

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BROWN, Nellie Mae — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
PISHONERI, Naomi — 11 a.m., Turner Funeral Home, Ellwood City, Pa.

Obituaries

BILLY 'BILL' WAYNE LUEDECKE
AUSTIN — Billy "Bill" Wayne Luedicke, 70, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000. A celebration of life service was held Monday, Nov. 20 in Oak Hill United Methodist Church with the Rev. Barbara Ruth and the Rev. John Wright officiating.
 Mr. Luedicke was born Nov. 3, 1930, at Dill City, Okla., the eldest son of Ernest and Clara Luedicke.

He spent his formative years in the Texas Panhandle. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. While working for Farmers Brother Coffee in New Mexico, he was transferred to Austin. When asked to move again, he decided to remain in Austin and was employed by Capitol Chevrolet for 33 years until his retirement in 1996. He attended Oak Hill United Methodist Church.

Mr. Luedicke was preceded in death by his father, Ernest; and by a brother, Johnny.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; his mother, Clara, of Garland; a son, Max David Luedicke of Georgetown; a daughter, Keli Cox of Spicewood; his step-children, Deborah Voyles of Lubbock, Lonnie Voyles of Florence, Sharon Zeringue of Hudson, Ohio, and Karon Ricker of Spangaholm AFB, Germany; a sister, Wanda Leith of Plano; three brothers, Rondal of Marble Falls, James of Midland and Douglas of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the OHUMC Growing in Grace Fund, 7875 Hwy 290 W, Austin, TX 78736; or to a favorite charity.

NAOMI PISHONERI

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. — Naomi Pishoneri, 73, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, following a brief illness. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Turner Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Moore, senior pastor of Chippewa Alliance Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Fr. Mauro Cautela, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery in North Sewickley Township under the direction of Turner Funeral Homes, Inc., of Ellwood City.

Mrs. Pishoneri was born July 10, 1927, at Enid, Okla., to the late Vernon and Vera Bowman Exline, and graduated from Pampa High School. She lived in Ellport, Pa., for over 52 years, serving on the Ellport School PTA. She was a troop leader for Ellport Girl Scout Troop #41. She attended Chippewa Alliance Church in Chippewa Township.

She married Bruno J. Pishoneri on Sept. 3, 1947.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Laurie Jo Greco.

Survivors include her husband, Bruno; a daughter, Cynthia Jo Greco of Ellport; a son, Michael V. Pishoneri of Ellwood City; a sister, Doris Huffhines of Pampa; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Holy Redeemer Parish's Ladies of Charity, Ellwood City, PA 16117; or to Chippewa Alliance Church Benevolent Fund, 3629 37th St. Ext., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Police report

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

Monday, Nov. 27

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of West Foster.

Credit card abuses was reported by Gene Richard Barton, 30, of 1036 Sirocco.

An assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 1000 block of North Summer.

A gas drive off was reported at the Taylor Mart in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A theft was reported at Gile's Cabinets, 113 E. Kingsmill.

A credit card was found at Pampa High School.

Fires

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

Monday, Nov. 27

4:44 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at U.S. 60 and Gray I, west of Pampa.

7:52 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at WW Fiberglass on Price Road. The fire was out on arrival.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

2:52 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Pantex Laboratories, 1901 Carter. There was no apparent cause for the alarm.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Nov. 27

7:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

12:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

2:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony West and transported one to a local nursing facility.

4:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to BSAW.

4:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Kingsmill on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.16
Milo	3.31
Corn	3.62
Soybeans	4.22

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

Occidental	22 1/2	up 5/16
Fidelity Magell	123.51	dn 1/16
Puritan	18.80	up 1/16

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

BP Amoco	50 1/16	dn 1/2
Cabot O&G	22 1/2	up 3/16
Chevron	85 1/2	up 5/8
Coca-Cola	60 5/16	up 3/4

Columbia/HCA 29 1/4 dn 3/16
 Exxon 79 5/16 up 7/16
 Halliburton 37 1/4 up 11/16
 KMI 43 5/8 up 13/16
 Kerr McGee 66 1/4 up 1/8
 Limited 22 13/16 up 1 1/16
 McDonald's 31 7/16 dn 1/2
 Exxon Mobil 92 5/8 up 1/2
 New Atmos 25 1/8 up 1/4
 XCEL 26 5/16 up 3/16
 NOI 35 11/16 up 1/4
 OKE 42 3/8 up 3/8
 Penney's 10 1/8 dn 3/16
 Phillips 61 13/16 dn 1/8
 Pioneer Nat. 14 7/16 up 1/16
 SLB 72 1/8 up 3/4
 Tenneco 4 3/16 dn 1/8
 Texaco 61 9/16 up 5/8
 Ultramar 28 1/8 dn 3/8
 Wal-Mart 48 7/16 dn 3/16
 Williams 40 5/8 dn 3/8

New York Gold 270.05
 Silver 4.69
 West Texas Crude 35.38

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BURGLARIES

metal scrapers, one with a yellow handle and one with a steel handle. Not content with the cash, thieves took the whole cash register from a Pampa amusements arcade in a daylight burglary.

In another burglary, Pampa police today said

someone broke into Mr. D's Amusements, 854 W. Foster, Monday and took the cash register.

Officers said burglars broke out a window at the Pampa arcade, climbed in, took the cash register and left. Police said the break in appears to have happened between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday.

There was no estimate of the amount of money that might have been in the register.

C. Texas city's leaders consider drinking ban for parks near river

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The idea of banning alcohol along Central Texas parks and rivers is spreading, with San Marcos city officials now considering a similar proposal.

Officials say a drinking problem that began years ago has prompted them to study banning alcohol in their city parks, many of which are near the San Marcos River.

"The area by the falls in the river, the people drink and they get belligerent," Jane Roach, a member of the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions. "I don't even go down there anymore. People use the parks like a bar."

In New Braunfels, the Council has proposed banning alcohol on sections of the Guadalupe and Comal rivers designated as a central business district.

Some San Marcos residents worry that if New Braunfels bans drinking while tubing, that could send more troublemakers to the San Marcos River. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last

month did not act on the New Braunfels plan, instead recommending the city rework its plan.

San Marcos Parks board member Marvin Nite said drinking in the parks has been a concern for years.

"The parks are for children, not for alcoholics to do their stuff," said Nite.

Even though the San Marcos proposal doesn't include the river, Parks Director Rodney Cobb said there are concerns the waterway would become more popular with a rowdy, heavy-drinking tubing crowd if open containers are banned from bank to bank on the New Braunfels rivers.

New Braunfels residents complained last summer that drinking contributed to problems that included profanity, nudity and fighting on the rivers. City officials said this week they still hope to gain state approval for the ban.

The San Marcos advisory board will likely hold public hearings in the coming months before considering a recommendation to the City Council, Cobb said.

State Farm plans discount on safest vehicles

CHICAGO (AP) — State Farm, the nation's largest automobile insurer, plans to offer discounts of up to 40 percent to drivers of what it says are the safest vehicles — including big cars, pickup trucks and some sport utility vehicles.

Consumer safety experts immediately criticized State Farm's move Tuesday, saying it will penalize drivers of smaller cars who may not be able to afford large ones and are more likely to be hurt in a crash with a larger vehicle.

The Bloomington-based insurer said the new pricing program is based on its own rating system

that accurately reflects safety. It will cut rates for vehicles that generate the fewest injury claims.

"This is not about big cars and little cars, it's about safer cars," spokesman Dick Luedicke said. "Cars that produce the fewest injuries are the type of car you shouldn't pay as much to insure."

Along with some larger models, including SUVs and pickup trucks, big autos such as some Acuras, BMWs, Mercedes-L sizes and Jaguars also fall under that category. The Ford Explorer, Nissan Pathfinder, Jeep Cherokee and Chevy Blazer do not.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

A mother-daughter pair discovered the Chamber of Commerce's treasure chest filled with \$250 Pampa Bucks Monday. Tina Renner, left, and Cheryl Robichaux, center, found the chest under at Christmas tree at CompuTech Computers in the Coronado Center. Bill Bridges, past president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, presents the pair with their prize.

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HUNT

for something under a tree.

"When we saw the clue about the cooking and the oven in Sunday's paper we knew it had to be a restaurant," Robichaux said. A trip to Chaney's Restaurant netted the next puzzle piece with the word "comp" on it, she said.

Mother and daughter pondered what "comp" could mean. Company, perhaps? Armed with a list of Chamber member businesses, they visited a number of businesses that ended with "company,"

but none seemed to fit.

"Is there anything that starts with 'comp'?" Renner asked her mother.

Only one — CompuTech Computers in the Coronado Center.

Inside CompuTech, they found a small white treasure chest tucked in with all the computer items placed under the tree.

"It wasn't easy," Robichaux said. "Now (Tina) is working on the 'Where in the World is Santa Claus' hunt."

Robichaux and Renner said they'll split their winnings from the Treasure Hunt and use the money for Christmas gifts.

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PEDC

I can't give you a specific town right now ... I should have written them down."

Another dairy project is on the table that appears to be an "excellent prospect," she said, noting that financial records of the dairy are still being examined.

That dairy seeks a \$250,000 grant and has plans to relocate here from elsewhere in the state where it already operates two dairies. One dairy there would be sold, the other would remain.

The dairy has a \$5.5 million project planned in which 3,800 head of cattle would be milked three

times a day using state-of-the art carousel equipment, Triplehorn said.

Because the rotating platform brings the cows to the workers it takes less people to milk more cows, according to advertisements for such equipment.

In other PEDC activity, Triplehorn said earlier this month she attended the International Food Processors Equipment Show in Chicago. She was part of a group that represented The High Ground, a regional economic development organization that represents all of the panhandle and several other nearby Texas counties.

"We got some good leads from that show and we are starting to work those now," she said.

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PUPIL

in all the world, it would be pasta — in all shapes and forms.

He's also been making tacos "like a mad man," he said.

But Slettbakk's time in the U.S. has revolved around education rather than food.

