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County health insurance costs rise

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

The cost of county employee medical insurance is going up after the first of the year both in the premium cost and in higher co-pays.

County commissioners agreed not to pass along increased premium costs but the employees will have to pay the higher co-pays out of pocket.

That news came following a meeting between the commissioners court and representatives of Insurance Management Systems.

The rise in premiums is not unusual, said Jeff Edmonds, a broker with IMS. He said the continuous rise is part of a nationwide trend.

Pat Edwards with IMS said medical

inflation is currently going up 40 percent a year. He told the commissioners court to expect a 17 to 20 percent increase in costs for the following year. He attributed part of the reason to low unemployment saying, "If unemployment wasn't so low they'd do something about it."

County employees' insurance premiums are paid by Gray County, and that amount will be raised by \$40 per employee next year. The current amount paid by the county is \$327.20 monthly per employee and the cost will be raised to \$367.20.

The number of county employees who have health insurance coverage with the county is 126, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris. This will be an additional \$4,700 per month cost to Gray County.

Gray County Commissioners Court

Edwards said the increase in co-pays might discourage going to the doctor for just the sniffles. He said 2,270 prescriptions on the county policy have been received at IMS for payment during the first 10 months of 2000.

members unanimously do not want to pass the insurance increase on to the employees.

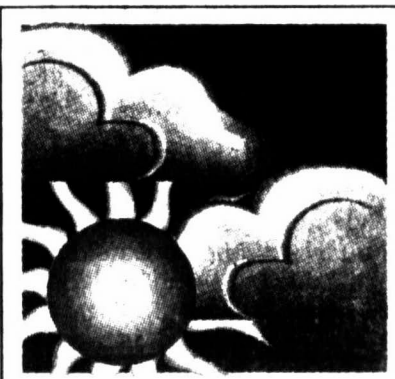
Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley said, "Our county employees have not received an increase in pay for two years, and I don't want to pass this increase on to them." All commissioners court members nodded in agreement. "It's not fair to them," he said, "but we may have to do so eventually."

Life insurance premiums for county

employees of \$7.20 each, which is paid monthly by the county, will remain the same. The policy value is \$15,000.

Dependent coverage is also increasing. Family coverage will increase by \$20 monthly, from \$240 to \$260; spousal coverage will increase \$16 monthly, from \$184 to \$200; and child or children will increase \$10, from \$120 to \$130.

Commissioners also approved an increase in co-pay for prescriptions and (See COUNTY, Page 2)



High today low 60s
 Low tonight middle 20s
 For weather details see Page 2

Genetically engineered corn affects Cheetos

DALLAS (AP).— It sounds corny, but science is hurting the almighty Cheeto.

The nation's Cheetos supply is dwindling as the maker of the cheese-flavored snack attempts to keep genetically engineered corn from the recipe.

Cheetos supplies are down by as much as 10 percent while Plano-based Frito-Lay Inc. screens for corn that doesn't contain the StarLink bio-engineered variety.

"We've required all cornmeal to meet all tests, and that's slowed things down," Frito-Lay spokeswoman Lynn Markley told Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "As soon as we get shipments in, we make them."

The company is running thousands of tests every month for StarLink, which contains a protein that acts as a pesticide and was supposed to be used only in animal feed or for industrial purposes.

The company, which has a policy against genetically engineered food in its products, expects to fix the supply problem in two weeks.

Funvuns onion-flavored rings also are in short supply.

Frito-Lay's other chips are not affected because they are made with specified varieties of corn that are followed from seed to store through Frito-Lay's contracts with farmers.

Pampa News classified ads get results. To place your ad call 669-2525.

- Shirley 'Billie' Dumas, 73, homemaker.
- Verla Faye Holland, 80, active churchwoman.
- Ruby Irene Williams Isom, 86, homemaker.

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Facing midday deadline officials check undervotes

By LEIGH STROPE
 Associated Press Writer

Facing a midday Sunday deadline, election officials across Florida opened up ballot boxes to look anew at so-called undervotes sought by Democrat Al Gore.

Republican George W. Bush scrambled to the U.S. Supreme Court to block the counts.

"I guess it's time to do some counting," said Leon County's elections supervisor, Ion Sancho.

Undervotes are ballots on which no vote for president was registered by machines during the mechanical vote. Punchcard ballots, used in some Florida counties, are particularly susceptible to undervoting because a voter can punch the card but fail to push the chad all the way out.

The judge charged with overseeing the new recounts set a deadline of 2 p.m. Sunday to wrap up the work.

Bush's running mate, Dick

Undervotes are ballots on which no vote for president was registered by machines during the mechanical vote.

Cheney, worked at the Republican transition offices in suburban Washington, D.C., as the Supreme Court weighed the GOP request for a temporary delay in implementing the Florida court ruling. The appeal argued that the ruling was unconstitutional and said the electoral process could suffer "material harm" if the recounts go forward.

"This is what happens when, for the first time in modern history, a candidate resorts to lawsuits to try to overcome the outcome of an election for president," said former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, the head of Bush's legal team. "It is

(See UNDERVOTES, Page 2)

MISD board meets Monday

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District's Board of Education is to meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration office, 321 Custer.

Action items listed on the agenda for Monday's meeting include the 1999-2000 school year audit, property insurance and an agreement with Eastern Panhandle Shared Services.

Superintendent Allan Dinsmore is to give information and present reports on school board training, the school report card, litigation, and the Southwest Conservation District (SWCD) tree project.

Financial matters to be discussed by the board include current bills, fund balances, a budget comparison, and lunch room and tax collection reports.

A special time has been set aside for student recognition. An audience request period is also scheduled.

The school board meeting is open to the public.



Name: Myron J. "Mike" Porter.
 Birth Date & Place: Dec. 10, 1920, Granville Summit, Pa.
 Family: Wife of 57 years.

Dorothy Stone Porter; children, Jan McCathern, Mickey Porter, Cheri Patterson, Rod Porter, Jeanna Zuniga and Deanna Polasek; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Favorite Childhood Memory: When my four older brothers took me swimming with them and then showed me how to hang on a rope and pushed me off the bank and when I turned loose and they said "swim," so I did and that was my first and only swimming lesson and I've swam ever since.

When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: A pilot.

My Best Friend was: Beebe Comfort.

People Remember Me As Being: The most likely to suc-



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Lefors High School sophomore, Zack Kidd, checks the current weather situation on the Lefors ISD website. With him are fellow sophomores, Lorraine Hess, corner right, and Angela Mullen, far left.

Lefors gets Weathernet KVII, local donors join hands

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

LEFORS — At the time this is written, it is 24 degrees in Lefors. Humidity is 81 percent with a barometric pressure of 30.37 inches. Dew point is 19 degrees and the community has received no rain for the past 24 hours.

At the same time, it is 32 degrees in Pampa with humidity at 75 percent. The barometer reads 30.31 inches and dew point is 25 degrees. No rain has fallen in Pampa during the past 24 hours, either.

Now, anyone with Internet capabilities can

find up-to-the-minute weather information on the Lefors ISD or Pampa ISD weather sites, thanks to an innovative project implemented by KVII television in Amarillo.

Through a strong community effort, Lefors schools raised \$2,000 so they could join KVII - Channel 7's network of 54 weather stations throughout the northern Texas Panhandle and parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

Steve Kersch, KVII's chief meteorologist, said the television station invested approximately \$100,000 in 1998 to set up 45 Weathernet sites in each county of the station's viewing area.

(See WEATHERNET, Page 6)

Sunday snapshot

My Favorite Toy: Golf clubs.

My Favorite Game: Golf.

My Favorite Radio Show: Amos and Andy.

The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: A Roy Rogers movie. It cost 10-cents and the popcorn was five-cents.

The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: My mother and daddy.

The Person That Most Influenced My Life: Coach Crumbling.

The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: The bombing of Pearl Harbor. Why? I became an adult in three short years.

The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was:

Asking the neighbor for the dried sweet corn on the stalk and helping mother grind it to make Johnny Cake.

The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: Being elected as the curator of Freedom Museum USA.

If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be: Not grow old so fast.

My Whole Family Enjoyed: Cimarron Canyon, N.M., camping trips.

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: Maude Lions, my high school English teacher.

My First Job Was: Picking strawberries.

Year & Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: A 1939

Chevrolet four-door sedan.

Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: Five-cents a gallon.

On My First Date I Went To: The circus.

My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Venny Veneski's Ice Cream Parlor.

The Fashion Trend Was: Double-breasted suits with vests.

My Favorite Saying Was: "Let's get it."

My Favorite Song Was: "You'll Never Know How Much" by Glenn Miller.

Another Memory I Want To Share Is: My salvation over Frederickshauften, Germany, and my safe landing in a wounded condition on July 20, 1944, during World War II.



Get Out And Enjoy The Lights!!

Daily Record

Services

Services today

HOLLAND, Verla Faye — 2:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Miami.

Services tomorrow

DUMAS, Shirley "Billie" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

JONES, Jerry Dale — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Trinity Fellowship Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

SHIRLEY 'BILLIE' DUMAS

Shirley "Billie" Dumas, 73, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at Odessa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. John Gloyer, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Dumas was born Nov. 2, 1927, at White Deer and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She married J.B. Dumas in 1951; he died April 12, 1987.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Chambliss, in 1975.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Holt of New Braunfels; a son, Gary Dumas of Odessa; three sisters, Penny McCormick of Pampa, Carlene Walker of Arlington and Dolly Grant of Amarillo; a brother, Vaughn Chambliss of Florida; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, Potter/Randall Chapter, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159.

VERLA FAYE HOLLAND

MIAMI — Verla Faye Holland, 80, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Holland was born June 14, 1920, at Miami, the second child of Bernice and Faye Heare. She married W.R. (Cap) Holland on May 21, 1938, at Childress; he preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 1971.

She was a member of United Methodist Church of Miami since 1938 and served as kindergarten Sunday school teacher and first year juniors class teacher. She was a Sunday school teacher for eight years and children's superintendent for one year. She was MYE sponsor for several years and was a member of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Holland was also a member of Child Study Club and High School Mothers Club.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Lewis and Rita Ann Holland of Abilene; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Wiley Bailey of Miami; three brothers, Bernie Heare of San Rafael, Calif., Frank Heare of Miami and Gerald Heare of Panhandle; six grandchildren, Wesley Holland and wife Anna of Knox City, Jody Holland and wife Renae and John Holland and wife Amber, all of Abilene, Kasandra Boozer and husband Mark of Dallas, Karie Hill and husband Craig of Fort Worth and Kay Lynne Bailey and fiancée Trent Ezzell of Lubbock; two great-grandsons, Casley Holland and Colby Boozer; and three great-granddaughters, Kira Holland, Caylee Boozer and Emily Holland.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church of Miami.

RUBY IRENE WILLIAMS ISOM

Ruby Irene Williams Isom, 86, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Isom was born April 9, 1914, at Pawhuska, Okla. She married Lew Isom in 1931 at Pawhuska; he died May 23, 1971. She moved to Pampa in 1952, residing at Cities Service Camp prior to settling in her home in 947 E. Brunow.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Ann McCarty of Ada, Okla., and Gloria May Isom of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Lewis Cass Isom, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo.; a stepson, William Isom of Tulsa; a sister, Lela Williams of St. Petersburg, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Emergency numbers

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Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700

Ebola victims reaches 400, 160 dead

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — The number of people infected with the deadly Ebola virus reached 400 on Friday, with 160 of those victims dying from the highly contagious disease, a health official said.

In the last three days, two people have died in the northern town of Gulu, while two others died

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Regina Irene Ellis, 35, 629 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 600 block of North Dwight on charges of failure to identify - fugitive and seven outstanding capias pro fine warrants.

Aaron Eugene Young, 31, 314 Wynne, was arrested in the 1400 block of East Browning on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

A CD case containing CDs was reported found in the street by an automatic teller machine in the 100 block of Foster.

An unattended death was reported in the 900 block of East Malone.

Friday, Dec. 8

Leonard Anthony Scott, 36, 1105 Neel Rd., was arrested in the 1000 block of South Sumner on 11 municipal warrants, one felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor warrant for possession of marijuana. He was also charged with evading arrest.

A simple assault/domestic was reported in the 800 block of East Denver.

Will Ryon Munsell, 21, 304 Tignor, arrested on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct/language, no seat belt and failure to appear.

Hattie Mae Atwood, 42, 700 Lefors, arrested and charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct/fighting in public and disorderly conduct/language.

Amy Wendt Atwood, 40, Rt. 1 Box 150, arrested and charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct/fighting in public and disorderly conduct/gestures.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests and incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Lucas Shane Turner, 20, of Lexington, was transferred to Gray County Jail after sentencing in Carson County on local charges of theft over \$50/ under \$500; bond surrenders for no seat belt, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear; and seven capias pro fine warrants.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a semi-tractor truck and a Pampa Independent School District van, west of Pampa on U.S. 60 at Kingsmill.

Friday, Dec. 8

Christian Dale King, 19, 300 Tignor, arrested on a directive to apprehend for the Texas Youth Commission.

Samuel Rosales, 19, 709 Denver, arrested on a charge of driving under the influence/minor and failure to appear/bail jumping.

Frank Edward Gallegos, no age listed, Dalhart, arrested on a theft by check warrant from Moore County.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Dec. 8

1:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded about six miles east on Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident; no transport.

3:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.

4:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Scott; no transport.

7:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Dogwood; no transport.

9:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

10:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of West Foster; no transport.

Correction

The Pampa News incorrectly reported Wednesday that all five persons who were indicted this week by the Grand Jury had been released on bond.

Sergio Rivera, 21, 1008 Varnon, indicted for indecency with a child in connection with an incident on July 28, remains in jail on \$5,000 bond.

Danny Duane Vincent, 41, 638 Wells, faces two indictments. One indictment was for forgery by passing and the other for forgery by making. He remains in the county jail with bonds totaling \$10,000, \$5,000 on each charge.

Edward Earl Holt, 49, 613 Plains, indicted on an enhanced charge of theft under \$20, also remains in the county jail in lieu of \$4,000 bond.

Robert Joseph Collom, 40, 519 Walnut, indicted on charges of aggravated assault on a public servant in connection with an incident on June 23, was freed on \$1,000 bond.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Putin says he will pardon U.S. businessman

MAGNITOGORSK, Russia (AP) — President Vladimir Putin said Saturday he will pardon American businessman Edmond Pope, who was convicted of espionage and sentenced to 20 years.

Putin's comments came a day after the Russian presidential pardons commission recommended that the 54-year-old Pennsylvania native be

released and sent home, citing his recent bout of bone cancer and the poor health of his father.

The case marked the first time in some 40 years that an American had been convicted in Russia on espionage charges, and it further complicated the sometimes strained relations between Washington and Moscow.

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COUNTY

medical providers. Generic prescriptions will increase from \$8 to \$15 per prescription while brand name prescriptions will increase from \$15 to \$25 each.

Office co-pay for employees and their dependents will increase from \$15 to \$25 per visit.

Edwards said the increase in co-pays might discourage going to the doctor for just the sniffles. He said 2,270 prescriptions on the county policy have been received at IMS for payment during the first 10 months of 2000.

