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Pickens worries others will drain water from underneath his land

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

AMARILLO — T. Boone Pickens said he is sensitive to the comments being made about his plan to pump water from an underground aquifer in the Texas Panhandle and pipe it across the state to one of several cities willing to buy it.

Pickens, who created Mesa Water, Inc., in 1999, in an effort to market water from beneath his ranch in Roberts County, said he is also worried that the underground water will be drained by other entities and lower the value of his land.

Speaking at a panel discussion at Amarillo College Saturday night, Pickens explained his plan and the reasons behind it.

He and other ranchers in the area plan to pump the water from the Ogallala Aquifer

Pickens said if he and the other ranchers don't act, their water will be pumped from beneath their ground by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, of which Pampa is a part, and by the City of Amarillo. Both CRMWA and Amarillo have acreage near Pickens' ranch in Roberts County from which they intend to draw water.

beneath the ranch land in Roberts, Hemphill, Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties and pump it through a pipeline to one of three urban areas, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio or El Paso.

Pickens, who has water rights with the other ranchers totaling 150,000 acres, said Mesa Water can provide water to only one of the urban areas, not all three of them.

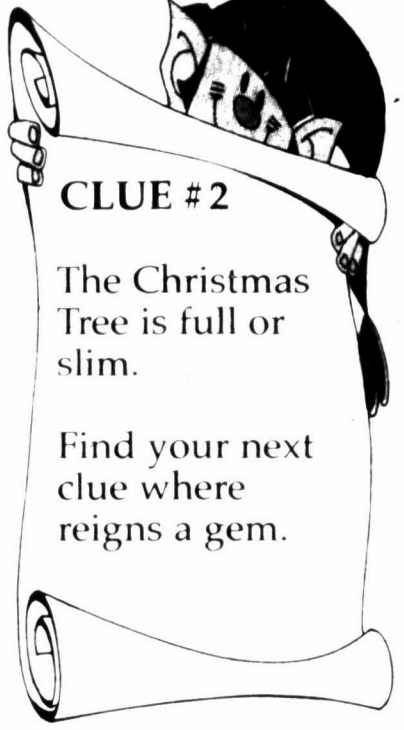
Noting that the Ogallala is the largest

aquifer in the nation, Pickens said that it contains three billion acre feet of water, but only 13 percent of that water is in Texas. The four counties in the northeastern corner of the Texas Panhandle where Pickens' efforts are concentrated have 20 million-acre feet of that water.

Steve Stevens, a spokesman for Mesa Water, said that the company's plan is well

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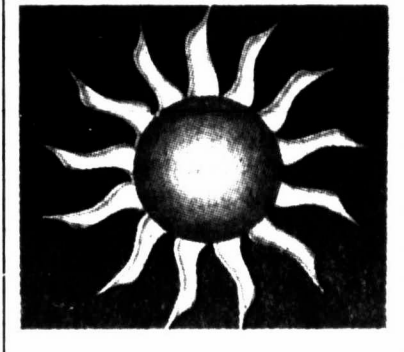
Chamber Treasure Hunt



CLUE #2

The Christmas Tree is full or slim.

Find your next clue where reigns a gem.



High today low 60s
 Low tonight near 30
 For weather details see Page 2

United Way goes over goal

The Pampa United Way has gone over its \$350,000 goal, says Katrina Bigham. The total to date is \$388,496.

Salvation Army needs bell ringers

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to man its kettle stands for Christmas. The bell ringing will officially begin the weekends of Nov. 10 and 17 with the Kettle Kick-Off slated the day after Thanksgiving. It is during the Christmas season the Salvation Army collects the funds necessary to help the community year round. All monies support Pampa and Gray County. The bell ringing season will conclude Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 23.

Lawyers to seek military late-vote

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorneys representing several hundred active-duty military troops who unsuccessfully tried to vote in the presidential election plan to file a suit with the U.S. Supreme Court requesting late voting privileges or exemption from federal income taxes during the next four years.

"It's almost an outrageous request," said Sean Campbell of Campbell & Jones, the San Antonio firm drafting the class-action suit. "But it's also equally outrageous that ... we should find ourselves in this position."

- Steve Davis, 42, employee of Bill Waters.
- Dorothy Marie Osborne, 72, former lab technician, bank employee.
- Dawn Lynn Sartin, 4, daughter of Adam Sartin of Pampa.

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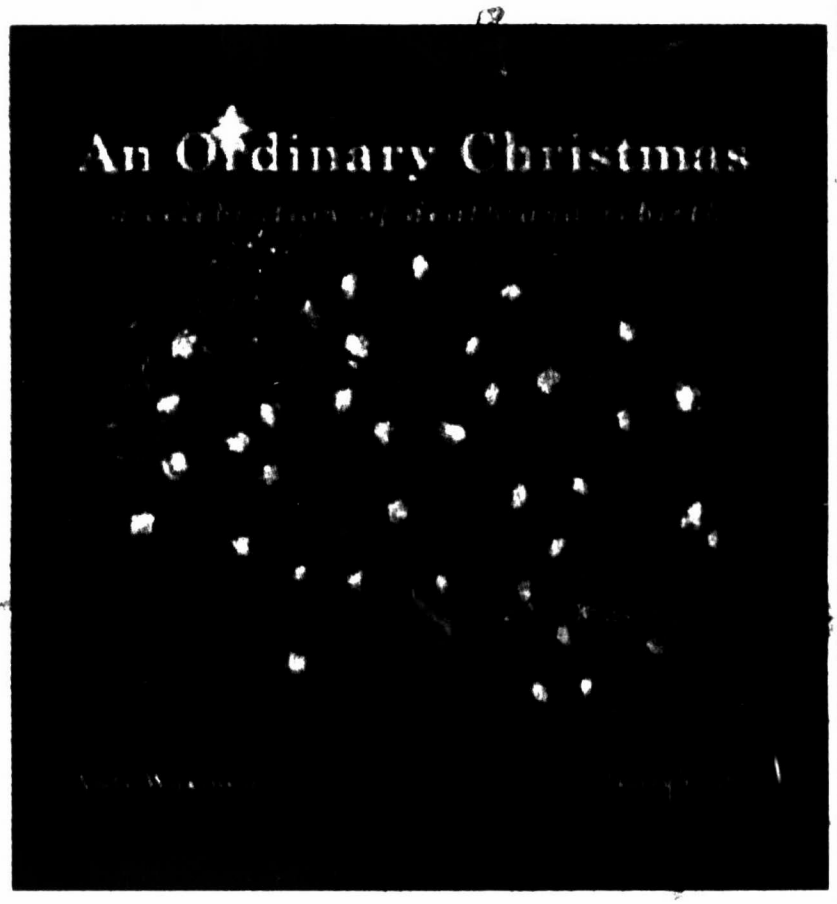
Tumbleweed center stage on collection poems, music

By KAYLA PURSLEY
 for The Pampa News

A star illuminating a tumbleweed highlights the album cover of Andy Wilkinson's new Christmas collection of poetry and music, just released in Lubbock, designed by local artist Permie Fallon.

The album, "An Ordinary Christmas," features a collection of Wilkinson's original poems and songs celebrating the giving of thanks, the coming of winter, and the grace of "an ordinary Christmas" on the Southern Plains.

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Pantex to hire 200 workers

A search is under way for 200 new employees at the U.S. Department of Energy's Pantex Plant, according to Pantex contractor Mason & Hanger Corporation, a subsidiary of Day & Zimmerman, Inc.

A wide variety of positions will be filled, with most of the new employees working as nuclear weapons technicians, radiation safety technicians, engineers and various entry-level personnel.

Mason & Hanger has about 2,760 employees with the new hires bringing that work force up to about 3,000. The other employees there work for the Department of Energy or other entities bringing the current total to 3,200 workers.

John Bernier, deputy manager of the DOE's Amarillo Area Office, said the new employees will

work primarily in Pantex's Stockpile Stewardship program which helps to ensure that U.S. warheads are safe and reliable.

The new hiring could take some time because the employees will have to go through rigorous security checks. A high-level security clearance is required for classified weapons work.

Pay for the new hires will range from \$14 an hour to \$88,000 annually for engineers.

During fiscal year 2000, Mason & Hanger's payroll at Pantex was about \$154 million and fiscal year 2001's payroll is about \$176 million.

Funding for the new jobs is part of the \$34 million congressional plus-up funding that U.S. Rep. M. Thornberry and Congress were successful in getting.

DA vote recount gets under way

Final tally expected next week

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Recounts in the 31st District Attorney's race began this morning in Lipscomb and Hemphill counties.

Results are expected to be available in the two counties' recounts later today.

Charles Kessie, Democratic candidate for the DAs position in the Nov. 7 General Election, lost to Republican Richard J. (Rick) Roach when the votes were counted: Roach, 6,842 and Kessie, 6,620.

Both Roach and Kessie were reported to be at the Hemphill County Courthouse in Canadian observing the procedure in that county this morning. Canadian is Kessie's hometown.

Kessie filed a petition with the Secretary of State's office in Austin on Thursday for a recount of the votes in four counties — Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts, and Wheeler — of the five county Judicial District. The Secretary of State approved the recount, giving the four counties until Nov. 27 to conduct the recount.

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Gore, Bush await Florida court ruling

Two unforgettable weeks after Election Day, George W. Bush and Al Gore are sweating out a ruling from the Florida Supreme Court and manual recounts in three Democratic counties as they wait to learn who will sit in the White House.

"We've had our shot," said Gore lawyer David Boies in a comment that summed up the situation for both sides in the deadlock. "I think the court gave us a lot of time and I think they will issue a ruling promptly."

Bush said nothing about the legal battle Tuesday morning when he went to work at the governor's office in Austin, accompanied by adviser Andy Card, his likely chief of staff if he wins. Asked

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Quite frankly... What Thanksgiving memories or thoughts do you have?



"I think about my mom's homemade dumplings."

-- Ettavie Michael



"It's a time to be with your family ... to be thankful for the many blessings ... and to give back to those in need."

-- John Wagner



"It's a special time to me because that's one of the few times that my whole family gets together."

-- Scott Monds



"Thanksgiving is a great day at my house because it's also my daughter's (Jamie) birthday."

-- Randy Wagner



"This year is going to be just awesome because my mom's baby is due on Turkey Day."

-- Myrna Solis



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Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Steve — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
OSBORNE, Dorothy Marie — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.

Obituaries

STEVE DAVIS

Steve Davis, 42, of Pampa, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Davis was born Dec. 22, 1957, at Shamrock and graduated from Tulia High School. He married Donna Baggett in August of 1992 at Pampa. He farmed and ranched in the Tulia area prior to moving to Pampa in 1992 where he worked for Bill Waters.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Donna, of the home; a daughter, Daysha Davis of Amarillo; a son, Cody Davis, of the home; two sisters, Deborah Chrostowski of Amarillo and Donna Adams of Tulia; and three brothers, Edwin Davis of Happy, David Davis of Amarillo and Randy Davis of Tulia.

The family requests memorials be to a fund to be established for Mr. Davis' children at First State Bank of Miami in Pampa.

DOROTHY MARIE OSBORNE

WHITE DEER — Dorothy Marie Osborne, 72, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Collis officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Osborne, a lifelong White Deer resident, was born Oct. 10, 1928, at Pampa. She married Leon Franklin Osborne Sr., on June 7, 1947, at First Baptist Church of Pampa. She worked as a lab technician for Dr. Overton for about 15 years and was an assistant cashier at First Bank and Trust for 17 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of White Deer and Pampa Bowling Association for many years and formerly belonged to Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include her husband, Leon, of the home; a daughter, Becky Gilliland of White Deer; a son, Leon Franklin Osborne, Jr. of Grand Forks, N.D.; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, TX 79097; or to White Deer EMS, 309 W. 2nd, White Deer, TX 79097.

DAWN LYNN SARTIN

LUBBOCK — Dawn Lynn Sartin, 4, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at Lubbock from injuries she received in an auto accident. She will be buried Wednesday in Memorial Cemetery in Amarillo next to her mother who died earlier this year.

Dawn was born Oct. 13, 1996. Survivors include her father, Adam Sartin of Pampa.

Police report

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

Monday, Nov. 20

Jerry Lee Hicks, 34, 109 Wynne, was arrested for public intoxication.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Michael Lewis Majors, 23, 1204 Hamilton, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Nov. 20, 2000

Jesus Alfredo Planco, 28, El Paso, was arrested on a motion to enforce child support.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Nov. 20

1:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transfer to a local nursing center.

3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Thut and transported one to PRMC.

8:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Monday, Nov. 20

10:05 a.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a false alarm.

11:06 a.m. - Four units and eight personnel responded to Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather on a structure fire where a heating unit was reported on fire. The fire was contained inside the heating unit and extinguished itself, according to PFD.

