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Lotto Jackpot grows to \$40 million
 No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 2-7-24-30-33-54.
 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$40 million.

Quick TASP exam Friday
 PAMPA — A Quick TASP exam is scheduled at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Cost of the examination is \$29 to be paid in the form of a check or a money order. Participants should bring: 1) government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license; 2) Social Security Card; and 3) calculator.

Need after Christmas cash? Sell unwanted items in the Classifieds. Call 669-2525.

- Edwin J. Beasley, 76, retired Pantex quality inspector.
- Robert L. 'Bob' Burkett, 48, Sonic Drive In supervisor.
- Jeannette Campbell, 78, homemaker.
- Louise Crowell, 85, former Dept. of Agriculture employee.
- T.J. Johnston, 79, former salesman for D.A. Lube.
- Bessie Marie Mathews, 82, former cook, waitress.
- Robert Paul Powers, 83, farmer, rancher.
- E.E. 'Pinky' Shultz, 87, retired bookkeeper for Jones Everett Machine Shop.
- Ina Spinks, 85, retired employee of the former Florida State Research School, former missionary.

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Big dumpster at Hobart Park for public use City still battling snow

By KATE B. DICKSON and DEE DEE LARAMORE

Although the snow is melting and more warm days are to come our way, the city is still battling some of the problems left in its wake by the 15-inch snow.

To help those whose garbage is getting out of hand, a large refuse container that citizens can use has been placed near the recycling center in Hobart Street Park. Residents may use it for bagged garbage.

Due to the snowfall, residential garbage collection has been brought to a virtual halt meaning most dumpsters haven't been emptied since before Christmas, according to Sanitation Superintendent Rick Stone.

"We've got to do something so it doesn't get completely out of hand," Stone said of the residential backlog.

The container, like those commonly seen on construction sites, was donated for use by Curt Farmer of WasteCo Inc., a private sanitation company in Pampa, Stone said. Also, the landfill is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and residents may bring garbage there.

Stone said sanitation crews are trying to get into some of the alleys, have added an hour to the daily work schedule and plan to work on Saturday.

Public Works Director Richard Morris said part of the problem is caused by the city's two-wheel drive garbage trucks being unable to get through the alleys without getting stuck.

"We're afraid we'd tear up more than we could pick up," he said.

"We're trying to get down residential alleys in the morning while it's still frozen," said Morris. "Then we get to the businesses in the afternoons."

(See SNOW, Page 5)

Pizza-making pair charged in burglary

Pampa police picked up a pair with a penchant for pizza early today just as the hot evidence emerged from the oven.

Shortly before 1 a.m., Office Heather Ratzlaff responded to an alarm at the Pizza Hut Delivery, 1500 N. Banks. According to police reports, Ratzlaff saw two people, a man and a woman, moving around inside the business.

The police officer approached the pair and asked why they were there. "We were just fixing us a pizza," she was told.

Police records indicate the man was a former employee of the business and still had a front door key.

As the two intruders were taken into custody, officers discovered a large pizza coming out of the oven.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said the pizza was a New Yorker Meat Lover's pizza with jalapenos and bell peppers valued at \$16. Photographs were taken of the pizza at the scene to be used as evidence, he said.

Police charged Toni Deann Alva, 19, 1004 S. Christy, and Javier Cervantes Cruz, 19, 702 E. Browning with burglary of a building. The two were arraigned on the burglary charges before Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman this morning, officials said. Judge Curtman set bond at \$5,000 each. Both Alva and Cruz remained in Gray County Jail in lieu of bond at press time.



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

City employees assess the situation as water gushes from a water main break at the intersection of Foster and Somerville streets today. City employees were first notified of the break by a police dispatcher at 1 a.m. Public Works Director Richard Morris said the city has six-inch and eight-inch mains at the site, but did not know yet which of the mains had broken. In the inset, city water department employees, from left, Steve Gordon, Shawn Hale, and Ron Parnell hook up a pump to help remove water so the main can be repaired.

Facility closure causes Gray to change autopsy provider

By NANCY YOUNG, Managing Editor

Autopsies requested by Gray County officials will be conducted by Texas Tech University Health Science Center following action by the Gray County Commissioners Court.

THSC will have a staff of three licensed pathologists who will be conducting the autopsies. The pathologists will be teaching Texas Tech medical students and overseeing their work, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

In recent years, autopsies from Gray County have been conducted by Forensic Pathology Associates at the Lubbock County morgue. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns said the next closest location for autopsies is Dallas.

Forensic Pathology Associates has closed, and THSC is conducting them now as part of its medical-teaching facility.

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman told the com-

missioners court the changeover to THSC was basically the only option the county has to go with on obtaining autopsies.

Peet said the basic cost probably will not change. THSC "bare minimum" charge will be \$900 per autopsy. Toxicology and histology testing are additional tests in autopsies. He said the cost increases with these tests, and he said these tests are sent to other locations.

Autopsies in Dallas are \$1,200, Peet said. Transportation costs are another factor. Muns said the cost to transport a body to Lubbock and back is approximately \$450.

In the majority of cases, law enforcement personnel accompany the bodies and observe the autopsies, he said.

Costs of meals, lodging and mileage would increase the costs if the autopsies were performed in Dallas, said Peet.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said Gray County spent \$26,800 on 24 autopsies last year.

First baby!