"It's really hard to impress upon employees what

good benefits they have with the group policies," said Mark Cadra, local insurance IMS representative. "Farmers and ranchers are carrying policies with \$5,000 deductible because of the cost of premiums. Those policies will just pay the "big one" (large medical claims)," he said.

Edmonds said county employees only had two covered persons with claims over and above \$25,000 this past year during the first 10 months, but said an additional two covered persons will probably reach \$25,000 in claims before year end. He said the PPO network has worked quite well. Commissioners decided to remain with the BSA network.

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UNDERVOTES

very sad. It is sad for Florida. It is sad for the nation. And it is sad for democracy."

The high court ruling trimmed Bush's certified 537-vote lead to less than 200 votes by ordering that the earlier tallies in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade be added to the totals of each candidate.

The opinion overturned a ruling Wednesday by Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls. Sauls immediately recused himself from the case without explanation and it was reassigned to Judge Terry Lewis. Lewis told lawyers for the two campaigns in Tallahassee that he had read the state court's ruling "and I intend to follow it."

Gore's lawyers called for the counting to begin immediately and asked the court to establish a procedure to count undervotes statewide, while Bush's lawyer suggested a slower approach. The judge declined to set a single standard for determine which votes count, leaving it to local officials.

"Hours make a difference here," said Gore lawyer David Boies, saying about 40,000 disputed ballots had to be counted. "Minutes may make a difference."

"It's going to be a big job," said Bush attorney Phil Beck, projecting that 64,000 ballots needed to be counted. "I think the Supreme Court has created an impossible situation here."

Gore's lawyers also planned to file a response to Bush's request to the U.S. Supreme Court. They said a delay "is the only means of protecting the

integrity of the federal electoral process while ensuring proper and orderly access to the judicial system."

Justice Anthony Kennedy has jurisdiction over emergency requests from Florida, and will be the first to review the 41-page filing. Kennedy could act on it at any time, or he could refer the request to the full court.

Bush lawyers also were filing an emergency petition with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta asking that the recounts be stopped — before they could begin — until the nation's highest court could settle the issue.

Gore campaign chairman Bill Daley said the Florida Supreme Court decision caught himself by surprise, but the vice president remained optimistic.

"He believes when this is finished he will be sworn in on January 20th as our president," Daley said.

Florida is required to certify its slate of 25 electors Tuesday and the Republican-controlled Legislature is poised to insure that those electors are pledged to Bush when lawmakers meet in special session next week.

Congress might ultimately be forced to decide whether to accept votes chosen through the court battle in Gore's favor, or a slate picked by the Legislature for Bush.

The Electoral College compiles the votes of all 50 states on Dec. 18 and those votes are to be counted by Congress on Jan. 6, two weeks before Inauguration Day.

Cheney sells Highland Park home in Dallas

Vice presidential hopeful Dick Cheney has sold his Highland Park home to Dianne T. Cash, a long-time resident of the city.

Cash, who recently gave \$200,000 to Republican

committees, lives near where Cheney and his wife resided on Euclid Avenue. Her name appears on a deed filed Nov. 30 in the Dallas County clerk's office.

City Briefs

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Weather focus
PAMPA — Today, partly sunny with highs in the lower 60s. Southwest to west winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, windy and colder. Lows in the middle 20s. Monday, windy and much colder. Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow. Temperatures remaining in the middle 20s.

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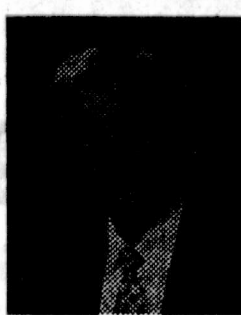
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A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded \$8.2 million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer (Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County). Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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 congrega-

tional singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

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

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.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14, in Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will include entertainment by Bill Reeves, cowboy poet from McLean. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share in a potluck meal as well as a wrapped sewing-related item for gift exchange. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

SINGLES NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
The Singles Ministry at Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo will host an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance from 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Dec. 31 in Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. Music will be by Sharla Lee Hayes and Double Diamond Band. A photographer will be available at 6:30 p.m. for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person and will include a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 22. The event will be alcohol- and smoke-free. For tickets or for more information, call Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at the church, (806) 353-6615.

TRAIN SHOW
Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as

5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six for \$5.

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
A Winter Photography Workshop is in the offing at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. Participants will need their own camera, film, note pad and snacks. The workshop will be conducted both inside and outside and will not be canceled due to inclement weather. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/ICP members and \$10 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

RED CROSS CLASSES
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following courses this month: First Aid, 3-7 p.m., Dec. 5, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; CPR class, 5-9 p.m., Dec. 12 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

MIP CLASSES
Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class from 1-4 p.m., Dec. 14 and from 8:30 a.m.-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

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

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/usagermany scholarship on the World Wide Web.

FPC HOLIDAY SPECIAL
November 3 through Dec. 14, the Cosmetology Department at Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer a "holiday special" on manicures (\$1.50), hot oil manicures (\$1.75), pedicures (\$2.50) and artificial nails (\$15 per set). Appointments are scheduled after 6 p.m. each night. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 747.

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.

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.

TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES

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minum 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.

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Current drug policy is not working

More than 600 religious leaders are asking President Clinton to commute the sentences of low-level, nonviolent federal drug offenders who have served at least five years of their sentences. The clergy members ask that the offenders be placed on probation.

I hope he does as asked — at least in many instances. It's not like these folks haven't been punished and we're not talking about major players here.

But for the plan to work, serious drug counseling has to be a part of the probation or these folks are likely to return to their drugs of choice.

Some years ago — trying to find a way to fight the scourge of drugs — lawmakers enacted tough mandatory minimum sentence requirements for many offenses. Judges no longer had any discretion in sentencing even if an individual case cried out for it.

As a result, millions upon millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent to house the offenders and the nation's drug problem continues to spiral, continues to take its ugly toll throughout our society.



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Obviously something is wrong with the picture.

There are few among us who don't know someone who is an addict or know the family of an addict and have seen up close the damage — on many levels — that addiction causes.

Just recently, 31st District Attorney Elect Rick Roach said members of the local/area law enforcement community have told him that as much as 90 percent of area crime has some kind of drug connection.

Some of these people need to be locked up. Many, many others would do better to be placed into mandatory drug rehabilitation

programs. Chances are, if they can get the monkey off their back, they won't be a player again in the drug business. Many, many drug sales are small ones made by addicts who sell so they can use. Many of these people aren't "bad." They made a stupid mistake by getting involved in drugs and many need help, not long prison sentences.

Unfortunately, so much money and attention has been placed on incarceration there are only scant services available to the addict so he or she can become — and stay — clean.

The clergy group hopes Clinton will act in the next few weeks. They understand if this opportunity to free deserving prisoners isn't acted upon now, it won't happen when a new president takes office given the political fallout that's likely to occur.

But whatever Clinton does, it's time we rethink our nation's drug policy. While interdiction of smuggled drugs remains important and prison certainly has its place, we need to address the addiction aspect as it pertains to low-level drug offenders with methods that have the best chance of working.

Prison's not it.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: The Corpus Christi Caller-Times on the sales tax holiday: The folks running state government in Austin know a good thing when they see one. And they see one in the popularity among Texans of the sales tax holiday that enables buyers to go shopping without forking over part of the price to the taxman.

State Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander announced last week that Texans had saved an estimated \$37 million in local and state taxes this year. Keepers of treasuries at local governments might also say that millions were lost in revenues to repair streets, maintain parks and keep up libraries. But sales taxes are among the least equitable ways to permanently fund government and the rush to lift the burden by way of the tax holiday seems to recognize that fact.

"The tax burden on working families is too high and the sales tax holiday provides Texans with some much needed relief," Rylander said, putting herself among a crowd of politicians who didn't have to ponder long on which side of the tax holiday issue to take. Politicians gathering in Austin in January will be looking for ways to extend the three-day tax holiday in August and to lengthen the list of items exempted from sales taxes.

The sales tax holiday was approved by the Legislature last year. It exempts from sales taxes most clothes, shoes and other items costing less than \$100. That works out to a savings of about \$8 for every \$100 in purchase made.

In the two years the sales tax holiday has been in effect the three days set aside in August have become a shopping and retailing bonanza. Stores in Corpus Christi, like other retail centers across the state, have had to add extra staff; store operators have likened the increase in customers to the Christmas rush. In all, the sales tax holiday has been a positive step, without crippling government revenues.

More importantly, the sales tax holiday seems to be doing what legislators intended: reducing the financial load on the Texas family facing heavy expenses it prepares to send children off to school. But the sales tax holiday legislation needs sharpening. While the exemptions do undoubtedly help the family with school children, there are glaring omissions in the list of exemptions.

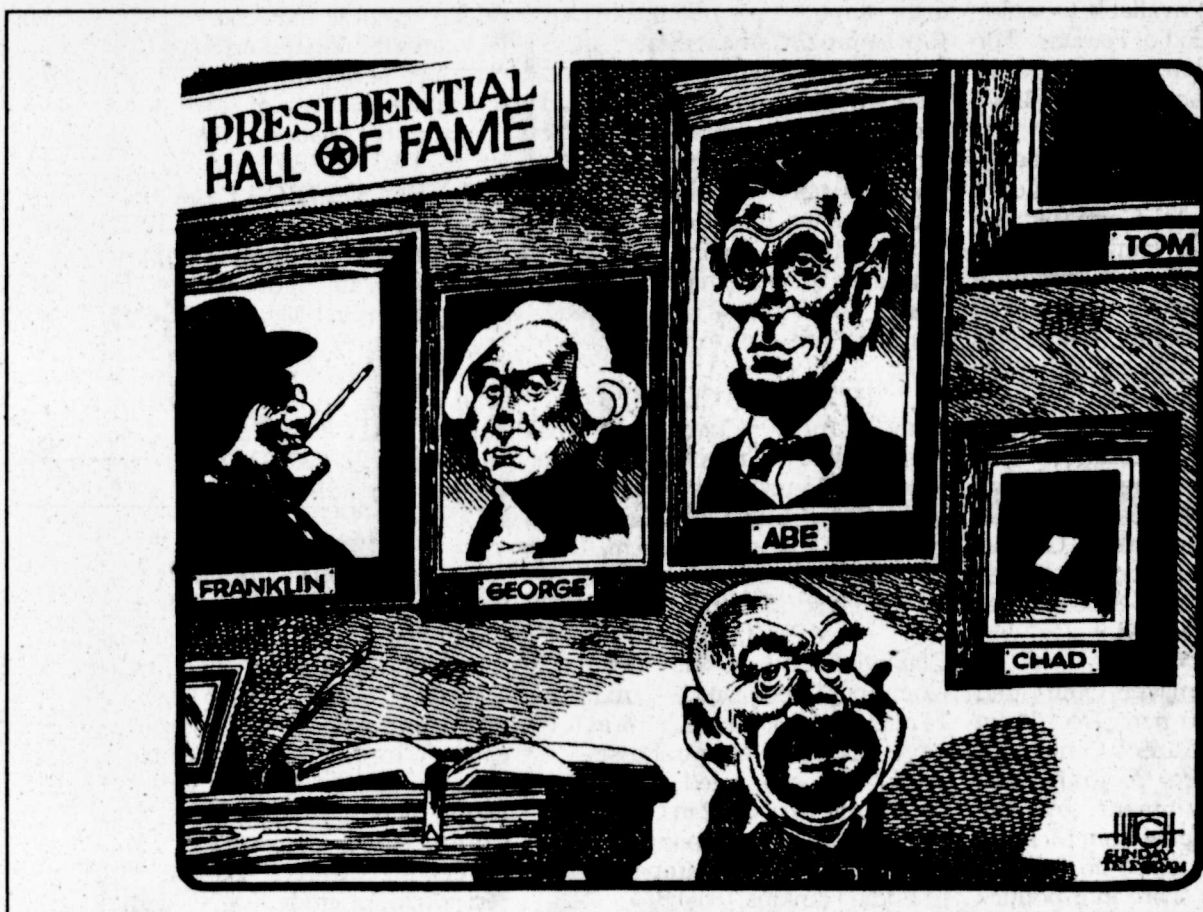
Most prominent is the failure to exempt school supplies. Proposals by State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston and Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, aim to close that gap.

Both proposals would exempt school supplies such as pens, backpacks, and dictionaries from taxes; Cuellar would hold the exemption to items that cost less than \$75.

Both proposals seem reasonable on their merits. If the object is to help parents with the cost of sending kids to school, removing the tax on the very materials used in school is right on the mark. But why stop there?

As any parent knows, the consumption of notebook paper, pencils, pens and other consumable school supplies is a school-year-long expense. And what about those poster boards and science exhibit materials that crop up toward the end of the semester? And that's not to mention art supplies, map coloring pencils, drafting class materials and the myriad other supplies associated with sending kids to school.

The rationale exists to exempt all school supplies on a year-round basis. What better way to help families with school children and send the message that Texas puts education as a top priority than by freeing everything from Big Chief tablets to dictionaries from sales taxes? Let the taxman be the biggest booster of education.



Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Sunday, Dec. 10, the 345th day of 2000. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 10, 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

On this date: In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

Democracy and economic growth

Tidjane Thiam, writing in Newsweek's recent special edition, says democracy is vital to economic growth. As minister of planning and economic development of Cote d'Ivoire, Thiam says: "Africa has paid too little attention to political modernization. Too many African governments pay only lip service to democracy, which is often limited to simply holding regular elections."

Whatever are the benefits of American-style democracy, democracy is not a necessary condition for economic growth and, in fact, democracy might impede economic growth. Let's look at it.

There are several, once very impoverished countries that experienced significant and rapid economic growth without democratic institutions. Some examples and their respective per capita GDPs are: Chile (\$12,700), Hong Kong (\$25,200), Taiwan (\$12,000), Singapore (\$28,000) and South Korea (\$13,600). To the extent that political democracy exists in these countries today, it has only recently emerged.

What's true about these once-backward countries is they all have relatively free markets — in a word, they're economically free. Each of these countries, with the exception of South Korea, has either no or very low protectionism — tariff and quotas on imports.

South Korea has what Gerald P. O'Driscoll, et al., in their book "2000 Index of Economic Freedom" call moderate protectionism. Governments in these countries impose a relatively low burden on its citizens in the forms of



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

taxation and economic regulation. These countries also share another characteristic vital to economic growth: secure property rights and rule of law.

Political democracy, and India is an excellent example, can jeopardize economic prosperity because people, forming interest groups and using their political freedom, can subvert and compromise the free market institutions vital to economic growth.

Thiam is quite concerned about economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa, but the problem isn't democracy. With but a few exceptions, most of black African nations fall into the category of being either economically "unfree" or "repressed." The same can be said about Africa north of the Sahara. The continent's countries falling into the category of "Mostly free" are: South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Mauritius, Benin, Mali and Morocco. While citizens in these countries remain poor by Western standards, they're far better off than their repressed neighbors.

Thiam might do well turning his attention to

his own country. Cote d'Ivoire is typical of most African countries; it falls into the "mostly unfree" category. It has very high levels of protectionism and government economic regulation, plus corruption is rife. It also has a very low level of property rights protection, and rule of law is highly compromised.