5:17 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 1809 Duncan on a rescue. A small child had accidentally locked herself in the bathroom. Fire department personnel removed a window screen and removed the child.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Columbia/HCA	40 3/8	dn 3/8
Enron	80 3/4	up 1/2
Halliburton	36 3/4	up 1/4
KMI	42 1/4	dn 1/2
Kerr McGee	65 5/16	up 13/16
Limited	23 9/16	dn 1/4
McDonald's	33 7/16	dn 1/16
Exxon Mobil	92 11/16	up 1 5/16
New Atmos	25 1/16	up 3/16
XCEL	26 1/16	dn 7/16
NOI	33 5/8	up 1 5/16
OKI	41 1/8	dn 1
Pennsey	10 1/2	dn 1/8
Phillips	60 7/8	NC
Pioneer Nat.	13 7/8	up 1/16
Tenneco	4 1/4	up 1/8
SLB	75 7/16	up 11/16
Texas	61 3/8	dn 1/2
Ultramar	27 7/8	up 1/4
Wal-Mart	46 15/16	dn 15/16
Williams	40 7/8	dn 3/16

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

Occidental	21 1/4	up 1/2
Fidelity Magell	122.78	
Puntan	18.76	

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

BP Amoco	51 15/16	dn 15/16
Cabot	25	up 9/16
Cabot O&G	22 9/16	up 1/16
Chevron	84 13/16	up 1 1/8
Coca Cola	56 13/16	up 1/4
New York Gold		266.35
Silver		4.64
West Texas Crude		35.44

WATER

within the guidelines established by the White Deer based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District No. 3, one of the oldest water conservation districts in the state, and the proposed regional water plan covering the next 50 years.

A hearing for the pumping permits requested by Pickens and the other ranchers is scheduled for Dec. 14, at the water district's offices in White Deer.

Pickens said that if he and the other ranchers don't act, their water will be pumped from beneath their ground by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which provides water to 11 cities in the Texas Panhandle and on the Texas South Plains, including Pampa, and by the City of Amarillo. Both CRMWA and Amarillo have acreage near Pickens' ranch in Roberts County from which they intend to draw water.

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Mesa has some 1.65 million acre-feet of available water based on surface acreage and pumping restrictions. By comparison, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has about one million acre-feet of useable groundwater, and Amarillo has about 1.7 million acre-feet.

"We're not asking to have anything different than the Canadian River Water Authority has which is one acre-foot of water per surface acre," Pickens says. "We will produce more water because we have more acres."

Also on the panel was State Rep. David Swinford of Dumas, who said he respected Pickens' private property rights but questioned whether Pickens' plan was good for the panhandle.

Jarrett Atkinson of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, another panelist, explained that 89 percent of the water from the Ogallala is used for agricultural purposes, primarily irrigation.

Pickens countered that there is

little irrigation in the four counties from which he intends to draw the water.

Atkinson said that the aquifer recharges very slowly and is considered a finite resource. He said that under the proposed regional water plan, only up to 50 percent of the water presently stored in the aquifer may be removed.

Stevens said that even with the pumping by Mesa Water, the amount of water expected to be removed from the underground aquifer in the four counties will still leave more than the required 50 percent.

Dr. Ronald Kaiser of Texas A&M and Dr. Tommy Knowles, executive director of the Texas Water Development Board. They explained the background of Texas water law.

The panel discussion, moderated by Amarillo attorney Steve Hoard, was hosted by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community college students.

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TUMBLEWEED

Wilkinson's vocals form the foundation, accompanied by poetry readings by veteran actor Barry Corbin, best known for his role on "Northern Exposure."

Fallon, a former Pampa and Gray County-area resident, now lives in Boulder, Colo.

As an artist, Fallon said she's had some pretty strange requests, so when her friend Wilkinson asked her to create a pastel drawing of a tumbleweed for the cover of his new Christmas album, she didn't raise an eyebrow.

"Andy wanted a tumbleweed on a blue background for the cover," she explained. "After wondering how I was going to make this tumbleweed a significant Christmas symbol, I decided to paint the tumbleweed in a night scene, illuminating it with the light of the Christmas star. Then I added the strands of colored lights to it, and if you look hard you can find the shape of an angel kneeling in prayer in the branches of the tumbleweed."

"But the most interesting part of the project for me was learning how tumbleweeds in one way or another have affected the lives of almost everyone," Fallon said.

As she talked to people about the project, Fallon discovered that almost every had a story about an encounter with a tumbleweed. She was even given a recipe for tumbleweed soup.

Many of the stories centered on car engines catching on fire after hitting a tumbleweed on the highway, but her favorites, she said, are stories from friends who have kept their tumbleweed encounters secret for fear no one would really understand.

A friend from Santa Fe, N.M., told her that his wife became so worried that a tumbleweed would scratch their brand-new car that when one finally did strike the car, she went berserk. He decided then and there as he watched the tumbleweed fly into a million fragments, that it meant his marriage was over.

Another friend from the Southwest relocated to a job on Wall Street. He confessed that he fantasizes about bringing in a semi-truck full of tumbleweeds and letting them loose on Wall Street.

While driving from Denver to Lubbock on a day

when the wind velocity was the same as the speed limit, Wilkinson found himself caught in a "tumbleweed stampede" as a herd of tumbleweeds rolled along the highway at the same speed he was driving, surrounding his car.



Pernie Fallon

Wilkinson noticed the tumbleweeds each appeared to have its own personality. Some rode high in the saddle, all had their own gait, and one seemed to be gimping along.

Wilkinson's new album featuring Fallon's holiday tumbleweed design was unveiled at a reception Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Buddy Holly Center in Lubbock. In addition to Corbin's voice, the album contains a remarkable pool of talent from the Lubbock and Llano Estacado including Lloyd Maines, guitar, percussion and harmony; blue grass pioneers Joe Carr, mandolin, and Alan Munde, banjo; violinist Tina Carraway; Steve Cooper on penny whistles; drummer Mark Gillespie; Rusty Hudelson on accordion; Kenny Maines on bass and harmony; LaTronda Moyers, harmony; Lesley Sawyer, harmony.

Also featured on the album is George Stelluto, violinist and conductor of the University of Las Vegas, Nev., Symphony, who arranged "The Day of the Christmas Ball" and "Christmas Medley" and Barry Corbin's grandchildren, Cori Lynn Ross and Jordan Walker, and their friend Haillye Miller, reading the children's prayer.

Wilkinson's album is available in the Buddy Holly Center gift shop, or may be purchased directly from Grey Horse Press, 612 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401. Cost is \$15 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Web address is www.grey-horse.com or call (806) 740-0100.

The Buddy Holly Center is open Tuesday through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 806-767-2686.

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RECOUNT

According to the Secretary of State's office, Kessie's petition was approved because there was a three percent difference between the two candidates. A recount may be held if the percentage between the two candidates is less than 10 percent of the number of votes cast.

Roberts County will conduct its recount Wednesday and Wheeler County will conduct theirs on Monday, Nov. 27.

As the recount is for a district office, state law requires the Secretary of State serve as the recount coordinator and the county judge in each affected county must serve as the recount supervisor.

The recount committee is to consist of at least four registered voters of the county where the recount is being conducted. The committee members cannot have served as election judges in the Nov. 7 election, according to the Texas Election Code.

Hemphill County Judge Bob Gober and Lipscomb County Judge Willis Smith are recount coordinators in their counties.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook will supervise the recount in Roberts County while Wheeler County Judge Jerry Hefley will supervise in his county.

Kessie did not ask for a recount

of the votes in Gray County. He said Gray County is not included in the recount because it has voting machines and uses an optical scanner to count votes. Kessie believes the returns from the machines are more accurate than the paper ballots used in the other four counties because of the possibility of human error.

He also said the recount request is no reflection on any election judges or county clerks, stating there were so many races to be counted and split-party tickets that he felt there was a possibility for error.

He said the recount held Nov. 13 in Hemphill County, which saw a reversal in the race for

Hemphill County Tax Assessor/Collector also impacted his decision.

On election night four votes separated incumbent Gladene Woodside Swires and challenger Mary Ann Wright. The vote showed Wright with 723 votes, and Swires with 719.

Following the Nov. 13 recount, Swires received 735 votes and Wright 731.

In the General Election returns from Nov. 7, the vote Kessie won Hemphill 970-425. He also won Wheeler County, 1,249-996.

Roach won Roberts County, 368-172, and Lipscomb County, 661-567. Roach also carried Gray County, 4,395-3,660.

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UNDER NEW Ownership: The Hop Deli & Bakery, McLean Tx. Grand Opening 11-4 Thanksgiving Day Buffet Dinner.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Breezy with southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area lakes. Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows near 30. Northeast winds around 5 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. High yesterday 46; the overnight low 28.

STATEWIDE — Skies were mostly sunny early Tuesday

with highs expected to reach the 60s by the afternoon for much of the state.

In North Texas temperatures were expected to rise to near 60 under mostly clear skies with light southeast winds around 5 mph. By Wednesday however, skies should become increasingly cloudy with a chance for rain, forecasters said.

Lows early Tuesday ranged from the mid-20s to around 40 in West Texas and the Panhandle. Skies were expected to be mostly

sunny with highs mainly in the 60s.

In South Texas, temperatures were generally in the 40s and 50s. The high temperature for the region at 4 a.m. was 52 at Brownsville.

Conditions Tuesday night should become increasingly cloudy with highs ranging from the upper 50s along the upper coast to near 70 along the lower Rio Grande.

Lows Monday night should dip down into the 30s.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride all Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

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. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

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.

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.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Ministerial Alliance will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m., Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd. Over 10 churches are involved in presenting the annual event which is free and open to the public.

MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT

Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant scheduled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

AYUSA

Academic Year in the U.S.A. International, a non-profit student exchange program, invites high school students to apply for the Congress-Bundestag scholarship, a full scholarship for one year to study in Germany. Deadline for application is Dec. 1. For more information, call 1-800-727-4540, ext. 567 or visit www.ayusa.org/usagermanscholarship on the World Wide Web.

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.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

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. 28, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 15, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. 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.

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). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 12-4 p.m., Nov. 27, City Hall, Canadian; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 6, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 7, Methodist Church, White Deer; (flu) 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Skellytown School, Skellytown; 1-3 p.m., Nov. 9, Illinois St., Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 13, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

MISS TEEN ALL-AMERICAN

Miss Teen All-American pageant officials are seeking applicants for the Miss Texas Teen All-American 2000 pageant to be held Dec. 2-3 at Dallas-Fort Worth Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. Contestants will compete in the following categories: Personal Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit. To qualify, a young woman must be 13-19 years of age as of Aug. 1, 2000; must never have been married; and must be a U.S. resident. To apply, send a recent photo along with name, address, telephone number, date of birth and short bio either by fax, 1-304-242-8341, or mail: Dept. D - Miss Texas Teen All-American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003-9619.

FAMILY CHRONICLE

Family Chronicle magazine is seeking genealogy success stories. The publication plans to collect a "1,000 brickwall solutions" for inclusion in a special publication of the same name. Stories can range from 50 to 800 words. Submissions should be mailed to: "Brickwall Solutions" Family Chronicle, Box 1201, Lewiston, NY 14092.

FREE BOOKLET

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs," to consumers nationwide. To obtain a copy of the booklet, send \$5 to cover cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways, Dept. 100GG-0816, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, D.C. 20090-6071. For more information, call (202) 595-1031 or visit www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the Internet.

AIYSE

American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year. The students, age 15-18, will arrive late in August and return home in June. The students are screened and have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct

\$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

CCPC

Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, will hold "ABC Computer Class" from 1-3 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 27, 29 and Dec. 4 and 6 and "Quick TASP" at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. Cost of the computer class is \$40, and the registration deadline is Nov. 27. The fee for the TASP test, due at the time of testing, is \$29 and must be accompanied by two forms of ID including one photograph.

RED CROSS CLASSES

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following CPR courses during the month of November: Community CPR and First Aid (includes adult, child and infant CPR) 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 1, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; Community CPR class, 3-7 p.m., Nov. 14, at the ARC office; and Community CPR class, 5-9 p.m., Nov. 29 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

DISCOVERY CENTER

The Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo is introducing the exhibit "Air Discovery: Soar to New Heights" this month. For more information, call the center at (806) 355-9547.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 20th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 2 in the Community Center in Hereford. A limited number of booths are currently available for a \$10 rental fee. Applications may be obtained by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or by calling (806) 364-0774.

FPC EE CLASSES

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes: American Red Cross Infant/Child CPR, Community First Aid (Nov. 4); "Retirement, Life Insurance and Disability Planning Money Management Seminar (Nov. 7-21); photography (Nov. 7-Dec. 12); Improving Equipment Maintenance and Reliability (January). FPC is also offering FCC License Testing Nov. 9. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES

The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com on the Internet.

Gray County 4-H Food Show



(Photos by Judy Elliott)

Some area 4-Hers recently participated in the 2000 Gray County 4-H Food Show held at United Methodist Church of McLean. Above: Winners in the Intermediate and Senior Divisions were: (front row) Nicholas Odom, Bread and Cereal, Intermediate; Drake Jackson, Fruits and Vegetables, Intermediate; (back row) Cory Jackson, Main Dish, Senior; and Emily Elliott, Main Dish, Intermediate.

Boy Scout volunteers receive recognition

Boy Scouts of America Golden Spread Council Cubmasters Lynn Macias of Canadian and L.H. Webb of McLean were both honored with the District Award of Merit, the highest district-level award conferred for outstanding volunteerism, during the annual Santa Fe District Scout Banquet held recently at First Christian Church in Pampa. Pampa's John Curry, chairperson of the Santa Fe District Committee, presented the awards.