Victory Paige Brown, shown in the arms of her mother, is the first baby of 2001 born at Pampa Regional Medical Center. She was born New Year's Day at 2:04 a.m. The proud parents are Scott and Pamela Brown of Groom. She has three older siblings, Kassandra, Erynn and Zachary.

Hunter's gunshot wound to leg blamed on mishandling of rifle

By NANCY YOUNG, Managing Editor

Hunters are cautioned to be aware and take safety measures while hunting.

PANHANDLE — A 19-year-old Panhandle man accidentally shot himself in the leg Friday in a hunting accident.

Derrick Brookshire, 19, of Panhandle was hunting coyotes with a friend about 5:20 p.m. Friday when the incident occurred, said Game Warden Win Bishop.

Bishop said the two young men were on private property located about one-and-one-half

Brookshire brought the rifle back in the window the rifle discharged striking the teen in the leg.

Brookshire was transported to an Amarillo hospital for treatment. Bishop said the young man was fortunate as the bullet went through muscle.

He said he planned to complete his investigation this week of the incident, but did not foresee any charges being filed.

Bishop cautioned all hunters to be aware and take safety measures while hunting.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BEASLEY, Edwin J. — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo.

BURKETT, Robert L. "Bob" — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

CAMPBELL, Jeannette — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Claude Cemetery, Claude.

CROWELL, Louise Tyner — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.

MATHEWS, Bessie Marie — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Canadian.

MURRILL, Lucille — 2 p.m., Open Door Church of God in Christ, Pampa.

Obituaries

EDWIN J. BEASLEY

AMARILLO — Edwin J. Beasley, 76, a former Shamrock resident, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Polk Street United Methodist Church with Sherman Eastland, chaplain, and the Rev. Marty Hamrick officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Beasley was born at Shamrock and graduated from Shamrock High School. He married Leota Garrett in 1948 at Plainview. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1957, moving from Albuquerque, N.M., and worked at Pantex Department of Energy, retiring as a quality inspector in 1982.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart, serving during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He belonged to Polk Street United Methodist Church and Friendship class and held membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Leota; two daughters, Linda Gay Beasley and Carol Ann Weeks, both of Amarillo; a son, Gary Lynn Beasley of Amarillo; a sister, Joyce Johnston of Midland; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Polk Street United Methodist Church or to Crown of Texas Hospice.

ROBERT L. 'BOB' BURKETT

ROBERT L. "BOB" BURKETT, 48, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Pearson, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Cremation is under the direction of Haven-Brook Funeral Home of Norman, Okla.

Mr. Burkett was born July 16, 1952, at Norman, to Byron Lloyd and Bonnie Lee Taylor Burkett. He attended schools in Norman and was active in Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 226.

He began his career with Sonic at the age of 15 and won numerous honors and awards, including National Award of Turnaround Operator of the Year in 1988. He owned and operated a number of Sonic Drive-Ins in Oklahoma City, Okla., Las Vegas, Nev., and New Mexico prior to settling in Pampa, where he supervised drive-ins in Pampa and Borger.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed spending time with his numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kristen Burkett of Norman; a daughter and son-in-law, Tami Burkett and Shane Tinney of Noble, Okla.; his father, Lloyd Burkett of Norman; two brothers, Byron Burkett of Drumright, Okla., and Thomas Burkett of Norman; a sister, Mary Beth Burkett of San Antonio; three grandchildren, Mackenzie Burkett, Trenton Tinney and Brooklyn Tinney; his companion, Julie Kinnaman, of the home, and her children, Dalton, Alyssa and Destrie; his beloved friends, the mother of his children, Anne Burkett of Norman, and Floyd and Brenda Baxter of Pampa; seven nieces and nephews; and many friends.

The family requests memorials be to Robert Burkett Memorial Fund in care of Bank of America, Pampa branch.

JEANNETTE CAMPBELL

CLAUDE — Jeannette Moore Campbell, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Claude Cemetery with Dr. Charles Davenport, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tulia, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors Inc. of Clarendon.

Mrs. Campbell was born at Gainesville and grew up in White Deer. She married LeRoy Campbell in 1947 at Claude and had been a Claude resident for the past 55 years.

She was a homemaker and belonged to First Baptist Church where she taught the ladies Sunday school class.

Survivors include her husband, LeRoy; three daughters, Debra Vincent and Dianne Ollinger, both of Claude, and Leslie Skelton of Amarillo; two sons, Edwin Campbell of Clarendon and Wayne Campbell of Plano; a twin sister, Geneva Reed of Claude; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing until service time at Claude.

LOUISE CROWELL

CANADIAN — Louise Tyner Crowell, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Les Hall officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Crowell was born in Stephens County, Okla., and graduated from high school at Childress. She held a degree from West Texas

Obituaries (cont.)

State Teachers College and had served as a substitute teacher at Washita and Blue Ridge Schools.

She married Erbin Crowell in 1936 at Clovis, N.M.

She had worked for Department of Agriculture, Clifton's Variety, Pinson's and was a bookkeeper and receptionist for Dr. E.H. Morris.

She was a member of the choir of Bel Air Methodist Church of Houston and First United Methodist Church where she was also children's Sunday school superintendent and teacher. She belonged to United Methodist Women, the Guild, Friendship Sunday School Class and Women's Club. She was noble grand for Rebekah's Lodge and served as a Girl Scout leader.

She was preceded in death by a son, Erbin "Bunny" Crowell Jr., in 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Erbin; two daughters, Marcia Muir of Stinnett and Mary Hall of New Boston; a son, Max Crowell of Las Vegas, Nev.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church building fund, P.O. Box 1343, Canadian, TX 79014.