It should come as no surprise that when we're treated to television scenes of African famine, starvation and genocidal slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Africans, it tends to be in those African nations that fall into "mostly unfree" or "repressed" categories. This is not uniquely African. In Eastern Europe, where we've witnessed starvation and/or genocide, it's occurred in "mostly unfree" or "repressed" nations such as Bosnia, Croatia, Albania and Romania.

Evidence shows that no amount of IMF, World Bank and other handout interventions can bring prosperity to repressive nations. Only Africans can solve Africa's problems. Unfortunately, Africans have been heading the council of socialists around the world, including U.S. socialists. It's instructive that Thiam is minister of planning and development in Cote d'Ivoire. The idea that government planning and control are tickets to economic growth has been thoroughly discredited.

African nations might also benefit if American black academics, politicians and civil-rights leaders stopped laying out the welcome mat and heaping praise on the leaders and officials of Africa's brutal and repressive regimes.

Report does not reflect well on U.S.

Most Americans don't realize how heinous our own government has been in its foreign policy.

The Sunday Herald, a Scottish newspaper, last September reported that the United States and its allies deliberately destroyed Iraq's water supply and, in the nine years since, have prevented it from being repaired by keeping out the equipment and chemicals necessary.

A Georgetown University professor has obtained a seven-page document prepared by the Defense Intelligence Agency that pointed out the vulnerability of the water system, its dependence on imported equipment and chemicals, and the likely consequences of its destruction.

The report was dead-accurate. The United States and its allies destroyed the system. The Sunday Herald reported that eight multipurpose dams were repeatedly bombed, smashing the infrastructure for flood control, municipal and industrial water storage, irrigation and hydroelectric power. Four of Iraq's seven major pumping stations were destroyed, as were 31 municipal water and sewage facilities.

The result: Waterborne diseases — typhoid, dysentery, hepatitis, cholera and polio — have killed thousands of civilians in Iraq. There is always a rough justice in the universe, however. The Sunday Times has reported that tens of



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

thousands of American and British troops are suffering from radiation poisoning from the depleted uranium shells fired during the Gulf War. No wonder both governments are trying to deny that Gulf War Syndrome even exists.

The water-supply system, which we attacked, had absolutely nothing to do with supplying or supporting the Iraqi troops in Kuwait. It was a deliberate, cold-blooded attack, intended to kill and sicken Iraqi civilians. It was a war crime.

People who like to yap about the rule of law should see to it that their own government obeys the law.

The new president of Yugoslavia has our number when it comes to the rule of law. He said, "Washington introduced into the rule of law everything that is opposed to the rule of law: voluntarism, insecurity and arbitrariness." It's one thing to knock out communications

towers, bridges and ammunition dumps, but a city's sewer and water system has nothing to do with the military. Taking those out seems more malicious than any American would be capable of — unless you've met some of the unthinking automatons and some of the heartless sharks that infect the Beltway. They flit around like wraiths, whispering their poisonous malice in the ears of the officeholders.

It would be comforting to imagine that one day the American people will elect to public office men and women who make clear to the world that we do not make war on women and children.

Unfortunately, I fear the cruelty and disregard for human life and human rights is a reflection of the American people's own attitudes. So long as the victims are "the others" — foreigners — most Americans don't seem to give a flip what is done to them.

One hates to keep returning to the universal wisdom of religion, but what one sows, one reaps. Our government has, in our name, been sowing hate, and one day we will reap the fruit of that hate. It will be bitter fruit.

If one day someone poisons our water supply, it will not be much consolation to know that the idea came from the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency.

We need a new, more benign emperor in our Rome on the Potomac.

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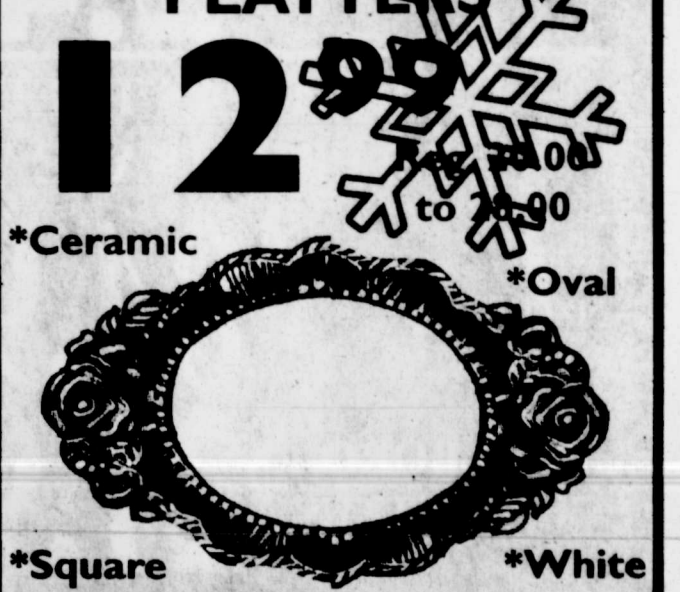
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Johnny Woodard, maintenance foreman for Lefors Independent School District, poses with the weather sensors. Woodard and Steve Kersch, KVII - Channel 7 chief meteorologist, recently installed the sensors on top of the Lefors school building.

WEATHERNET

Pampa, Borger and Panhandle school districts were among the first in this area to receive the weather sites, he said.

"We wanted to get kids access to the weather and we also wanted to benefit viewers," Kersch said.

Since then, the Weathernet has grown to include 54 sites, with 56 school districts on the station's waiting list.

"It's our goal and our intent to purchase a weather station for all these sites," Kersch said. "But we've got to find a sponsor and we haven't pinned that down yet."

Kersch said Lefors ISD was about half-way down the waiting list.

"We've been on the waiting list for quite a while," said Allan Law, superintendent of Lefors schools. "We looked at it and figured Lefors was probably not a priority. We decided we didn't want to wait until they found a sponsor."

So the local community worked together to raise the \$2,000 needed to bring a weather site to Lefors, he said.

The group started with a letter campaign to businesses that worked with the school district that brought in \$1,000 from Enron and the remaining funds from local businesses and individuals, Law said.

Using software provided by KVII, Lefors math teacher Danny Seabourn set up the weather information center on the school's website at www.leforsisd.com. The weather information is updated every one and a half minutes, Law said.

Maintenance Foreman Johnny Woodard and Kersch climbed atop the school building to install

the sensor equipment.

"There's three main sensors - temperature, humidity, wind sensor, and a rain gauge," explained Kersch. These sensors are installed in an open area, he said, with a wire going into the school's computer system.

"We're kind of off away from things and when the weather gets bad, we want to know about it," Law said. "When it's tornado season, we can watch the barometer and if it starts falling, there's a good chance (a tornado) is coming this way. Then we can start taking action."

"We want to get the Lefors Fire Department on this, too," the school superintendent added.

Seabourn said the Weathernet information can be used by students for classroom assignments, as well.

"Buried within the software are spreadsheets that we can print and use to make graphs," he described as one way the information could be applied to student education.

Kersch said he first encountered school weather sites while working at a television station in Waco in the early 1990s.

"We started out with six and ended up with 200," he said. "It took off like wildfire."

"It's neat to see a community like Lefors so excited about having a weather site," the meteorologist said. "The response on this end is tremendous. They're saying thank you to me and I'm saying, 'Hey, thank you! It's great to see kids come together and people come together and make something happen.'"

Local school districts still on the waiting list for weather sites include Clarendon, Claude, Wheeler, Miami, Lefors, Panhandle, White Deer, Skellytown, Groom and Fort Elliott.

No shortage of double duty for this obstetrician

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — An obstetrician has gotten plenty of

delivered three sets of twins born at Sacred Heart Hospital. The hospital has now delivered 14 sets of twins this year, compared with nine in 1999.

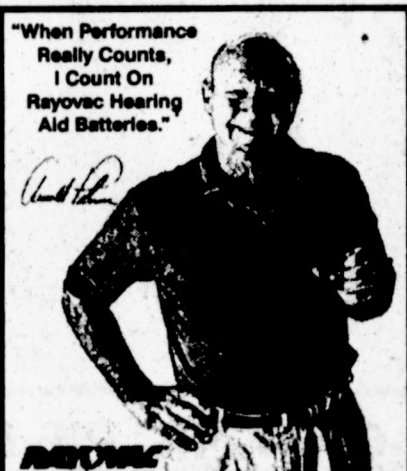


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Lawyer's will shocking to some

DUXBURY, Mass. (AP) — Richard J. Cotter Jr. seemed to be a member in good standing of the Boston establishment: Phillips Exeter, Harvard and then Harvard Law, service in World War II, a stint as an assistant state attorney general, then private practice.

At his death, though, it became clear that his politics were way out on the fringe.

Shocking some of those who knew him, the lawyer left more than \$650,000 of his \$5.4 million estate to white supremacist and anti-Semitic causes and figures, including the author of the book "The Hitler We Loved and Why."

Robert Leikind, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League in Boston, called the will "a startling legacy." "These are not groups to be trifled with. They can be extreme, and they can be not only dangerous, but inspire people in the most fundamentally undemocratic principles," he said.

Cotter's executor, friend and legal colleague,

Donald O. Smith, said he was amazed.

"I think Cotter's concerns, perhaps with regard to communism, may have led him into a position sympathetic to people with an affiliation for the Nazi regime. Having never discussed any of this with Mr. Cotter, you should probably understand that I'm just speculating," Smith said.

Kathleen Pyle, who cared for Cotter's horses for 23 years, said she cannot square his bequests with the man she knew. "He very much loved nature, and animals, and that's where he got most of his happiness. He kept a lot to himself," she said.

Cotter's niece, Diana Moran Chabrier, said, however, she was not surprised.

"He was a person who is perhaps an extreme example of a person who showed different faces to different parts of his life. He kept extreme right-wing propaganda on the bookshelves of his house. It was not something he tried to keep secret," Chabrier said.

Twin charged in brother's death

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was charged with killing his twin brother when a handgun he was holding discharged.

His brother died when a bullet struck his face.

The two boys lived with their grandfather in Brownsville. Just before the shooting, one twin grabbed his grandfather's 9 mm handgun from a nearby cabinet, Sheriff Omar Lucio said.

The victim's brother remained in juvenile detention on charges of involuntary manslaughter, said Chief Gus Reyna of the Cameron County Sheriff's Department. The grandfather, who was not home at the time of the shooting, has not been charged.

Short illness claims Leath, 69

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Marvin Leath, a conservative Texas Democrat who spent more than a decade in Congress, died Friday after a short illness. He was 69.

Leath served the 11th District of Texas and retired in 1990. He worked as a lobbyist in recent years.

Rep. Chet Edwards, who succeeded Leath, said the nation's defense is stronger because of Leath's work.

Leath was one of the founders of the "Boll Weevils," a group of Southern Democrats who worked closely with Republicans in on fiscal and budget issues.

Leath was a member of the House Budget Committee and chairman of the panel's subcommittee on foreign affairs and defense. He also was a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

After retiring, he formed his own government relations consulting business and represented some of the nation's largest defense-related companies.

State sales tax payments made

The state comptroller has delivered \$207.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to cities and counties, down from the \$222.9 million total for December 1999. December's rebates bring the total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 2000 to \$3.8 billion, a new one-year record for local sales revenue.

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Study finds many farm hands in poor health

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Farm workers harvesting some of the nation's healthiest foods are often overweight, suffer from a poor diet, and many have rotting teeth, a study shows.

The study found that 70 percent of the workers have no health insurance, about half never have been to the dentist, and a third of male workers have never seen a doctor.

"An abundance of high-nutrition food is produced in this part of the country," said Don Villarejo, who headed the study paid for by the California Endowment. "The people doing the bulk of the work have poor nutrition. That's not supposed to happen."

Researchers from the California Institute for Rural Studies canvassed seven farming communities around the state, interviewing workers where

they lived — in houses, automobiles, sometimes under bridges.

Interviews were followed by physical examinations to conduct the most thorough survey on farm worker health in the nation's richest agricultural state.

Most of the 971 workers interviewed were young, married Mexican men, largely uneducated and living without health insurance on annual wages of \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Only 16.5 percent said their employers offered health insurance, and almost a third of those could not afford the cost. Seven percent had some form of government-financed health care.

Although California requires workers' compensation coverage, only a third of the workers knew it was available, and more than half of those who

did know had collected at some point for a farm injury.

Physical exams of 652 people found that 18 percent of men had two of three risk factors for chronic disease: high cholesterol, high blood pressure or obesity.

While the cause of deficiencies was not studied, some pointed clearly toward poor nutrition. Four-fifths of the men and three-quarters of the women were overweight. Evidence of an iron deficiency was four times greater in the male farm workers than among comparable groups of men in the United States.

Dental exams revealed that 36 percent of the men and 29 percent of the women had at least one decayed tooth, and about a third of both groups had missing or broken teeth.

herbs to dull the pain.

There's a growing awareness and concern among farmers about farm worker health, but farms face unique problems, said Jack King, spokesman for the California Farm Bureau Federation, the state's biggest farm lobby.

"The limitations are the fact that for many agricultural employers it's short-term employment," King said. "Quite frankly, a lot of farm worker employers would offer health insurance if there was more profitability."

Many of the migrant workers are here illegally. Antonio Antunez, a former field worker who sneaked into the country with his pregnant wife 18 years ago, said he avoids the doctor because he didn't have the money and didn't want to get caught.

Experts: Farming not getting much safer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — On a cold, late-November day in 1990, Jeff Malm was digging post holes on his farm when his coat sleeve became entangled in the machinery. In an instant, his left arm dangled by a few tendons below the elbow, and his spinal cord was bruised.

Malm, 45, of Kulm, N.D., now has use of both arms and hands but must use a wheelchair and is considered a quadriplegic.

"I considered myself to be somewhat safe. But you still get used to doing things that aren't safe," he said. "You've done it so many times you don't think, 'This might be dangerous.'"

Despite advances in equipment and safety education campaigns, farming does not appear to be any safer than it was a decade ago, officials say. Farmers still get caught in augers, which transfer grain to bins, still get pinned under heavy equipment that tips over and still fall into grain bins and suffocate.

Farming ranks "a close second" to mining as the most dangerous occupation, said Sam Steele, director of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, a division of the National Safety Council.

In most agricultural states, farmers are five

times more likely to be killed in a work-related accident than people in most other industries, he said.

Some insurance companies are considering offering farmers price incentives on their policies if they have their farm certified as "safe," Steele said.

"I think that's the wave of the future," he said. "I think there's going to be a lot of insurance companies in the next five years that will look at that as a way to reduce claims."

Gauging trends is difficult, said George Maher, agricultural safety specialist with the North Dakota State University Extension Service. Many farmers treat injuries at home and go right back to work without reporting them, he said.

Steele said farmers age 55 and older are a high-risk group.

A lot has to do with them operating older tractors that are not protected (with safety measures); a lot has to do with them slowing down, the aging characteristics," he said.

In North Dakota, the average age of farmers is 51.4, according to the 1997 Census of Agriculture. That's up from 50 in 1992, and 48.3 in 1987.

"We're going to have to change our focus

on farm safety to meet this change in our farming population," Maher said.

He acknowledged that getting older farmers to change their ways is difficult. Officials who work to improve farm safety have been relying on educating young people, and hoping the message will rub off on parents and grandparents, he said.