Others receiving recognition included Scout leaders Janice Bellah, Craig Guyer and V.J. Haggerman, all of Pampa, who received awards of appreciation and service.

Guest speaker Robert Kerr, retired Amarillo businessman and civic leader, spoke of the power of Scouting and its potential to shape youngsters' lives. An Eagle Scout who himself attended an International Scout Jamboree as a youth, Kerr expressed appreciation for Scout leaders who make a positive impact upon individuals involved in

the Scouting program. Assistant Scout Executive Rick Wieners of Amarillo also addressed the group, congratulating the district on its accomplishments for the year.

Annual farm and ranch show in offing

AMARILLO — The 16th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is slated from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 28-30 at the Amarillo Civic Center, with over 300 companies and 700-plus exhibits. In addition, attendees can register to win a 50-hour lease for an AGCO Allis tractor or attend the Ag Appreciation Breakfast to be sponsored by Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

This year's farm show will include the Western Canada exhibit featuring some of Canada's top manufacturers such as White's Inc., Convey-All Industries Ltd., and MacDon Industries.

Participants will have the chance to interact with both manufacturers and distributors while walking the exhibit floor. Some of the manufacturers to participate in the event are: AGCO, Buffalo, CASE, Caterpillar, Case DMI, John Deere, New Holland, Orthman, Sunflower and Wylie. Additionally, CASE IH will be showcasing their new line of Steiger STX series.

Meetings by Texas Wheat Producers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and other organizations will take place during the three-day event and CEUs will be offered for pesticide applicator license holders during the Farm and Ranch Management Symposium. New this year will be the technology presentation by VantagePoint.

Admission to the show is free. For more information, call 1-800-827-8007 or visit www.farmshows.com on the Internet.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Fort Worth Star-Telegram on aging rail lines: Although the Union Pacific Railroad disputes a contention by the Texas Railroad Commission that the UP's rail from Arlington to Fort Worth is worn out, if there's error to be made, it should be made on the side of caution.

The rail currently consists of two main lines running from Fort Worth to Dallas through the heart of Arlington and Grand Prairie, with maximum speeds of 60 mph for freight and 70 mph for passenger traffic. One set of rails was replaced 41 years ago, the other 35 years ago.

Concern increases with the realization that the Union Pacific routinely ships chemicals such as propane, anhydrous ammonia, sulfuric acid, chlorine and other potentially dangerous substances along the route. A derailment involving chemicals might well be calamitous.

Although derailments along the Arlington-Fort Worth section have been few — one in the 1800s and apparently only two in the 1900s — the most recent involved the derailment of an Amtrak train in Arlington on Dec. 20, 1998. The Amtrak at the time was only traveling 38 mph. Nevertheless, 28 people were injured.

That event alone would be cause for fretting, but state inspectors also recently walked the Fort Worth-to-Arlington track, finding 162 defects including defective railroad ties and broken joint bars. Joint bars connect sections of rail.

Union Pacific reportedly has repaired the problems, but state inspectors now contend that the lines are simply reaching their life expectancy and need to be replaced.

And although such repairs definitely would make a dent in the Union Pacific bottom line, there's also the harsh reality of what a serious derailment could mean in the midst of the crowded Metroplex.

The recent derailment of a Union Pacific train carrying acrylic acid and dichloropropane in Eunice, La., for instance, resulted in the evacuation of 2,000 people. A similar event here in the wrong place could result in injury or evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

The recommendation? Safety first, bottom line second.

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What League of the South is really about

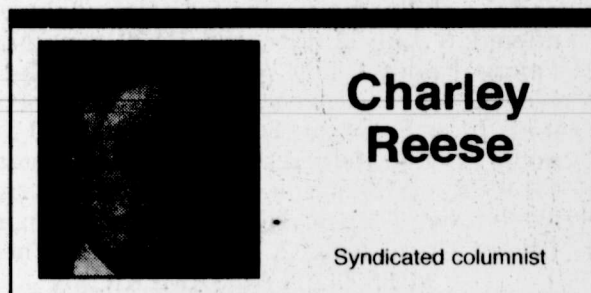
Well, holy mackerel, I'm part of a vast, neo-Confederate conspiracy and didn't even know it. At least that's what the smarmy, left-wing Southern Poverty Law Center says.

Well, I don't mind being called a neo-Confederate because that puts me in the political camp of Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, but, alas, our band of brothers and sisters is neither vast nor conspiratorial. We haven't even tried to replace hash-brown potatoes with grits in restaurants operating in Dixie.

Actually, the SPLC has done the usual leftist smear job on the League of the South, of which I'm a proud member. It resorts to the usual guilt-by-association tactics of the left, lumping the League of the South with organizations with which it has no connection and with individuals who are not members.

It is a disgraceful tactic, but consider the source. The easiest way to refute the smear job is to simply invite those who are interested to investigate for themselves. The League of the South is the most transparent organization in America. It has no secrets and no hidden agenda. It is made up of people who speak in private the same way that they speak in public.

Every speech at every one of the League of the South's annual meetings is recorded and available for sale unedited. Every policy statement, news release, newsletter and position paper is available free of charge from its web-



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site, www.dixienet.org.

Thus, for a few hours and a few bucks, anyone interested can read every word ever written by the League of the South and hear every word ever spoken at its annual meetings, beginning with the very first one. And I can tell you that in all that, you will not find one word spoken or written that any rational person could interpret as racist, white supremacist or hateful. The charge, in short, is just a fat lie.

Do buy the tapes, though. The League of the South can use the money, and you will be both educated and amused. We are not one of those knit-browed, zealot outfits. We love to laugh. And you don't know joy until you hear the Rev. Steve Wilkins, one of the organization's directors, laugh. If you're within a block of Steve when something hits his funny bone, you will hear a very infectious laugh.

The League of the South is an independent organization that has no connection with any

other organization or political party. Its aims are precisely what it says: to advance the economic, cultural and political interests of the Southern people.

I am used to people calling me names, but I was particularly incensed at the SPLC's attempt to paint the League of the South's president, Dr. Michael Hill, as a racist. I don't know of any racist who has spent the majority of his academic career as a tenured professor of history at a black college, as has Dr. Hill. He's one of the finest men I've ever met.

In a policy statement calling for an honest discussion and an end to demagoguery, Dr. Hill writes: "We will loudly proclaim that we will have no truck with those who wish to interject malice and hatred into the racial issue and that includes both sides, black and white. Being proud and thankful of who we are does not mean that we must denigrate others."

Of course, some people are so incapable of logical thinking that they misinterpret the League of the South's celebration of Anglo-Celtic heritage as a put-down of others. Hey, I thought pride in heritage was the "in thing" these days. If anyone thinks we Anglo-Celtic folks are going to wear horsehair underwear and tell our children as they go off to school, "Be Good, Feel Guilty," then your dogs are barking at a tree with no raccoon in it.

It's your choice. Think for yourself or be manipulated.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2000. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this date:

In 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph.

In 1899, Vice President Garret A. Hobart, serving under President McKinley, died in Paterson, N.J., at

age 55.

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened.

In 1964, New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge opened.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the

existence of an 18 1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1979, a mob attacked the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas.

In 1980, an estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (It turned out to be Kristin Shephard, played by Mary Crosby.)

Ten years ago: President Bush arrived in Saudi Arabia, where he conferred with Saudi King Fahd and Kuwait's exiled emir. Junk-bond financier Michael R. Milken, who had pleaded guilty to six felony counts, was sentenced by a federal judge in New York to 10 years in prison (Milken served two).

Five years ago: Balkan leaders meeting in Dayton, Ohio, initialed a peace plan to end 3 1/2 years of ethnic fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Clinton envisions Vietnam partnership

President Clinton returned home from Vietnam early Monday, ending his historic mission by telling the communist foe of a generation past that Americans "wish to be your partners."

"I am going home determined to continue the partnership we have, for a better future for the people of Vietnam, for the people of the United States," Clinton told the Chamber of Commerce in Ho Chi Minh City.

After a week abroad, the president went back to the White House still uncertain who will succeed him there in just two months, Vice President Al Gore, his candidate, or Republican George W. Bush.

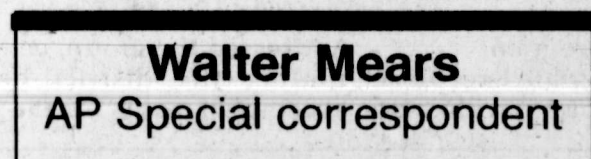
"This is not a crisis in the American system because it will come to an end," he told CNN. "It will come to an end in plenty of time for the new president to take the oath of office."

Clinton also said he doesn't think "we should have all this hand-wringing, dire predictions" that the election dispute over the 25 Florida electoral voters will leave the new president handicapped as a leader.

Air Force One stopped to refuel at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, after Clinton spent a long day in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, that had him speaking, touring and traveling more than around the clock. He lingered over Sunday evening dinner at an elegant restaurant before taking off for home.

As he was preparing to leave Alaska, Clinton learned that Charles Ruff, 61, the lawyer who defended Clinton during his impeachment, died Sunday at his Washington home.

In a statement, Clinton said he and his wife were "deeply saddened."



Walter Mears
 AP Special correspondent

"We loved him for his generous spirit and his keen wit, which he used to find humor in the most challenging of circumstances," the president said.

All told, his week's journey covered 22,192 miles, 44 hours of flying.

There could be at least one more foreign trip before the president leaves office Jan. 20. He said it is conceivable he could still go to North Korea, a possibility ruled out on this Asian trip for lack of firm progress toward an agreement by the North to stop building and exporting long-range missiles.

Clinton, ever the campaigner, shook hands, shopped and waved at the scene of U.S. surrender and withdrawal in 1975. He said his reception, by thousands upon thousands of Vietnamese who lined the streets of Hanoi and then Ho Chi Minh City, was nothing short of amazing. He called it "a big welcome for America, for the United States."

"I think it says a lot about what the people of Vietnam would like their relationship to America to be," he told reporters in the sweltering sun at a container port in Ho Chi Minh City, where he had hailed the spirit, skills and ingenuity of the new Vietnam.

"Your best days clearly lie ahead," he told about 2,000 business leaders and port workers, most of them in white baseball-style caps against the sun, listening through translation

headphones Sunday afternoon.

"The years of animosity are past," said Clinton, who avoided the draft to a war he said in 1969 he hated and detested. "Today we have a shared interest in your well-being and your prosperity. We have a stake in your future and we wish to be your partners."

In the noon heat of Ho Chi Minh City, the president strolled with daughter Chelsea along a crowded street of open-front shops, stopping in at a half-dozen of them, buying a memento at one. He paid with a \$10 bill.

Clinton's journey took him first to Brunei, for the Asia Pacific Economic Forum. Then he became the first American president ever to go to Hanoi, the first to visit Vietnam since the fall of Saigon and the withdrawal of the last U.S. forces here in 1975. The Vietnam war cost 58,000 American lives, and an estimated 3 million Vietnamese.

Clinton saw no display of bitterness, and said that had not surprised him. "I think these years that we spent working together on the MIA issue and on other things" have created the foundation of a new friendship, he said.

"I believe that America and Vietnam are linked not just by a shared and often tragic past that must be honored and remembered, but that we have a bright future that we can build together to liberate our people and their potential," Clinton told the audience at the container port.

One of his last meetings was a 10-minute encounter with the Roman Catholic archbishop of Vietnam, Jean Baptiste Pham Minh Man, a token of his call for religious freedom and human rights.

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about his Thanksgiving plans, Bush said, "I'm having dinner with my family."

Ruling on one of several legal skirmishes away from the Supreme Court, Circuit Judge David Tobin refused on Tuesday to set standards for ballot review in Miami-Dade County and rejected Republican requests to go into garbage cans in search of the punched-out paper from ballots.

"I'm not going to manage the minutiae of each ballot being counted," he said. "That's not my job." The judge said it would be inappropriate to set standards while the issue is before the state Supreme Court.

Presiding over 2 1/2 hours of nationally televised legal arguments on the state's contested election, Florida Chief Justice Charles T. Wells commented Monday on the gravity of the moment.

"The court is certainly aware of the historic nature of this session," he said. The justices are "aware that this is a matter of utmost and vital importance to our nation, our state and our world."

There was no disputing that, given that the winner of the battle for Florida's 25 electoral votes, either the Republican governor of Texas or the Democratic vice president, stands to become the nation's 43rd president on Jan. 20.

Neither Wells nor any of the other six high court justices gave any indication when the court might issue a ruling on whether to allow manual recounts from three counties to count in the final election totals. The Bush campaign hopes the court will snuff out the recounts, and the Gore campaign hopes the court will give them a legal imprimatur, and provide a standard for recount officials to employ.

The justices worked under one timetable as canvassing boards in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties labored on their own schedules to conduct the hand counts the Gore campaign wants.

Bush's official lead stands at 930 votes in statewide results that Secretary of State Katherine Harris has been barred from certifying. Gore picked up 166 votes in manual recounts conducted Monday, which if accepted would reduce Bush's margin to 764.

Gore hopes to overtake his rival in the three heavily Democratic counties where he has propelled the recounts forward.

