from the other cities."

Also, three airlines agreed to triple flights to Jacksonville during the Super Bowl week, ensuring fans will be able to get in and out of the city.

"There was a sentiment for diversity, a change of scenery," said Art Modell, owner of the

Baltimore Ravens. "Miami will always be a part of the Super Bowl rotation, but Jacksonville deserved it."

Miami brought a delegation that included former Dolphins coach Don Shula and ex-quarterback Dan Marino.

"I still strongly believe that south Florida is the premier location in the country to host that game," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said. "However, I also understand that one of the recent trends in the Super Bowl selection process is a potential tie-in to stadium construction or improvements."

Alltel Stadium, which opened just five years ago on the site of the Gator Bowl, will get another \$50 million upgrade for the Super Bowl.

Oakland also bid for the 2005 game, but was eliminated on the second ballot.

Detroit's delegation was led by Mayor Dennis Archer and racing team owner Roger Penske. "Fortunately, a lot of the owners knew Roger Penske personally," Archer said. "That was a nice touch."

The Super Bowl culminated a whirlwind for Penske. On Monday, his racing team won its first CART championship since 1994.

Houston was represented by Mayor Lee Brown and Bob McNair, owner of the Texans expansion team that will begin play in 2002.

As part of his \$700 million entry fee, McNair was promised a Super Bowl as soon as possible. He'll get it at the end of the Texans' second season at Reliant Stadium, a 69,500-seat retractable roof stadium being built next to the Astrodome.

Houston first played host to the Super Bowl in 1974 at Rice

Stadium. The city had a bitter split with the NFL in 1996 when the Oilers left for Tennessee, but Wednesday's decision brought the reconciliation full circle.

"It shows the strength of the city and the resiliency of the community to go through such a downer and turn it around in such a short period of time," McNair said.

In North Texas, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has his sights set on the next available game — the 2007 Super Bowl.

"My goal is to have a renovated Texas Stadium or a new facility by 2006 or 2007," Jones told The Dallas Morning News during a break in the voting for Super Bowls at the NFL fall meeting.

However, Jones did not officially announce Dallas as a candidate for the 2007 title game. "You can't make a bid unless you have a concrete deal done when your stadium will be ready," said Jones.

Meanwhile, Detroit also is getting its second Super Bowl. The 1982 game, played at the suburban Pontiac Silverdome, came with the region in a virtual economic depression.

"This really speaks volumes about how the city is coming back," Archer said, adding that he hopes the NFL's decision would persuade major league baseball to award an All-Star game to Detroit.

The 2006 Super Bowl will be held at a new downtown domed stadium, 65,000-seat Ford Field. The \$315 million stadium is scheduled to open in 2002.

The NFL raised some concerns about Detroit's ability to meet the requirement for 17,500 hotel rooms within an hour's drive of the stadium.

FISHING REPORT				
BAV'LOR: Water clear, 64 degrees; black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and blue leech worms. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.				
GREENBELT: Water fairly clear, 60-62 degrees; black bass are good on spinnerbaits fished in the shallows. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on chrome Rat-L-Trap and slabs. Walleye are good on Rat-L-Trap and slabs fished in 10 to 22 feet. Smallmouth bass are good on jerkbaits and spinnerbaits. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.				
MACKENZIE: Water fairly clear, 62 degrees; black bass are fair on buzzbaits, black/blue spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in the coves. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the coves around brush piles. White bass are good on small crankbaits fished in 15 to 20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow on prepared baits. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with live perch.				
MEREDITH: Water fairly clear, 61-63 degrees; black bass are fair on jerkbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in the backs of the creeks in 15 to 20 feet. White bass are good on small spinnerbaits and Sassy Shads fished in the backs of the coves in 5 to 15 feet. Smallmouth bass are good on Suspending Rouges (black back with an orange belly) fished off the points. Walleye are good on jigs (red head/blue body) tipped with a minnow fished off the main lake points. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut baits and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.				
PALO DURO: Water clear, 58 degrees; black bass are fair on Rat-L-Trap and crankbaits fished on grassy flats and points (few being caught on topwaters). Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the hydrilla in 5 to 15 feet.				
O.H. IVIE: Water clear, 69 degrees; black bass are fair to good on minnows and slabs at night under lights fished along river channels. Catfish are fair on worms and stink bait fished in 15 feet.				
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 66 degrees, 7.98 low; black bass are fair on small crankbaits and spinnerbaits early later switching to worms and french fries in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows, spinners and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Striped bass to 14 pounds are excellent on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Blue catfish are excellent on cut baits fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch in 10 to 30 feet.				