A poor farm economy has forced many farmers to forgo newer, safer machinery and buy their needed equipment "as is" at auctions, Maher said. The stress of surviving through lean times also puts safety issues further back in many farmers' minds, he said.

In North Dakota, officials of Nodak Mutual Insurance, affiliated with the Farm Bureau, and Farmers Union Insurance both said premium incentives for "certified safe" farms are being discussed but not yet aggressively pursued.

Farmers Union Insurance is trying to do more to prevent accidents, starting a risk-management program for farmers, said Gary Geiszler, marketing manager.

The Farm Bureau is trying to increase awareness of safety issues through several programs aimed at young people, said safety coordinator Gail Scherweit.

Southern cattle, dairy producers scramble for hay

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Dairyman Robert Green usually trucks alfalfa in from Idaho to give his 275 cows a healthy winter diet, but a drought has made high-quality hay harder to get and more expensive.

Green, owner of Green Valley Farms in Meansville, Ga., about 60 miles south of Atlanta, said his usual supplier didn't have enough, so he has had to look elsewhere.

"I talked to four of five others and rounded up three sellers in Kansas," Green said. "All of them tell me they don't have enough to supply me, but all of them together may have

enough."

Hay is made from grass that is cut and baled. When pastures are too wet or dry, the grass doesn't grow as well. Ideally, a portion of a dairy cow's diet should include alfalfa — the Dom Perignon of fodder. Cows can eat other types of hay and silage, a feed made from ground corn, but it's alfalfa that keeps them contented, healthy and productive.

Beef cattle and horses need hay too, but their nutritional requirements are not as critical.

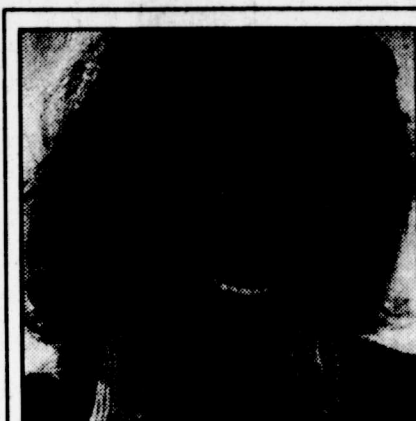
With drought conditions in the South and West and unusually wet weather in Ohio and

Pennsylvania over the summer, hay producers are expected to harvest approximately 9.4 million acres of alfalfa this year, down from 9.7 million acres in 1999. Growers are expected to harvest about 15.5 million acres of other hay, compared with nearly 15.9 million acres last year.

With the supply tighter, alfalfa prices jumped in October from \$83.90 to \$87.20 per ton. The price of other hay declined slightly from \$68.50 to \$67.80 per ton, according to Morgan Consulting Group Ltd., which tracks the commodity.

One worker told of laboring for a year with a toothache, using

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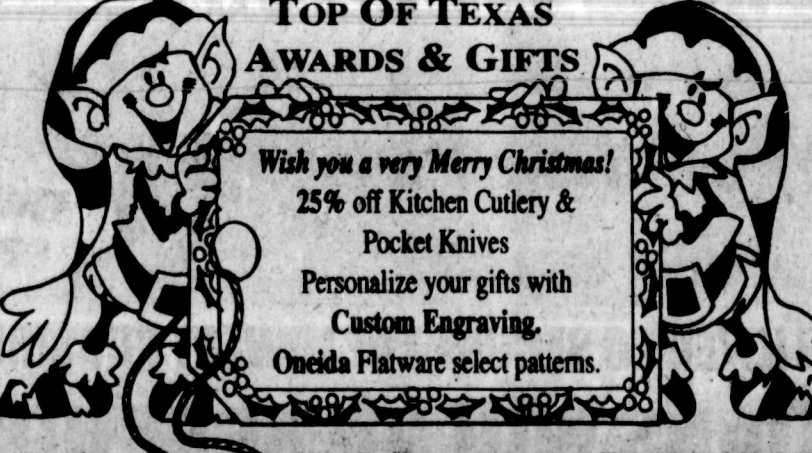
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A bit of work now may mollify tax collector later

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — You've got too many things to do before the

end of the year. Of course, that's the way it always is. But if you add just one small project to the list, you may avoid bigger problems next April.

April's still four months away, but long experience tells us that time disappears when unpleasant projects face us. April 15, tax deadline, is usually an unpleasant time.

OK, the good news: By handling one more project now you can lessen April stress — the Tax Foundation estimates individuals last year spent nearly 2.4 billion hours on their returns — and save money too.

Dan Pilla, a tax litigation consultant who walks lawyers and accountants through the Internal Revenue Service maze, reminds us that we can cut taxes before the end of the year but can't do so on April 15.

And so, his first recommendation is that we obtain contemporaneous acknowledgments for charitable gifts. "Contemporaneous acknowledgments," as you might have guessed, is IRS jargon, but it's very enforceable.

It means, in effect, that any charitable gift of \$250 or more to any one organization must be verified in writing from the recipient organization, listing the date and amount. And it must be timely.

Timeliness is important. You must have the documentation before filing. Otherwise, says Pilla, your deduction will be disallowed even, he says if you provide cancelled checks and a written acknowledgment. Rules are rules, and this one is Code sec.170(f)(8)(C).

There's a reason for listing this as No. 1 on your list of things to do. You just don't want a face-to-face audit, and by using this technique you help not just yourself but the

equally stressed tax examiner on the receiving end.

Such reminders are pretty much off the top of his head for Pilla, who in addition to consulting has written nearly a dozen books about IRS law, publishes a monthly newsletter and conducts seminars for professionals, all from a base in White Bear Lake, Minn.

Advisory No. 2 is to accelerate deductions into the current year but postpone income, if you can, into the next year. You want to cut taxes now and pay taxes later for the rest of your life.

Make your mortgage payment in December rather than January. Thirteen months of interest deductions may lower your taxes by hundreds of dollars. If you rent space in your home, do the same with tenant expenses.

Businesses must be more careful with this sort of thing. The Tax Court has ruled that prepaid business expenses can be deducted in the year paid only if there is a "substantial business reason."

Notarize deduction affidavits. This is advisory No. 3. Many deductions must be supported by affidavit in order to address intangible elements of a claim.

The best example of this is the home office deduction, which is tricky enough to begin with. You can't provide a receipt for your home office expenses; but you can supply your own affidavit, just in case.

To qualify, however, the space in your home must be "exclusively used on a regular basis" for business purposes involving "administrative or management activities" — and only if no other fixed site is available.

Advisory No. 4: Don't wait until April 15 to pay your state income taxes or your real estate taxes. The income and real estate tax payments are obligations you'll have to pay anyway. Why not get the benefit now?

Millions of Americans seem to disagree with Pilla's next bit of advice, which is to adjust your W-4 form with your employer to avoid overwithholding. Foolishness, he says.

To Pilla, who got into this business at age 19 when, literally, he saved his family's home from seizure by studying the income tax code, overwithholding is a serious financial sin against yourself.

Suppose, he says, you received a \$1,700 tax refund, meaning you overpaid taxes by \$141 a month. You paid money you didn't owe — "worse, allowed the IRS to keep that money perhaps up to 18 months at not interest."

"You would never let your bank hold your money interest-free," he says. To him, it's unthinkable for you to do so. And while he doesn't say so, it's worth remembering that you're also adding to the IRS workload.

Mary Ellen and Harvester gearing up for annual Foy's Toy Giveaway

On Saturday, Dec. 16, Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ will host its third annual Foy's Toys Giveaway to benefit unfortunate children in Pampa and the surrounding area. The giveaway will get under way at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. or when all the toys have been handed out.

The clothing room, which is usually only open the first and third Tuesday of each month, will also be open for anyone needing winter clothes. The only requirement is need.

Church members and ministry leaders work all year collecting and fixing bicycles and other toys, games, trucks and stuffed animals to give away. Each year the project has grown and this will be the biggest year yet.

Last year Mary Ellen helped over 150 children have a happier Christmas.

This year the giveaway will be at the corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester at the youth building directly across from the church. The clothing room, which is usually only open the first and third Tuesday of each month, will also be open for anyone needing winter clothes. The only requirement is need.

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BASKETBALL

SAMNORWOOD — Brad Sawyer scored 21 points as McLean defeated Samnorwood 53-34 Friday in the consolation round of the Samnorwood Tournament.

Jesse Ramos had 9 points for Samnorwood. Brian Batenhorst had 7.

McLean held a 26-14 lead at halftime.

Shane Estes added 13 points for the Tigers.

In the girls division, McLean won over Lefors by the score of 53-19 in the consolation round.

Randi Riley had 16 points and Sarai Sawyer 11 to lead McLean scoring.

Jennifer Andis and Amber Ehmann had 6 points apiece for Lefors.

DUMAS — Pampa Blue defeated Canyon 26-17 in a middle school boys basketball tournament at Dumas.

Janssen Eilberger had 8 points and Ricky Gattis 5 to lead the Pampa Blue 8th grade team in scoring.

Blue 8th graders have a 4-1 record.

Canyon beat Pampa Blue 49-46 in the 7th grade division in a game that went two overtimes.

Pablo Alvarado had 16 points and Cody Ellis 12 to be high-point scorers for Pampa.

Others who scored were Jarred Mohler 8, Tyler Klein 6, Tyson Hickman 3, Bruce Hightower 1 and Aaron Angurano 1.

The Blue 7th graders have a 2-3 record.

CORRECTION

PAMPA — Joe Rodriguez and Adam Rainey of Pampa will compete in the state karate championship on Dec. 16 instead of Dec. 9 as was published in Thursday's edition.

Also, in the page 5 article, quotes were attributed to the wrong person. The quotes were actually made by Rodriguez and Rainey.

SOFTBALL

AMARILLO — A meeting for current and prospective umpires for the 2001 high school girls softball season will be held Wednesday, at 7 p.m. in the Kid's Inc. Warehouse, located at 2201 E. 27th.

For more information, contact Kevin Cotter at (806) 499-3746.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will meet at 7 Tuesday night in the Ready Room at Val Hall.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

GOLF

BELLA VISTA, Argentina (AP) — It didn't take long for Tiger Woods to regain his form.

A rejuvenated Woods and partner David Duval used four straight birdies to climb into third place Friday at the World Cup of Golf, two strokes behind leaders Argentina and New Zealand.

Playing loose and relaxed, the American duo started the day trailing the co-leaders by four strokes, but finished with a 7-under-par 65 on the day to reach 18-under 126 for the tournament at the Buenos Aires Golf Club.

The difference? Friday's alternate shot play brought out some remarkable approach shots from Woods, complemented by solid putting from Duval.

"I thought we played beautifully today," Woods said. "The shots that we hit poorly, each bailed the other person out. And I actually hit the ball a little bit better today, which was nice."

Rangers sign Galarraga to one-year deal

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Rangers took the first step toward rebuilding an offense that slipped from second to ninth in scoring in the American League.

Texas bolstered their lineup by signing free agent first baseman Andres Galarraga to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract Friday.

"We're happy to add a player of his caliber and character to the organization," general manager Doug Melvin said. "It fills one of our needs. We were looking to add a bat with RBI and home run potential."

After trading Juan Gonzalez and losing Todd Zeile to free agency, the Rangers' offense

slipped in 2000 — making improving the offense Melvin's top offseason priority. He is also talking to the agents for Alex Rodriguez and Ken Caminiti.

"(Galarraga) will hit somewhere in the middle of our lineup and get us back to the run production we missed last year," Melvin said.

The Big Cat, who was not offered salary arbitration by Atlanta, hit .302 with 28 homers and 100 RBIs last season for the Braves after missing all of 1999 because of a cancerous tumor in his back.

"I'm happy and excited," he said. "I think it is a great organization and I look forward to playing with the Rangers. I'm excited about going to the

American League."

Galarraga, 39, saw his power numbers drop as the season progressed, hitting only eight home runs and driving in 38 runs after the All-Star break.

"He's a professional hitter, and in our ballpark he's got a good chance to get back to his 40-homer years," Melvin said.

He will likely be the designated hitter with the Rangers, who already have Rafael Palmeiro at first base.

"I think it is going to be a great combination with Rafael and me," Galarraga said. "I'm just looking to help my team. I don't mind at all being the designated hitter."

In fact, the Rangers hope that limiting his time in the field

will help Galarraga stay fresh down the stretch of the season.

"We think that will be good at this stage of his career," Melvin said. "He doesn't have to stand out there in that Texas heat. That may help him at this stage of his career to do a lot of DHing."

The Rangers were looking for a short-term solution while they wait for top prospect Carlos Pena to be ready for the major leagues. Pena is expected to start the 2001 season at Triple-A.

"We know we have Pena coming along and Andres can be a good influence on Carlos," Melvin said.

The Rangers have a \$7 million club option for 2002 with

Galarraga, with a buyout of either \$250,000 or \$500,000, depending on his plate appearances.

Galarraga just completed a \$24.5 million, three-year deal with Atlanta.

In his 15-year career, Galarraga is a .291 hitter with 360 homers and 1,272 RBIs. He topped the 2,000-hit mark last season and has 2,070 for his career.

Galarraga had expressed some interest in reuniting with former manager Don Baylor and playing for the Cubs. But it was not clear whether Chicago, which lost free agent Mark Grace to Arizona, had any interest.

Under 12 champs



The U-12 Knights, sponsored by Gene Goss Engine & Machine won first place in the Pampa Soccer Association during the fall season. Team members are (front row, from left) Rusty Snider, Andy Parker, Tanner Dyson, Jarid Oxley and Spencer Bachler; (second row, from left) Justin Cottrell, Jack Mackie, Colby Copeland, Brandon Crook and Kenny Hightower; (back row, from left) coach Ed Copeland, Jesse Shannon, Cody Snow, Bryant Noble and coach Randy Dyson.

Harvesters make finals

VERNON — Pampa is in the championship game of the Vernon Tournament after rolling past Sherman 59-43 in Friday's semifinal game.

The Harvesters played Graham in the finals Saturday night.

Gary Alexander scored 21 points and Adam Rodgers 17 to lead Pampa's attack against Sherman.

The Harvesters were never in any trouble after gaining an 11-point lead (38-27) at half-time.

Other Harvesters who scored were Tanner Hucks with 8, Victor Brooks 4, Kyle Francis 3, Max Simon, Kirk George and Jon East 2 each.

Charlie Johnson and Jason Matten were Sherman's high scorers with 13 each.

ALTUS, Okla. — Pampa lost to Clarendon 49-44 Friday in the second round of the Lady Bulldog Classic.

The Lady Harvesters played Saturday afternoon for third place in the tournament.

Kelley Lemley had 20 points and Geri Butler to lead Clarendon scoring.

Charity Nachtigall and Lindsey Narron led Pampa with 9 points apiece.

Neither team had more than a six-point lead in the close contest.

Also scoring for Pampa were Cali Covalt 7, Jennifer Lindsey 7, Chasity Nachtigall 6, Ashley Derington 5 and Randa Morris 1.

Patterson seemingly was only choice for TCU

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Forget the lack of head coaching experience. Defensive coordinator Gary Patterson seemed to be the only choice for Texas Christian.