When the counting stopped Monday evening the situation looked like this:

—Miami-Dade County: With 67 of 614 precincts recounted, Gore had gained 46 votes over last week's official vote totals.

—Broward County: With 544 of 609 precincts recounted plus 139 absentee ballots, Gore had gained 117 votes.

—Palm Beach County: With 103 of 531 precincts recounted by hand, Gore had gained three votes.

Developments in the counting rooms bordered on chaotic at times, a sharp contrast to the crisp proceedings that Wells conducted in the high court in Tallahassee.

All seven justices peppered lawyers with questions about a deadline in the state law for certifying

results as well as contradictory directives elsewhere in the law. There was discussion, as well, about a possible statewide recount, and about conflict between state law and federal statutes relating to the appointment of electors.

Wells asked lawyers how long the state had to certify a winner and still have its voice heard when the electors meet to pick a president.

Democrats said Dec. 12 was the answer to Wells' oft-asked question, six days before the Electoral College meets. The chief justice's questions sketched a scenario in which recounts might continue, perhaps into December.

Wells seemed to suggest that Harris might be permitted to certify a winner soon so Democrats would have time to challenge the next step in the process and still resolve the dispute before the Electoral College meets Dec. 18.

Bush partisans seemed troubled by the implications of the questions asked in court, but Gore advisers expressed frustration by their relatively small gains in the county recounts.

Broward County elections supervisor Jane Carroll, the only Republican on the three-member board, announced plans to retire at day's end. "I feel like I'm incarcerated," said the 70-year-old veteran local official, "with lunch and dinner brought into me and six attorneys sitting across from me the entire day."

Circuit Judge Robert Rosenberg, an appointee of GOP Gov. Jeb Bush, was named to the canvassing board to replace her.

In Miami-Dade, Republicans said the Democratic-dominated board had "rigged" the recount, but Democrats denied it.

"This thing is rigged," said Rep. David Hobson, R-Ohio. "It is a joke on our democracy."

Kendall Coffey, a Democratic attorney, responded: "I think any attempt to raise fraud or any other type of innuendo is nothing short of outrageous."

In Palm Beach County, Judge Charles Burton, head of the county canvassing board, said, "There's been very little change" with votes recounted in about one-fifth of the precincts.

In yet another controversy, three days after Democrats challenged hundreds of overseas military ballots, Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth urged local officials to reconsider the disqualifications.

The nonbinding letter also called on county election officials to seek a "clarifying opinion" from Harris.

Harris already is on record in opposition to changes in the state's Election Day totals, despite efforts by Gore to update the figures with the results of manual recounts. Butterworth's letter confronted her with a similar question, but this time on a matter where the Bush campaign said it would be favored if more overseas military ballots were counted.

Harris offered no comment. Clay Roberts, head of the Division of Elections, said state officials were "forbidden by law to look beyond" the returns submitted by the counties.

On the Net: Florida state courts: <http://www.flcourts.org>

Group issues annual toy safety report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toys are safer than in previous years, but hazardous toys still can be found on store shelves, according to an annual report issued by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Among the toys that PIRG, a Washington-based group, said were dangerous were erasers, jigsaw puzzles, makeup sets, balloons, plastic insects and salamanders, small plastic balls and marbles.

But toy manufacturers denounced the study as "pre-holiday bashing."

"Any toy used improperly can be dangerous," said Pamela Johnston, spokeswoman for Toy Manufacturers of America.

Sixteen children died playing with toys in 1999 and nine of those were from choking. The annual PIRG "Trouble in Toyland" report also noted there were 152,600 emergency room visits for toy-related injuries in 1999.

But Johnston disputed the report, saying that a person who was injured after tripping over a toy left on the floor is counted as a toy-related injury.

On the Net: PIRG report is available at www.toysafety.net Toy Manufacturers of America Inc.: www.toytma.org TMA's Toy Safety site: www.toyhotline.org

3,000 paper shredders recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 3,000 General Binding Corp. paper shredders were being recalled Monday after government regulators received complaints they were unsafe.

The Northbrook, Ill.-based company said it would provide customers free replacement paper shredders or refunds for its light gray GBC Shredmaster 75X-2 models that were sold nationwide and made in China.

They lack protective shields over the cutting blades, and people "could suffer cuts or amputations of fingertips if they touch the turning blades," the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

General Binding said it knows of no injuries

involving the Shredmaster. Those being recalled have serial numbers starting with "MS" or "MT" and were sold for \$139 from August through September.

Customers can call the company at 1-888-247-4135 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST Monday through Friday or go to Web site <http://www.gbcshredmaster.com> and click on the link to 75X Shredder Recall Information.

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

Tots' slippers recalled - choking hazard

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 2,000 pairs of L.L. Bean Inc. fleece slippers were being recalled Monday after government regulators received complaints the drawstrings could choke young children.

The Freeport, Me.-based company said its Snuggle-Up slippers, sold nationwide, should be taken away from toddlers immediately and returned for exchange or refunds.

The slippers have drawstrings around the ankle that can break and release the toggle used to tighten the drawstring, which could pose a choking hazard to young children, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said in a statement.

L.L. Bean said it has received one report of a 12-month-old baby pulling the toggle off his slipper,

but the toddler was not injured. An "L.L. Bean" fabric label is sewn below the drawstring, and "L.L. Bean" and "MADE IN CHINA" are written on the sole.

The slippers are made of red, blue or aqua fleece fabric, with suede soles. The ankle drawstrings have a barrel toggle to tighten the slipper to adjust the fit.

They were sold for \$18 from August through October in sizes XXS and XS.

Customers can call the company at 1-800-555-9717.

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

Union claims airline blankets, headphones not kept clean

BOSTON (AP) — A union trying to organize laundry workers handed out copies of a study at 20 airports Monday that claimed airline blankets, pillowcases and headphones are not always washed after every use and may harbor dangerous germs.

"Workers in Chicago reported doing this every day," said Ahmer Quadeer, a spokesman for the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees. "New York, San Francisco — basically it's happening all over the country."

The UNITE study tested blankets from United Airlines, Air Canada and Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines and determined they contained *Pseudomonas paucimobilis*, a pathogen that can cause lung and eye infections.

UNITE claims workers at the Illinois location of

Royal Airline Laundry, the dominant airline laundry company used by 150 carriers, told the union they are being instructed not to clean items that do not appear dirty.

UNITE said it represents some Royal employees. The study says workers at the New York location reported that they separated blankets from napkins and only washed the napkins.

Royal, based in Inwood, N.Y., called the allegations "false and malicious," and threatened to sue the union for libel. "All of the items returned to the airlines are in a totally hygienic condition," the company said in a statement.

Dr. Russell Rayman, director of the Aerospace Medical Association, said infection is highly unlikely.

Crimestopper supporter ...



Wal-Mart recently made a \$1,000 donation to Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers. The donation went into the Crime Stoppers reward fund. Wal-Mart employees and Crime Stoppers board members who gathered for the check presentation are (from left) Suzanne Courtney, board member; Police Lt. Fred Courtney, Crime Stoppers coordinator; Joe Cumby, Wal-Mart manager; Joe Fick, Wal-Mart associate, and Henryetta Montgomery, Wal-Mart assistant manager.

Big snowfall hits Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Thousands of workers and schoolchildren awoke Tuesday in offices, supermarkets, hospitals and restaurants where they were stranded overnight by a storm that paralyzed the city with 2 feet of snow.

"We slept on cots and the coats were our blankets," said 5-year-old Alexandra Morgan, who spent the night at HSBC Bank's day care center because her school bus got stuck outside. Her father and uncle picked her up Tuesday morning — after getting through the streets in a four-wheel-drive truck.

Abandoned vehicles, including school buses, clogged streets "as far as the eye can see." Nonessential travel was banned Tuesday under a city state of emergency to give plows and tow trucks room to work.

Emergency medical teams had been on the job all night helping stranded motorists.

"We've had people that have been in their ambulances almost 24 hours now, and we've got to pat them on the back," said Mike Hughes of Rural Metro Medical Services. "People are scared and there are a lot of people in need."

National Guard soldiers used Humvees and other four-wheel-drive vehicles to deliver blankets, water and food to motorists stranded in public buildings or along roads and streets.

The city that is accustomed to stunning snow amounts was caught by surprise when the storm clogged streets in time for the evening rush hour.

"Timing is everything," Mayor Anthony Masiello said. "If this would have hit at night, if this would have hit on the weekend, we would have been ahead of it because, quite frankly, we wouldn't have had all the vehicles on the streets and everybody trying to get home."

Some 25 inches of snow fell Monday, the third-highest total for any 24-hour period on record in a city that is regularly pummeled by "lake effect" snowstorms that blow the length of Lake Erie. More than 40 inches have fallen this month, including 14 on Saturday. The sun was out again Tuesday, but an additional inch of snow was forecast.

"The problem is getting our snow plows out," Masiello said Monday. "The problem we're having is the same problem the motorists are having."

A 65-mile section of the New York State Thruway was closed Tuesday between Buffalo and Rochester because of blowing snow. State police and more National Guardsmen used snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles to reach snowbound motorists, said Hans Hallman, spokesman for the State Emergency Management Office.

On Monday, school bus drivers were told to take children to the nearest public building, including supermarkets, City Hall, hospitals, restaurants and government offices. Authorities estimated that 2,000 youngsters couldn't get home after school.

Workers at the FBI building set out on snowmobiles to pick up pizzas for two busloads of schoolchildren and 30 adults who sought shelter there.

"I'm looking out the window and it is absolute gridlock," FBI spokesman Paul Moskal said Monday. "There are four school buses, three (city) buses, four lanes of abandoned cars as far as the eye can see."

Daniel Tobin spent the night under his desk at HSBC Bank. "I'm a little stiff," he said Tuesday morning. Tobin started to head home to suburban Amherst on Monday evening but gave up. "I went to see my truck and after about an hour outside and watching the cars in front of me I saw there was no use," he said.

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New, old customers keep things hopping

Pampa Communications Satellite and Pampa Communications, which is an answering service, are two businesses which are very busy these days. Free installation of satellites to new customers has been extended to Jan. 1, 2001. This current special has kept the

installers very busy, said Pam Hathcoat, manager of the business, with the increase in customers. She said 28 movie channels will also be part of

the special for a period of three months.

Hathcoat said local channels will soon be coming to the satellite business. She urges customers to watch for the announcement of when these channels will be available.

Business is growing rapidly at the local business, said Hathcoat.

"We wanted something different to offer our customers when we began the satellite business nearly two years ago," said Hathcoat. Not only does Pampa Communications Satellite sell satellite dishes, but the business also installs and provides service to them.

The customers get over 500 channels, she said. The local company has developed a wide customer base, said Hathcoat, and it extends all over the Texas Panhandle and into Oklahoma.

Pampa Communications Satellite is continually expanding outside the immediate area. Communities in the area which the Pampa-based business serves are Miami, Canadian, Dumas, Perryton, Borger, Stinnett, Wheeler and Ardmore, Okla.,

she said.

The young woman enjoys her work in this third-generation business. She has been working at the business 11 years.

Pampa's grandparents, Dorothy and E. C. Fulton, opened Answering Services of Pampa in April, 1960, at 111 S. Ballard. In 1966 the business was relocated to 641 N. Hobart and renamed Pampa Communications. After Pam's grandfather died that year, her grandmother continued to run the business until her retirement in 1991.

In 1991, Pam's mother, Beverly Snider, took over the business. Beverly continues to manage the Pampa Communications part of the business which has served many customers through the years. Not only has it served as an answering service, a two-way radio communications business and a two-way repair shop, it also sells cellular phones and will rent as well as sell pagers.

The answering service is maintained 24-hours a day.

Customers include doctors, Hoover Fire Department, resi-

dences, industrial businesses and oil-field related businesses.

Pam has raised her children at the business and her customers have become acquainted with the family. Her two older sons, Roper and Rodee, accompanied her to work for many years. They are both in school now, but their little brother, Rylan, seven months, enjoys his day, complete with a sleeping area for him as well as toys for play, in his mom's office.

Pam likes her work, and especially likes the contact with people. "I have met all kinds of people and made many good friends," said the young woman.

As communication needs have changed drastically the past 40 years, Pampa Communications and Pampa Communications Satellite have constantly expanded for the people of Pampa and the surrounding area. The businesses have grown steadily to meet their customers' needs and interests.

They plan to keep right on growing—right here in Pampa.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Jane Chapman, left, and Susie York, right, are busy answering phones at Pampa Communications Answering Service for numerous customers in the area. Pam Hathcoat, standing, manager of Pampa Communications Satellite, assists the answering service. Chapman and York also assist the satellite business.

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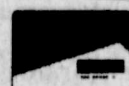
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Clarendon College-Pampa Center students (left-right) Pamela Greer, April Rodgers and Stacey Brown each received Pampa Center Foundation scholarships this fall in the amount of \$500. To be eligible for a PCF scholarship, a student must enroll in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a 2.5 grade average a semester prior to application. The scholarships are financed through Amarillo Area Foundation. Applications are available at M.K. Brown Academic Center, 1600 W. Kentucky, or from counselors at local and area high schools.