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Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	1/2
Miami	1	0	1.000	1/2
Orlando	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
New Jersey	0	1	.000	1 1/2
New York	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Central Division				
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Cleveland	2	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	1	1	.500	1
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Chicago	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Indiana	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Toronto	0	2	.000	2
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San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
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Vancouver	1	0	1.000	—

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L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
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Tuesday's Games				
Charlotte 106, Atlanta 82				
Orlando 98, Washington 86				
Cleveland 86, New Jersey 82				
Dallas 97, Milwaukee 93				
Detroit 104, Toronto 95				
Philadelphia 101, New York 72				
San Antonio 98, Indiana 85				
Sacramento 100, Chicago 81				
Minnesota 106, Houston 98				
Utah 107, L.A. Clippers 94				
Golden State 96, Phoenix 84				
L.A. Lakers 96, Portland 86				
Vancouver 94, Seattle 88				

Wednesday's Games				
Philadelphia 104, Toronto 98				
Boston 103, Detroit 83				
Washington 95, Charlotte 77				
Cleveland 102, Sacramento 100, 2OT				
Miami 105, Orlando 79				
Denver at Seattle, (n)				
Utah at L.A. Lakers, (n)				

Thursday's Games				
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.				
Indiana at Dallas, 8 p.m.				
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m.				
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.				
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.				

Friday's Games				
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
Miami at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.				
Sacramento at Detroit, 8 p.m.				
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.				

Ripken will stay at Baltimore

NEW YORK (AP) — Cal Ripken's streak of consecutive games is long over. His streak of consecutive seasons with the Baltimore Orioles is not.

Rather than become a free agent, baseball's iron man agreed Wednesday to another \$6.3 million, one-year contract with the Orioles.

"Obviously, I am very pleased to have the contract completed," Ripken said. "I always have been an Oriole and I always want to be an Oriole. My back feels great and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to compete."

The two-time American League MVP and 18-time All-Star discussed whether to include an option year for 2002 in the new contract, but the sides will take it one year at a time.

Ripken, who holds the major league record for most consecutive games played at 2,632, has spent his entire career with Baltimore and ended his streak two years ago. He was limited to

86 games in 1999 because of lower back pain and missed two months last season for the same reason.

Ripken hit .256 this year with 15 homers and 56 RBIs, including .282 with two homers and 12 RBIs in September after returning from a lengthy stint on the disabled list. "Cal showed in September that he still has the desire and the ability to be an every-day player, and we look forward to having him back strong and healthy next year," said Syd Thrift, Orioles vice president for baseball operations.

Toronto catcher Darrin Fletcher, also eligible to file for free agency, agreed to a \$7.75 million, two-year contract. The Blue Jays also agreed to a \$475,000, one-year deal with outfielder Todd Greene, who was eligible for salary arbitration.

A day after declining options on Jeff Fassero, Ramon Martinez, Pete Schourek and Tim Wakefield, the Boston Red Sox exercised a \$1.66 million option on right-handed reliever Hipolito Pichardo. Arizona declined a \$5 million

option on 34-year right-hander Armando Reynoso, electing to pay a \$500,000 buyout, and agreed to a one-year contract with 41-year-old right-hander Mike Morgan.

Twenty-one players filed for free agency, including New York Yankees infielder Jose Vizcaino, whose 12th-inning hit won the World Series opener against the Mets, and Texas closer John Wetteland, the MVP of the 1996 World Series for the Yankees.

Also filing was Detroit outfielder Juan Gonzalez, the subject of trade talk during the season. After acquiring the two-time AL MVP from Texas following the 1999 season, the sides attempted to work out an eight-year deal worth about \$140 million, but the deal fell apart.

A total of 109 players have filed, and approximately 36 more are potentially eligible to join them before the Nov. 10 deadline. Teams and players may start discussing dollars the following day.

LA gets rings, then get rung up

By The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Lakers got their rings, and the Utah Jazz seemed to get jealous.

Ruining the Lakers' celebration of their championship, Karl Malone scored 26 points and John Stockton had 21 points and 14 assists for the Jazz in their 97-92 victory Wednesday night.

"They're the champions. Of course, we want to beat them on their floor," Malone said. "It's a big win. I'm not going to lie to you."

After two nights, the Jazz, the Philadelphia 76ers and the Cleveland Cavaliers are 2-0 as Philadelphia defeated Toronto 104-98 and Cleveland topped Sacramento 102-100 in double overtime.

In other NBA games, Miami beat Orlando 105-79, Boston defeated Detroit 103-83, Washington stopped Charlotte 95-77 and Seattle beat Denver 112-99.

Bryon Russell added 18 points and Quincy Lewis scored 14 for the Jazz, who took the lead for good in the opening three minutes, but had to hold off the Lakers in the late going for their second straight victory.

Before the game, the Lakers raised their seventh championship banner and received their championship rings in a 15-minute ceremony. They won their first title since 1988 last June, beating the Indiana Pacers in the finals.