The players wanted him and the alumni wanted him. Even the search committee, before interviewing 10 other candidates in nine states, knew that its likely choice was already on campus.

"The team felt like coach Patterson would get the job, really from the start. That's what we wanted," said sophomore cornerback Jason Goss. "Still, the whole week, everybody was nervous."

That's because Patterson's appointment, even though he was the favored candidate from the beginning, came a week after Dennis Franchione accepted an offer to become Alabama's new coach.

Athletic director Eric Hyman said the nationwide search was necessary to validate the promotion of Patterson, a college assistant for 18 years.

"We knew we had a good internal candidate," Hyman said. "We came back and unanimously felt that the best candidate was in our own backyard."

When Patterson entered from the back of a packed room Friday, TCU supporters stood and cheered. After his introduction, he was periodically interrupted by more

applause.

While Patterson has never been a head coach on any level, his work as a defensive coordinator speaks loudly. He had been with Franchione in that role the past five years, the last three at TCU after two in New Mexico.

The Horned Frogs led the nation this season in total defense (245 ypg) and scoring defense (9.6 ppg), with two shutouts and six opponents scoring seven points or less. They were fifth in total defense a year ago.

Patterson has played a big part in Franchione's success, with their biggest accomplishment taking the Horned Frogs from the 1-10 team they took over after the 1997 season to a 10-1 record this season. They've had three straight winning seasons at TCU and won two bowl games, with another to play Dec. 20.

"I'm very indebted to Dennis Franchione. Five years ago, he gave me a chance to be a defensive coordinator. He took a chance, and what I did is try to pay him back," Patterson said. "Hopefully he understands that I've been successful because of him, and the reason he's been successful, I've been a part of that."

Since Patterson became Franchione's defensive coordinator, their teams have combined for a 40-19 record and four straight bowl games. In his first four seasons at New Mexico without Patterson by

his side, Franchione was 18-25 with only one winning record.

"He's a natural leader. You could see already that he knows how to run the team," said TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who was a Heisman Trophy finalist.

Franchione will coach the 13th-ranked Frogs one more time, in the Dec. 20 Mobile Alabama Bowl against Southern Mississippi.

TCU seniors, many of them part of that 1-10 season before Franchione arrived, had already gone to Hyman about

having him coach their last game.

Patterson also wanted to end the season that way, and during a meeting with players just hours after his appointment, those sentiments were reinforced.

Hot Shot winners



Fifth-grade winners in the girls division at this year's Lamar Hot Shot Contest were (from left) Kourtney Hermeseyer, second place, Austin; Heather Dalrymple, third, place, Lamar, and Layce Beesley, first place, Austin.

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Nelson gets a nice sendoff from Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks gave Don Nelson a nice sendoff.

Nelson picked up his 939th coaching victory to move past mentor Red Auerbach into fourth place on the career list as Dallas beat Chicago 105-86.

Nelson revealed before the game that he would be away from the team for an undetermined period as he seeks treatment for prostate cancer. He will meet with doctors Sunday in Salt Lake City to get a second opinion on his condition, then decide his course of treatment.

Nelson had said he would be happy to remain tied with Auerbach, his coach when Nelson played for the Boston Celtics. But Nelson's players weren't about to let that happen, not with Nelson leaving the team and certainly not against the hapless Bulls.

"I tied Red, now I moved ahead of him, and I'm happy about that," Nelson said. "Now I'm going to take some time off and get a second opinion."

"I told the team that I don't know exactly how long it's going to be. I could join them again, but eventually I've going to have to get this taken care of. I need more information and I'll get that in Salt Lake City."

Top assistant Del Harris will fill in during Nelson's absence. Steve Nash scored 22 points and Christian Laettner added a season-high 17 points, 15 in the third quarter. Michael Finley and Dirk Nowitzki had 14 points each for the Mavericks, who extended their winning streak against the Bulls to five games.

The Bulls were without top scorer and rebounder Elton Brand, who missed his third straight game due to a hyperextended left knee.

Khalid Ed-Amin had 18 points, and Ron Mercer and Corey Benjamin added 16 each for the Bulls, whose league-worst record fell to 2-17.

Dallas closed the second quar-

ter with a 16-4 run to build a 35-40 halftime lead.

Nash had 18 first-half points, hitting 9 of 11 field goal attempts, most on slashing drives.

"I just tried to be aggressive," said Nash. "We saw some opportunities to push the ball."

The Bulls had 13 first-half turnovers and got poor offensive looks. They seemed intimidated by 7-6 Dallas center Shawn Bradley, who had five first-half blocked shots.

"Offensively we didn't do anything from start to finish," said Bulls coach Tim Floyd, who was ejected in the third quarter. "Turnovers and our lack of ability to guard were the story. Our ballhandling and soft defense are things I don't want to tolerate."

Mercer said the Bulls don't play with the same intensity on the road as they do at home.

"I have no idea why, but we have long stretches on the road when it isn't there," he said.

The Mavericks put the game away when they opened the third quarter with a 16-0 run. Chicago went scoreless over the first 5:19 of the third period to fall behind, 69-40, and the Bulls went on to lose their fourth in a row.

Sports Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Boys Basketball: Pampa vs. Clarendon, 7:30, McNeely Fieldhouse.

Girls Basketball: Pampa vs. Palo Duro, 6, McNeely Fieldhouse.

Friday, Dec. 15

Girls Basketball: Pampa vs. Hereford, 7:30, Hereford

Saturday, Dec. 16

Boys Basketball: Pampa vs. Odessa High, 5:30, C Jessa.

Labonte presented with Winston Cup trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Labonte figured years ago he could drive his way to the NASCAR title if the circumstances were right.

His got his first help from his parents, whom he thanked Friday night for spending "the time you didn't have and the money you didn't have."

Now Labonte works for Joe Gibbs, who knows plenty about building winners. Six seasons after coming aboard, Labonte is the Winston Cup champion and Gibbs is threatening to dominate stock car racing the way his Washington Redskins once ruled the NFL.

"The reality of being the Winston Cup champion has really begun to sink in," Labonte said, "accepting the trophy and a check for \$3,386,640 at the NASCAR awards banquet."

The 36-year-old Texan joins older brother Terry as the first sibling to win stock car racing's ultimate prize. Terry, 44, won in 1984 and 1996.

"I grew up watching Terry and admiring his driving style," Bobby said.

Neither blew away the competition nor came close to leading the circuit in victories. Terry won two races in each of his championship seasons, while Bobby took the checkered flag four times this year.

Earlier, Bobby spoke of the turning point of his career and the season in which it finally came to fruition.

"This was all about consistency, patience and having a great

team," he said. "Once I started driving for Joe Gibbs Racing, I began to think I could win the title."

Now that he has it, Labonte seems as humble as he has throughout his eight years in NASCAR's elite division. He credits Gibbs, crew chief Jimmy Makar and the team for his success.

"I'm so proud of this," Labonte said. "I have a responsibility to be a good champion, a good representative of my sport."

"This is a tribute to Joe and Jimmy, and everybody who made it possible."

And the man they still call "Coach" is back on top once more. Gibbs, who led the Redskins to three titles in four Super Bowl appearances before retiring after the 1992 season, might just be starting a dynasty.

Always considered an outstanding evaluator of talent, he saw a potential champion in Labonte. He was right, but it might not stop there.

Tony Stewart, the second-year driver for Gibbs, led the circuit with six victories, and he and Labonte will enter the 2001 season as perhaps co-favorites to win the crown.

That brings a smile to Gibbs' face, but he knows how tough winning can be in a sport where 14 drivers divided the 34 races. Winning again will be difficult, Gibbs concedes.

"I think that will be a real challenge," he said. "Trying to repeat at anything it hard. It's just a struggle to do that."

PRO FOOTBALL

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National Football League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	3	0	0.769	270	186
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	0.692	287	246
Indianapolis	7	6	0	0.538	334	283
Jacksonville	6	7	0	0.462	284	272
New England	4	9	0	0.308	222	277

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	3	0	0.769	256	188
Baltimore	9	4	0	0.692	261	135
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	0.538	253	201
Cincinnati	6	7	0	0.462	277	294
Cleveland	3	10	0	0.231	158	294
West	3	11	0	0.214	137	360

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	0.692	253	198
Philadelphia	9	5	0	0.643	300	214
Washington	7	6	0	0.538	245	210
Dallas	4	9	0	0.308	249	300
Arizona	3	10	0	0.231	190	386

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	2	0	0.846	330	257
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	0.615	320	204
Detroit	8	5	0	0.615	284	251
Green Bay	6	7	0	0.462	277	288
Chicago	5	10	0	0.333	189	301

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Miami, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Cleveland at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Washington at Denver, 4:05 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.

New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 8:35 p.m.

Open: Atlanta

Monday's Game

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Detroit at New York Jets, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Chicago at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

Baltimore at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.

Indianapolis at Miami, 4:15 p.m.

New York Giants at Dallas, 8:35 p.m.

Open: Philadelphia

Monday, Dec. 18

St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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Wednesday, Dec. 20

Mobile Alabama Bowl

Payoff: \$750,000

TCU (10-1) vs. Southern Mississippi (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 21

Las Vegas Bowl

At Las Vegas

Payoff: \$800,000

UNLV (7-5) vs. Arkansas (8-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Sunday, Dec. 24

Oahu Bowl

At Honolulu

Payoff: \$750,000

Virginia (6-5) vs. Georgia (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic

At Montgomery, Ala.

Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl

At Honolulu

Payoff: \$750,000

Boston College (6-5) vs. Arizona State (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Motor City Bowl

At Pontiac, Mich.

Payoff: \$750,000

Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Gallery Furniture.com Bowl

At Houston

Payoff: \$750,000

Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 28

Humanitarian Bowl

At Boise, Idaho

Payoff: \$750,000

Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Music City Bowl

At Nashville, Tenn.

Payoff: \$750,000

West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Micro.com Bowl

At Miami

Payoff: \$750,000

Minnesota (6-5) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Insight.com Bowl

At Phoenix

Payoff: \$750,000

Iowa State (8-3) vs. Pittsburgh (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29

Liberty Bowl

At Memphis, Tenn.

Payoff: \$1.25 million

Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

San Diego Bowl

At El Paso, Texas

Payoff: \$1 million

UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Peach Bowl

At Atlanta

Payoff: \$1.8 million

Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego

Payoff: \$1.9 million

Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30

Alamo Bowl

At San Antonio

Payoff: \$1.2 million

Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31

Silicon Valley Classic

At San Jose, Calif.

Payoff: \$1.2 million

Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.

Payoff: \$1.1 million

Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

At Tampa, Fla.

Ohio State (9-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl

At Dallas

Payoff: \$2.5 million

Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)

Gator Bowl

At Jacksonville, Fla.

Payoff: \$1.4 million

Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.

Payoff: \$4 million

Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif.

Payoff: \$13.5 million

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IMAGES

4-Hers learn by doing

By DANNY NUSSER
Gray County Extension Agent

Preparing youth to be positive, contributing members of society is certainly one of the most important objectives of the 4-H experience.

Through projects such as the "4-H Beef Project," youth are developing skills that will certainly prepare them for life. Because of these acquired life skills, 4-H members have been, currently are, and will be leaders in our community.

The 4-H Beef project objectives include: learning the basics for animal science by owning and caring for a livestock project; learning record keeping skills; demonstrate sound management skills such as feeding; identify the types of animals; identify the quality wholesale and retail cuts; develop integrity, sportsmanship, decision-making capabilities, and public speaking skills; and learn the value of scientific research and its influence upon animals and the meat industry. These are the objectives a 4-H member can expect to reach after participating in the 4-H livestock program after several years and experiences.

Gray County 4-Hers with beef projects are involved in feeding and caring for their projects twice a day for 9-12 months a year. They are involved in project meetings where they learn skills such as evaluation, management, record keeping, etc.

4-H Beef Project members also are involved in leadership and community service activities through their club and projects. Another very important aspect of this project is the promotion of beef and their 4-H projects throughout the community, county and state.

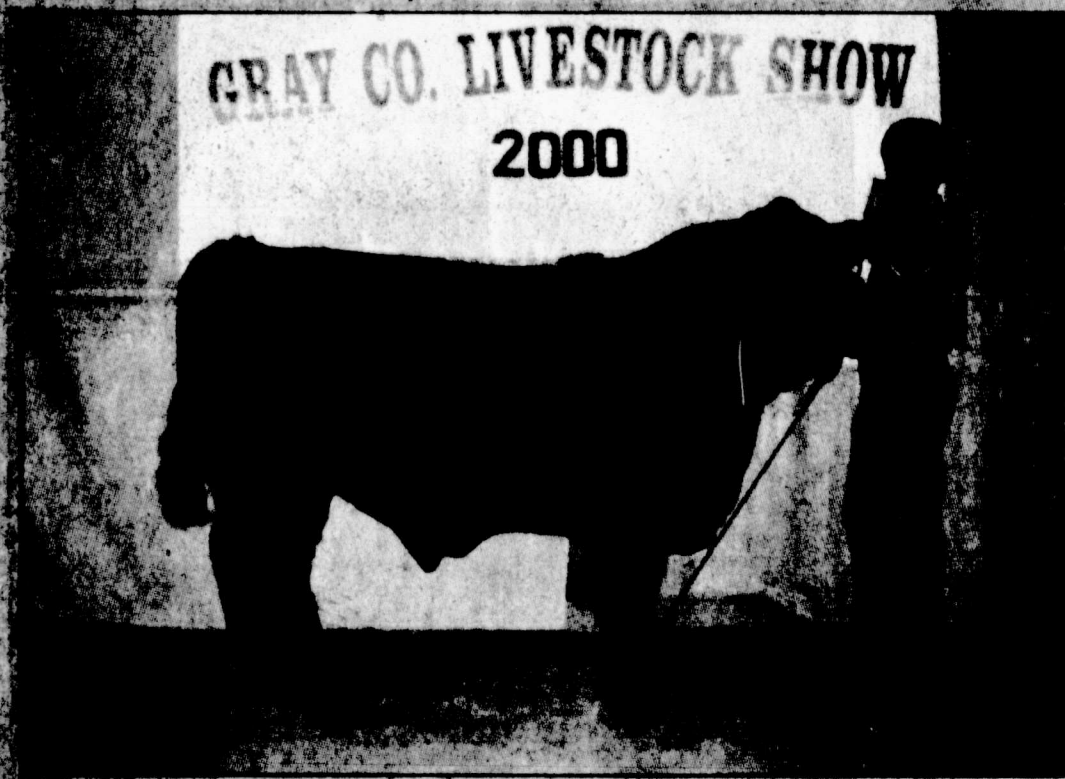
4-H livestock projects can be a great experience and a tremendous amount of fun but more than anything they build character, responsibility, and develop life skills that will make these 4-Hers an asset to any community. 4-H is more than raising blue ribbon animals, we're in the business of raising blue ribbon kids.

For more information about this 4-H project or any livestock project, call the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

Gray County 4-H Show will be Jan. 6. The Top O' Texas Stock Show, which includes exhibitors from several counties, will be Jan. 12 and the Gray County Stock Show will be held Jan. 26 and 27.



Emily Nusser's steer enjoys some hay before being shown at last year's Fort Worth Stock Show.