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today and from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

T.J. JOHNSTON

T.J. Johnston, 79, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Johnston was born May 7, 1921, at Greenbriar, Ark. He married Mary Oneida Wilson on Jan. 9, 1940, at Conway, Ark. He moved to Pampa in 1947 and was a salesman for D.A. Lube for 21 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II, and was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Day; and by four brothers, Earless Johnston, Starling Johnston, Andrew Johnston and Hope Johnston.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a daughter, Benda Joyce Tate of Hemphill; two sisters, Thelma Huffman of Jacksonville, Ark., and Mildred Biggs of Conway; a brother, Roy Johnston of Bartlesville, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

BESSIE MARIE MATHEWS

CANADIAN — Bessie Marie Mathews, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Mathews was born Jan. 26, 1918, at Reydon, Okla., and graduated from Canadian High School. She had been a Canadian resident most of her life prior to moving to Amarillo.

She married Lewis Mathews in 1937; he died in 1982.

She had worked as a cook and a waitress and for her parents at their laundry.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Freda Leota Bentley, in 1989, and Juanita Zell Adams, in 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Walker of Los Lunas, N.M.; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home in Canadian.

ROBERT PAUL POWERS

WHITE DEER — Robert Paul Powers, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Robert Kelley, pastor of First United Methodist Church of White Deer, and the Rev. John Dorn, pastor of St. Andrew United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Powers was born April 20, 1917, at Mendota, Texas, near Canadian in Hemphill County. He was born to Lewis Elijah and Orbie Jewell Powers and was reared at Mobeetie. He married Blanche Marie Chisum on June 28, 1936, at Canadian.

He had been a resident of Carson County since 1940, moving to White Deer in 1943. He was a longtime farmer and rancher. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of White Deer and White Deer Senior Citizens.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during peace time.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Darrel Powers.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Lewis and Tommie Kay Powers of Panhandle; a daughter and son-in-law, Glenda Ruthardt McCullough and Steve McCullough of Amarillo; a brother, Lige Eddie Powers of Victoria; five grandchildren, Trena Ruthardt Beckman and Darren and Buffy Ruthardt, all of Amarillo, Lewetta and Robert Heley of Texline, Kevin and Jawannah Powers of Panhandle and Kelley and Tad Smith of Pampa; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to a favorite charity.

E.E. 'PINKY' SHULTZ

E.E. "PINKY" SHULTZ, 87, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at Bedford, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Shultz was born Nov. 12, 1913, at Arnett,

Obituaries (cont.)

Okla. He married Loree Miller on June 20, 1936, at Enid, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1945 and was a bookkeeper for Jones Everett Machine Shop for 45 years prior to retiring.

He belonged to First Christian Church and Aquilla and Priscilla Sunday School Class and was a member and past president of Pampa Noon Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Loree, of the home; a daughter, Joy Williams of North Richland Hills; a son, Gary Shultz of Bedford; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church or to a favorite charity.

INA SPINKS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Ina Spinks, 85, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, following a brief illness. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Christian Heritage Church in Tallahassee. Arrangements are under the direction of Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Homes of Tallahassee.

A native of Pawnee, Okla., Mrs. Spinks and her husband, Johnny, moved to Pampa in 1939. She was active in Brownie and Girl Scouts, First Christian Church and Lamar Christian Church. While in Pampa, she worked for Gene Hall at Frontier Perforators and for a decade she worked with Clarence and Syble Qualls in their photographic studio. Her husband, Johnny Spinks, preceded her in death in 1979.

Mrs. Spinks moved to Tallahassee in 1971. She was employed there by Florida State University first in the Theater Department and then in the former Florida State Research School as assistant to the director.

After her retirement in 1986, Mrs. Spinks was active in Christian Heritage Church and as a volunteer with several service organizations including John Wesley United Methodist Volunteers and Missions, with which she traveled to Haiti and Mexico to build churches and teach sewing.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Spinks of Jacksonville, Fla.; a daughter, Barbara Smith of Atoka, Okla.; a granddaughter, Deborah Shaw of Tallahassee; a great-grandson, Jordan Shaw of Tallahassee; her nephews, Michael Bolton and Carroll Drake; her nieces, Kay Holland, Betsy Howell, Dale Caywood and Gale LeClair; and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to either Tallahassee Friends of Our Parks Foundation, Inc., 912 Myers Park Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32301; John Wesley United Methodist Volunteers and Missions, 1738 Old St., Augustine Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32301; or Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Police report

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Robert Raymond Swearingim, 27, Skellytown, was arrested in the 1700 block of North Hobart for driving while intoxicated and breath test refusal.

A representative for Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart reported a theft.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 500 block of North Doyle.

A terroristic threat was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Cuyler.

Verbal assault was reported at Pampa Pawn, 802 E. Brown.

Simple assault was reported in the 600 block of South Reid.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of East Locust.

A 1977 Jeep was reported stolen from the 500 block of North Nelson. The vehicle was recovered in the alley behind the 300 block of North Nelson and returned to its owner.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Toni Deann Alva, 19, 1004 S. Christy, was arrested in the 1500 block of North Banks for burglary of a building.

Javier Cervantes Cruz, 19, 702 E. Browning, was arrested in the 1500 block of North Banks for burglary of a building.