Independent review says FBI Carnivore doesn't 'overcollect'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's controversial e-mail surveillance tool works about the way the bureau says and generally doesn't "overcollect" evidence, an independent reviewer of the system said. But his remarks failed to calm the fears of privacy advocates.

Henry H. Perritt said in an interview that he had recommended how the so-called Carnivore system could be improved, both for efficiency and privacy, but that all-in-all it performed as advertised.

"I think that it's fair to say that it does pretty much what the FBI says it did. For the most part, it does not overcollect," he said Monday.

Perritt, who is dean of the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago-Kent College of Law, declined to list his recommended improvements or how Carnivore sometimes overcollected.

The Justice Department was releasing Perritt's findings Tuesday.

Alan Davidson of the Washington-based Center for Democracy and Technology said that while Carnivore may be technically sound, wiretap law still isn't keeping up with new gadgets.

"This finding, if it's true, still doesn't change the basic argument we're having about the standards under which Carnivore should be used," Davidson said.

"This sort of finding is in part why we've said a purely technical review of Carnivore's functions is not sufficient," he said. "Policymakers need a review that considers the law under which Carnivore operates and whether that law adequately protects privacy."

Congress considered several privacy bills during this past legislative term, including some specifically targeted at Carnivore. None of the bills survived, and legislators vowed to take up the issue again next year.

Carnivore was designed by the FBI to collect e-mail going to or from a suspect, in cases in which a suspect may be using electronic communications. Privacy experts have worried about the breadth of Carnivore's capability and its "black box" nature.

Privacy advocates were alarmed by an FBI lab report last week stating that Carnivore "could reli-

ably capture and archive all unfiltered traffic to the internal hard drive."

The FBI said the lab report was the result of a test to determine Carnivore's "breaking point," and that laws and court orders restricted Carnivore from being used so broadly. Privacy advocates, however, said the test showed that Carnivore was more powerful than the FBI had stated.

Perritt said the FBI was "completely open and cooperative" during the review.

Justice spokeswoman Chris Watney said Monday that the Carnivore report was received last week in advance of Tuesday's planned release. The intervening days, she said, were needed to black out parts of the report that mention Carnivore's internal blueprints and other sensitive information.

Shortly after IIT was chosen to perform the review, ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno, critics said the review would not be independent because the reviewers were government insiders.

"This important issue deserves a truly independent review, not a whitewash," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, a longtime Carnivore opponent, said in October.

Perritt advised President Clinton's transition team on information policy and performing other tasks for the Clinton administration, as well as previous Republican administrations.

Associate Dean Harold J. Krent, another member of the team, worked at the Justice Department in the 1980s, and several team members have current or former security clearances from the Defense Department, Treasury Department or the National Security Agency.

Perritt said repeatedly he was completely independent, and that his reputation would be damaged if he was anything but impartial.

Most of the nation's elite academic computer departments — including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Purdue University and the San Diego Supercomputer Center — either declined to review Carnivore or withdrew their applications after objecting to the requirements the Justice Department placed on the review.

The bureau says Carnivore has been used about 25 times, mostly involving national security.



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Trade deficit surges to record high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit surged to a record \$34.3 billion in September as Americans' appetite for cars, clothes and other foreign goods hit an all-time high while exports shrank slightly.

The \$8.7 billion deficit with China was the largest ever recorded with any country, pushed up by increased shipments of Chinese auto parts, telecommunications equipment and toys.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the September deficit was up a sharp 15 percent from an August imbalance of \$29.8 billion, well above economists' expectations. It also easily surpassed the old record of a \$31.7 billion imbalance set in July.

So far this year, the trade deficit is running at an annual rate of \$360 billion, far above the record of \$265 billion set last year.

The exploding trade deficit is the one dark cloud in an otherwise sterling economic performance. Strong economic growth lasting a record 9 1/2 years has pushed the U.S. unemployment rate down to a 30-year low of 3.9 percent.

Critics of the Clinton administration's trade policy, however, argue that the exploding trade deficit will come back to haunt the country when domestic growth starts to falter.

Economists also worry that the billions of dollars transferred to foreigners to pay for all the imports represents a threat to the U.S. dollar and could trigger sharp drops in the U.S. stocks if foreign investors suddenly decide to dump their U.S. holdings.

A blue-ribbon U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission created by Congress to study the problem divided sharply along party lines earlier this month on causes of the deficit.

Republicans said the imbalance reflected the fact that the United States has been growing at a much faster rate than other nations. Democrats spotlighted problems with foreign trade barriers to U.S. exports.

For September, the \$34.3 billion deficit reflected a 3.1 percent surge in imports, which climbed to an all-time high of \$126.6 billion. Big increases were recorded in imports of computer chips, civilian aircraft, telecommunications equipment, autos and other consumer goods, including clothing and televisions.

U.S. exports, which had set a record in August, slipped a slight 0.7 percent to \$92.4 billion, still the second-highest export total on record.

Gains in overseas sales of organic chemicals, computer chips and civilian aircraft were offset by declines in exports of autos and auto parts and American agriculture products, reflecting drops in sales of soybeans, fish and rice.

The overall deficit showed a slight increase in America's foreign oil bill, which rose 4.2 percent to \$10.7 billion. The increase reflected a sharp jump in the price of crude oil, which climbed to an average of \$28.98 per barrel, the highest level in 10 years.

By country, the deficit with China rose 1.4 percent to \$8.7 billion, the second month it has set a record as the largest deficit the United States has ever recorded with a single country.

FDA: Daily pill can prevent, not just treat, flu

WASHINGTON (AP) — If for some reason you miss getting your flu vaccine, there's now a backup: The government says taking a prescription pill every day during a flu outbreak can prevent the misery-inducing illness, too.

Tamiflu, however, is not meant to replace flu vaccine — not only because it's more expensive but also because those annual shots offer season-long protection credited with saving countless lives.

"Vaccination is the No. 1 preventive method against influenza," Dr. Debra Birnkrant of the Food and Drug Administration stressed Monday.

But only about 75 million of the nation's 280 million people get vaccinated each year, leaving lots of potential flu victims. Nor is the vaccine perfect. Indeed, the flu sickens 20 million Americans annually and kills 20,000. So doctors have long hoped for additional protections.

Monday, the FDA announced that Tamiflu, a drug already used to shorten influenza patients' symptoms by about a day, is highly effective at preventing flu, too — if people take one pill every day during a flu outbreak.

The Tamiflu news comes amid serious delays of this year's flu shots. Vaccine production was delayed, prompting health officials to urge healthy people to wait until December for a shot — two months later than usual — so that the elderly and people with heart disease and other conditions that make them particularly susceptible would get the earliest vaccine shipments. Vaccine is

being shipped now, and health officials insist supplies are adequate.

Vaccination remains the easier, and for many people cheaper, protection. Many Americans get flu shots free through insurers, Medicare or employers, or for less than \$20 during public vaccine campaigns.

In contrast, a 10-day supply of Tamiflu costs \$49 wholesale — and patients must swallow a pill each day during an outbreak, which in some Tamiflu studies lasted a stunning 42 days.

Manufacturer Hoffmann-La Roche is negotiating with insurance companies to cover Tamiflu for flu prevention; Medicare doesn't pay for prescription

drugs.

Tamiflu and vaccine weren't directly compared. But one vaccination protects for the entire season, proving up to 90 percent effective for most, although the shots don't protect the elderly quite as well as younger people. The pills must be taken each time flu strikes nearby.

But Tamiflu works well during an outbreak. In one study of unvaccinated people who took it daily during a 42-day community flu outbreak, 1.2 percent got sick, versus 4.8 percent of people who took a dummy pill. Tamiflu also protected family members who took it within 48 hours of a child or other relatives bringing the flu into their home.

RRC approves rate hike for Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission on Monday approved a \$3.7 million annual increase in rates that TXU Corp. charges Dallas residential customers for natural gas.

For the next two years, the average residential customer's gas bill will rise \$1.50 per month, or about 7 percent. After that, the monthly increase will be about \$1.25, a commission spokesman said.

While residential customers will pay TXU more for gas, commercial customers will see an \$800,000 rate cut.

The railroad commission approved the plan 3-0 after TXU and the city of Dallas could not agree on a rate increase.

TXU said it needed the rate hike to recover an investment of more than \$50 million in its gas-distribution system for Dallas customers.

"Today, in granting TXU a rate increase, the commission recognized the need to allow TXU to obtain a reasonable return on that investment," commission chairman Michael L. Williams said in a statement.

"We're pleased that the Railroad Commission has recognized the significant investment that TXU has made to the Dallas infrastructure," TXU spokesman Chris Schein said after the tentative deal was worked out.

TXU will realize a 12.1 percent return on equity from its investment in the gas system, a commission spokesman said.

Dallas residential customers will pay \$2.6 million annually to cover TXU's investment. For the first two years, they also will pay \$1.1 million annually to cover the cost of appeals by TXU and the city.

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Daughter's Self-Mutilation Is Expression of Internal Pain

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Worried Mother, Chandler, Ariz.," whose daughter is self-mutilating. I had this problem in high school. What wasn't mentioned in her letter is that cutting, burning, etc., is an addictive behavior. You hit the nail on the head when you said cutting causes physical pain to express deep internal pain, and a mental health specialist is necessary.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I have been a cutter for 15 years. People are only recently becoming aware of this problem. I received help when I was younger, and now, as a mother of three, I'm able to control my urges when life gets difficult.

Please inform "Worried Mother" not to punish her child for cutting. Cutters are in need of serious psychological help. They cut because they feel their pain is eating away at them, and cutting is the only way to let it out. Talking and listening to her troubled child is vital. She should not be criticized, and her problems should not be minimized. The smallest thing can feel like an end to her world.

BEEN THERE IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR BEEN THERE — AND ALL OF THE FORMER CUTTERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO WRITE: Most people do not understand the dynamics of this problem. Your taking the time to write and educate us is appreciated. According to other letters from former cutters, the problem may stem from clinical depression, bipolar disorder or sexual abuse. And I repeat: It is a cry for help — professional help.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

In the meantime, instead of punishing her daughter by grounding her, the mother should try to be very understanding and treat this as an addiction. Anything her daughter could harm herself with should be confiscated — and the girl should be monitored to be sure the behavior is not ongoing. It's easy to hide.

Please inform the mother that even though her daughter is in a lot of pain, she might not be able to verbalize it. It's best not to prod or force her. Just be there and try to do the best she can. The healing has to come from the daughter. A parent can only help along the way.

FORMER CUTTER IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR FORMER CUTTER: Thank you for the valuable input. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 17 and have been cutting off and on since I was 13. When I began, I didn't realize how addictive the condition is. At one point, I cut at

least once a day for several months — and experienced physical withdrawal if I didn't.

Sadly, my behavior is common for someone suffering from this addiction. Teen-age girls seem to be afflicted most often — especially the perfectionist, overachiever types who are also prone to depression and eating disorders.

I have read stories of severely addicted cutters who cut for 30 years or more. I will have scars on my arms, back and stomach for the rest of my life. As you said in your response, Abby, the daughter needs emotional support from her friends. I have been blessed with the most wonderful, caring group of friends who have helped me through my difficult times. I would encourage anyone who is a victim of self-mutilation to seek professional help immediately.

SELF-INJURER STILL STRUGGLING

DEAR STRUGGLING: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. Read on:

possibilities and ideas with another. Your family benefits from your efforts. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Keep talking, knowing what it is that you want and need. Consider the kind of relationship you would like to develop with an associate. You could inadvertently be crossing lines. Your directness is a must with others. An associate is full of surprises. Go with the flow. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Worry less about your finances. A purchase might actually be good, especially if you are starting to clear your holiday list. Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Don't react to another's efforts to gain your attention. Be innovative in fitting in work with errands. Tonight: Treat another well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** A roommate or family member tests your limits. You're likely to growl and carry on. Listen to your sixth sense with someone you care about. Don't underestimate what is going on with a child or loved one. Use ingenuity to shore up work. Tonight: Get into Thanksgiving mode.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You might need to let another know just how you feel. Though you could be annoyed, your style of communication is far more gentle than you realize, but you get your message across. Celebration seems like the natural order of the day. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** The unexpected occurs. You cannot predict how someone might or

might not react. Stay centered, knowing what is workable for you. Gather with friends, but also get your work done. You have so many opportunities heading your way. Tonight: Celebrate the long weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You have a nice way of helping and encouraging others to listen. Don't underestimate your importance to another. A boss chooses to let you know how much you are appreciated. Don't ask for a major pay raise just yet. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You might be itching to split and get out of work. Clean up your desk and make needed calls. You could be overly sensitive and high-strung. Recognize what is going on with you. You could be feeling vulnerable. Your sensitivity helps you deal with a kindred spirit. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You could be unusually jumpy. You have to make a choice between friendship and a strong partnership. Review a situation carefully before making a decision. You might not be able to backtrack later. Another might have a strong idea about an expense. Tonight: With your best friend.

BORN TODAY

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis (1958), actor Stephen Geoffreys (1964), actress Mariel Hemingway (1961) ...