Royce Oneal is proud of his steer at the 2000 Gray County Livestock Show.



Lindsey Price helps with Veteran's Day flags. Project members help with a variety of community activities throughout the year.



Megan Crawford, left, and Kelby Rucker, right, enjoy making friends with Kelby's new show calf.



Ashley Lucas and Matrisha Davis practice before the stock shows to learn showmanship techniques.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carpenter

Carpenter anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carpenter will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 13.

Larry and Veronica Carpenter were married Dec. 13, 1975, in Trinity Baptist Church at Ada, Okla.

Children of the couple are Lee Jordan of Perryton and Bobby Jordan and Kristi Carpenter, both of Pampa. They have seven grandchildren.

Menus

Dec. 11-15

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Fish strips or pizza, blackeyed peas, corn, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.
Lunch: Oven-fried chicken or steak-fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, pears, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast.
Lunch: Cheeseburger or Taco Bell Burrito, tossed salad, applesauce.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.
Lunch: Tamales and enchiladas or chef salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.
Lunch: Pork cutlets on a bun or hot dogs with chili, western beans, tossed salad, peaches.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: S.O.S., or egg rolls, scalloped potatoes, spinach, rolls, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Roast beef or chicken patties, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza or meatloaf, corn, coleslaw, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hot dogs or Frito pie, cheese, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mein over rice, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or cherry creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Sweet meatballs with noodles or baked chicken, boiled potatoes, buttered squash, English peas, beans, sour cream vanilla cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or

cook's choice, mashed potatoes, corn cobbettes, turnip greens, beans, applesauce cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or pork roast and stuffing, sour creme potatoes, baked cabbage, blackeyed peas with snaps, coconut creme cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Cattfish and hush puppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, cheese grits, pinto beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Chopped sirloin, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars.

TUESDAY
Sausage and rice, cauliflower, English peas, cookies.

WEDNESDAY
Stew, cornbread, vanilla wafers.

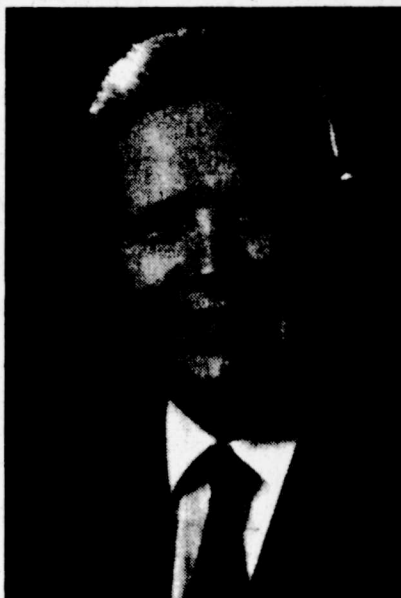
THURSDAY
Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.

FRIDAY
Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.

Lifestyles Policies

1. Information for the Lifestyles column must be submitted to the editor at least one month before the date of publication. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday) before Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, prior to submission. Engagement, wedding and anniversary notices will be printed on Sunday. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the date of publication. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday) before Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, prior to submission. Engagement, wedding and anniversary notices will be printed on Sunday. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the date of publication.

Newsmakers



Charles Buzzard

The National Association of Real Estate Consultants (NAREC), headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., recently announced Charles Buzzard with Real Property Consultants of Pampa is one of the first 100 international recipients of the Consumer-Certified Real



Brandi Ellis

Estate Consultant (C-CREC) designation. Awarded to real estate professionals who exemplify excellence in real estate consulting, recipients must complete course work, meet experience requirements and demonstrate ability to successfully analyze and address the needs of consumers in a variety of real estate applications.

Certified Real Estate Consultants are the new breed of real estate professionals. They perform an in-depth analysis of the consumer's needs using an unbiased approach that is devoid of "selling" anything. The C-CREC can then assist the consumer in reaching desired results. "We are honored that Charles is a change master in offering cutting-edge consulting services to consumers," said Julie Garton-Good, President of NAREC.

Charles stated, "In the changing face of the real estate business, it is necessary for professionals to re-tool to offer consumers unbundled, a la carte services via a consulting approach. The C-CREC designation training is focused on a "Consumer-centered; Results-focused" approach that will be invaluable for assisting today's savvy real estate consumer. "Unbundled" real estate services is the process whereby a real estate consultant is retained by or available to a client to give specific or limited scope real estate advice at one or more stages of a real estate matter. Buzzard is a 27-year veteran of the real estate business.

AMARILLO — Brandi Ellis, a

graduate of Pampa High School, Melissa Laramore, a senior at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater has been chosen to receive a Golden Key Society induction. Golden Key Society inductees must be in the top 15 percent of all classes at OSU. Bryan Laramore, a senior at Ada High School, was recently named to the Principal's Honor Roll. Both Bryan and Melissa are the children of Doug and Patty Laramore of Ada, Okla., and the grandchildren of Lloyd and Phyllis Laramore of Pampa.

STILLWATER, Okla. —



Emily Bedford Gagliardi and Bryan Matthew Ellis

Gagliardi-Ellis

Emily Bedford Gagliardi and Bryan Matthew Ellis were wed Oct. 14 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Portland with Father Mark Chamberlin, pastor, officiating.

The matron of honor was Dawn Cole of Houston. The maid of honor was Sarah Gagliardi, sister of the bride of San Antonio. The bridal attendants were Georgie Brough of Corpus Christi, Marika Flatt of Austin, Andrea Peatrowsky, sister of the bridegroom of Amarillo, and Nicole Gagliardi, cousin of the bride of Cape Coral, Fla. The flower girl was Gianna Gagliardi, cousin of the bride of Cape Coral.

The best man was Russ Stephens of Pampa. The groomsmen were Byran Farris and Kelly DeGraffenried of Houston, Heath Summers of Pampa and Doug Flatt of Austin.

The ushers were John Funk and John Shea, both of Houston. Music included soloist Cindy Longoria of Portland. A reception was held following the service in the Riviera Ballroom of Omni Corpus Christi Marina Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gagliardi of Portland and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bedford of Phoenixville, Pa., Grace Gagliardi of Cape Coral and the late Vincent P. Gagliardi. She graduated from Gregory-Portland High School in 1992 and from the University of St. Thomas in Houston in 1996. She currently teaches history at Jefferson Davis High School in Houston.

The groom is the son of Sonja L. Ellis of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon L. Ellis of Pampa and is the grandson of Wilma Melear of Pampa and the late Douglas Melear and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellis of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1991 and from Texas A&M University, College Station, in 1995 and 1996, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree and a master of science degree, respectively, both in accounting. He is currently a senior accountant with Deloitte and Touche, LLP Houston.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and intend to make their home in Houston.

Mary Ellen - Harvester Church of Christ will be having our 3rd annual "Toys Toys" giveaway on December 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the youth building across the street from the church. The clothing room will also be open at this time

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MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Willie Mae Mangold, 669-7259.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free, elevator provided.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

HIDDEN HILLS Women's Golf Association will hold its "Play Day" at 6 p.m. each Monday from May-September. For more information, call 669-0434.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY regular meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Sheriff's office classroom at the Francis Street entrance. For more information, call Harley Madison at 669-6294.

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

PAMPA MOOSE LODGE #1385 charity bingo is at 7 p.m. every Friday at the lodge, 401 E. Brown.

PAMPA SHRINE CLUB will meet every third

Friday at the Sportsman's Club. For more information, call James Washington, 665-1488.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is taking orders for the Christmas holidays for deep-fried and smoked turkeys ranging in size from 12- to 14-pounds. Cost is \$25. For more information, call 665-1562 or 665-3786.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB is sponsoring the annual "Festival of Trees" scheduled Dec. 9-10 at Lovett Memorial Library. Entry fees are \$5 for small trees and \$10 for full size trees. The deadline is Nov. 30. For more information, call Cynthia, 665-6144.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR will hold a school instruction Jan. 8-9 in honor of Worthy Grand Matron Naomi Wolfe and Worthy Grand Patron Buddy Baker. For more information, call Bettie Craig, deputy grand matron, District II, Section I, at 665-5081.

DECEMBER 10 - 20TH CENTURY COTILLION STUDY CLUB will hold its "Holiday Tour of Homes" from 1-4 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$10 per person. For more information, call Helen Hall, 665-4047.

14 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will include entertainment by Bill Reeves, cowboy poet from McLean. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish to share in a potluck meal as well as a wrapped sewing-related item for gift exchange. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

19 - GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Luncheon will be held in M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For reservations, call 669-3241.

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Billboard Hot 100: Top 20

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Independent Women Part I," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
2. "Case Of The Ex (Watcha Gonna Do)," Mya. University.
3. "With Arms Wide Open," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent. MCA.
5. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
6. "Gotta Tell You," Samantha Mumba. Wild Card.
7. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.
8. "He Loves U Not," Dream. Bad Boy.
9. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.
10. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville). Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 20

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Black & Blue," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
2. "1," The Beatles. Apple.
3. "Now 5," Various Artists. Sony/Zomba/Universal/EMI.
4. "Human Clay," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum)
5. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb.
6. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic.
7. "Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
8. "Oops!... I Did It Again," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
9. "TP-2.Com," R. Kelly. Jive.
10. "No Strings Attached," 'N Sync. Jive. (Platinum) Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Cruisin'," Huey Lewis & Gwyneth Paltrow. Hollywood.
2. "Back Here," BBMak. Hollywood.
3. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.
4. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
5. "Shape Of My Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
6. "Taking You Home," Don Henley. Warner Bros.
7. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Sparrow/Capitol/Curb.
8. "My Baby You," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
9. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
10. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)

Top Gospel Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Christmas With Yolanda Adams," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
2. "Mountain High... Valley Low," Yolanda Adams. Elektra. (Platinum)
3. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Gold)
4. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity.
5. "Love And Freedom," BeBe. Motown.
6. "Not Guilty... The Experience," The New Life Community Choir (feat. John P. Kee). Verity.
7. "Devotion," Aaron Neville. Tell It.
8. "Kirk Franklin Presents INC," Kirk Franklin Presents INC. B-Rite.
9. "Awesome Wander," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
10. "Girl Director," Natalie Wilson & The S.O.P. Chorale. Gospo Centric. Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Loser," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
3. "Awake," Godsmack. Republic.
4. "Angel's Eye," Aerosmith. Columbia.
5. "Are You Ready?" Creed. Wind-up.

6. "Why Pt. 2," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
7. "N.I.B." Primus (w/Ozzy). Divine.
8. "Original Prankster," The Offspring. Columbia.
9. "Last Resort," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
10. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
2. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
3. "Loser," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
4. "Man Overboard," Blink-182. MCA.
5. "Original Prankster," The Offspring. Columbia.
6. "Rollin'," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
7. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
8. "Warning," Green Day. Reprise.
9. "Renegades of Funk," Rage Against The Machine. Epic.
10. "Broken Home," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "My Next Thirty Years," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "We Danced," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
3. "Without You," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
4. "Born To Fly," Sara Evans. RCA.
5. "Best Of Intentions," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
6. "I Lost It," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
7. "Just Another Day In Paradise," Phil Vassar. Arista Nashville.
8. "www.memory," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
9. "Tell Her," Lonestar. BNA.
10. "The Little Girl," John Michael Montgomery. Atlantic. Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
3. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
4. "One Voice," Billy Gilman. Epic. (Platinum)
5. "Classic Christmas," Billy Gilman. Epic. (Gold)
6. "When Somebody Loves You," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
7. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
8. "Brand New Me," John Michael Montgomery. Atlantic.
9. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
10. "Brand New Year," SheDaisy. Lyric Street. Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.
2. "I Just Wanna Love U (Give It 2 Me)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
3. "I Wish," R. Kelly. Jive.
4. "My First Love," Avant Featuring Ketara Wyatt. Magic Johnson.
5. "Independent Women Part I," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
6. "Just Friends (Sunny)," Musiq. Def Jam/Def Soul.
7. "911," Wyclef Jean (feat. Mary J. Blige). Columbia.
8. "Bag Lady," Erykah Badu. Motown.
9. "Between Me And You," Ja Rule (feat. Christina Milian). Murder Inc./Def Jam.
10. "E.I.," Nelly. Fo'Reel. Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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1. "TP-2.com," R. Kelly. Jive.
2. "Ghetto Postage," Master P. No Limit.
3. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic.

4. "Stankonia," OutKast. LaFace.
5. "Mama's Gun," Erykah Badu. Motown.
6. "The Dynasty Roc La Familia (2000 —)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam. (Platinum)
7. "Lyricist Lounge Vol. 2," Various Artists. Rawkus.
8. "The W," Wu-Tang Clan. Wu-Tang/Columbia.
9. "Checkmate," B.G. Cash Money.
10. "The Reunion," Capone-N-Noreaga. Tommy Boy. Copyright 2000, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Hot Rap Singles

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1. "Baby If You're Ready," Snoop Dogg Presents Doggy's Angels (feat. Toi). Dogg House.
2. "R.N.S.," Freddie Foxxx Bumpy Knuckles. KJAC.
3. "Cross The Border," Philly's Most Wanted. Atlantic.
4. "Souljas," Master P. No Limit.
5. "It's OK," Slimm Calhoun (feat. Andre 3000 of OutKast). Aquemini/EastWest.
6. "Big Doe," Suicide. Futurescope.
7. "He Did That," Silkk The Shocker (feat. Master P and Mac). No Limit.
8. "No! No! No!," Sunni Black (feat. Mother Superior). King Pin Station.
9. "W.O.E. Is Me (World Of Entertainment)," Jurassic 5. Interscope.
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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Independent Women Part I," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
2. "Livin' For Love," Natalie Cole. Elektra.
3. "Lullaby of Clubland," Everything But The Girl. Atlantic.
4. "One More Time," Daft Punk. Virgin.
5. "The Power Of One," Donna Summer. Atlantic.
6. "The Underground," Celeda. Star 69.
7. "Dreamin'," Loleatta Holloway. Salsoul.
8. "Pull Up To The Bumper," Grace Jones Vs. Funkstar De Luxe. Edel America.
9. "Miss The Way," Razor N' Guido (feat. Reina). Groovilicious.
10. "Love One Another," Amber. Tommy Boy.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Yo Te Amo," Chayanne. Columbia.
2. "A Puro Dolor," Son By Four. Sony Discos.
3. "Por Amarte Asi," Christian Castro. Ariola.
4. "Cuando Seas Mia (Miss Me So Bad)," Son By Four. Columbia.
5. "She Bangs," Ricky Martin. Columbia.
6. "Infiel," Rocio Durcal. Ariola.
7. "Te Quise Olvidar," MDO. Sony Discos.
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The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums

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1. "Mi Reflejo," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
2. "Vivo," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.
3. "Es Para Ti," Intocable. EMI Latin.
4. "Historia De Un Idolito Vol. 1," Vicente Fernandez. Sony Discos.
5. "Simplemente," Chayanne. Columbia.
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Billboard video charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Live At Madison Square Garden," 'N Sync.
2. "Christmas In The Country," Bill & Gloria Gaither.
3. "Ballin' Blockin'," Cash Money. (Platinum)
4. "Whispering Hope," Bill & Gloria Gaither And Their Homecoming Friends.