Police investigated the burglary of the Pizza Hut Delivery, 1500 N. Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Jose Luis Chaires, 32, 1033 Prairie Dr., was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for driving while intoxicated.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.71	
Milo	3.54	
Corn	3.89	
Soybeans	4.21	

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

Occidental	23 3/16	dn 7/16
Fidelity Magelln	121.88	
Puritan	18.87	

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

BP Amoco	47 5/16	dn 9/16
Cabot	26	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	28 1/16dn	1 13/16
Chevron	30 1/2	dn 2 1/8

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
Crime Stoppers.....669-2222

Federal workers enter guilty plea

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A judge sentenced two federal employees to three years of probation on Wednesday after each pleaded guilty to a charge of accepting an illegal gratuity.

Brian Anthony Brown, who was a 28-year-old U.S. Customs special agent, and his wife, 31-year-old Sylvia Longoria Brown, were arrested Sept. 18. Longoria Brown was a clerk in the U.S. marshal's office.

Authorities said the McAllen couple received \$3,500 for giving Joel Garza information about his possible sentence for conspiring to distribute 86 kilograms of marijuana, to which he pleaded guilty.

Garza's friend went to the police because Garza couldn't pay the \$5,000 the Browns had requested, and his friend was worried Garza would be killed, according to court records.

Investigators recorded an arranged meeting between Garza's friend and the Browns, who accepted \$3,500 for payment, court records stated.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3

8:52 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of Zimmers.

12:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3

8:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Middle School and transported one to PRMC.

8:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Zimmers and transported one to PRMC.

10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident; no transport.

12:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transport to meet Lifestar.

5:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Lefors on mutual aid and transported one to PRMC.

5:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Wilks and transported one to PRMC.

6:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doyle; no transport.

Thursday, Jan. 4

5:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Carr and transported one to PRMC.

City Briefs

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BOYS BASKETBALL Sign-Ups, 3rd-6th Grade, Pampa Optimist Club Meeting Room, Jan. 4th & 5th 6-7:30 p.m., and Jan. 6th 2-4 p.m. Sign-up fee \$35.

"LOST" OUR little yellow dog. She is old, cannot hear well. Has no tail & no ID. Please call 665-1597.

NO SENIOR Citizen's Dance.

SALE 40-60% Off thru Jan. 8th. Regular store hours 10-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., Celebrations, 665-3100.

WE'RE LOOKING for mature individual for part-time work at The Petal Pusher, 665-1070.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, sunny with highs around 55. West to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, clear with lows in the upper 20s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Yesterday's high 42; the morning low was 28.

STATEWIDE — A warming trend on Thursday brought some fog and higher morning temperatures, with the prospect of showers by the weekend.

Early-morning readings were mainly in the 20s and 30s — about 10 degrees warmer than this time on Wednesday.

But a freeze warning had been posted by the National Weather Service for most of South Texas.

Light fog developed in Terrell and College Station.

Winds were mostly northwesterly and westerly at less than 10 mph across most of the state.

Extremes were 21 degrees at Marfa and 38 at Mineral Wells.

Other readings were 28 at Terrell, Conroe and Paris, with 40 in Austin and 50 at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio. Also, it was 42 at Palacios and 56 at Junction.

Highs through Saturday should reach the 50s and 60s. Lows overnight were forecast to fall into the 30s inland to 40s along the coast.

Most clouds were dissipating across South Texas.

But by Sunday, the NWS said that rainfall could develop in northern sections of the state.

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Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

CMBC BLOOD DRIVE
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be conducting its 19th Annual M*A*S*H Blood Drive from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5 and 6, at the Texas Army National Guard, 2900 Tee Anchor Blvd., in Amarillo. The Texas Army National Guard and KGNC Radio AM/FM are sponsors of this year's event which will include episodes of M*A*S*H* along with a military-style decor. Donors will receive a specially-designed M*A*S*H* T-shirt for giving the gift of life. For more information, call CMBC at (806) 358-4563.

SQUARE HOUSE
Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will offer a photo preservation work-

shop from 7-9 p.m., Jan. 11, and a china painting class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 16 in Hazelwood Education Building, 5th and Elsie in Panhandle. The workshop will be facilitated by Christy Sanders, "Creative Memories" consultant of Dumas, and will include a \$10 fee. Participants should bring five to seven pictures to work with. The china painting class will be facilitated by Janice Sackett of Pampa, a 30-year art educator in the public school system. Cost of the class will be \$10. For more information or to RSVP, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

3D PROGRAM
Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

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"The Journey" will celebrate the first Butterfield Overland Stagecoach Run in 138 years with the "Historic Trail Ride of the Millennium!" The trip will begin March 24, 2001, in Springfield, Mo., and will conclude May 25 in Tombstone, Ariz. The event will raise money for Special Olympics, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network, both by the sale of tickets and by corporate sponsorship. For more information, contact "The Journey" at (417) 255-2390 or visit www.thestagecoachjourney.com on the Internet.

AAA INTERNSHIPS
American Angus Association and the "Angus Journal" will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships will begin approximately June 1, 2000, and will conclude mid-August. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2001. For more information, call (816) 383-5100.

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.

MISS TEXAS TEEN
Miss 2001 Texas Teen pageant officials are seeking participants for the contest to be held April 6-8 at Crown Plaza Hotel in Houston. The winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and will represent the state at the Miss 2001 United States Teen pageant slated July 12-21 in Orlando, Fla. For more information or to obtain an application, call (832) 721-4USA; fax (281) 370-8944; e-mail Bikini-Usa@pdq.net; or visit www.missunitedstatesteen.com on the Internet. Deadline for application is March 6.