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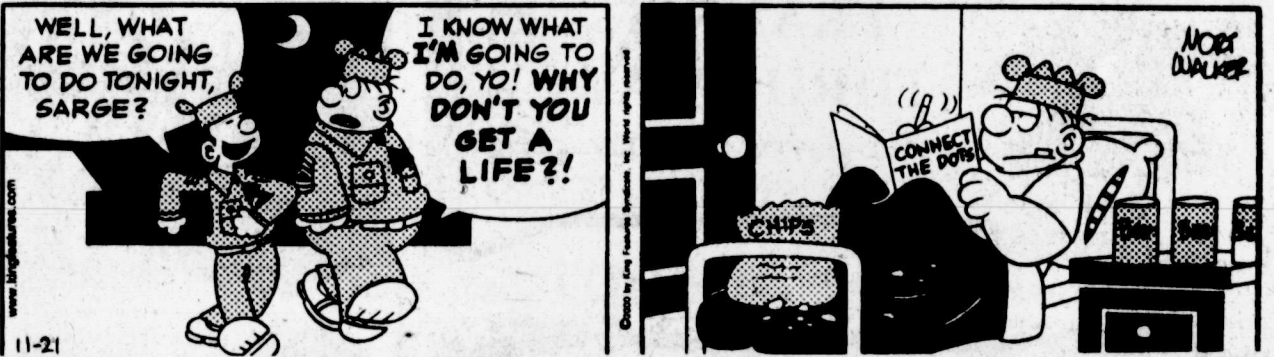
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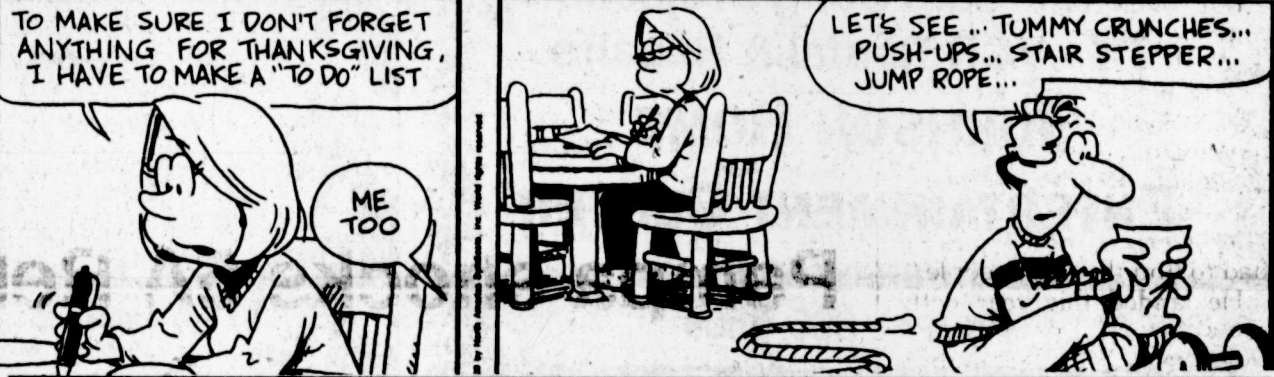
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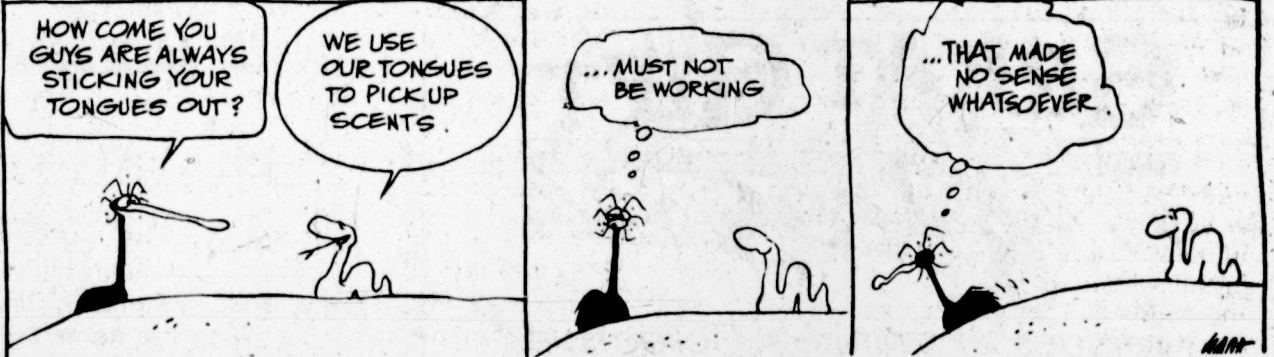
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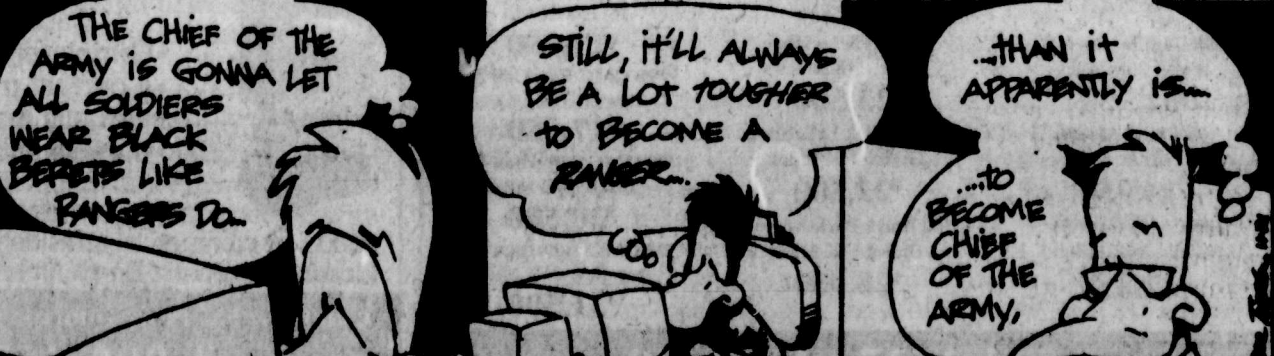
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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22, 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)

***** Friends greet you with smiles and positive energy. You go to extremes, as does a friend or loved one. Allow your more playful side to emerge. You understand a lot more than you realize. Keep communication flowing during a tiff! You'll like the results. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Carefully review recent decisions that affect work. Be flexible with change. Passions run high with a loved one. Be understanding of another at a distance. Tonight: Dilly-dally all you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Listen to a child or loved one who has an important message to convey. One-on-one relating draws important information. Make a call to research information. Seek out an expert if need be. Unexpected news excites your imagination. Brainstorm with another. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Realize your limits. You don't always have to agree with others. In fact, ill will is likely. Financial success comes from your ability to negotiate a truce when need be. Explore different

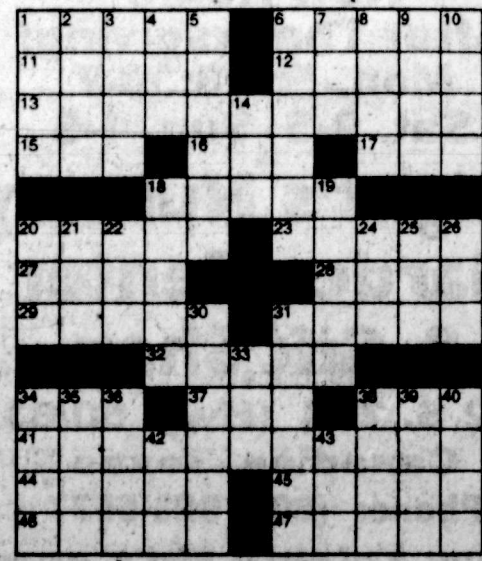
Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Macho sort
 - Treaties
 - Texas landmark
 - Actor Flynn
 - Orson Welles film
 - Krazy — hit with a ray-gun
 - Flower plot
 - Church feature
 - Door-slamming comedy
 - Biographies
 - Heaps of
 - Richard of "Runaway Bride"
 - Actress O'Neal
 - Cereal grain
 - Cockpit worker
 - Take a load off
 - "Golly!"
 - Circle piece
 - Orson Welles film
 - Facing the ditcher
 - New York city
 - Delicious
 - Burdened down
- DOWN**
- Bad writer
 - Director Kazan
 - Actor Damon
 - French friend
 - Hose part
 - Long-distance correspondent
 - Bible boat
 - Beach crawler
 - Musical sound
 - Historic glider
 - Have lunch
 - Misbehave
 - Correct
 - Obese
 - In the style of
 - Balders-dash
 - Peace symbol
 - Historic time
 - Collection group
 - Powerful
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The Family Circus



"Dolly won't learn ANYTHING if she does all the talking."

SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Dionne Brown scored 15 points to lead five players in double figures as No. 13 Texas Tech opened its season with a 78-40 victory over Texas-Arlington on Monday.

Amber Tarr added 14 points, including four 3-pointers, Katrina O'Neal and Jia Perkins scored 12 each, and Casey Jackson 10 as the Lady Raiders improved to 7-1 against Texas-Arlington.

Texas Tech led by 20 at half-time and opened up a 35-point lead with 10 minutes to play.

Texas-Arlington (0-2) did manage to hold Texas Tech scoreless for more than six minutes in the second half.

CANADIAN — Perryton defeated Canadian 42-36 in a girls basketball game last weekend.

Courtney Newlin was high scorer for Perryton with 13 points.

Jana Francis led Canadian with 15 points.

AUTO RACING

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Jerry Nadeau seemingly came out of nowhere to win his first NASCAR Winston Cup race. Hardly.

He's been hanging around for a while — living in a motor home that he could take from track to track, scraping together \$15,000 to buy a minor-league ride that might get him noticed, bouncing around to three different back-marker teams once he made it to Winston Cup.

"I waited a long time for this," Nadeau said Monday after winning the NAPA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the final race of the year.

"Perseverance pays, I guess. I had to find the right people."

He landed this year with Hendrick Motorsports. Suddenly, Nadeau found himself sharing a garage with a couple of former Winston Cup champions, Jeff Gordon and Terry Labonte.

Still, it took a whole year to get used to racing with such a high-profile team.

"It's the best of everything," Nadeau said. "You've got to run a whole different routine. I was used to running all out. I wrecked a lot of cars. Now, I've gained so much patience."

After finishing no better than fourth coming to Atlanta, the 30-year-old native of Danbury, Conn., finally broke through.

"There's going to be a lot more of this in the future," Nadeau vowed.

His Chevrolet Monte Carlo was clearly the strongest car in the NAPA 500, postponed a day by rain. Still, he needed a great restart with seven laps to go before cruising to a 1.338-second victory over Dale Earnhardt.

Nadeau averaged 141.295 mph in finally winning in his 103rd Winston Cup start.

It was the final race for Darrell Waltrip, who is retiring to the broadcast booth after 29 years on the track.

Waltrip had an inglorious finish to his Winston Cup career, starting last in the 43-car field and finishing 34th — seven laps behind the winner.

"No one will ever be able to fill Darrell Waltrip's shoes," Nadeau said. "But to win my first race in his last race is pretty neat."

The day began with an emotional send-off to Waltrip, whose daughters, Jessica and Sarah, commanded over the public address system, "Daddy, start you engine."

Then, ol' D.W. was allowed to take a ceremonial lap at the front of the field before sliding into line at the back of the pack. The same honor was given Richard Petty when he drove into retirement at the same track in 1992.

"I'm brokenhearted," Waltrip said. "It's hard to believe, man, that I ain't going to do this no more."

Warren, Harris, Burklow named first-team AD

Three Pampa Harvesters were named to the 2000 first-team All-District 3-4A Football Team.

Center Jeff Warren was the lone selection on offense. Tackle Taylor Harris and line-backer Jason Burklow were first-team selections on defense.

Harvesters named to the second team were running back Thomas Long, wide receiver Armando Tarango, end Andy Schroeder, and defensive back Lane Baker.

Quarterback Cody Hodges of district champion Hereford was named Player of the year. Hereford's Craig Yenser was named Coach of the year.

2000 All-District 3-4A Football Team

Offense
First Team
 Quarterback: Cody Hodges, Ends: Michael Barba,

High School Football

Hereford, 185, sr.; Running backs: Clete Andrews, Canyon, 230, sr.; Eron Haynes, Borger, 185, sr.; Marcus Medlock, Dumas, 200, sr.; Tackles: Isaas Morales, Canyon, 285, sr.; Casey Banks, Dumas, 245, sr.; Guards: Roger Owens, Dumas, 230, sr.; Gainum Rogers, Borger, 230, sr.; Center: Jeff Warren, Pampa, 265, sr.; Tight end: Brandon Vinson, Dumas, 190, sr.; Wide receiver: Slade Hodges, Hereford, 197, sr.; Wide receiver: J. Fields, Caprock, 195, sr.; Punter: Jacob Felton, Randall, 175, jr.

Defense

First Team
 Quarterback: Cody Hodges, Ends: Michael Barba,

Hereford, 201, sr.; Justin Garrison, Borger, 225, sr.; Linemen: Taylor Harris, Pampa, 240, sr.; Kris Hammarbeck, Hereford, 290, sr.; Matt Marriott, Canyon, 220, sr.; Linebackers: Jason Burklow, Pampa, 190, sr.; Tommy Johnstone, Borger, 215, sr.; Steve Favreau, Canyon, 215, sr.; Marcus Simpson, Dumas, 170, sr.; Defensive backs: Devron Hollings, Palo Duro, 160, jr.; Rusty Shorter, Canyon, 175, jr.; Manuel Trejo, Dumas, 175, sr.; Joel Moreno, Borger, 165, sr.; Kicker: Tim Hutton, Borger, 180, sr.