He's attending St. Paul's on a scholarship he earned, one of 22 students from his school chosen to participate in an innovative cooperation between schools in Norway and the United States.

Unlike the traditional student exchange programs where the students pay a company to study in another country, Slettbakk said, students attend a U.S. school through scholarships provided by their respective counties in Norway.

He explained that Norway is divided into 19 counties, much as the U.S. is divided into 50 states.

Slettbakk said his scholarship comes through Oystere Gymnas, the first public school in Norway to have this type of cooperative program.

The young Norwegian arrived in the U.S. in August, he said, and is living in a dormitory at St. Paul's, a private church-based school.

As a result of the program, St. Paul's approximately 170 students have become accustomed to students from all over the world.

"They welcome you with open arms," Slettbakk said. "I didn't have to work at being a part of the school. They accepted me at once."

Still, being a part of a strict Christian school is different from Norway's more relaxed educational atmosphere.

"I read the (St. Paul's) handbook and I thought it would be very strict. Since I've gotten here, though, it's not so bad," he said.

Slettbakk has been corrected a couple of times for not meeting the dress code requirements, however. Once he wore tennis shoes on "Dress Up Day" and another time he wore a t-shirt with the tail outside of tucked in as the dress code requires.

"I never had better grades than I have here," he said. "The teachers are great. They want you to learn. It's like the principal said when we first came, 'We're here to educate you and we will educate you well.'"

Slettbakk believes one reason his grades improved is because of the way tests are given. He said in Norway, students are given only essay test questions, while he seems to do better with multiple choice and other ways of testing students knowledge.

"Some of my teachers have high demands, but if you study, you will do well," he said. "It's not as easy to get good grades (in Norway) as it is here, but I still learn a lot."

Although his brother enjoyed his year as an exchange student, Slettbakk said that fact did not influence his decision to study in the United States.

"I probably would have gone anyway," he said.

He prefers the scholarship program he's in because he will not lose a year of schooling in Norway.

"After Rune finished here, he had to go back and take his senior year again in Norway," Slettbakk explained. "I won't have to do a year over. I get all

the courses I need to take. We even have a Norwegian teacher who comes and helps us with our Norwegian studies."

Slettbakk said he will have to finish the school year in Norway when he returns however. St. Paul's schools finish in early May, while his Norwegian school ends in mid-June, he said.

Three months into his stay here, Slettbakk said he enjoys the American way of life and the education he's receiving. He hopes to come back and attend college in the U.S. if he can get a scholarship, he said.

City Briefs

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\$300 REWARD for lost female she'llie puppy who needs medication. Around Optimist Park area on Nov. 23, 00. She is white w/brown spot on her back, & brown ears, wearing red collar. 665-7867 or 898-5390.

CREATIVE MEMORIES Open House, Thurs., Nov. 30, 5-9 p.m. at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler-Lisa Mitchell 665-6346.

NIGHTLY SPECIALS Mon-Sat. 5-7 p.m. only. All You Can Eat-\$6.99, incl. salad, sandwich & hot barbeque buffets, thru Nov. Clint & Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. West to northwest winds 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast 15-20 mph with higher gusts this afternoon. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10-to-15 mph becoming light and variable. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Light and

variable.

STATEWIDE — Gulf moisture and crisp overnight lows brought fog across parts of South Texas and the Hill Country on Tuesday, with forecasters expecting a slight cooling trend by midweek across the state.

Early-morning lows ranged from the 20s to 60s. Extremes were 28 degrees at Dalhart and 69 at Port Isabel.

Other readings included 32 degrees at both Amarillo and Wink, 44 at Junction, 48 at El Paso and 55 at Killeen.

Winds were mostly southwesterly to northwesterly at 5 to 15 mph, except for light, easterly breezes in the south and southwesterly gusts to 25 mph in the Guadalupe Pass area.

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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.

SANTA HELPERS
In an effort to raise funds for its Summer Educational Student Exchange trip to Germany, the German Club at Pampa High is organizing a volunteer program during the Christmas season. The volunteers are calling themselves "Santa's Little Helpers" and are available to help wrap presents, decorate homes (indoors and outdoors), remove decorations and much more. For more information or to schedule "Santa's Little Helpers," contact Jamie Greene, PHS German Club sponsor, at 669-4800 (PHS) or at 665-8850 (home). Donations are accepted.

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/usagermanyanscholarship 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.

DIALOGUE
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.

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. 100CG-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 TALL@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.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For

more information, call 669-3988.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W.

Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

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Texas

FURNITURE

9:00 to 5:30 Monday-Saturday Phone 665-1627
90 Days No Interest

210 N. Cuyler in Downtown Pampa

Coronado merchants planning 'Balloon Day'

Saturday, Dec. 9, is "Balloon Day" at Coronado Center, 1200 N. Hobart.

Coronado Center Merchants Association (CCMA) is sponsoring a day-long promotion for Christmas shoppers featuring balloons containing discounts and prizes. Ten lucky winners could win \$5 in Coronado Center Bucks.

When shoppers bring their selections to the counter, they will get to pop a balloon and see if they've won, said Ruth Carter, promotion director for the CCMA.

Ten of the balloons will have a \$5 Coronado Center Buck inside, she said.

Other balloons may have discounts and prizes offered by the various Coronado Center merchants, she added.

The CCMA is also sponsoring a treasure hunt, "Where in the World is Santa Claus?" with clues printed in *The Pampa News*.

The first person to find Santa following the clues will win \$200 in Coronado Bucks, she said.

Coronado Center's Santa will be in his sleigh at the Consignment Gallery gathering

local children's wish list beginning Nov. 24.

He'll be in his sleigh from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Dec. 16.

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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Sen. Hutchison



Water treaty should be recognized

Much of Texas history, and much of our literature as well, can be summed up by the statement "Water is scarce." Countless stories outline the successes and frustrations of Texas' efforts to stake claim to an adequate supply of water to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future.

In few regions is this struggle more evident than in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where a severe lack of water continues to threaten agriculture and the jobs it provides to valley residents. In addition to suffering from a protracted drought that has affected other areas of Texas as well, South Texas agricultural producers are not receiving their fair share of water from six Mexican tributaries of the Rio Grande, water to which they are entitled under the terms of a 1944 treaty with Mexico.

For nearly a half-century, the water treaty served Texas and Mexico well because both sides understood its importance. The treaty was intended to ensure water users on both sides of the river minimum amounts of water so they could manage their withdrawals and plan how it is to be used. The United States has scrupulously observed its treaty obligations for the Colorado River basin and provided Mexico with the amount of water to which it is entitled every year — an amount roughly equal to what Mexico owes us for the Lower Rio Grande.

As of the beginning of this year, Mexico owed Texas roughly 1.5 million acre-feet of water, a debt going back to 1992 (an acre-foot of water is the volume of water that covers one acre to a depth of one foot). For this reason South Texas' Falcon and Amistad reservoirs are at dangerously low levels. During the summer of 1998, water levels fell to 18 percent of capacity — the lowest in more than 40 years. The effects of the drought could be eased considerably if Mexico would make good on its treaty obligations.

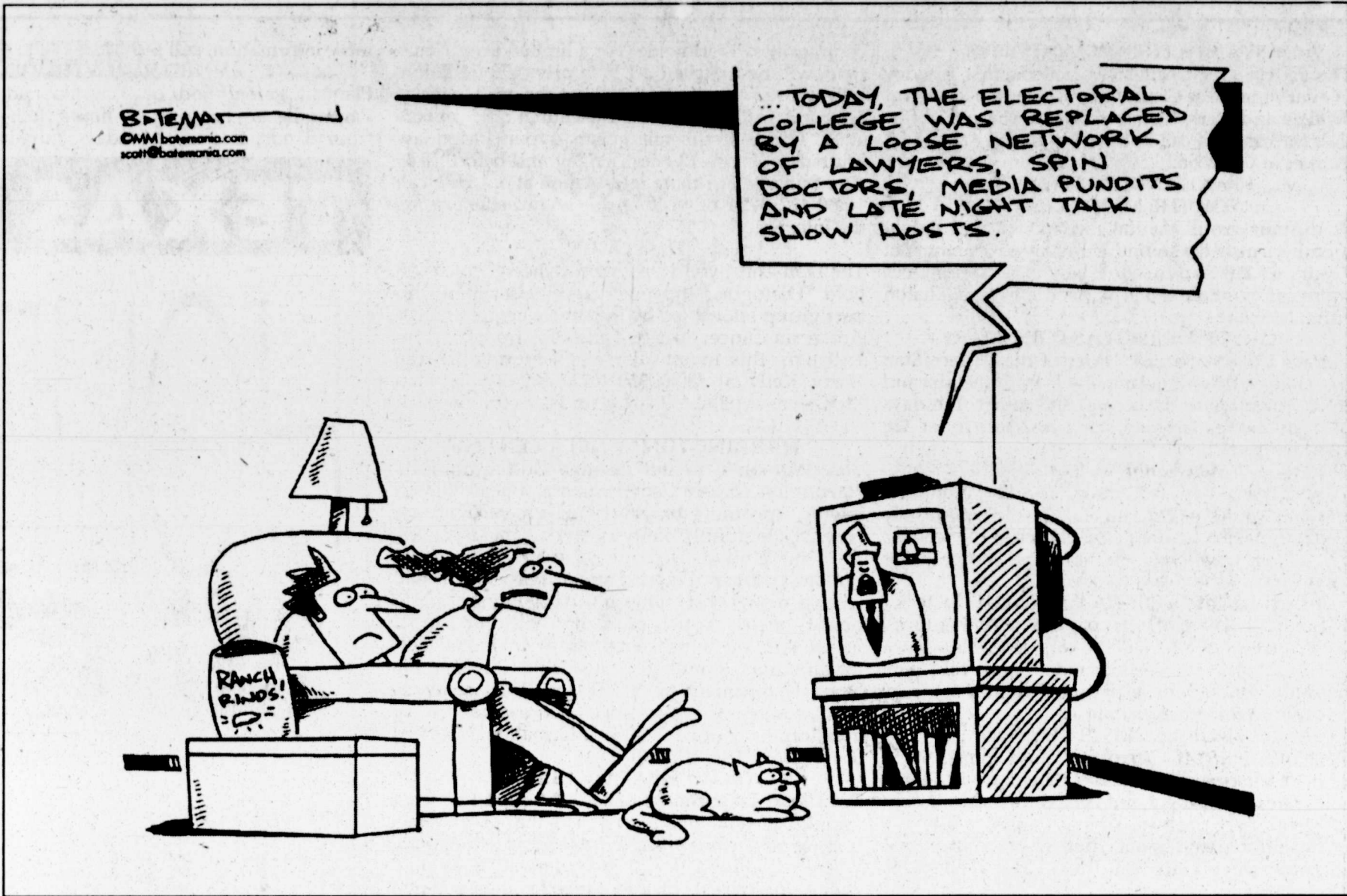
Recent studies by Texas A&M University and the Texas Water Development Board suggest the economic impact of Mexico's withholding of this water to be more than \$400 million annually. A continuing shortage could eventually jeopardize the health of local residents on top of crippling the valley's agriculture-based economy.