Malone made the game's biggest shot, connecting on a 15-foot jumper off an assist from Stockton to give the Jazz a 91-88 lead with 33 seconds left. Lewis made two free throws 5 seconds later.

"He just made a very tough shot," Stockton said of his longtime teammate. "I've seen it time and time again."

"This was a good opportunity to catch the Lakers. They had the celebration before the game. We played decently. We've got a lot of work left to do."

The Lakers were a two-man team for the most part as Shaquille O'Neal scored 34 points and Kobe Bryant added 31. O'Neal also had 15 rebounds, but shot only 6-of-18 on free throws.

"They just played a better game than we did," O'Neal said. "They hit shots, moved the ball around and took care of the ball, and we did the opposite. However, we still had opportunities to win the game."

Said Bryant: "Stockton played like the old Stockton, the young one."

76ers 104, Raptors 98
Allen Iverson scored 24 points, and host Philadelphia overcame a big first quarter by Vince Carter.

Iverson also had five rebounds and five assists. Eric Snow scored 16 points and Tyrone Hill added 12.

Carter scored 15 of his 25 points in the first quarter when the Raptors opened a 10-point lead. Mark Jackson added 16 points and 12 assists, and Antonio Davis had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Cavaliers 102, Kings 100, 2OT
Lamond Murray scored all six of Cleveland's points in the second overtime before slapping the ball away from Doug Christie just before the final buzzer.

Murray, who finished with 18 points, reached in and poked the ball away as Christie was about to go up for a potential game-tying shot.

Andre Miller had 17 points and eight assists for the Cavs before falling hard and bruising his right knee in the second overtime.

Chris Webber scored 27 points in 50 minutes and Predrag Stojakovic had 23 for the second straight night for visiting Sacramento.

Heat 105, Magic 79
At Miami, Pat Riley earned his 1,000th coaching victory as the revamped Heat meshed marvelously, racing to a 20-point lead after 7 1/2 minutes.

Alonzo Mourning, who will miss this season with a kidney disorder, received a heart-warming ovation when introduced before the game.

Tim Hardaway scored 12 of the first 27 points for the Heat, who raced to leads of 17-3, 28-7 and 37-14. Hardaway finished with 17 points and seven assists in 25 minutes to help give the Heat their most lopsided win in an opener.

Eddie Jones added 17 points

and reserve Don MacLean 16.

Grant Hill sat out with soreness in his left ankle after playing 33 minutes in Orlando's season-opening victory Tuesday over Washington.

Celtics 103, Pistons 83
Paul Pierce showed no ill effects from being stabbed last month, scoring 28 points — 20 in the first half — to lead Boston.

Antoine Walker had 33 points and 12 rebounds as the Celtics improved to 3-1 in season openers in the Rick Pitino era.

One night after scoring a career-high 44 points in Detroit's season-opening victory at Toronto, Jerry Stackhouse scored 20 but shot just 7-of-21. The visiting Pistons shot just 36 percent overall as they fell behind 56-40 at the half and got no closer than nine in the second half.

Wizards 95, Hornets 77
Richard Hamilton scored 15 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter to lead Washington to victory at Charlotte.

Five Wizards scored in double figures to give first-year coach Leonard Hamilton his first victory as an NBA coach in front of a hometown crowd. Hamilton, who coached 10 seasons at the University of Miami before getting the Washington job, is a native of Gastonia, N.C.

Rod Strickland added 18 points for Washington, Juwan Howard had 13, Felipe Lopez scored 12 and Mitch Richmond had 10 to move into 25th place on the career scoring list.

Jamal Mashburn and Elden Campbell scored 13 each to lead Charlotte.

SuperSonics 112, Nuggets 99
Gary Payton had 35 points and had 10 assists to lead Seattle over Denver.

Patrick Ewing added 11 points and eight rebounds and displayed an arsenal of behind-the-head and over-the-shoulder passes in his first game for the Sonics at Key Arena after being traded from the New York Knicks.

Rashard Lewis had 18 points, Shammond Williams 16 and Vin Baker 10 points and eight rebounds for the Sonics, who took the lead with 10:36 remaining in the first quarter and never relinquished it.

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Yemeni negotiators leaning towards accepting presence of FBI in probe

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Yemeni negotiators are near an agreement that would let FBI agents in Yemen observe interviews with suspects and witnesses in the attack on the USS Cole...

the possibility of state support but fell short of conclusively indicating some government sponsored the attack. C-4 is a plastic explosive developed for the U.S. military in the Vietnam era. "It lasts forever. It doesn't deteriorate," said Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism expert...