Player of the year: Cody Hodges, Hereford.

Coach of the year: Craig Yenser, Hereford.

Offense
Second Team
 Quarterback: Geoffrey

Ornelas, Caprock, 195, sr.; Running backs: Thomas Long, Pampa, 210, sr.; Marcus Simpson, Dumas, 170, sr.; Terrance Posey, Palo Duro, 150, soph.; Tackles: Brandon Pendergrass, Dumas, 245, sr.; Trey Benzer, Hereford, 205, sr.; Guards: Matt Marriott, Canyon, 220, sr.; Brian Wesley, Palo Duro, 225, jr.; Center: Blaze Blue, Dumas, 195, sr.; Wide receivers: Armando Tarango, Pampa, 130, sr.; Punter: Marcus Simpson, Dumas, 170, sr.

Defense

Second Team
 Ends: Andy Schroeder, Pampa, 235, sr.; Brandon Harper, Caprock, 215, sr.; Linemen: Jared Thomas, Borger, 235, sr.; Joseph Valdez, Hereford, 290, sr.;

Anthony Cunningham, Palo Duro, 290, jr.; Linebackers: Brandon Vinson, Dumas, 190, sr.; Eric Hodgest, Palo Duro, 190, jr.; Craig Howard, Randall, 209, jr.; Marty Eakin, Caprock, 185, jr.; Defensive backs: Lane Baker, Pampa, 175, sr.; Kendrick Dickson, Borger, 180, jr.; Chayse Rives, Hereford, 190, sr.; Tim Hood, Borger, 165, sr.; Ricky Valdez, Caprock, 160, sr.; Kicker: Wade Conner, Canyon, 160, jr.

Harvesters who made all-district honorable mention were quarterback J.J. Roark (180, sr) on offense; line-backer Chris Lewis (160, jr.) and cornerback Ryan Nash (160, jr.) on defense.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Jennifer Lindsey (left) was high scorer for the Lady Harvesters with 12 points against Tascosa.

Pampa shocks 5A Rebels

AMARILLO — Gary Alexander poured in 28 points and Adam Rodgers added 16 as Pampa beat Amarillo Tascosa 73-61 in an impressive showing Monday night at the Tascosa Activity Center. Pampa evened its record at 1-1. Class 5A Tascosa, the pre-season favorite to win its district, suffered its first loss after two victories.

The Harvesters never trailed and were ahead by seven (20-13) at the end of the first quarter. Tascosa crept within three (37-34) at half-time, but Pampa stayed in front and got the margin back to six (51-45) after three quarters. The Rebels pulled within three, once again, but Alexander and Brooks went four for four from the foul line near the midway mark of the fourth period to give Pampa a 10-point cushion at 64-54. Tascosa wouldn't get closer than six points the rest of the way.

Brooks added 11 points and controlled the boards for the Harvesters.

Tiwan Gilbreath and Steve Jackson had 15 and 14 points respectively to lead Tascosa.

Also scoring for Pampa were Dustin Johnson with 7 points, Jon East 5, Erik Brown 2, Max Simon 2 and Jeff Lofton 2.

Alexander scoring on a variety of slashing layups and jumpers, including a pair of 3-point goals. He was also 10 of 12 from the foul line. Rodgers led Pampa in 3-point

goals with four.

Pampa travels to Frenship for its next game at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

AMARILLO — Hampered by a poor first quarter, the Pampa Lady Harvesters were able to outplay Tascosa the rest of the way before dropping a 65-54 decision Monday night in the Rebels' gym.

Pampa is now 1-1 on the season while Tascosa is 2-1.

"If it hadn't been for the first quarter, we would have been okay," said Pampa coach Mark Elms. "We got outscored 22-6, but we came back and beat them 48-45 the last three quarters."

Kami Collins had 16 points and Lexie Johnson 14 to lead the Lady Rebels in scoring.

Pampa got 12 points from Jennifer Lindsey. Cali Covalt followed with 9.

"We're having a little trouble with our free throws," Elms said. "We're only hitting about 50 percent of them, so we need to bump that percentage up a little bit."

Others who scored for Pampa were Lindsey Narron 7, Morgan White 7, Ashley Derington 6, Stephanie Cameron 6, Charity Nachtigall 3 and Chasity Nachtigall 1.

The Lady Harvesters play Nazareth on Saturday with the junior varsity playing at 5 and the varsity at 6:30. The games will be played at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

Quick turnaround between games another obstacle for Dallas

By JAIME ARON
 AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Another embarrassing loss. Two more injured starters. Only three days between playing the NFL's best defense and one of the top offenses.

Well, at least the Dallas Cowboys can look forward to having the weekend off.

The Cowboys had little time Monday to dwell on a 27-0 loss to Baltimore the day before because the high-scoring Minnesota Vikings come to town Thursday.

Dallas (4-7) then gets a few days to catch its breath before

closing the season with four more likely playoff teams. The Cowboys must win at least twice to avoid their worst record since going 1-15 in 1989.

"We all have a job to do," said quarterback Troy Aikman, who declined to answer questions about his back, saying only that he expects to be able to play a second game in five days.

"Nowhere in our contract does it say that you only play when you have a chance for the playoffs or when things are going well. You play the season out, play as hard as you can and give it your best shot. That's what's expected."

It isn't easy, though, not when eight starters are likely to miss

the game with injuries and only one is expected to play again this season.

Safety Darren Woodson broke his right forearm in the second quarter against the Ravens. Although he returned in the second half, coach Dave Campo said Woodson could miss more than one game.

The news was even worse for center Mark Stepnoski. He has a sprained ligament in his left leg and will need at least six weeks to heal. It's the same injury that is likely to end defensive tackle Leon Lett's season.

Receivers Joey Galloway and Raghil Ismail also have knee injuries. The other missing

starters are tackle Chad Hennings, safety George Teague and punter Micah Knorr.

"When you don't have your weapons on both sides of the ball, you're trying to fill that void. We're doing the best we can right now. Unfortunately we're falling short," receiver James McKnight said.

Dallas is coming off its first shutout since 1991, a span of 152 games. The defense gave up its most points since being tweaked earlier this season and its problems stopping the run have again been exposed.

That's no way to go into a game against the Vikings. "Right now we can't think

about who we are playing, what's their record, how many yards they pass for every game," defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban said. "We just have to stay fundamentally sound and focused on us."

Campo said the quick turnaround between games can help keep the focus sharp. The flip side is if Dallas loses again, it'll linger longer than usual.

"I can't stand losing — the taste of it, the smell of it. We've got an opportunity to get it out of our mouth and nose on Thursday," Campo said. "Now, whether we do is another story. We may have to go another nine days with it."

Baylor grid coach has no plans for staff changes

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor coach Kevin Steele isn't planning any changes on his coaching staff after a second straight 0-8 Big 12 record.

Steele said he has no intention of finding a scapegoat to blame for the problems this season. Plus, he contends, two seasons certainly aren't enough time for him and his staff to turn around a program that was 15-29 the four years before they arrived.

"If you just start saying, 'Well, we've got to blame somebody, so let's go around the room and pick somebody,' then what you're doing is saying, 'OK, it's everybody's fault, but let's get the heat off of us and blame somebody.' I don't believe in that, and that's not going to happen," Steele said.

"We have not been in this program long enough to build this thing," he said.

The coach, who has received an unspecified contract extension after the second year of his original five-year contract, said making unnecessary changes on his staff would also send the wrong message to his players.

"If I do that, then they walk out the door

and say, 'Well, he preached a good sermon, but he didn't live it that way,' " he said. "Because these assistant coaches work their tails off. Every time I ask them to do something better, they improve it. And they are morally and ethically sound, and they don't break rules."

Last year was the first time in more than a decade that there were no changes in Baylor's coaching staff. In the 1990s, Baylor had four different head coaches, 13 coordinators — including eight defensive coordinators in a nine-year span — and 37 assistant coaches.

Baylor is 3-19 in two seasons under Steele.

This season began with promise of improvement with junior college transfer Greg Cicero taking over at quarterback. The Bears won their opener with Cicero, but he broke his collarbone on the opening series of the second game.

The Bears ended up using three more quarterbacks the rest of the season, including a three-game stretch in which they didn't score a point. The season ended Saturday with a 50-22 loss at Oklahoma State.

With Burks signed, Tribe lays low

CLEVELAND (AP) — Now that they're batting .500 during the free agent signing season, the Cleveland Indians are going to sit back and watch others take some swings.

Rejected by Manny Ramirez, the Indians became the first team to land a high-profile free agent when they signed outfielder Ellis Burks to a three-year, \$20 million deal on Monday.

Once Ramirez turned down their seven-year, \$119 million offer, the Indians switched their priority to signing the 36-year-old Burks, a right fielder who batted .344 with 24 homers and 96 RBIs in only 393 at-bats last season for the San Francisco Giants.

"He was a player that was at or near the top of our list," said Indians GM John Hart.

And now that he's addressed his team's most pressing need — filling the void left by Ramirez's departure — Hart thinks it might be time to relax before the Indians make another move.

"We're going to step back from the market and take a look," Hart said.

The Indians would like to add another bat to the lineup to make up for losing Ramirez, and they would also like to get involved in the sweepstakes for pitchers Mike Mussina and Mike Hampton.

"Those are the two pitchers who are considered the premier guys," Hart said. "Right now, I'd say we're only perimeter players."

The asking price for either pitcher is likely to exceed \$15 million per season, and

before the Indians get involved in any bidding, Hart thinks it might be wise to see where the market is headed.

"I think the rest of the winter is going to be interesting from the standpoint that we won't be pursuing quite as hard," Hart said.

Burks decided to sign with the Indians during the weekend after narrowing his choice to Cleveland and the Texas Rangers.

Burks gets a \$2 million signing bonus, \$5 million next season, \$6 million in 2002 and \$6.5 million in 2003. The Indians have a \$5 million option for 2004 with a \$500,000 buy-out.

In addition, performance bonuses could raise the value of the deal to \$28.05 million over four years.

By signing Burks, the Indians may have ended any possibility of re-signing Ramirez.

"I don't think this helps. We would have to be creative," Hart said. "I'd have to say it's unlikely, but it's not impossible. ... We have left the door open."

Hart said he would contact Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, this week.

"We would need some overtures from their camp that they are interested in us," Hart said.

Moorad, who asked the Indians for \$200 million over 10 years, said he had met with another team on Monday and that he has had serious negotiations with six clubs in the past week.

Moorad said he spoke with Hart last week and expected to hear again from the Indians in the next few days.

Rested Redskins beat Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The bye week turned out to be a perfect break for the Washington Redskins.

Jeff George threw three touchdown passes and the Washington defense, given extra time to study the St. Louis Rams' No. 1-ranked offense with the week off, had a strong game in a 33-20 victory Monday night.

"I'm not going to kid you," free safety Mark Carrier said. "We had some different things we put in specifically for this team. If it's a short week, I don't know how quick we would adjust to it like it did."

The rested Redskins (7-4) also got four field goals from 44-year-old Eddie Murray, signed during the bye week, and are back in the thick of the NFC East picture, tied for second with the New York Giants and a half-game behind Philadelphia.

The Redskins already have beaten both teams, and play them again at home in their next two games.

Washington, which entered the break with consecutive losses to the Titans and Cardinals, has won five in a row after a bye. This time, they handed the defending Super Bowl champion Rams (8-3) their second straight loss at home, where they had a 14-game winning streak snapped earlier this season, and their third setback in five games overall.

The Rams, who had been averaging 39 points, had their lowest regular-season point total since they scored 19 in the 1998 finale at San Francisco.

"All during the week, all we

heard was the Rams this, the Rams that, how are we going to stop the Rams?" defensive end Bruce Smith said. "Like we couldn't match up or go out and give them a competitive game. It was an insult, but it was inspiring as well."

The Redskins got a big game from Smith, who had three sacks and tackled Trent Green in the end zone for a safety, and from most of owner Daniel Snyder's offseason acquisitions.

George, subbing for the injured Brad Johnson, was 24-for-34 for 269 yards. LaVar Arrington, this year's first-round draft pick, had two sacks. Champ Bailey, last year's No. 1 pick clinched the game with an interception and 48-yard return after the Rams had driven to the 3.

That was the last in a series of mistakes by the Rams, who self-destructed after jumping to a 10-0 lead. St. Louis also lost two fumbles, one after a 64-yard catch by Torry Holt and the other on a kick-

off return by Tony Horne that allowed the Redskins to take a 31-20 lead on Murray's fourth field goal with 10:41 to play.

"The only team that can beat the Rams is the Rams," offensive tackle Ryan Tucker said. "If we played our 'A' game, there's no doubt in my mind we would have won."

Special teams failed the Rams again when Redskins kicker Scott Bentley recovered his own onside kick at the end of the third quarter, leading to a field goal.