Last month I introduced a resolution in the Senate calling on the president to utilize the full powers of his office to require Mexico to comply with the terms of this treaty, and begin repaying the water it has impounded. It also calls on the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, which oversees the treaty's performance, not to accept anything less than full repayment of water in its attempt to negotiate a settlement of the dispute. A similar measure has been introduced in the U.S. House. I have met with the Mexican Ambassador to the United States to discuss this situation as well.

The U.S. government needs to make this a top priority. Not only has Mexico failed to present a plan to repay the water we're due for previous years, but so far, it has failed as well to present its plan to deliver us the water we are due in 2001 and 2002.

It is my hope that congressional passage of my resolution will impress officials on both sides that Mexico must structure a water repayment plan and do it quickly — before more farmers and ranchers in the valley lose their livelihoods. Consumers of our great South Texas citrus fruits will also be affected by a reduced supply.

Making certain we have an adequate water supply is critical to Texas and in particular to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is vital that Mexico work with us to develop better water management strategies that will make possible continued economic development and prosperity on both sides of our shared river.



The true meaning of 'sacrifice of praise'

Twenty-one years ago I celebrated Thanksgiving at Highland General Hospital watching my seven-month-old son battle pneumonia. He had a IV line in his head, covered by a Styrofoam cup, so he wouldn't pull it out with his hands. It looked like a tiny white top hat, set at a rakish angle.

I think we ate a hospital-prepared turkey and dressing dinner. It's been so long I don't really remember. I don't remember much of anything, except being terrified that my baby would die.

Dave didn't die. He's a healthy 21-year-old Army private with many a Thanksgiving dinner under his belt. This year was his first year to celebrate Turkey Day away from his family, however. Judging from the two phone calls we got last Thursday, he missed us as much as we were missing him.

In the 21 years between a Thanksgiving I associate with terror and this past holiday I have learned a concept that has made a radical difference in my life.

It's called "sacrifice of praise." A psalmist first coined the phrase, I believe — perhaps it was David, my son's namesake. He sang about offering up a "sacrifice of praise to the Lord."

When I first heard the words, I wondered why anyone would call giving thanks a sacrifice. Shouldn't that be as natural as breathing? In my mind, a sacrifice is a painful giving up.

So what's this sacrifice of praise? Several books by Christian author Catherine Marshall have had a great influence on my faith journey. One of the last books she wrote helped me understand this concept. She wrote of a dark period in her life, a time of deep depression and spiritual crisis after the death of a grandchild.

Marshall, the widow of Presbyterian minister and author Peter Marshall, and her family had prayed over the child, believing with all their hearts that the baby, despite its many health problems, would be healed. When the



Dee Dee Laramore
 Staff writer

baby died, she was devastated and her faith in God shaken to its foundation. She suffered for more than a year before she discovered a powerful healing tool, the "sacrifice of praise."

What it simply means is to give thanks even when you feel least grateful, to say "thank you" for things even when they seem like curses.

Thanksgiving — a time set aside each year to count blessings and give thanks for them — seems to underscore all the things that are wrong in life, rather than highlighting all the good!

Sometimes it takes a tremendous sacrifice to say "Thank you, God" when your heart is wailing, "Why?"

Jesus acknowledged this human feeling when he prayed in the garden before his crucifixion. You know he had to be asking God why His son should go through the pain and humiliation before him when the power of the universe was at his disposal. According to the biblical accounts, Jesus prayed so hard, "great drops like blood" fell to the ground. Yet in the end, he said, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine."

In other words, rather than fighting against the path before him, Jesus chose to yield to it.

Sacrifice of praise constitutes this same principle, I believe.

Corrie ten Boom, a World War II holocaust survivor, wrote in her book, *The Hiding Place*, of

how her sister would pray with the women imprisoned with them. They had to meet secretly to pray and read the Bible scripture they had scribbled from memory on little scraps of paper. Every time these women met, they risked death.

Each day, Miss ten Boom's sister would thank God for the fleas. The women prisoners were infested with the creatures. Flea bites covered their starving bodies and filled what hair they had left. How, she thought, could her sister thank God for the fleas? Shouldn't she be asking God to take the fleas away?

Her sister died in the camp. It wasn't until many years later when she met one of the prison guards in a different situation that Corrie ten Boom learned how powerful her sister's "sacrifice of praise" was.

The guard told her that the Nazis would not go into the prison cells because of the fleas. The fleas had protected the women from this intrusion, allowing them to pray and worship in safety.

As I thanked God for all my blessings — health, family, prosperity on Thanksgiving a year ago, I couldn't help but contrast my good fortune with what a dear friend and her family faced that day.

Like me 21 years ago, they would observe Thanksgiving in a hospital room watching over a sick child. Jim and Robbie Pepper had just learned that their 12-year-old daughter Stacey had non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a serious form of cancer.

My heart went out to them as I prayed. Robbie told me later that their Thanksgiving, while not joyous, was filled with a sweet sense of love and closeness like their family had never experienced before.

She believes they experienced that peace and Stacey's remarkable recovery since then is because they were able to offer up a "sacrifice of praise" as they placed their daughter in God's hands even as their hearts wailed, "Why?"

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 28, the 333rd day of 2000. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 28, 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of

country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait

that now bears his name.

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.


In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous

Education system needs to be sabotaged

I'm not kidding when I say that government education should be abolished. Until we can accomplish that, we need to sabotage it every chance we get.

Here is an excerpt from a speech by John Taylor Gatto, former New York teacher of the year and author of "Dumbing Us Down." He gave the speech to a Vermont Homeschooling Conference:

"Using schools as the principal forge, the building blocks for a self-perpetuating ruling dynasty organized on scientific principles moved into place during the first five decades of the 20th century. Obstacles like religion, tradition, family, the natural rights guaranteed by our founding documents were steadily beaten back. Schools slowly became, after World War I, a huge reconstruction project conducted with the enthusiasm of an evangelical religion. The traditional God was banished entirely before 1950 to be replaced by psychological missionaries in a social-work priesthood. Public school was transmuted into a social laboratory without public knowledge or public consent. Think of what happened as a second American Revolution, striking down those founding documents which granted sovereignty to ordinary people. School was a lie from the beginning and continues to be a lie. Our profitable system demands radically incomplete customers and workers to make it go. Educated people are its enemies, so is any nonpragmatic morality."



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

I urge you to download a copy of this speech at www.4brevard.com/choice/Public_Education.htm. Gatto's history of the machinations going on behind the scenes of government education is a real revelation.

But you've never heard of Taxonomy of Educational Objectives, Designing Education for the Future or Behavioral Teacher Educational Project, which, he says, are the basis of a covert revamping of teacher training in the United States between 1967 and 1974.

But you didn't know that the basic document on which School-to-Work schemes are based was a translation of Russian documents published in Moscow in 1986 and designed specifically to make sure there would be no entrepreneurial work done.

One of the points of Gatto's speeches and books is that forced government education is

designed to serve the government and the ruling class that controls the government — not the students or their parents. Another point is that the process itself produces negative consequences in the child. As he puts it, "it takes about three years to break a child."

After they're broken, just as in military training, they can be reconstructed to fit the model. Gatto also warns that government educators are consumed by the problem of home-schooling and are trying to figure out ways to do it in. One plan under discussion is to give parents vouchers that will gradually bring them under government control.

That's why I've always opposed vouchers. Any private school or home-schooling parent who accepts government money is accepting government control. My God, isn't it obvious that the federal government has expanded its jurisdiction by bribes — and that in each and every case, federal aid comes with federal control?

We will never maintain a free society by turning our children over to "change agents" (the new jargon for teachers) who don't even realize that what they were taught in universities has nothing to do with education.

Some of the stuff Gatto quotes from these documents sounds straight out of Orwell, including the mass experiments on children with psychological drugs like ritalin.

Remember, not much happens by accident.

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Texas round up ...

High court again to examine issue of mentally retarded condemned killers

HOUSTON (AP) — By intervening a second time in the case of mentally impaired condemned killer said to have the intellect of a 7-year-old, the U.S. Supreme Court could finally address the question of whether it is legal to execute the mentally retarded.

Johnny Paul Penry, sentenced to die for the 1979 slaying of a Livingston woman, had his case overturned by the high court in 1988 because the jury was not able to consider his low IQ and history of child abuse.

The court agreed Monday to consider defense claims his 1990 retrial again failed to give jurors a complete opportunity to decide whether Penry's history was a mitigating factor that warranted life in prison rather than death by lethal injection.

Justices expressed a desire to clarify how a jury needs to consider the possible mental impairment of a defendant. However, legal observers say there is at least a small chance the Supreme Court could address directly the legality of executing the mentally retarded.