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

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation

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

Trio of artists to exhibit at Square House

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square Museum in Panhandle will feature three artists in two separate exhibits during January and February — "Texas and Beyond" with Kathryn Hird of Amarillo, and "In Our Backyard" with Nita Ramming of White Deer and Roy Lane of Panhandle. Each exhibitor will portray their interpretation of the beauty of the region with their artwork.

Hird's show will include pastel and oils. She exhibits her work locally and nationally and her pieces are found in many private collections across the country. She is also an art conservator who is deeply involved in the study of art history. "Some people are addicted to coffee or television. I'll admit being addicted to painting, especially when it gives me the excuse to be outdoors," says Hird. "I love trying to capture the fleeting color and spirit of the moment."

Ramming, a native of Carson

County and museum board member, serving as chair of the Gift Shop, has been painting since the 1960s. She began with tile painting and branched out to painting on canvas in 1974. She is currently reporter of Brush and Palette artists' club in Groom.


She has entered her work in Best of the Southwest Show, Tri-State Fair and Citation Art Show, winning several awards, and in 1997 was commissioned to create a 5-foot by 19-foot mural of Phillips Petroleum Plant at sunset in the conference room of Phillips Petroleum Co.

"It is always so rewarding to me to finally finish a painting and see that I can express my ideas and put them down on canvas for all the world to see," Ramming says. "I am always amazed that something so beautiful can break forth from the brushes and paint in my hand. God has been very good to me." Roy Lane is a lifelong resident

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press
 A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
 The Monitor (McAllen) on anti-smoking campaigns don't grab teens:

Possibly in some parallel universe somewhere, teen-agers are willing to learn from their parents' mistakes. They don't need a curfew; they instinctively want a good night's rest. They do their homework without prodding. Their auto insurance costs about the same as Grandmas. And they feel absolutely no need to rebel.

Oh, and all the videos and lectures and pamphlets and role-playing and celebrity testimonials they're exposed to in school urging them to stay off of drugs, to use birth control or postpone sex until marriage, to abstain from alcohol and of course, never, never to take up smoking really work.

On our side of that astrophysical divide, however, there's something called peer pressure. As well as hormones. To say nothing of that je ne sais quoi that makes kids free-spirited, strong-willed and reckless. So, a persistent percentage of kids smokes anyway.

That's our explanation for the findings of the most comprehensive study yet on anti-smoking programs aimed at youth. As reported in the Washington Post last week, a 15-year National Cancer Institute-funded study that tracked 8,400 students from the third grade to post-high school in the state of Washington found that those exposed to an anti-smoking curriculum were no more likely to resist that nastiest of habits than were students who had no such training.

"We were surprised and disappointed to see it did not produce the results predicted," the study's lead investigator told the Post, noting the approach in use in Washington was started 25 years ago and has been adopted in many school districts around the country.

Disappointed, sure; we'd all like to find some foolproof means of keeping kids away from tobacco. But surprised? Couldn't anyone who has raised teen-agers have foretold the outcome of anti-smoking campaigns aimed at teens? No federal study was needed. What grips us most at this point is that states continue to spend public funds on the anti-smoking campaign despite what intuition alone should tell us will be negligible dividends. Efforts in various states include the likes of paper-bag puppet plays illustrating the dangers of second-hand smoke for grade-schoolers and, for high-schoolers, re-enacting court testimony on the duplicity of the tobacco industry.

Sorry, that's no match for the shallow and yet timelessly effective allure of looking sexy, mature and maybe just a little dangerous, all by blowing smoke rings. At least that's so for that portion of young people who, for various socio-economic, family and personal reasons, will be inclined to smoke in any event. And yet legislatures across the country elect to devote a slice of their states' multiyear settlement with the tobacco business to more anti-smoking efforts.

The settlement amounted to ill-gotten gains in the first place, in part because it purports to compensate the public for covering the treatment of smoking's victims even though the victims themselves knew full well what they were doing. So long as we were receiving the money, though, there are myriad better uses for it than to throw it down the drain of anti-smoking programs.

Lets face it: Knowledge that smoking is bad is universal. It might as well be in every humans genetic coding by now. Still, youngsters continue to smoke. We know of no solution. Aggressive parenting is the most effective tack, but even it is far from foolproof. Were pretty sure, though, that we know a waste of time and money when we see it.

What happened to the word 'child'?

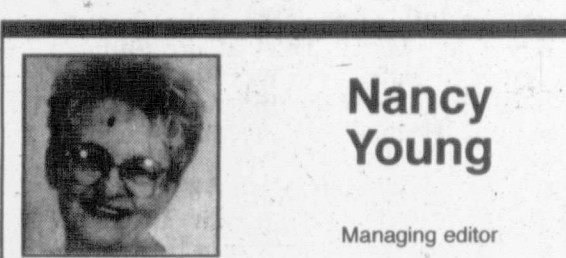
Last week while snowed in my home, I was looking for something constructive to do. I had read two books, and television was yuck. I knew night tv was bad, but daytime tv is worse. Finally, I thought about how long it had been since I really cleaned my woodwork.

Armed with my favorite polish and plenty of cleaning cloths, I turned on the radio to listen while I tackled this least favorite chore. A talk radio show was coming on and I was pleased the regular host (who is apparently quite popular with many in this area) was not on that day. A little of him goes a long way with me.