"C-4 can be stolen, but it's not easily obtainable by small groups," Cannistraro said. He said he had been told that between 400 and 700 pounds of the C-4 was used to blast a 40-by-40-foot hole in the Cole's armored hull.

used in the blast and thus trace its manufacture to one particular country. Cannistraro said the use of C-4 did not point to any particular terrorist group. Osama bin Laden, the millionaire Saudi exile who has been charged by U.S. prosecutors with masterminding the bombing of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, did not use C-4 there, Cannistraro said.

Defense William Cohen said Monday, "We are looking very closely at Osama bin Laden to see whether or not he in fact, or organizations he supports, are in some way connected" to the Cole attack. Meantime, the crippled Cole has been placed on the deck of a specialized transport ship, the Blue Marlin, for the trip back to the United States.

would set sail in the next couple of days. The Navy also said the remaining 217 members of the crew of the Cole will return by plane to Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia on Friday. The Cole is not expected back until early December. On the Net: The USS Cole: http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/news/stories/cole.html

Under the proposed agreement, FBI agents could continue to submit questions for interviews conducted by Yemeni agents but would now be able to observe the interviews rather than merely receiving transcripts of them, the official said Wednesday, requesting anonymity. More than three dozen FBI agents remaining in the Yemeni port of Aden moved from their downtown hotel to a U.S. Navy ship offshore last Friday after being thwarted in their desire for joint interviews and after a bomb threat was received at the hotel.

Although the C-4 formula is not a secret, one former U.S. military counterterrorism expert said, "C-4 is not used in industrial blasting. It usually comes from a military source." "Organized criminal groups have stolen C-4," this former military official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It requires some amount of organization to do that. But it doesn't require government-level support to get it."

The performance will still better than many analysts were expecting. They were predicting productivity growth, which is seasonally adjusted, to clock in at a 3.0 percent rate in the third quarter. Even with the moderation, economists say productivity growth in the range of a 3 percent rate or higher is still quite healthy. The third-quarter performance marked the slowest growth in productivity since a 1.9 percent rate of increase in the first quarter of this year.

Productivity grows at 3.8 percent rate in third quarter WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' productivity, a key measure of rising living standards, grew at a 3.8 percent rate in the third quarter, the slowest pace since the beginning of the year. Inflation pressures rose. Growth in productivity during the July-September quarter was weaker than the breakneck 6.1 percent rate of growth for the second quarter, the Labor Department said Thursday.

Productivity has risen by a robust 5.0 percent over the past 12 months, which smooths out the quarterly fluctuations. Over the same period, unit labor costs have grown by just 0.1 percent. The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. One of the Fed's chief concerns is that the nation's tight labor market, in which employers are struggling to recruit and retain workers, will trigger wage inflation, added costs that would be passed along to consumers in the form of sharply higher product prices.

The number of Americans filing new claims for state unemployment benefits last week was unchanged from the previous week at a seasonally adjusted 308,000. Jobless claims for the previous week were revised up from 305,000 to 308,000. The nation's labor market, while loosening around the edges over the last few months, remains tight. The more stable four-week moving average of claims rose to 309,750 last week, the highest level since Sept. 16.

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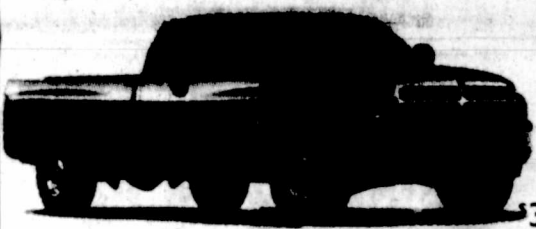


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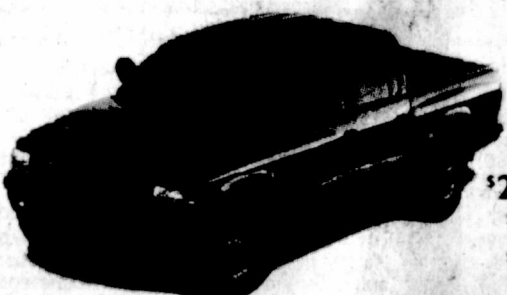


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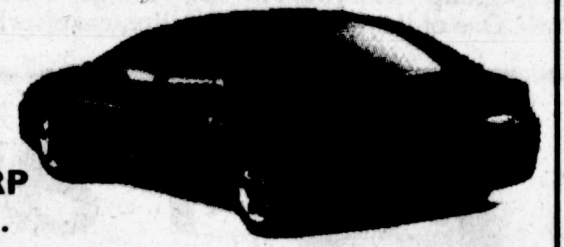
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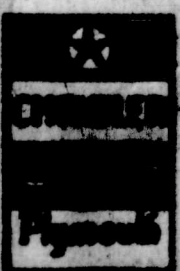


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