"They may just reach the point where they agree with the rest of the western world that execution of the mentally retarded is barbaric," South Texas College of Law professor Neil McCabe said.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, the federal government and 12 of the 38 capital punishment states prohibit execution of the mentally retarded. The group, which is critical of the death penalty, says 35 retarded men have been executed nationwide since 1984.

Penry, 44, was a few hours away from death Nov. 16 when the Supreme Court intervened. The execution remains on hold until the justices issue a ruling, expected by July.

Gulf war ailments may be determined by brain damage location

WASHINGTON (AP) — There could be a link between some types of ailments suffered by Gulf War veterans and areas of their brains that have been injured by chemicals, a team of Texas researchers says.

Dr. Robert Haley, who headed a team of researchers from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said the research is proof that a so-called "Gulf War Syndrome" actually exists.

Haley also said the symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome were due to damage in deep brain structures, and were caused by chemical damage from combinations of low level nerve gas, anti-nerve gas tablets, pesticides, DEET-containing insect repellents.

"This helps explain why there is such a variety of symptoms and why they vary somewhat from person to person," Haley said.

The findings were presented to the 86th Scientific Assembly of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago on Monday.

They said high-tech brain scans show that damage to the right side of a region of the brain called the basal ganglia appears to cause memory lapses, impaired sense of direction, and depression.

Damage to the left basal ganglia seemed to cause general confusion, including difficulties understanding instructions, reading, solving problems and making decisions. Damage to the brain stem, accounts in part, for vertigo attacks and loss of balance, the researchers said.

Haley said veterans may have more or different types of symptoms, depending on which regions of the brain were damaged by chemicals during the Gulf War.

Committee reviewing troubled Houston Fire Department begins work

HOUSTON (AP) — A committee of 17 Houston-area residents and officials have begun investigating and assessing the problem-plagued Houston Fire Department, the nation's third largest.

A committee appointed by Mayor Lee Brown held its first meeting Monday to take an in-depth look at the 3,500-person fire department, which has had a tumultuous year.

Three firefighters were fired over allegations of failing to provide adequate care, and two firefighters died while battling a blaze.

"I've asked this committee to take a look at all aspects of our fire department, look at our policies, our procedures, how we interact with the community," Brown said. "We have a good fire department."

The committee will be guided by an outside audit that cited staffing deficiencies and "serious issues of managerial leadership" within the department. A final report is due in May.

The audit led to the resignation of Fire Chief Lester Tyra.

It pointed out a number of areas of concern, including mediocre response times for the city's Emergency Medical Service; staffing shortages among paramedics and personnel on both pumper and ladder units; and conflicts among members of top management and between management and the rank-and-file.

Acting Fire Chief Christopher Connealy, who is a member of the committee, said he believes the fire department is on its way to fixing many of the problems cited in the audit.

Computer helps docs detect 20 percent more cancers, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — Using computers to proof-read mammograms can increase the detection of cancers by 20 percent, according to a study that supports early predictions for the new technology.

The findings based on mammograms given to nearly 13,000 women suggest the technology can help radiologists find cancers earlier while improving their overall track record. Currently, radiologists miss about one in five breast cancers.

"The reason is because the signs can be so extremely subtle," said Dr. Timothy W. Freer, director of a Plano, Texas mammogram center who presented his findings Tuesday at the Radiology Society of North America's annual meeting. "Computer-assisted detection helps us recognize those signs, such as minute calcium deposits, or very subtle masses or changes in architecture."

The \$200,000 ImageChecker system used in the study was okayed by the Food and Drug Administration for clinical use two years ago based on preliminary research showing success rates similar to Freer's. It is the only such technology to have that approval.

The system works with the regular X-ray image taken in a mammogram. The film is run through a computer processor that creates a digital image. The computer, "trained to recognize certain subtle patterns," scans the image and marks suspicious-looking areas, Freer said.

In the study of 12,860 women screened at the Women's Diagnostic & Breast Health Center in Plano, 49 unsuspected cancers were detected, including eight picked up by ImageChecker that the radiologist had missed. All eight were in very early stages, when they are most easily treated.

Elsewhere

ELECTION 2000: Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, waiting in the wings to become governor if George W. Bush resigns, said Monday that he and Bush have been working on a "quiet transition." Meanwhile, members of the state Senate met to discuss the hiring of a new secretary and the process of selecting a new lieutenant governor. ... **SENTENCING OPTION:** With the Texas criminal justice system under fire for the scheduled execution of a retarded killer, a group of state lawmakers says juries should be allowed to sentence killers to life in prison without parole. Current law gives juries only two options for capital murder: death or life in prison with the possibility that a killer could walk the streets again in 40 years. ... **BORDER HEALTH:** The U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission came together for the first time Monday, allowing members to meet each other and begin formulating a strategy to bring the region's unique health problems to the attention of lawmakers and public health officials. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who attended the meeting, has said diseases such as hepatitis and tuberculosis are more prevalent along the border. The commission, established by Congress in 1994 and financed in 1997, includes U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala and Mexico's Minister of Health Jose Antonio Gonzalez. ... **PESKY INSECTS:** The Texas Department of Agriculture is expected to certify votes cast by growers in the one of the largest cotton patches in the world and announce whether the agency will begin charging them for boll weevil eradication. If the program is approved, the agency will impose a \$12-per-acre charge for irrigated farmers and a \$6-per-acre charge for dryland farmers to have their land chemically treated to kill the cotton-munching critters. The program is expected to cost \$105 million during its first five years.

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claim on the other television networks, with only slight variations in phrasing.

But former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, speaking for Bush, sharply disputed that at a news conference in Tallahassee.

"It is wrong, simply wrong, and I would submit not fair to say, as our opponents do ... that these votes have never been counted," he said. The ballots contain no vote for president, he said, but even so, "they've been counted just like all of the other nonvotes, not only in other counties in Florida, but across the United States of America have been counted. They've been counted, and they've been recounted by machines."

Lieberman said "our hope" is for the election to be settled by Dec. 12, the date for final selection of Florida's 25 electors. The candidate who controls them will become the next president, since neither Bush nor Gore can command a majority of the Electoral College without Florida in his column.

That mathematical imperative has spawned an election controversy unlike any other — machine recounts, manual recounts, countless lawsuits — but not yet an acknowledged winner in the race for the White House.

Bush was in Texas on Tuesday, meeting with his aides, after serving notice on Monday he wanted the keys to the government's transition office — a request the Clinton administration rebuffed.

Gore was in Washington on the morning after his televised appeal to the nation in which he cast his court challenge as an obligation to assure that the true winner is known, and said, "ignoring votes means ignoring democracy itself."

Public opinion polls pointed to an uphill climb for the vice president. A CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey, released just before Gore spoke, showed 56 percent of those polled believe the vice president should concede, and 38 percent believed he should not. A Washington Post poll yielded approximately the same result.

Whatever the timetable Lieberman had in mind, the legal wheels were turning.

Gore's attorneys filed a motion in late morning to speed up the process of hearing their challenge to the vote count in three Florida counties, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Nassau. Gore's challenge is before Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls, a jurist known for swift action. He told lawyers on Monday he understood their difficulty in trying to get the case resolved before the Dec. 12 deadline for selecting Florida's 25 electors.

A mid-afternoon hearing was set in yet another case, a lawsuit in Seminole County on a lawsuit challenging thousands of ballots there.

And the Bush team labored over its written appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has set arguments for Friday in the Texas governor's lawsuit challenging the validity of the manual recounts that the Gore campaign triggered last week.

At the heart of the legal contest, and the public sparring between Baker and Lieberman, was a dispute over thousands of ballots on which voting machines failed to read a vote for president. The Gore campaign argues that an unknown number of them contained an imperfectly cast vote — meaning the voter failed to punch a hole out of the cardboard ballot fully. The Bush team says not all voters intended to vote for president in Florida, as elsewhere, and the votes have, in fact, been counted.

Republican running mate Dick Cheney was on the talk show cir-

cuit as well as Lieberman, making the case that Bush needed all the time available for his transition, especially given the time spent on recounting votes in Florida.

"It's time to wrap this up that we've had the election, we've had the count, we've had the recount now we've had the certification of George W. Bush as the winner," Cheney said on NBC's "Today" show.

He said the Bush team is "rapidly running out of time to put together that new administration."

Yet another interested party, the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature, was taking a step toward a special session that could result in appointment of its own slate of electors. A special joint committee was scheduled to meet for the first time to discuss election issues.

Gore's evening remarks Monday, coming after Cheney's call for the keys to the transition office, capped a full day of legal and rhetorical skirmishing.

Gore and Cheney had one thing in common in their public appearances during the day. Each spoke against a backdrop of a dozen or so American flags, meant to convey an image of legitimacy and presidential prestige.

Beyond that, though, their messages served political aims that were poles apart.

Gore's nationally broadcast remarks capped a day of persistent effort that enlisted President Clinton as well as the Democratic leaders of Congress to firm up public support for his court challenge in Florida. And thus far, only a few scattered voices of Democratic dissent had surfaced.

Cheney's comments were designed to convey the notion that the election was over and Bush was its winner.

"There are some who would have us bring this election to the fastest conclusion possible," the vice president said. I have a dif-

ferent view. I believe our Constitution matters more than convenience."

He said he had decided to contest "this inaccurate and complete count" in Florida, and added there has yet to be a single, full and accurate count.

He added that if he loses in the end, "so be it," and if he wins, "so be it...."

"But whatever the outcome, let the people have their say, and let us listen. Ignoring votes means ignoring democracy itself."

In a new twist Monday night, a Palm Beach County official said the results of a manual recount of thousands of presidential ballots did not match up with figures from the last machine count, conducted Nov. 12.

Denise Cote, a county spokeswoman, said "unaudited figures" from the manual recount were sent to state elections officials for certification, though that doesn't mean the numbers were wrong. She refused to discuss details. The manual recount was rejected Sunday by Secretary of State Katherine Harris because it arrived incomplete, throwing out a net gain of 180 votes for Gore.

Bush made only the briefest of appearances in public on Monday, and did not speak.