I began my cleaning was aghast at how many cleaning cloths it was requiring—it was about time I did this chore. As I began listening to the show, I realized this sit-in was promoting a topic which I do not think is needed—school vouchers. Trying to be open-minded, I decided to go ahead and listen to what he and his callers had to say on the topic.

Now, I'm no authority on the topic, but I just don't like the idea of public taxpayers paying for students to go to private and parochial schools. It just seems to me to be a conflict between separation of church and state.

Also, I live in a school district which is identified as a Chapter 41 school district—which means it is called a wealthy school district. This began because of Edgewood vs. Kirby. Edgewood was a poor school district who filed a lawsuit in Texas in the early 1980s saying the school districts in Texas who have money should pay for educating the students in the poorer districts. Kirby was the top education officer in the State of Texas. It was dubbed the "Robin Hood" law—take from the rich and give to the poor. After many years of legal wrangling, the then-



new method of school financing was mandated by the state.

Now when this lawsuit first began, our school district (Stinnett) was one of the poor, struggling school districts. I remember the time sitting in a school board meeting which went late, late into the night while board members desperately struggled to put a microwave in the budget for the homemaking department as well as a video camera for the high school band.

A few years later thought their problems were solved when a nearby district (Phillips) was required to move their school and town from its location near a gasoline refinery. The two districts consolidated with another tiny district (Plemons) which was located between the two. Both the other districts had considerable taxable wealthy property while the student population was declining.

This past budget year our consolidated district was state mandated to send \$3 million of the \$6 million budget to the state because of "Robin Hood." Ironically, our taxes were raised because of the dollar amount increasing required to be sent to the state. Even more ironic, half our students don't meet the poverty level. Go figure.

All this gives you an idea of why I don't care for school vouchers. A revamping of the method

of financing our schools in Texas would be much more intelligent, I think.

Anyway, trying to understand why people are for school vouchers, I decided to listen some more to this talk show. I never did get the message. Maybe it's because the area between my ears is so clogged with snow, but I didn't understand it when it was 110 degrees outside last summer either.

What did strike me was the constant reference to our children as kids. "The kid" or "my kid" or "that kid" were the constant references used by people who are supposedly intelligent, or think they are. Why has it become so popular for the media commentators (electronic and print) to refer to the children as "kid"?

Whatever happened to the word "child"? It has such a much nicer connotation to it. We wonder what is happening at times to the younger generation's language—we might look at our own.

I was quite impressed by Pampa school board member Pat Kennedy's reference on more than one occasion to PISD students as "children in our district". None of PISD's staff or board have ever referred to the students as kids at a board meeting though. Hooray!

Maybe the state could look at Lamar Elementary's successful program on getting parents more involved with the school and learn from it instead of school vouchers. That makes more sense to me instead of forcing Chapter 41 school districts such as PSPICSD or Miami ISD into paying for their new program. Or they could do away with property tax and let the people pay for schools through sales tax.

I don't think school vouchers are the answer. Maybe someone out there can convince me.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what's believed to have been the first appendectomy. The patient was 22-year-old Mary Gartside.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union address.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era; Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

agreed to hold its first high-level talks with the United States since the start of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Five years ago: Bowing to pressure from NATO and the United States, Bosnian Serbs freed 16 civilians who had entered Serb-held territory after NATO forces had declared roads in Bosnia open to all.

One year ago: Former presidential rival Elizabeth Dole endorsed fellow Republican George W. Bush. Israel and the Palestinians agreed on an Israeli troop pullback from 5 percent of the West Bank.

Gore's behavior was unstatesmanlike

Whatever Al Gore has to say now, it's too late to be either gracious or statesmanlike. He blew that opportunity when he unleashed his army of lawyers and demagogues on Florida and dragged out the campaign for an additional 35 days.

About the only thing you need to know is that despite the demagoguery, every ballot in Florida was counted. The first count gave the election to George W. Bush. The automatic recount gave the election to Bush. When the last of absentees had been counted, Bush was still the winner.

Sam Francis, a columnist, likes to call the Republican Party the Stupid Party. Well, the Democrats have certainly earned the title of the Unethical Party. They are clearly showing a rule-or-ruin attitude. No shyster-lawyer trick, no unconscionable demagoguery was beneath them. They were clearly determined either to defeat Bush or poison his presidency.

The liberal news-media pundits fare no better. In addition to providing a megaphone for every irresponsible and groundless allegation that asserted Democrat radicals wish to make, they immediately began to demand that Bush appoint a Democratic administration to "heal" the country. What a load of horse apples that is.

The burden is not on Bush, it is on the Democrats, who must decide whether they will help govern the country or continue the cam-



paign, sabotaging everything Bush tries to do while pouring out an endless amount of poisonous rhetoric. If that's the course they choose, I hope the American people will have the good sense to punish such unpatriotic behavior at the next election.

As for the U.S. Supreme Court decision, it had no choice but to stop a recount that was being done on the basis of God knows how many different standards for determining a voter's intent. Nor was it the U.S. Supreme Court's fault that the time ran out. The Florida Supreme Court bears that responsibility.

If the Florida court had responded to the first case that the Supreme Court sent back, and if, in ordering a recount, the Florida court had clarified a single standard by which to judge a voter's intent, then the U.S. Supreme Court would have stayed out. It was clearly reluctant to get involved in the first place, but it was Al

Gore who forced the high court to do so.