5. "Supernatural Live," Santana. (Platinum)
 6. "Irish Homecoming," Bill & Gloria Gaither And Their Homecoming Friends.
 7. "Aaron's Party (Come Get It) The Video," Aaron Carter. (Platinum)
 8. "Hell Freezes Over," The Eagles. (Platinum)
 9. "Video Anthology," Beastie Boys.
 10. "Time Out With Britney Spears," Britney Spears. (Platinum)
- Top Video Rentals**
(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)
1. "Gladiator," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 2. "Mission: Impossible 2," Paramount Home Video.
 3. "The Patriot," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
 4. "U-571," Universal Studios Home Video.
 5. "Rules Of Engagement," Paramount Home Video.
 6. "Frequency," New Line Home Video.
 7. "Big Momma's House," FoxVideo.
 8. "High Fidelity," Touchstone Home Video.
 9. "X-Men," FoxVideo.
 10. "Chicken Run," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "The Perfect Storm," Warner Home Video.
2. "Toy Story 2," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Chicken Run," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "X-Men," FoxVideo.
5. "Fantasia 2000," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "American Beauty," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
7. "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," Warner Home Video.
8. "Playboy's 2001 Playmate Video Calendar," Playboy Home Video.
9. "Playboy's Best Of College Girls," Playboy Home Video.
10. "Sin: The Movie," A.D.V. Films.

Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Gladiator," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
2. "X-Men," FoxVideo.
3. "Big Momma's House," FoxVideo.
4. "The Perfect Storm," Warner Home Video.
5. "The Replacements," Warner Home Video.
6. "Chicken Run," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
7. "Mission: Impossible 2," Paramount Home Video.
8. "The Patriot," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
9. "Fantasia 2000," Walt Disney Home Video.
10. "The Matrix," Warner Home Video.

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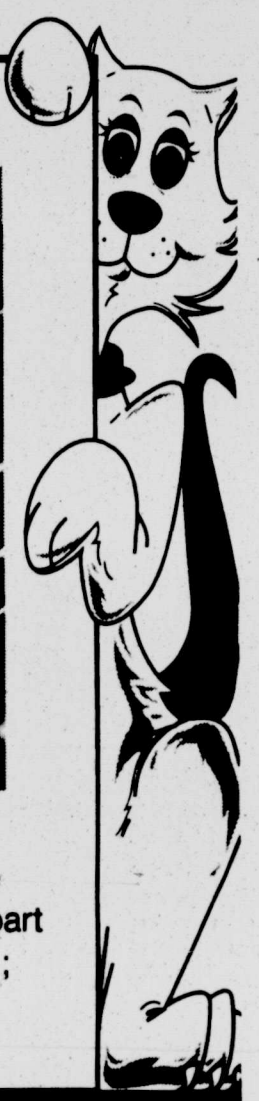
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Artist depicts history's winter celebrations

By GERARD MACCROSSAN
Kerrville Daily Times
KERRVILLE, Texas — From pagan to Christian holidays, the evolution of winter celebrations has been painstakingly recreated in a series of eight miniature exhibits by Hunt artist Dolores L. Petersen.

Petersen worked on the eight miniature scenes for six years, beginning with a celebration of ancient pagan Sumerians. She, with help of her husband, Tom, made almost everything in the scenes, including the models, backdrops and accessories.

Petersen notes the first introduction of Santa Claus, who brings gifts for the good children. Petersen's Victorian house is decorated to the smallest detail with stoves, furniture, harpsichord and a child reading "The Night Before Christmas."

The last two scenes depict the modern era: the shopping mall where everyone is running around looking for gifts and music dedicated to Santa Claus, reindeer and celebrating with bright and gaudy decorations.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ang Lee's film goes far, wide and deep — but will it fly?

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Everybody is kung-fu fighting in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" — when they're not railing against a sexist society or wondering why they chose duty over love or straining to bridge a generation gap.

If this sounds different from your usual chop-socky slugfest, that pleases Ang Lee, who's previously shown a talent for transcending culture, race and time.

"You want everything," the 46-year-old director says, explaining his attempt to make an A-quality movie by using a B-movie genre.

He uses the words "unnatural" and "uncommon" in talking about his mix of strong female characters, Freud, Greek tragedy and martial arts, and he chuckles as he chalks up his motivation to "greed."

"I think my greed is making a movie just how I want to make it," says Lee, who's come from his Westchester County home for an interview in Manhattan.

The Taiwan-born filmmaker had wanted to make a martial arts film since he was a kid. But as an adult, he didn't want to tackle it too early in his career.

"This genre requires great skill," says Lee, looking and sounding like the soft-spoken suburban dad he is when he's

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not making movies. "It's a special kind of filmmaking."

About six years ago, Lee read the novel "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," by Chinese author Wang Du Lu, and felt he had found the story that, adapted for film, would satisfy both his childhood dream and his grown-up, professional desire for sophisticated filmmaking.

Still, it took "another three movies, one bigger than the other, and going to major-league productions, in English, including one war movie" before he'd be ready to make it.

Those movies were Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility," which got seven 1995 Academy Award nomina-

tions; "The Ice Storm" in 1997; and last year's Civil War-era drama "Ride With the Devil."

Once he felt ready, says Lee, sounding a little like flamboyant chef Emeril Lagasse, he wanted to "bring (it) up a notch."

He and his longtime collaborator, producer-screenwriter James Schamus, drew upon part four of Wang's five-part novel. The rambunctious girl played in the film by Zhang Ziyi already was well-developed in that section. Borrowing from other parts of the book, Lee beefed up the roles played by Michelle Yeoh and Cheng Pei Pei.

"They're the three generations of the queens of martial arts," Lee says. (Pei Pei was big in the '60s, Yeoh in recent years, and now Lee expects Ziyi to establish herself.)

The Chinese word for swordsmanship is also the word for the ultimate woman, Lee says. "So it's a very masculine doctrine but its ultimate answer is the unknown female."

He also was intrigued by the book's psychosexual repression. "That's where the 'hidden, crouching' comes in," he says. "That's very Freudian."

While elements like feminism and Freud may seem forced or grafted onto a martial arts movie, that kind of strange brew is actually part of the tradition, according to David Bordwell, a University of Wisconsin film studies professor who wrote "Planet Hong Kong: Popular Cinema and the Art of Entertainment."

"Like the American Western, the genre has been reworked to keep in touch with audiences' changing tastes and to take advantage of new filmmaking technology," he writes.

Lee says simply: "I want to do it my way. Somehow different."

Working with Yuen Wo-Ping, who choreographed the fights in "The Matrix," Lee created cinematic combatants who would leave Sun Tzu breathless. They defy gravity by dashing up walls, skipping over rooftops, and swinging and swaying from bamboo trees. (The filmmakers hoisted the actors on cables, which were later removed digitally.)

Lee attributes one visually lyrical treetop duel between Chow Yun Fat and Ziyi to his auteur's ambition: "I had to deliver the goods."

His ambition took a long road to fruition.

After Lee's paternal grandparents were executed as landowners in mainland China during the Communist revolution, his father — a high school principal — fled to Taiwan.

There, at age 18, Ang Lee flunked his college entrance exam and settled into the Academy of Art in Taipei, where he studied acting. He served two years in the Taiwanese military inspecting fishing boats before he enrolled in 1978 at the University of Illinois, where he earned a bachelor's degree in theater.

He then went to the graduate

film program at New York University. His first film job: assistant cameraman on Spike Lee's student thesis film at NYU. In 1985, Ang Lee's own thesis film earned prizes and got him William Morris representation.

But six years of frustration followed.

He can laugh now about that period, when he looked after his two boys at home while his wife, a medical researcher, supported the family. "I was a good-for-nothing ... I'd cook," he says.

And he watched a lot of basketball — so much that when he was away to promote his first feature, his wife yanked the cable. (To this day, he has to watch games on tape or in hotel rooms — and he still cooks and does the dishes when he's not making a movie.)

He finally caught a break by entering a Taiwanese state scriptwriting competition, winning first — and second — place. The scripts were for "Pushing Hands," his feature debut, and "The Wedding Banquet," which received a 1993 best foreign film Oscar nomination (as did "Eat Drink Man Woman" the next year).

He cemented his reputation with his first all-English feature, "Sense and Sensibility," for which Emma Thompson's adapted, screenplay won an Oscar. (The film got a best picture nod while Lee was snubbed as director.)

But will the subtitled,

Chinese-language "Crouching Tiger" fly — like its fighter — at the box office?

Sony Pictures Classics is working hard to make sure the movie makes a bigger impression than a dimpled chad.

"We've got this movie that appeals to an action teen-age crowd, highbrow art crowd, women with its strong female characters, and sort of a mainstream popcorn movie crowd," said Tom Bernard, the studio's co-president. "So what we've done is design a campaign for each of them."

The studio has created grassroots buzz by inviting such a disparate crowd as the Wu-tang Clan, members of the New York Yankees and Jets, and local anchors to screenings. And it's working.

The film's crowd-pleasing runs at the Cannes, Toronto and New York film festivals, in tandem with the hip-hop word-of-mouth, has led to glowing coverage in Time, Newsweek, Premiere, Entertainment Weekly, Rolling Stone, Vibe and other publications.

Lee's especially happy that his sons, now 10 and 16, finally think he's made a "pretty good" movie.

"There's not that many we're proud of in Asian movies, except small art films," says Lee, who hopes this one might just "break the art-house barrier."

Will it rake in megabucks? He laughs. "It won't be 'Mission: Impossible 2.'"

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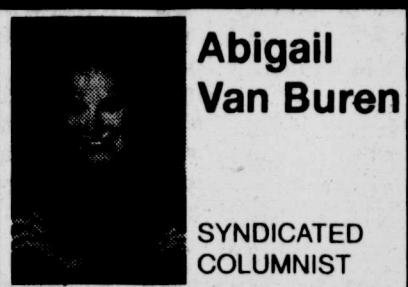
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Family Is Torn Apart When Widow, Widower Get Together



Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You have probably heard everything, but here goes. My sister-in-law died last summer. She had been very ill for a year. My brother-in-law, "Tom," took excellent care of her, but not too long before her death, she had to be put in a nursing home. While visiting his wife there, Tom struck up a friendship with a woman I'll call "Dolly." Tom is in his 70s. Dolly is in her 80s. Dolly's husband died about the same time as my sister-in-law.

Get this: While Tom and his family were receiving friends at the funeral home, Dolly showed up and announced to one and all that she was Tom's girlfriend.

To make matters worse, at the funeral, she also told everyone at church she was Tom's girlfriend. She even sat with us in the family pews, right behind Tom.

How could anyone be so brazen as to not even wait until the spouse is buried to announce their affair?

One week later, Tom bought her an engagement ring. Two weeks after that, they eloped.

Do you think we should exclude them from our annual holiday dinner? Several family members have said they will not attend if she's there. Our family has always been very close, but this has torn us apart. How should I handle this?

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

DEAR ONE FOR THE BOOKS: Because your family is still grieving — and upset over

Tom's swift remarriage — consider scaling down your organized holiday events this year. You all need more time to heal.

Tom and Dolly obviously bonded while visiting their dying spouses. Please try not to judge them too harshly. They may have been lonely and vulnerable watching their spouses slip away day after day.

I agree that Dolly's timing was off. However, Tom and Dolly witnessed death firsthand. Because of their ages, they've chosen to live the rest of their lives to the fullest. Try to be happy for them and wish them well. After all, they're family.

DEAR ABBY: I have very eclectic tastes and have always prided myself on having things that are unique to me. However, I have one friend who constantly robs me of my individuality.

I have two cats — and she acquired two cats. I got a hamster

for my boyfriend — and she got two hamsters for her husband and put them in a more elaborate cage. I bought a water dragon — she got two and put them in a fancier tank. I bought a dragon print for my living room — she bought three dragon prints. I am an avid gardener and mentioned that someday I would like to have a water garden. Well, guess what — she now has a water garden. She constantly tries to outdo me. It goes on and on.

It infuriates me when our friends comment and praise her for her style and taste. We are both in our 30s, but suddenly I feel I'm back in high school.

I don't want to be petty, but I feel like my identity is being stolen. What can I do to stop it?

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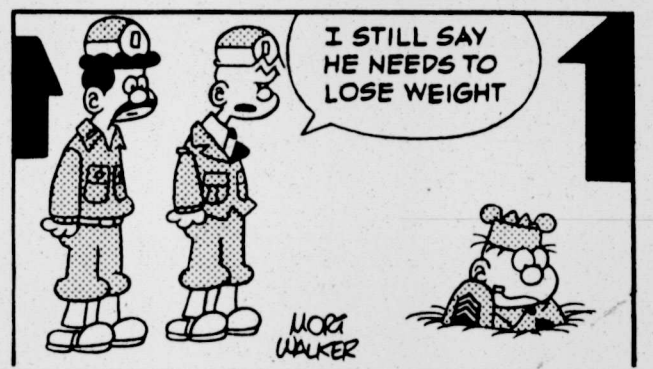
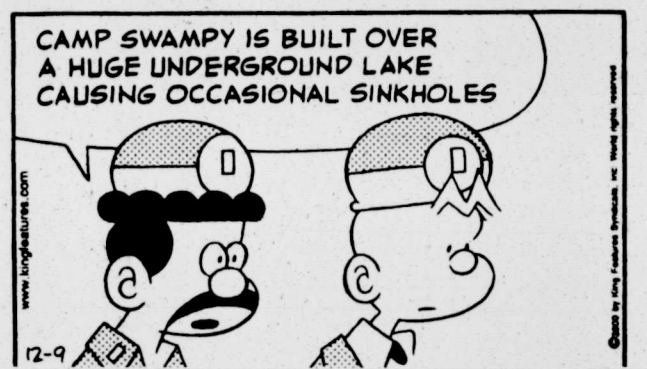
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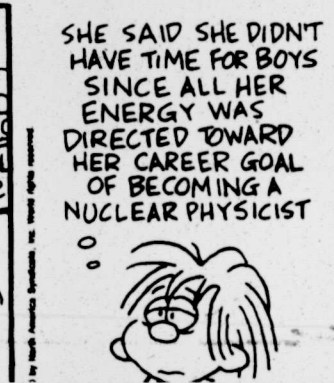
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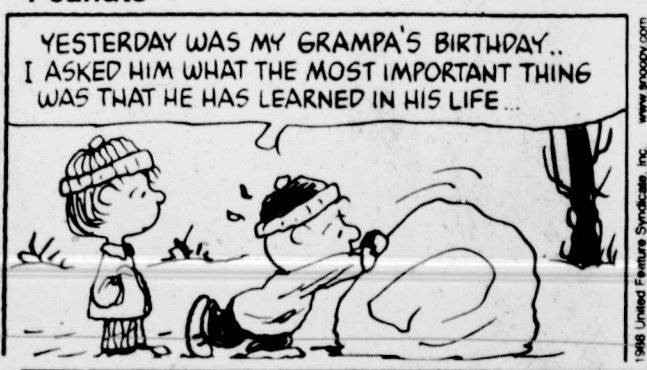
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MONDAY, DEC. 11, 2000

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)

***** Hop out the door before the full moon affects you. Others seek you out as you are the only one in town. You also prove to be unusually effective. Bathe in the glory of the moment. Tomorrow could be a whole different scenario. Tonight: Buy a special snack on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Deal with others in your strong, direct way. You mean what you say, especially when it comes to the almighty dollar. Use your excellent judgment, and you'll gain. A project at work might cost you in some way. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** The full moon in your sign spotlights you. Take your bows. Others have a lot to say and share. Your listening skills separate you from the throngs of others. Popularity soars, but can you handle it? Use your creativity and ingenuity. Tonight: So many options — poor you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You feel pressured by work and others' expectations. Though you generally have energy, right now you are a lit-

tle low. Efficiency counts. There is nothing wrong with bringing some extra work home. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** The full moon propels you to zero in on your desires. Bingo! You ask, and you receive. Friendship and success mix, and you show nothing but happiness on your face. Make calls. Clear your desk. Creativity soars over any snafu or problem. Tonight: Celebrate living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your take-charge attitude spares a lot of long-term upset. Direct your energy where it counts. Your sense of humor emerges with a money issue. You might not believe what another requests. Say no if need be. Support yourself in your desires. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for others. Don't stand on ceremony when you don't need to. Your high energy, mixed with charisma, helps you turn an opponent into a teammate. Use your gift of seeing what others can't. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** One-on-one relating takes you to a new level. Your instinct drives a hard bargain if need be. You can count on another coming through. You can count on this person in fair weather and in dark skies. Let others know how much you appreciate their efforts. Tonight: Let another have his way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Do you feel like a rubber band? Are you being pulled in two different directions? The full moon tosses you into the limelight, but at the same time, you

are surrounded by demands. Feel free to drive a hard bargain. You get what you want, and it is another's pleasure.