Instead, he busied himself with what aides said were transition meetings in the state Capitol in Austin, Texas, and dispatched Cheney to make the case the election is over.

"Every vote in Florida has been counted. Every vote in Florida has been recounted. Some have been counted three times," he said.

Gore and Lieberman "are apparently still unwilling to accept the outcome. That is unfortunate in light of the penalty that may have to be paid at some future date if the next administration is not allowed to prepare to take the reins of government," he added.

'Nutcracker'



(Special photo)

Pampa Civic Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The annual production will be under the direction of Jeanne Willingham. The guest artists for this year are Cornell Crabtree and Dana Lewis and the soloist is Deanna McGill. Above: Anna Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson "Arabian Dancer."

High court rules random drug check roadblocks illegal

By ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Supreme Court on Tuesday struck down as unconstitutional random roadblocks intended to catch drug criminals. The court's most conservative justices dissented.

The 6-3 ruling weighed privacy rights against the interests of law enforcement. The majority found that Indianapolis' use of drug-sniffing dogs to check all cars pulled over at the roadblocks was an unreasonable search under the Constitution.

The majority, in an opinion written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, said the ruling does not affect other kinds of police roadblocks such as border checks and drunken-driving checkpoints. Those have already been found constitutional.

The reasoning behind those kinds of roadblocks — chiefly that the benefit to the public outweighs the inconvenience — can-

not be applied broadly, O'Connor wrote.

"If this case were to rest on such a high level of generality, there would be little check on the authorities' ability to construct roadblocks for almost any conceivable law enforcement purpose," the opinion said.

Lawyers for Indianapolis conceded that the roadblocks erected there in 1998 detained far more innocent motorists than criminals.

The city said its primary aim was to catch drug criminals. Civil liberties advocates called the practice heavy-handed and risky, and asked the Supreme Court to ban it.

Law enforcement in and of itself is not a good enough reason to stop innocent motorists, the majority ruling concluded.

The court was not swayed by the argument that the severity of the drug problem in some city neighborhoods justified the searches.

"While we do not limit the

purposes that may justify a checkpoint program to any rigid set of categories, we decline to approve a program whose primary purpose is ultimately indistinguishable from the general interest in crime control," the majority opinion said.

Cars were pulled over at random in high-crime neighborhoods in Indianapolis, motorists questioned, and a drug-sniffing dog led around the cars. Most motorists were detained for about three minutes.

The city conducted six roadblocks over four months in 1998 before the practice was challenged in federal court.

Police stopped 1,161 cars and trucks and made 104 arrests. Fifty-five of the arrests were on drug charges.

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Bush transition team seeks private financing for D.C. move

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — George W. Bush, in a bold gesture to assert authority, is moving key operatives to Washington, D.C., and seeking private financing for a presidential transition. In the face of Democratic court challenges to the Florida presidential

balloting, the Texas governor was pressing ahead with plans to form a new government and to fill thousands of top positions now held by Democrats. "We believe it is time to get on with the business of organizing the new administration," vice presidential running mate Dick Cheney said Monday in Washington. Cheney, who is overseeing transition planning, said Bush soon may start naming members of a prospective Cabinet — although not necessarily this week.

indispensable. ... It is part of our democratic fate." The fiery former priest, who became Haiti's first freely elected president in 1990, did not declare victory in Sunday's vote, but he spoke as if he were president. Preliminary results were expected Tuesday.

Partial results show Romania leftists returning to power

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Leftists will likely return to power in Romania after weekend elections, with an ex-communist leading in the race for the presidency and his party gaining the most support in parliament, partial results showed Monday. With nearly 92 percent of all votes counted, ex-communist Ion Iliescu, who was president from 1990-96, was leading with 36.8 percent of the vote, and extreme nationalist Corneliu Vadim Tudor was second with 28.3 percent, the central election bureau said.

U.N. warns of AIDS complacency and coming epidemics

GENEVA (AP) — The world's richest countries are growing alarmingly complacent about the

global AIDS epidemic as infections reach new levels, the United Nations said in a report Tuesday that noted the number of cases in Russia alone will more than double this year. The annual AIDS Epidemic Update released Tuesday predicted 45,000 new cases this year in North America and 30,000 in Western Europe. Nearly 1.5 million people in the industrialized countries will be living with the AIDS virus by the end of the year. Intravenous drug users accounted for the alarming rise in infections this year in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, where the number of people living with the virus is expected to rise from 420,000 to 700,000.

Opposition determined to force early elections in Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's hard-line opposition rebuffed a final appeal Tuesday by Prime Minister Ehud Barak that it join a national emergency government, and said it was determined to force early elections with a crucial vote in parliament. The vote, to be held late Tuesday after several hours of debate, was expected to be close. The opposition was confident it could muster the 61 of 120 legislative votes required to get the bill passed in each of three readings. However, several lawmakers remained undecided.

Rosie O'Donnell raises money to benefit abused children

ATLANTA (AP) — For \$100, you could win a chance to introduce Rosie O'Donnell on her show. The talk maven agreed to donate an appearance on her daily syndicated "Rosie" show to help the Georgia Center for Children, which helps sexually abused children going through mental counseling. The organization is selling 300 tickets for \$100 each. The winner gets a two-night trip to New York and intro duties for O'Donnell. The winner is to be chosen Wednesday at a benefit dinner in Atlanta.

Rampart corruption scandal continues

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A murder charge against a man arrested two years ago has been dropped because his constitutional rights were allegedly violated during a court hearing.

Further fueling a corruption scandal involving Los Angeles police officers, Superior Court Commissioner Michael G. Price said Monday he was dismissing the charge against Jose Luis Oliverria.

Price said the prosecution didn't turn over a tape-recorded interview with a key witness who told the Los Angeles Times that LAPD officers coerced him into falsely identifying Oliverria as the killer. He also said the judge didn't allow testimony that the murder weapon was found in another man's possession.

The witness, Evelio "Rudy" Carrillo, later recanted his allegation against police, but then told a defense lawyer the allegation was true.

It's the second dismissal of a murder case amid charges of misconduct by police. Prosecutors dropped a murder charge in August after the sole eyewitness claimed he also was coerced by an LAPD sergeant into identifying a suspect.

The investigation of police corruption within the Rampart anti-gang unit between 1995 and 1998 has led to charges being dismissed or overturned in about 100 tainted cases, and the convictions earlier this month of three police officers.

Paola Rojas, an alternate juror in the trial that resulted in the conviction of the three officers, said she doesn't recall a fellow juror discussing the officers' guilt during the trial, an indication he had improperly prejudged the case.

In an affidavit filed Monday, Rojas said that jury foreman Victor Flores didn't talk about the officers' guilt over lunch during the first day of the trial.

Another alternate who lunched with Rojas and Flores has claimed Flores said he believed the officers were guilty.

Defense attorneys for Sgts. Edward Ortiz, 44, and Brian Liddy, 39, and Officer Michael Buchanan, 30, are asking for a new trial, partly because of the alleged juror misconduct.

The defense also says that a computer error, which suggested the injuries officers claim they suffered during a gang bust, affected jury deliberations. A court hearing was set for Tuesday on that issue.

Biotech company delays one crop, restricts another

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major biotechnology company says it will restrict sales next year of a type of gene-altered corn and delay commercialization of another variety until 2002 to avoid further disruptions in U.S. grain exports.

The moves announced Monday by the Monsanto Co. are meant to avoid repeating the problems encountered this fall when biotech corn developed by one of its competitors, Aventis CropScience, appeared in the food supply without being approved for human consumption.

U.S. corn sales to Japan and other export markets have fallen sharply this fall since the discovery of the Aventis corn, known as StarLink, in taco shells.

"We can't stop the development of this technology, but we are going to use restraint," said Hendrik Verfaillie, Monsanto's president and chief executive officer.

The Environmental Protection Agency was holding a public meeting Tuesday on a request by Aventis to approve StarLink temporarily for food use to avoid further food recalls.

StarLink is the only genetically engineered crop not approved for human consumption. Federal regulators say there is little if any health risk from StarLink, although there are still unresolved questions about its potential to cause allergic reactions.

A variety of corn developed by Monsanto to be resistant to the company's popular Roundup weedkiller will be distributed for sale next year only to farmers in areas where grain is seldom sold for export, Verfaillie said. The corn is approved for food use in both the United States and Japan but not in Europe. Traces of the corn

were found this fall in British-made tortilla chips.

The second Monsanto corn variety, which won't be put on the market until 2002, is toxic to an insect pest, the corn rootworm. It is yet to be approved in either Japan or Europe.

The actions announced Monday don't affect Monsanto's most popular gene-altered crops, which include Roundup-resistant soybeans and cotton and a variety of corn that is toxic to another pest, the European corn borer.

A representative of the National Corn Growers Association, which is especially concerned about losing sales to Japan, praised Monsanto's moves.

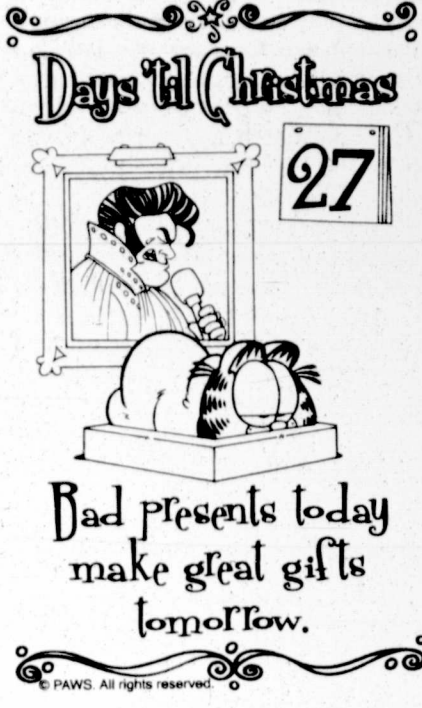
"We could not jeopardize our biggest corn market by supporting the commercialization" of a corn variety that was not approved by that country, said Susan Keith, senior director of public policy for the growers group.