The key sequence came late in the third quarter, with the Rams leading 20-19. George, who had first-half TD passes of 19 yards to James Thrash and 3 yards to Larry Centers, hit Irving Fryar from 34 yards out to give the Redskins a 25-20 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Bentley recovered the onside kick to set up Murray's 41-yard field goal that made it 28-20. On the next kickoff, Sam Shade recovered Tony Horne's fumble to set up Murray's 39-yard kick.

Pampa beats PD, Caprock in Amarillo JV Tournament

AMARILLO — Pampa competed in the Amarillo Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament last weekend, winning two of their first three games.

Pampa trailed by 15 points at halftime against Palo Duro in the first game, but rallied for a 56-54 win. A steal and a layup by Carlos Solis with six seconds to go gave Pampa the victory. Solis finished the game with 14 points.

James Silva had 16 points,

Ryan Zemanek 12 and Clay Trimble 9 for the Pampa JVs. Zemanek had 15 rebounds while Silva and Trimble had 11 each.

Tascosa defeated Pampa 69-52 in the second game.

Zemanek had 14 points and Solis 11 to lead Pampa.

Pampa came back to beat Caprock 53-47. High scorer for Pampa was Silva with 16 points. Zemanek followed with 13.

Eight inducted into golf's Hall

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — They came from different parts of the world and made different contributions to golf. But the eight newest members of the World Golf Hall of Fame shared a similar message: They didn't get there alone.

Juli Inkster paid tribute to a supportive husband and two daughters. Judy Rankin offered an emotional salute to a long-time coach and her son. Beth Daniel recalled learning the game from her father.

Perhaps the most poignant moment Monday night came from Jack Burke Jr., but not before he broke up a crowd of about 800 that braved a frosty night in Florida.

"You girls with those tears, you've got me up here in casual water," said the former Masters and PGA champion.

Burke, one of the most popular teachers himself, honored such instructors as Jack Grout, Pete Cooper, Claude Harmon, Johnny Revolta, Paul Runyan and Deacon Palmer.

"Without these great teachers, none of us would be in here," Burke said. "Those fellas are probably not going to get in the Hall of Fame, but I want to say to you tonight, 'You're coming in with me.' I'm bringing the teachers in."

It was the largest induction class since 1975.

Inkster, who juggled being a soccer mom and being one of the most competitive players in the game, and Daniel were the only active players among this year's induction class, the largest since

eight were inducted in 1975.

Daniel qualified in 1999 but postponed her induction to the year her parents and the LPGA Tour celebrated their 50th anniversaries. Monday also happened to be her brother's 50th birthday.

Joining the inductees was Rankin, a 26-time winner and longtime ABC Sports golf analyst who was voted in through the Veteran's Category.

The World Golf Foundation selected five others — former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, Sir Michael Bonallack, Neil Coles and British teaching pro John Jacobs through Lifetime Achievement; and Burke from the Veteran's Category.

Their induction brings membership in the Hall of Fame to 84.

"They have gotten to the Hall of Fame through very different paths," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said on a cold, clear night at the World Golf Village. "Each has left their indelible marks."

Each paid tribute to those who have paved the way for them, particularly the women.

The LPGA Tour celebrated its 50th anniversary, recalling the days when 13 founders ran a circuit that has blossomed into 40 tournaments with prize money pushing \$40 million.

"Because of these women, I have been able to live my dream," Daniel said.

Daniel and Inkster qualified when the LPGA Tour early last year changed its requirements from the most stringent of any Hall of Fame to one based on points.

"It's unbelievable that my name will go alongside some of the greatest men and women to ever play the game of golf," said Daniel, who has won 32 times and one major.

Inkster thought the Hall of Fame was out of reach, especially after going through a five-year winless drought during which she devoted her attention to her two daughters.

"I thought those guys were my Hall of Fame," she said.

When the requirements were changed, the three-time U.S. Amateur champion blazed into the shrine by winning five times last year, including the prized U.S. Open and becoming only the second woman to complete the modern Grand Slam.

Along with creating The Players Championship, Beman developed the Senior Tour and Buy.com Tour and conceived the idea of stadium golf, leading to over 30 TPC courses.

Burke was in the previous Hall of Fame at Pinehurst, N.C., but was not ushered in when the shrine moved to Florida. He staged the greatest comeback in Masters history, a 71 in the final round that brought him from eight strokes behind in 1956.

One teacher who made it on his own was Jacobs, one of the most respected instructors in Europe who worked with Coles to help develop the European tour, uniting continental Europe with the United Kingdom.

Coles, who does not fly, was the only inductee not present.

Bonallack was secretary of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club for 16 years until retiring in 1999.

Injuries hit Saints, Bucs hard; Blake, Alstott, Stepnoski gone for season

By The Associated Press

These were not the kind of breaks the New Orleans Saints were hoping for.

New Orleans, which lost star running back Ricky Williams when he broke an ankle last week, now is without its only experienced passer, Jeff Blake.

The quarterback faces season-ending surgery on his fractured and dislocated right foot.

"It was a freak accident," Blake said. "It took a lot to hold back the tears. But I have to be strong for the guys."

The injury occurred late in the first quarter of the Saints' 31-22 loss to the Oakland Raiders on Sunday. New Orleans (7-4) hopes to get Williams back late this year.

Mike Alstott won't be back in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' lineup this season unless they make the playoffs.

The Bucs (6-5) lost their powerful fullback with a torn knee ligament in Sunday's defeat at

Chicago. Alstott will be out 6-to-8 weeks, which carries beyond the season finale Dec. 24.

"It doesn't sound like it's going to require any surgery. It's just going to be a matter of resting up and letting it heal," coach Tony Dungy said Monday.

"I just got bent up and the lower part of my leg didn't move compared to the top of my leg," Alstott said.

The Bucs also could be without All-Pro safety John Lynch this week against Buffalo. Lynch dislocated his right shoulder against the Bears.

Dallas center Mark Stepnoski is out with a sprained left knee ligament. He was hurt in a 27-0 loss at Baltimore, which dropped the Cowboys to 4-7. Coach Dave Campo said Stepnoski will need at least six weeks to heal.

Safety Darren Woodson fractured his forearm. Although Woodson played in the second half, Campo indicated the quick turnaround between games — the Cowboys play Minnesota on

Thursday — will keep him out.

Dallas has lost seven starters to injuries.

"We've had injuries in previous years that have been somewhat crippling, but I don't think we've had the sheer number of starters go down," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "It's been unbelievable."

The status of two other top runners, Denver's Terrell Davis and the Jets' Curtis Martin, remained uncertain Monday.

Davis, sidelined for 18 games because of injuries in the past two seasons, has pain in his lower left leg and could miss Denver's game at Seattle.

Tests on Davis' leg have been negative, but an MRI taken Monday was sent to a specialist in San Francisco.

"I really don't know," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "I thought he was going to play this last week, then he set it back. I don't think anybody knows."

Same thing for Martin, whom the Jets said on Sunday hurt his

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Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	203	239						
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	243	219						
New England	3	8	0	.273	183	219						
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Tennessee	9	2	0	.818	228	159						
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	218	128						
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455	184	153						
Jacksonville	4	7	0	.364	220	259						
Cleveland	3	9	0	.250	130	288						
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	106	233						
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Detroit	7	4	0	.636	213	218						
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	282	180						
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	236	231						
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	153	256						
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New Orleans	7	4	0	.636	225	183						
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Finley, Nash pace Mavericks' win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks, off to their best start in 12 years, have won two straight at the Delta Center, where they previously lost 25 in a row.

If the Mavericks seem like a different team, chalk it up to Michael Finley's scoring, Steve Nash's playmaking and Shawn Bradley's defense.

Finley scored 29 points, Nash had 17 points and a career-high 17 assists, and Bradley had six blocked shots and 11 points as the Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 107-98 Monday night.

"That's one of those nights where everything is going for you," Nash said. "That's the way it has to be to win a building like this."

Dallas won its third straight to close a six-game road trip. It might feel more like a seven-game road trip, however, when the weary Mavericks are home tonight against Seattle.

"We have Seattle in our home and it's going to be just like a road game," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We've been on the road so long. We've just

got to wake up and play. I hope we can play as well as tonight."

Nelson hopes the Mavericks handle every opponent like they did the Jazz.

Dirk Nowitzki added 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Mavericks, his third straight double-double. Dallas won with defense, too, holding the Jazz to 40 percent shooting.

"Offensively, things have been going well but tonight we picked up the defense and it ultimately got us the win," Finley said. "We knew if we played hard and aggressive against Utah, we'd be able to win."

At 8-4, Dallas has its best start through 12 games since going 9-3 in 1988-89.

Former Jazz guard Howard Eisley, who signed as a free agent with Dallas last summer, made two free throws with 50.5 seconds remaining and Nash added two more with 32.8 seconds left.

The Mavericks had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to win their last two games, at Seattle and Vancouver, but this time they maintained a double-digit lead for much of the second half.

Bryon Russell led the Jazz with 17 points and Jacque Vaughn came off the bench for 15 points. Stockton scored 14 and Karl Malone was held to 13 points, the third time in the past four games he has scored 15 or less.

"We had some looks, so it's not all about them," Malone said. "We had our opportunities. We just didn't make our shots."

Last March, Dallas broke its 25-game losing streak at the Delta Center. They returned this season looking like they own the building.

"Not many teams win here twice in a row and we're happy to do it. It's huge," Bradley said.

With Nash darting around as he directed the offense, Dallas built a 56-48 halftime lead and never let it slip below seven after that. He looked like a young version of Stockton, the NBA's career leader in assists and steals.

"Nash is very good," Stockton said. "He had a great game. He was very good out there, drawing people to him. When you don't do things right defensively, I guess you overreact to certain things. You're out of position to help yourself."

thumb, bruised ribs and a sore back.

Coach Dave McGinnis speculated Plummer would be able to play next Sunday night at home against the Giants.

Cardinals linebacker Zach Walz, recently back from knee surgery, is out with a broken left leg.

Buffalo lost cornerback Antoine Winfield with torn shoulder cartilage. He will have surgery Wednesday.

Offensive linemen John Fina and Joe Panos both had MRI exams Monday after suffering first-degree knee sprains that forced them out at Kansas City. Linebacker John Holecek broke his thumb and LB Keith Newsum broke his index finger, but kept playing for Buffalo.

Broncos cornerback Ray Crockett will be out at least four weeks with a torn left hamstring.

Chiefs quarterback Elvis Grbac's right index finger was in a splint Monday, and coach Gunther Cunningham did not

sound overly optimistic he'll be available for Sunday's game at San Diego.

Carolina defensive end Jason Peter was to have tests Tuesday, after suffering another neck stinger in a 31-17 loss at Minnesota. Coach George Seifert said the injury appeared serious.

The Bengals lost guard Matt O'Dwyer, who broke his left ankle during the loss at New England, while QB Scott Mitchell sprained his knee in the fourth quarter. An MRI on Monday found no serious injury, but Mitchell is doubtful for next Sunday's game against Pittsburgh.

Giants receiver Ike Hilliard will be hospitalized for two days with bruises to his sternum and a lung, and is unlikely to play against Arizona next Sunday. Hilliard was hurt in the third quarter of the Giants' loss to Detroit when he was hit in the chest by Lions safety Kurt Schulz.

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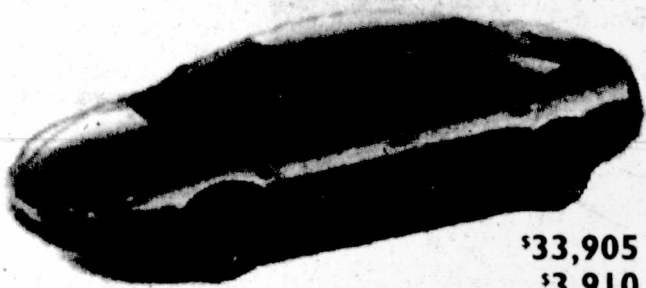
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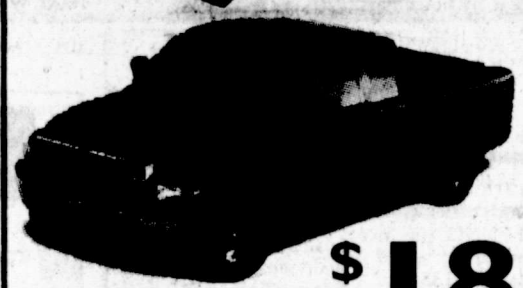


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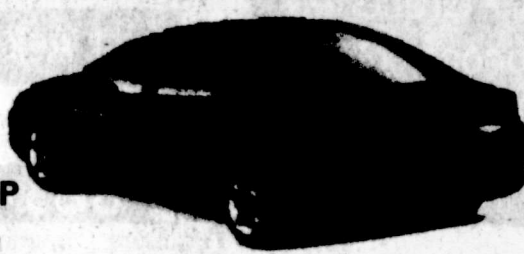


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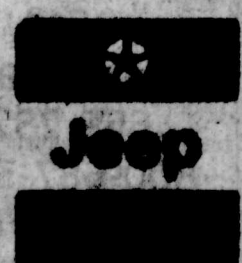
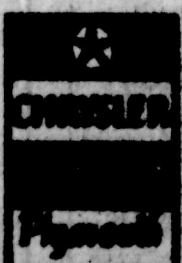


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