I don't blame Gore for withdrawing his concession on election night. The TV networks had screwed up royally, but, after the first recount and the absentees had been counted, Gore should have conceded.

Instead, he sent his lawyers down to bend and warp the law so that unmarked ballots could, by some divine revelation of Democrats, be construed as ballots on which people had really intended, after all, to vote for Gore. That was, from the start, absolute nonsense.

Forgotten in all this mess was the clear, unmistakable responsibility of the voter to mark his or her ballot correctly. In every precinct where punch cards are used, there is a sign that states in plain language that if the ballot is not punched clean through, the vote will not count. That should be the only standard for determining a voter's intent. After all, these infamous chads are not made of titanium.

Don't pay any attention to any of these groups that come in and count ballots and declare that Gore was really the winner. These ballots have been handled far too much by now. Don't be fooled by the phrase "undercounted ballots." All that means is that when the nonpartisan machines read the ballots, these particular voters had elected not to vote for any presidential candidate.

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Autopsy: Officer had 11 gunshot wounds, also run over

DALLAS (AP) — The tense search for seven escaped prison inmates continued Thursday as an autopsy report showed that a North Texas police officer they are accused of killing suffered 11 gunshot wounds.

Irving Officer Aubrey Hawkins was shot six times in the head after he responded to a Christmas Eve robbery at an Oshman's Super Sports USA store, according to the report released Wednesday. Hawkins was shot once in the back, and four of the medium-caliber bullets struck his left arm. A bulletproof vest protected his chest from two other shots.

The shots were fired from different directions, but the report doesn't identify whether investigators think more than one gunman fired or which of the escapees are suspected. Hawkins also was run over by a vehicle, the autopsy showed.

Meanwhile, federal weapons charges were filed against the seven, who broke out of prison more than three weeks ago and warning in a note, "You haven't heard the last of us yet."

The charges brought by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in San Antonio signaled a broadening federal role in the manhunt. FBI agents in the Dallas area planned to file separate federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid federal

prosecution, possibly as early as Thursday.

The unlawful-flight charges would "make it a nationwide manhunt rather than a state and local manhunt," said Dallas-based FBI Special Agent Lori Bailey.

Officials said the search spread across the Southwest before concentrating in the Dallas area. All seven men are believed to be together.

Police have increased their firepower, and the escapees were believed to be using stolen police scanners to stay a step ahead of their pursuers.

The convicts — two convicted killers, two armed robbers, a child abuser, a serial rapist and a burglar — broke out of the Texas prison system's Connally Unit at Kenedy on Dec. 13 and are being sought on capital murder arrest warrants in Hawkins' slaying.

On Thursday morning, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said the situation was still "status quo." Chances of a peaceful conclusion seemed remote to law officers.

"While we're prayerful and hopeful, we're not optimistic," Todd said. "This is an extremely dangerous scenario of which we can't downplay in any fashion."

He said the fugitives are believed to be receiving food, shelter and other assistance.

"The outside help they are receiving is giving

them a big advantage," Todd said, "but with patience and diligence, we think some law-enforcement agency will locate the escapees."

Thomas Lauer, chief of the 12-member Wilmer police department, said officers in the southern Dallas County town were carrying an extra shotgun in addition to their usual sidearm while the convicts remain at large.

Todd said the FBI has provided psychological and personality profiles of the convicts, which confirm beliefs that George Rivas, 30, is the ringleader of the gang. Rivas had been serving a life sentence for aggravated robbery and kidnapping.

The other escapees are Randy Halprin, 23, serving 30 years for injury to a child; Michael Rodriguez, 38, serving a life sentence for capital murder in San Antonio; Larry Harper, 37, serving 50 years for aggravated sexual assault in El Paso; Donald Newbury, 38, serving 99 years for aggravated robbery; Joseph Garcia, 29, serving 50 years for murder in San Antonio; and Patrick Henry Murphy Jr., serving 50 years for aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon and burglary in Dallas.

Two of them also face aggravated robbery charges. Rivas and Newbury were identified in photo lineups by victims of a Dec. 15 robbery of a Radio Shack in Pearland, a suburb southwest of

Houston.

The recent breakout has TDCJ employees and those of other agencies investigating hundreds of leads, largely out of a command post in Garland, a suburb east of Dallas.

Additional photos of the escaped convicts, some obtained from family members, have been posted on the TDCJ Website, along with a description of two late-model, four-door cars that may have been used in the Dallas area by the inmates. They are a Toyota Camry and a Honda Accord — one black and one silver.

The gang, which may be in disguise, has amassed an arsenal of more than 40 weapons stolen during their escape and from Oshman's.

A \$100,000 reward has been offered for the arrest and indictment of the seven. Callers with information should dial 911 and try to have specific information about location or license plate numbers. Callers also can dial (214) 861-2386 or (800) 737-8143.

On the Net:
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Textile businessman leaves \$400 million estate to charity

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — John D. Hollingsworth Jr., who ran his textile industry business in intense privacy before his death, decided to use his estate of as much as \$400 million in a very public way.

Hollingsworth left nearly all of it to Furman University and the Greenville YMCA and to Upstate charities to be determined by the board of his nonprofit foundation created nearly 20 years ago.

The exact amount of the estate is unknown. Paulette Murphy, the president of Hollingsworth's land development company, said the 6,000 acres in prime areas of Greenville and 36,000 acres of timberland near the South Carolina coast could be worth as much as \$400 million.