Critics both inside and outside the biotech industry say StarLink, the only gene-altered crop not allowed in food, never should have been put on the market without being approved for human consumption.

StarLink was approved only for animal feed or industrial use because of unresolved questions about its potential to cause allergic reactions.

Aventis disclosed last week that a special protein in the StarLink corn has also been found in a variety of corn sold by Garst Seed Co.

Aventis officials, who say they don't know how the protein, known as Cry9C, got in the Garst corn, met privately Monday with representatives from the Agriculture Department and other seed companies to discuss the problem.



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• People will remember me as being: _____

• The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: _____

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• My favorite sports team is: _____

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• The last book I read was: _____

• My favorite possession is: _____

• The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____

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• I wish I knew how to: _____

• My trademark cliché or expression is: _____

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• If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____



(Special photo) Santa Clause (Sidney Burgess) prepares for Christmas Open House Dec. 1-3 at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

PPHM schedules 24th open house

CANYON — The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will host its 24th annual Christmas Open House Dec. 1-3. Generations of visitors have found this the perfect way to welcome the holiday season.

Children's eyes will light up at the sight of Santa, waiting to hear their Christmas wishes. Parents are invited to bring their camera to capture this special moment of their child with Santa in an antique sleigh in the midst of a winter wonderland.

Costumed interpreters in Pioneer Town will tell stories of life in a small panhandle town in the late 1800s. The rancher's home, shops and school house are filled with authentic domestic and commercial articles.

A candlelight tour of the T-Anchor Ranch House will be a special feature of this year's

Open House. The ranch house was built in the late 1870s and has been reconstructed outside the museum, complete with outbuildings and windmill. Furniture from the era and role players will provide visitors a glimpse into the past and the life of a pioneer family.

Sounds of Christmas will echo throughout the museum as a variety of choral groups ring in the holiday season with musical entertainment. Girls dressed in white ruffled pinafores will be carrying baskets of cookies.

Visitors will be reminded of a bygone era and the joy of friends and family as they stroll through the museum and celebrate another Christmas season. Admission is free. Hours of the open house are: 7-9 p.m., Dec. 1 and 2 and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 3.

~ Business Review ~

Top O' Texas Lube ... for service, quality

"The business is starting the first anniversary of their business on Oct. 1 under the ownership of Jason and Denise Allen. Interest in the customers and quality work are two

strong reasons the business has been so successful. The Allens' interest in their customers is evidenced by the specials they offer to their customers.

Oil changes at the local business have steadily increased, and currently number at least ten a day.

All school teachers and Senior Citizens are offered a discount of \$2 off the regular price of oil changes every day. A \$2 discount is offered to women in Ladies Day specials each Tuesday and Thursday. The men check the anti-freeze in vehicles and add any if needed. They also check the alternator to be sure it is charging properly.

Jason Allen and Dillon Downs, a Quick Lube employee, keep very busy providing many wanted and needed services to area automobiles.

Another recent feature is the selling and installation of Interstate batteries. The men also load-test batteries.

A new product addition is Berryman's Fuel Injection Clean. Jason says it will cure most sluggishness in vehicles. Recently added to the sales line is Grant Seat

Covers. While they protect the car seats, the seat covers are easily installed and removed by car owners.

Top O' Texas Quick Lube has recently added several brands of semi-synthetic oil and full synthetic oils. Jason said these oils have a higher temperature rating and won't break down as quickly as other kinds. He said the new synthetic oils lubricate faster.

Jason said they will carry a line of belts and hoses after the first of the year. Radiator flushes will also be available then.

Three coin operated car washes and vacuums are available for customers.

Denise Allen provides bookkeeping expertise to the business as well as work in the shop when needed. "She does everything," said Jason. The Allens purchased the Top O' Texas Quick Lube 'N' Wash Convenience Center after he had managed a similar local business for several

years. The Pampa native received an associates degree in Automotive and Automotive Electronics at Wyoming Tech Auto School in Laramie, Wyo., in 1991.

The business does state inspections for vehicles, he said. He is also licensed to do motorcycle inspections.

Tire repair, minor detailing and oil changes are just a part of the services offered at the local business. He said he also offers pick up and delivery for car washing.

All major credit cards are accepted as well as several fleet credit cards.

The young couple welcomes new customers to their business at 1807 Alcock. Prospective customers are encouraged to drop by or call to get acquainted with the young couple. Appointments for car cleaning, inspections or repairs may be made by calling Top O' Texas Quick Lube at 665-0959.



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Dillon Downs and Jason Allen look over some of the car products the Top O' Texas Quick Lube has available for their customers.

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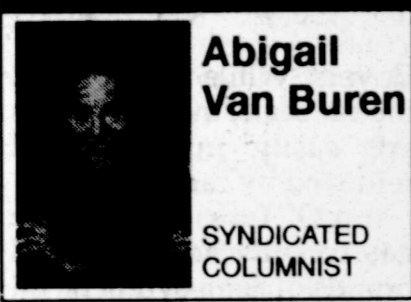
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Headstones Signed by Artists Who Are Proud of Their Work

DEAR ABBY: My heart sank when I read the letter from "Daughter From Westfield, N.J.," who was obviously deeply hurt by the way the "monument designer" had signed her father's headstone. While I wholeheartedly support "Daughter's" right to remove the "metal business card," I would like to express the basis for this practice in the memorial industry.

I am a Certified Memorialist who takes great pride in what my staff of artists and I create for the families we serve. We view the memorials we design, engrave and erect for public viewing as everlasting works of memorial art. As all artists do, we want to sign our creations. I have seen this type of craftsman identification in many other areas, such as custom cabinets and furniture, public buildings and in many forms of art. Many times in my 18-year career, I have sought to affirm this method by asking the families if they approve of our placing this identification on their memorial, and I have never had a negative response.

Perhaps "Daughter" didn't see it from this perspective and viewed the monument designer as just a salesperson instead of a craftsman. It is also possible that the "metal business card" that was used wasn't tasteful or discreet. Whatever the case, I defend her right to remove it. I just hope my letter helps her and your readers understand why my peers and I will continue to sign our works of memorial art.



Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR MEMORIALIST: Your letter is informative, and thank you for it. However, I suspect the reason you received such positive reaction when you ask grieving families if they approve of your signing the gravestones is that you had the courtesy to ask. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a caretaker at a cemetery. Those small metal tags on headstones are there for a reason. They have the company name and telephone number on them. They are usually placed on the back of the stone in a very discreet spot. They are not intended to be "advertising." They are most often used by caretakers. If anything should happen to the stone, such as weather damage, vandalism, deterioration, whatever, we just have to look at the number on the back of the stone and call the company.

The daughter did a foolish thing

when she removed the metal tag from her father's headstone. Please correct this error before people run to their loved ones' headstones to remove the metal tag.

BUSY CARETAKER IN NORTHWEST IOWA

DEAR BUSY CARETAKER: I checked with the Funeral Consumers Alliance and was informed that those little metal tags are unacceptable unless displayed discreetly on the back of the headstone, rather than the front.

DEAR ABBY: "Britney," the boss's daughter (and my co-worker), lies, exaggerates and gossips about other workers on their days off. I recently overheard her tell a new employee - in Spanish - how much she dislikes me. Britney isn't aware that I, too, speak Spanish fluently.

Abby, I feel very uncomfortable working with her. I hesitate to say anything to her about this, because she will probably get mad and tell her mother. Should I keep quiet, or should I say something to Britney? TALKED ABOUT IN WISCONSIN

DEAR TALKED ABOUT: Get your resume together. Then, by all means, say something to Britney - in Spanish.

of humor lightens the day. Add a more convivial atmosphere to your work. Others seek you out for input. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Try to understand those you work with. Your ability to touch base with others takes you in a new direction. Talk with a family member about expectations. It would be a mistake not to listen to this person. Make an extra effort to add niceties to your day. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You add zing to another's day. Express your feelings, and refuse to be intimidated by anyone. You could be delighted by what you hear. Stay in touch with your long-term objectives. How you see another could change substantially. Tonight: Enjoy a midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Events force you to get down to basics. Feel grateful for a loved one and how he comes through for you. Discussions need to be creative and dynamic. You opt to build security and enhance your financial stability if you make the correct choice. Brainstorm with someone in the know. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Speak your mind, and others will listen. Express your feelings, and another will respond. You make a strong decision for yourself. Present your ideas in a way so that another can accept what you are saying. Your word choice could have everything to do with the results. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** The world of wheeling and

dealing reveals itself. You have some choices to make. Don't worry so much about the results. Your ability to enhance your lifestyle and comfort draws others. Only share so much. Your intuition works overtime. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Develop a stronger sense of direction through a key conversation with an associate or friend in the know. Your sensibilities come out with others. You know what to do to make another happy. Please do not hesitate. Zero in on what you want and desire. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Assume a low profile. Also understand that you could be overly sensitive or touchy. Review what you want, with an eye to the future. Discussions with bosses and higher-ups take you in a new direction. Don't let yourself interfere with your work. Tonight: Take a night off from the grind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Let your presence be known in a meeting. You see a situation far differently than others do. Examine your long-term directions. Dig into what is possible, even if it means taking a course or two. Go for what you ultimately want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY

Author Louisa May Alcott (1832), author C.S. Lewis (1898), musician John Mayall (1933)

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29, 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)

***** Say what you need to say with authority, but also with kindness. Others respond to your style as long as you aren't tart. Communication flourishes at work as well as with a partner. Feedback strengthens your ideas. Work as a team, but know that you're commander in chief! Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Do your research. Make calls and find an expert. Be careful about how long you stay on the phone with a friend or loved one. Don't think a boss isn't watching. If working for yourself, you could lose your focus. Remember priorities. Tonight: Take in a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Deal with a partner who is loving and caring. This person goes out of his way for you. Do a better job of listening, especially if the topic is finances. Work as a team, emphasizing efficiency and abilities. You clear out backlogged work. Tonight: Togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Defer to associates. It is important to others to know that you trust their work. Do nothing halfway, and understand another's limits. Your sense