TAURUS (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Handle what comes at you. Be sensitive to possibilities rather than reacting to the pressure. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with work and co-workers. Your professional abilities come forward. Accept another's praise. Tonight: Pushed to the limit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Be more playful and lively. How you see a situation could change dramatically because of a call or key information that comes forward. Do needed research and reach out for experts. Know what you need to make a project viable. Do something special for a loved one. Tonight: Play, even if it is Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You might feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. You might have a problem dealing with others. Bosses make demands. You might want to play reclus. Think about your professional image. Take your time and enlist an associate's help in making what you want happen. Tonight: Work late.

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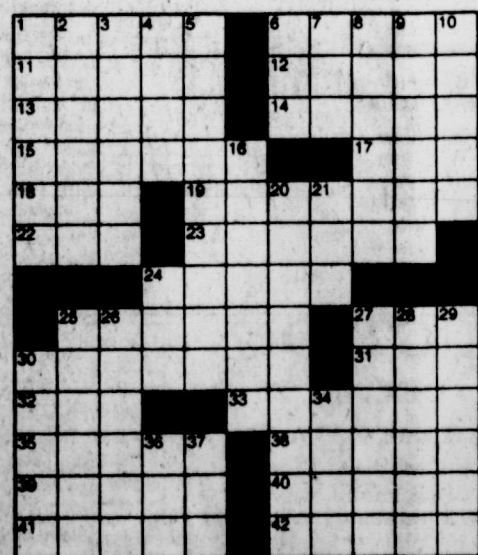
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Signs of sorrow, perhaps
 - 6 Might spots
 - 11 "Be quiet!"
 - 12 Leading
 - 13 Sheepish
 - 14 Network parts
 - 15 Helpful dog
 - 17 Avail
 - 18 Compass pt.
 - 19 Like Mr. Spock
 - 22 Far out, in surf slang
 - 23 Discharge from a right
 - 24 Avoid
 - 25 Famed cellist
 - 27 Crony
 - 30 "Gattaca" actor
 - 31 H lookalike
 - 32 Copy
 - 33 Went by
 - 35 Writer Sinclair
 - 38 Bottom-line amount
 - 39 Blasting stuff
 - 40 Not those
- DOWN**
- 1 Game official
 - 2 Castro's home
 - 3 Wed
 - 4 Color
 - 5 Scouring
 - 6 Bleachers
 - 7 Cry of insight
 - 8 Roman leader
 - 9 Failed car
 - 10 Driving aid
 - 20 Power units
 - 21 "Got a Secret"
 - 24 Color
 - 25 Ambitious city-dweller
 - 26 One-named folksinger
 - 27 Harass
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People in the news ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Wesley Snipes made a smashing entrance at the premiere of his new HBO movie, "Disappearing Acts."

The star's limo got into a fender-bender with a bus as it was pulling up to the premiere Thursday night. There were no injuries.

Snipes stars with Sanaa Lathan in the adaptation of Terry McMillan's novel about a romance between a teacher and her less-educated boyfriend.

Among the stars at the premiere were Sean "Puffy" Combs, LL Cool J and "Sex and the City" actress Cynthia Nixon.

"Disappearing Acts" airs on HBO on Saturday.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Henry Kissinger will be installed as chancellor of the College of William and Mary early next year.

The former secretary of state succeeds former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as an adviser and public advocate for the college.

He will be installed at a Feb. 10 ceremony marking the 308th anniversary of the granting of the school's charter by King William III and Queen Mary II.

The position of chancellor was held by either the Bishop of London or the Archbishop of Canterbury until the American Revolution. The first American chancellor was George Washington.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Mary Tyler Moore is being sued by a landscaper who was fired from her estate.

Anibal Garcia, 38, claims he was fired from Moore's 123-acre estate in upstate New York because he is Hispanic and because he complained about a co-worker's racist remarks.

Although Moore and her husband, Robert Levine, were not the ones who fired Garcia, he said they failed to take any action on his complaints or his dismissal.

Moore's lawyer, Lance Valdez, called the lawsuit

"an absolutely frivolous claim."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ray Bradbury, the author of such science fiction classics as "Fahrenheit 451" and "The Martian Chronicles," turned his imagination loose on a more mundane topic Thursday — traffic.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority invited Bradbury to weigh in at a symposium on regional transit problems. Bradbury, 80, who has lived in the city without a car for most of his life, was happy to oblige.

His first comment: The \$500 million MTA headquarters has to go.

"It's ridiculous, this building," he said. "You could build a transit system for the cost of putting this place up."

Bradbury said he called for a monorail 40 years

ago at a public meeting. He said he was thrown out of the meeting, and Los Angeles got buses.

"There was no rapid transit. There was no improvement," the author said. "In fact, there was a failure of imagination and a failure of transportation."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The Bank of America Foundation said it will donate \$500,000 to Bill Clinton's presidential library in Little Rock.

The project will include a library, a museum and a policy center and is expected to cost \$125 million to \$150 million. It has received about \$6 million through 1999, according to financial reports.

The Bank of America Foundation has given to other presidential libraries — \$500,000 to George Bush's in College Station, Texas, and \$250,000 to Ronald Reagan's in Simi Valley, Calif.

Nowhere to dump, landfill fight takes lid off Japan's garbage crisis

TOKYO (AP) — Japan, renowned worldwide for the tidiness of its cities, is awash in garbage.

Disposal sites are overflowing. Illegal dumping is on the rise. Unscrupulous entrepreneurs are shipping toxic waste overseas. Greenpeace has dubbed Tokyo the dioxin capital of the world.

Alarmed by an ever-increasing volume of trash and the rapidly vanishing space available to dispose of it, Japanese sanitation officials say this country could eventually drown in its own waste.

"In 30 years there won't be any place left in this city for garbage, no matter how much we burn," said Hideo Minaba, a spokesman for Tokyo's sanitation department.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the average person in this country produces about 2.4 pounds of trash a day — about half of what Americans toss out and about the same as green-minded Germans.

The problem is a lack of space. Much of Japan is too mountainous for habitation, and the plains and coasts where most of the 120 million Japanese live are already notoriously crowded.

To save room, the country burns most of its garbage — about 75 percent compared to about 20 percent in the United States and Germany. Tokyo alone has 17 factory-sized incinerators burning trash around the clock.

Even so, available disposal space shrank by about a fifth in the last decade. And while most Japanese understand the need for new dumps, nobody wants one next door.

In Hinode, a small community in the hilly outskirts of western Tokyo, riot police had to be deployed recently to enforce a court order expropriating a small grove of cypress trees to make way for the expansion of a 45-acre dump.

The property had been purchased by residents worried the site was polluting their air and water with dioxins — cancer-linked substances generated in the incineration process.

The operator of the Hinode dump contends it is safe, but disclosed environmental data only after a long legal skirmish.

"Nobody really understands the risks," said Shinichi Hashimoto, an environmental activist. "Who's going to take responsibility when the unthinkable happens?"

Sanitation officials insist they have cleaned up

their act since the 1970s, when a public outcry forced the Japanese government into getting tough on industrial polluters.

"Car exhaust is more harmful than the emissions from a place like this," said Keizo Maejima, who runs a gleaming new waterfront incineration facility in Tokyo that displays pollution levels on an electronic panel outside.

Such facilities are vastly outnumbered by thousands more older, often unlicensed, private trash incinerators that foul the atmosphere.

And an increasing amount of garbage that is not burned or buried is being shipped overseas.

The president of a commercial waste-removal service was arrested in May for shipping 2,000 tons of used syringes and soiled diapers to the Philippines in containers marked "paper for recycling."

The garbage dilemma has prompted some areas to take emergency measures.

In October, the Tokyo suburb of Hino eliminated neighborhood trash bins and required homeowners to use officially approved trash bags selling for the hefty price of 80 cents each.

A month later it announced that the volume of trash had been halved.

The city's recycling manager cautioned that it was still too early to say whether the initiative would permanently change residents' habits. Some had already found a way around buying trash bags by simply dumping garbage from home in trash cans outside their nearest convenience store.

Tokyo's sanitation department has started melting down the ash now left over after garbage is burned. The operator of the Hinode dump wants to use it to make cement.

Experts say that's just sweeping dirt under the carpet.

Atsuhiko Honda, who has spent the last 52 years researching sanitation policy, argues the only solution is to discourage people from generating waste in the first place. He believes manufacturers should be required to take back their products for disposal — a measure he says would force them to "build in" reusability.

"In the United States you've got plenty of space where garbage can be simply thrown away with relatively few risks," he said. "What we're doing in Japan just isn't sustainable."

Court rules Wisconsin's mandatory student fee system unconstitutional

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The way the University of Wisconsin system hands out money collected from students for campus organizations was ruled unconstitutional Friday by a federal judge.

The ruling came eight months after the U.S. Supreme Court approved of the mandatory fees themselves but sent the case back to the lower court to examine the distribution method.

In his ruling Friday, U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz gave the university 60 days to come up with a constitutional procedure.

The university system's 13 campuses now designate a portion of student fees for funding campus organizations. The student governments decide who gets the money, though each campus' chancellor can veto their choices.

There are few requirements for the process, other than it must be done democratically and with student input.

Shabaz said the university's guidelines do not guarantee that the decisions about who gets the money are viewpoint neutral, a requirement set down by the Supreme Court.

He said students become government officials when they decide how to distribute the fees, and as such have too much discretion.

"The danger is at its zenith when the determination of who may speak and who may not is left to a government official," he said after ruling from the bench.

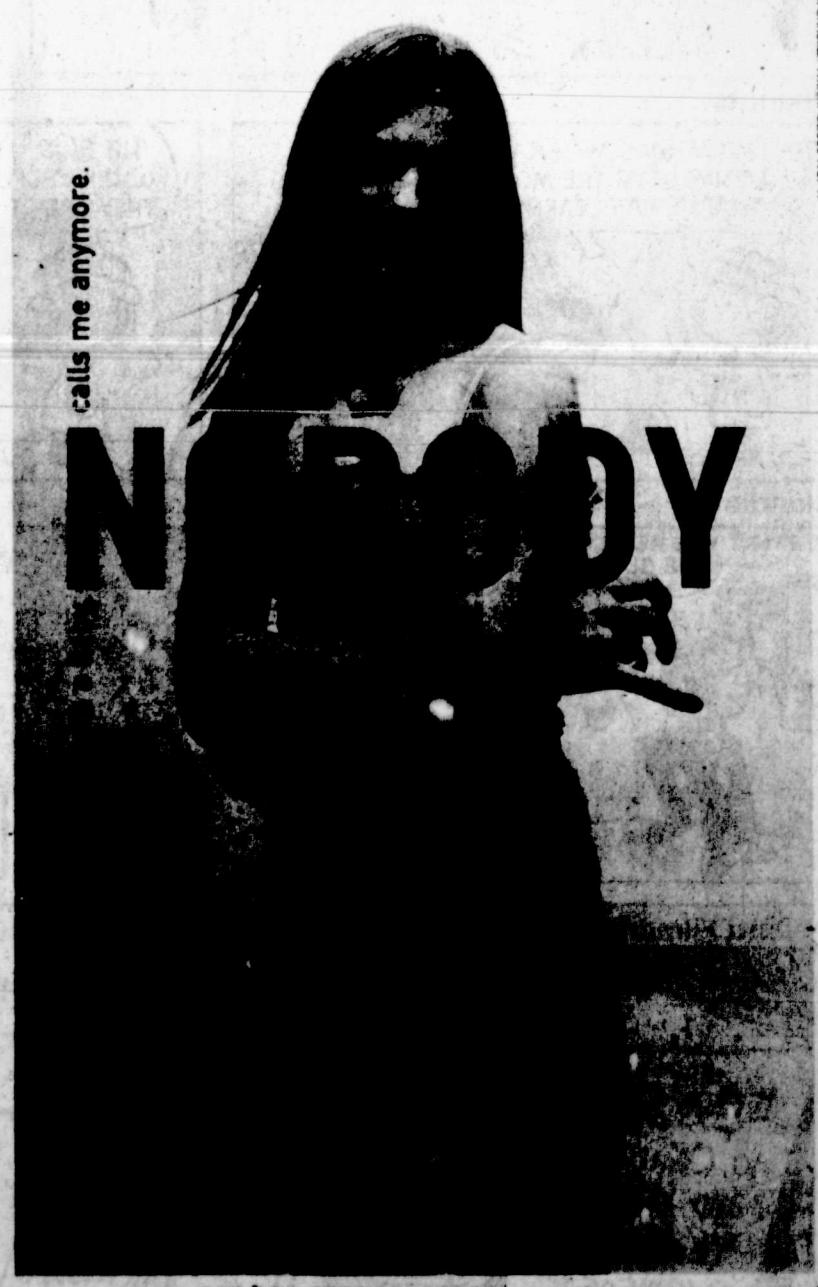
The Supreme Court upheld the university's mandatory fees in March, ruling it was constitutional as long as funding decisions were not based on the student groups' ideologies. But it sent part of the case back to district court in Madison, ruling that the way the university dis-

tributed the money could be problematic.

Some students had wanted the university either to establish minimum standards for a group to receive funds or to let students withhold their money from groups they found objectionable.

Former UW-Madison student Scott Southworth, who brought the original suit in 1996, supports an option to withhold.

"It's a simple, straightforward mechanism that would end this case in February, when we come back to court," he said.



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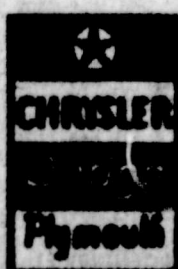
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