Crossword Puzzle

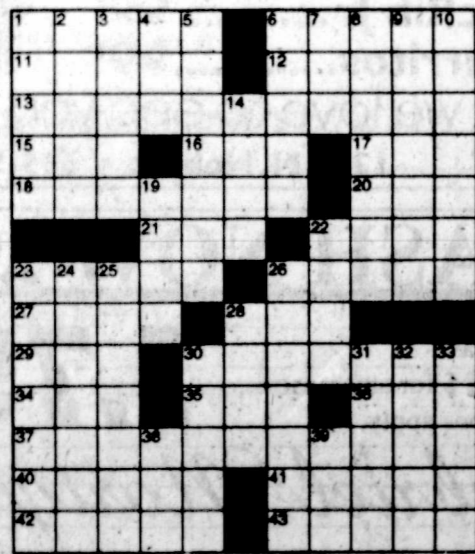
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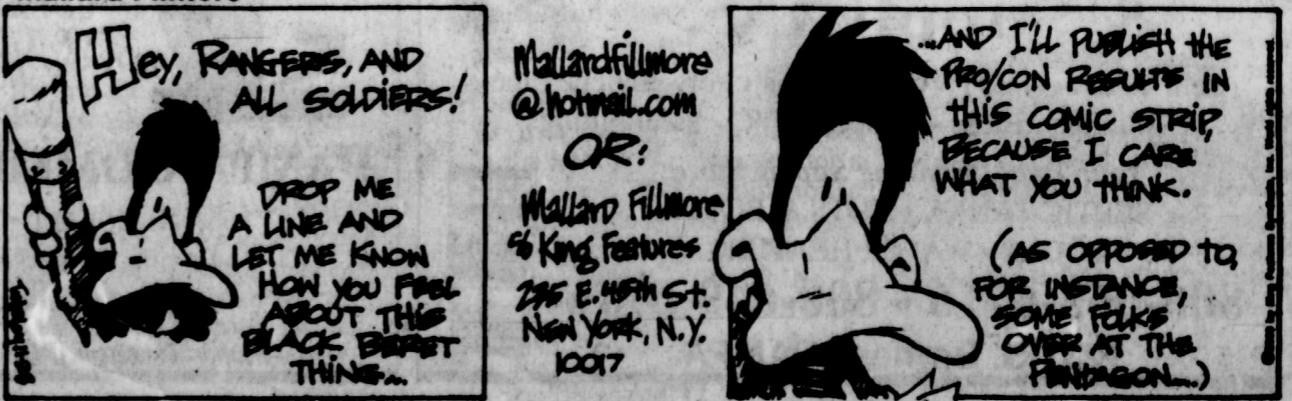
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FOOTBALL

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) - Frank Beamer will return for a 15th season as coach of the No. 6 Hokies, ending a frantic 1 1/2 days that included an interview at North Carolina and a reported job offer from the Tar Heels for as much as \$1.4 million.

Virginia Tech boosted Beamer's salary by 25 percent, to more than \$1 million plus bonuses. He also will receive a \$200,000 bonus if the Hokies earn a Bowl Championship Series berth, \$100,000 for any other bowl invitation.

Beamer, nearly fired in 1992 after compiling a 24-39-2 record in his first six seasons at his alma mater, has guided the Hokies to a 74-21 record since, including 10-1 this season. Tech will extend its bowl streak to eight years this season and has won three Big East championships in the past five seasons.

Beamer was the near-consensus national coach of the year last season after leading the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season record and the national championship game.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - UCLA has accepted an invitation to play in the Sun Bowl against Wisconsin in El Paso on Dec. 29.

The Bruins (6-5) and Badgers (8-4) last played two seasons ago in the Rose Bowl, which Wisconsin won 38-31. UCLA has won seven of the 10 games between the schools.

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - Brandon Ford, a junior tight end at Missouri, was arrested after authorities found approximately 50 pounds of marijuana at his home.

BASKETBALL

SEATTLE (AP) - Paul Westphal was fired as coach of the struggling Seattle SuperSonics 15 games into a season marked by discord and losses.

Seattle was expected to be stronger this season with the acquisition of Patrick Ewing, but the team is 6-9. The dismissal comes days after an on-court shouting match between Westphal and guard Gary Payton during a game in Dallas.

On Nov. 6, just four games into the season, Westphal offered to resign after players questioned his ability.

Westphal, the first NBA coach to be fired this season, had a 76-71 record with the Sonics in three seasons. In 1993, he coached Phoenix to the NBA Finals.

Nate McMillan, an assistant under Westphal, was made interim head coach.

TORONTO (AP) - Vince Carter, the NBA's No. 2 scorer, will miss at least two games because of an injured tendon in his left knee. The Toronto Raptors star was hurt during the first quarter of Sunday's game against the Chicago Bulls and did not return. His streak of appearing in a franchise-record 145 games will end.

BASEBALL

PHOENIX (AP) - Colorado Rockies pitcher Bobby Chouinard, who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault for abusing his wife, will serve a year in jail under an agreement approved by a judge.

Chouinard will serve his time in Colorado during baseball's offseason - in four three-month increments spread out over four years - and will be allowed to train under the supervision of the Rockies five hours a day, six days a week.

HOCKEY

TORONTO (AP) - Eric Lindros has been cleared to play again by his doctor, six months after being knocked out of the Stanley Cup playoffs with his latest concussion.

Lindros' lawyer, Gord Kirke, said the 27-year-old restricted free agent was given the OK Monday by Chicago-based neurologist Dr. James Kelly.

USC coach fired after three mediocre years

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mediocrity has become a way of life at once-proud Southern California, a winner of eight national football championships.

Athletic director Mike Garrett believes the Trojans can become an elite program again after five seasons at 31-29.

"I've heard the whole parity thing. I don't buy it," Garrett said after the firing of Paul Hackett as USC's coach was announced Monday. "Our goal is always to compete for the Rose Bowl and national honors."

Garrett made it clear he expects Hackett's replacement to be successful immediately.

"It better be a good coach who can win," Garrett said. "I think it would be wise to look at someone who is proven, can win as soon as possible."

Garrett believes that's a good possibility, considering the youth and talent in the program.

"I think our cupboards are totally full," he said. "The kids we get in here, we have to coach

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- Paul Hackett
USC Football Coach

them better. Kids weren't progressing, weren't developing. I think Paul did a great job of recruiting."

But, obviously, not on the field. The Trojans had a 19-18 record under the 53-year-old Hackett, including 5-7 this season, their first losing season since 1991 and only their third in 39 years.

"For someone who's given three years of his life and for the last six months hasn't slept or eaten, I'm very disappointed," Hackett said. "I'm disappointed we don't get a chance to continue this and complete this, I felt things were headed in the right direction."

"There's no question we took our lumps this year. In the time allotted, we didn't get a chance to make the kind of progress Mike Garrett wanted. I'm sure he'll do the right thing for the university."

The Trojans have played in 28 Rose Bowl games, winning 20, but have played in only one since beating Michigan 17-10 on Jan. 1, 1990. And they won their most recent national championship in 1978.

"All of us have gone through a lot of pain, a lot of suffering," said Garrett, who won the Heisman Trophy while playing for the Trojans in 1965. "When we don't beat people, it's painful. Garrett wouldn't identify potential candidates, but responded favorably when three names were mentioned - Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson, Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez and Mike Riley, a former USC assistant now coaching the San Diego Chargers.

"Right now, I'm looking for the best coach," Garrett said. "He could be in Cucamonga, I would go see him. I'm not

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- Mike Garrett
USC Athletic Director

excluding anyone."

Oregon State athletic director Mitch Barnhardt told XTRA radio in San Diego he would give USC permission to interview Erickson if Garrett requested it.

Erickson has been offered a contract extension, but hasn't signed it. The fifth-ranked Beavers (10-1) have been one of college football's biggest surprises this season.

Riley, who has three years left on his contract with the Chargers, told XTRA he wanted to concentrate on his job in San Diego.

"I want them to want me here, that would be great for me," said

Riley, whose team has a 1-11 record.

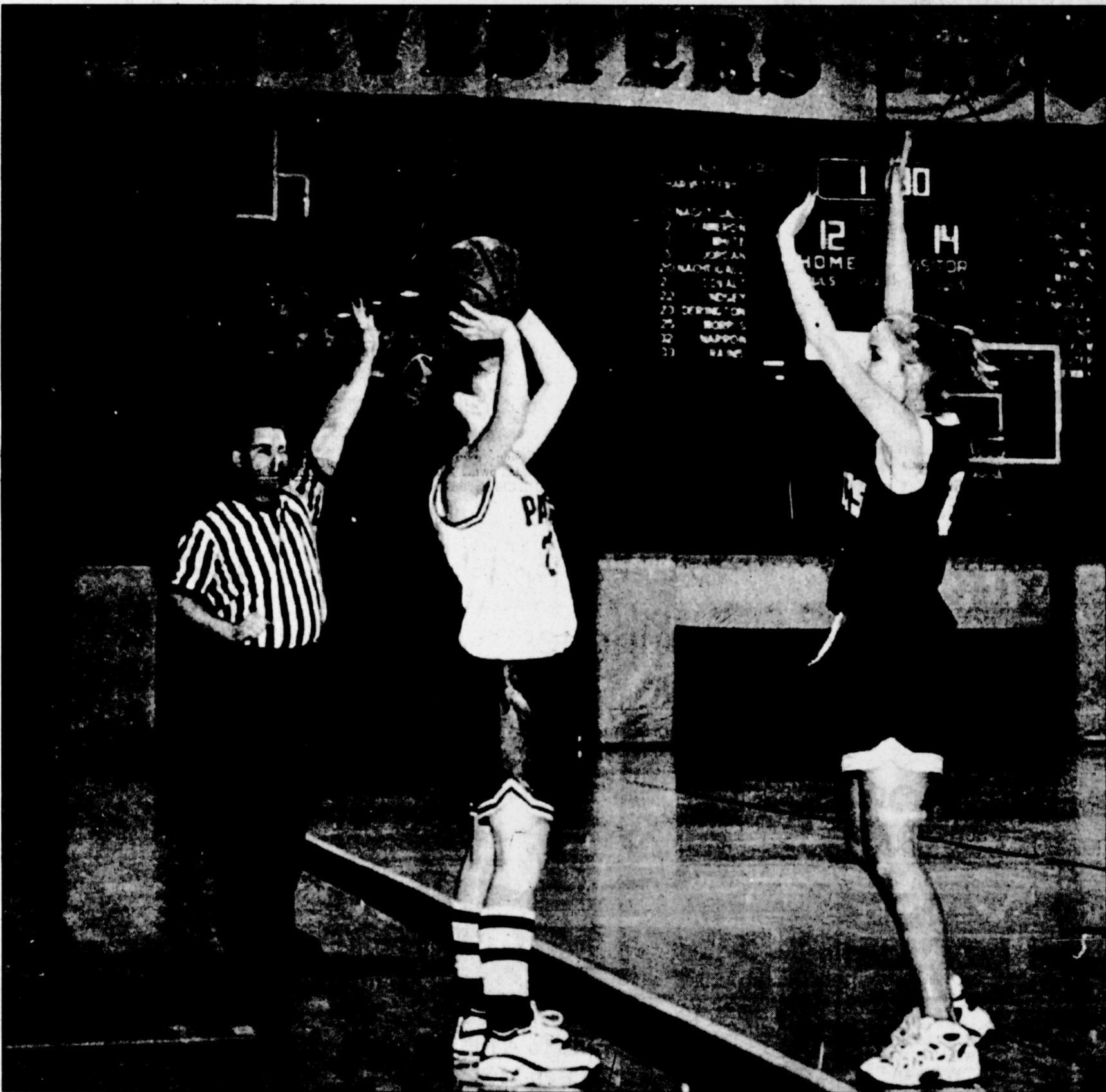
Hackett, the fourth USC coach to be fired since 1986, had two years remaining on the five-year contract he signed in 1997 to succeed John Robinson. It's believed Hackett, an assistant under Robinson at USC from 1976-80, is being paid a buyout estimated at \$800,000.

"Paul's a very nice human being, someone who I thought was a great leader for our kids," Garrett said. "I'm sorry it didn't work out. It was not an easy decision."

Hackett and Garrett met on campus Sunday night and again Monday morning to finalize details of the firing.

The current season began with great promise as the Trojans opened with wins over Penn State, Colorado and San Jose State to rise to eighth in the rankings.

But a 31-21 loss at No. 5 Oregon State in the Pac-10 opener followed, triggering the Trojans' second five-game losing streak in as many seasons and their first last-place finish in the conference.



(Special photo)

Stacey Johnson, No. 25 of the Pampa High School Freshman Girls basketball team, takes a free throw while the referee watches and an Amarillo Sandie guards her. The PHS frosh girls defeated Amarillo 56-42.

Witness defends former NFL player's motives

By PAUL NOWELL
Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - A co-defendant in the Rae Carruth murder case denied that he was testifying to get a more lenient sentence when he goes to trial later.

Michael Eugene Kennedy's testimony has dominated the first days of the trial of the former NFL player. Kennedy says Carruth was the mastermind of the November 1999 slaying of Cherica Adams, Carruth's girlfriend.

Kennedy, Carruth and two other men were charged in the shooting.

"I just want that family to know the truth," Kennedy said, looking at Adams' relatives in the courtroom during testimony Monday.

Defense attorney David Rudolf spent two hours attempting to discredit Kennedy as a witness, asking him questions about past drug dealing and his role in a 1994 shooting of another drug dealer.

Before the trial, co-defendant and confessed triggerman Van Brett Watkins appeared to have been the prosecution's star witness. Watkins had already confessed to shooting Adams, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and agreed to testify against Carruth.

"If (Kennedy's) credibility goes out the window, then their case goes out the window," Rudolf said after court ended.

Cross-examination of Kennedy was to continue Tuesday.

Kennedy told prosecutor David Graham in testimony that Carruth hatched the murder plot to avoid having to pay child support - Adams was eight months' pregnant. A member of the

Carolina Panthers at the time, Carruth has denied any involvement in the shooting.

Kennedy said he rejected two plea offers from the state because he felt he was innocent. Kennedy said he believed the player and Watkins should be held accountable in last year's killing of Adams.

"I have four children," Kennedy said. "Unlike Rae, I would never kill them or pay somebody to kill them. ... Some people might call me a snitch for what I did, but I'm pretty sure nobody in their right mind would have gone down for something they didn't do."

Kennedy said Carruth paid Watkins to shoot Adams. He also said Carruth gave him \$100 to buy a gun.

During cross-examination, Kennedy admitted to selling drugs, but said he was forced to do it because he was out of work.

"I had lost my job and I did it every once in a while," he told Rudolf, who said after court that officials delayed giving him a report on Kennedy's drug dealing.

Carruth's defense has claimed Watkins shot Adams because Carruth reneged on a promise to pay for drugs and because she made an obscene gesture at Watkins from her car.

Kennedy and another co-defendant, Stanley Drew "Boss" Abraham, are to be tried separately on murder charges.

Carruth, 26, could be executed if convicted of arranging the killing of Adams. Adams, 24, gave birth to a son. She died a month later. The boy is in the custody of Adams' mother.

Kennedy testified he was driving a car carrying Abraham and Watkins, who shot Adams as she sat in her own car where it was stopped behind Carruth's vehicle. Kennedy said he felt Carruth had threatened his life.

Pampa's frosh girls top Sandies by 14 points

Pampa High School's freshman girls basketball team topped Amarillo High 56 to 42, leaving the team with an impressive 4-0 record so far this season.

In the first quarter, the two teams tied 14-14. Pampa edged ahead just before the half with a 10 point lead. The lead widened in the third quarter to 17 points and by the end of the game, the Lady Harvester freshmen had won by 14 points.

Lead scorer for the game was Stacey Johnson with a total of 16 points. Jennie Waggoner came next with 11, followed by closely by Abbi Covelt with 10. Also scoring in the game were Michelle Cox, 9; Denisse Solis, 4; and Tara Jordan, Samantha Conner and Amber Freeman with two points each.

Eight of the 12 free throws were successfully completed, as well.

The freshman girls will next face the Sandies on their home court at 6 p.m., Dec. 4, in McNeely Field House.

Broncos end season, 8 - 0

The third and fourth grade Optimist Football Broncos ended their season undefeated by beating the Storms 26-0 on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Harvester Field.

The Broncos completed the season with a perfect 8-0 record.

In Saturday's game, the Broncos' offense rushed for 292 yards and four touchdowns.

Heath Skinner led the team's offense with 104 yards and two touchdowns. Madison Wilson had 93 yards and one touchdown and John Luke Covalt ran for 40 yards and one touchdown.

Hayden Skinner ran for 25 yards and Tyler Jones scampered around the end on a tight end reverse for an extra point.

Casey Trimble played another excellent game at quarterback by running the offense and rushing for another 30 yards.

The Broncos' stingy defense allowed only 40 yards total for the game and no points scored against them.

Others contributing greatly on both offense and defense included Dylan Cain, Ryan Jimenez, Tyler Jones, Gabriel Rodriguez, Daniel Smith, Joshua Ross, Andrew Regalado, Cody Bower, Dytaray Williams and Anthony Solis.

Coaches for this season were Monte Covalt and Jeff Skinner.

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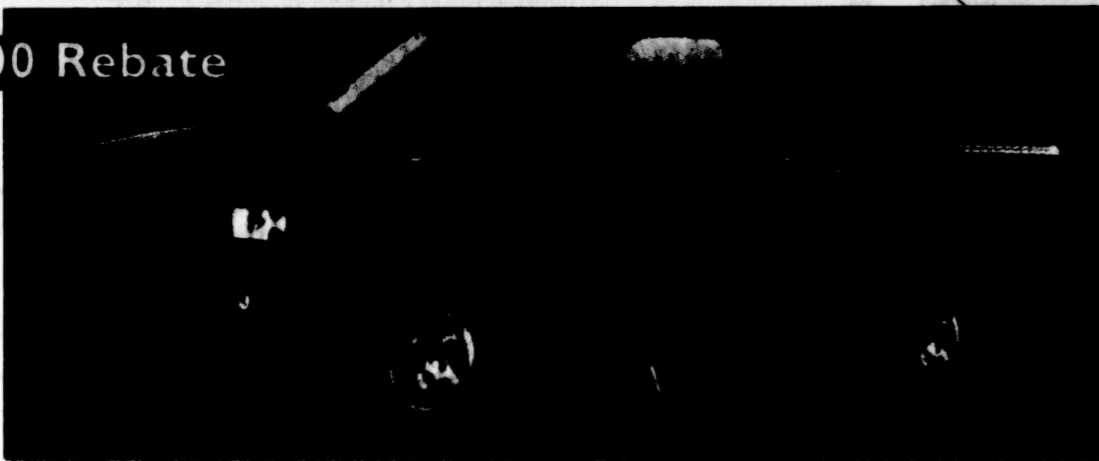
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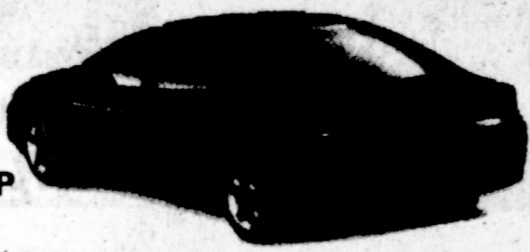
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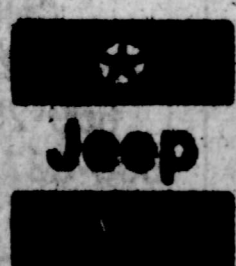
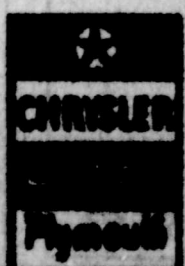


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