Only eight donations met or topped \$100 million last year, according to The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Hollingsworth, 83, died Saturday morning after going to the emergency room following a fall from his bed the day before. He spent his life building John D. Hollingsworth on Wheels Inc., a privately held manufacturer of metallic carding machines that separate textile fibers. His grandfather founded the company in 1894.

Despite his wealth, Hollingsworth lived in a trailer behind his flagship plant.

"He's always been a very private person in the past. All his donations were anonymous. He did not seek any glory. He just wanted to return to the community what he thought the community allowed him to accumulate," said Andy Rasor, the company's vice president for administration.

The company was No. 208 on the Forbes 500 list of private companies in 1994, with a net worth of \$500 million. It has fallen off the financial magazine's rankings in recent years.

The will provides nothing for Hollingsworth's only child, Mary Jane Crolley. Hollingsworth accused his daughter and ex-wife of stealing money from the company, but would not testify against them at trial and both were acquitted. The Greenville News reported. Crolley's children will each get a \$250,000 trust fund for their college

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The will directs the Hollingsworth Fund to give 45 percent of the profits from the business and Hollingsworth's landholdings to Furman. An additional 45 percent will go to charities picked annually by the foundation board and the remaining 10 percent will go to the Greenville YMCA.

Furman officials have known of Hollingsworth's plans for about 20 years. The bequest could surpass the school's previous record gift of \$25 million in 1993 by Homozel Mickel Daniel, President David Shi said.

Hollingsworth went to Furman for a year in the late 1930s before dropping out to run the family business. Although he never got his degree, he supported the school ever since.

The amount received by the Greenville YMCA could easily dwarf the agency's \$8.6 million annual budget, said President Gary Schlansker. Hollingsworth was "a very generous supporter" of the YMCA before he died and many of his employees participated in activities at the Golden Strip branch, Schlansker said.

Rasor, one of the estate's three executors, said there were no plans to sell John D. Hollingsworth on Wheels. The company employs about 450 people in Greenville and an additional 1,500 workers worldwide.

On the Net:
John D. Hollingsworth on Wheels: www.jdhow.com
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Man charged in first-degree murder of mail-order bride

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A 39-year-old man has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of his mail-order bride, who came from Central Asia to marry him.

An informant said Indle King Jr. of Mountlake Terrace admitted he used a necktie to strangle Anastasia King, placed her in a dog blanket, then buried her in a shallow grave, authorities said in court papers.

A body found near the Tulalip Indian Reservation was identified Saturday as that of the 20-year-old woman from the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan. The cause of death was still under investigation.

King was being held on \$500,000 bail. His lawyers, Cyrus R. Vance Jr. and Jeffery P. Robinson, insisted he is innocent.

"While it is natural for police to assume that the husband of a missing wife may be a suspect, in this case the facts will show that the assumption is incorrect," they said in a statement.

Police questioned the informant last week at the Snohomish County Jail because he was receiving numerous visits from King, authorities said. The informant formerly rented a room in King's home and is a registered sex offender facing a new indecent liberties charge.

The informant led police to Anastasia King's

grave, authorities said in court papers obtained by The Herald of Everett. He said King told him he removed Anastasia King's jewelry and clothing and cut off her long, blond ponytail in an attempt to conceal her identity.

Anastasia King was reported missing in September when she didn't return after a three-week visit to her parents in Kyrgyzstan.

Indle King told police he and his wife had argued in the airport in Moscow and she told him she planned to stay in Russia.

Investigators say both returned to the United States on the same flight and cleared Customs one minute apart.

He filed for divorce on Aug. 21. According to court documents, he claimed his wife was hiding from him to avoid being served with divorce papers and being deported.

Court documents say Anastasia King claimed she was the victim of domestic violence and had taken steps to obtain a divorce.

The young woman was Indle King's second mail-order bride.

Mountlake Terrace Police Cmdr. Stephen Foster said he had spoken to King's first mail-order bride. She is still in the country, but Foster wouldn't say where she lives.

"This is fairly traumatic to her," Foster said.

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SNOW

"If there's drifting in the alley, then we're not getting to it at all," he added.

Street crews continue to work two shifts with a "midnight crew" concentrating on clearing huge piles of snow from the downtown area while day crews are still blading snow from the city's side streets, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

"It's a pretty slow job," Eskridge said of the downtown snow removal, "but there's no other way to do it. We don't haul it far. We take it to the creek where the melt-off can drain easily."

The mounds create traffic sight hazards and poor drainage in the downtown area is also another reason for moving the snow.

"In my driving around I've noticed that when you come into an intersection a big pile of snow blocks your vision," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris. "People should use extreme caution right now. They need to be very careful."

The problem of water collecting on downtown streets was exacerbated today by a leak in water main at Foster and Somerville.

The city's public works director said he believed city workers repaired three water main breaks last week. At press time today, city employees were working on a broken water main at Foster and Somerville streets which was reported at approximately 1 a.m. today.

"As things are warming up and the snow is melting, we'll

probably be seeing more (water main breaks)," Richard Morris said.

Repairs and renovation are continuing on the North Crest water tower despite the heavy snow, he said.

Construction of the new landfill site has been slowed slightly by the weather, but should finish close to schedule, he added. He said initial excavation is expected to be completed by mid-January and the site ready for use by the

end of February.

"Rice Construction is doing a good job for us," Morris said.

"They only lost about one day for the snow. I think it's been slower because of the mud and the water, but they're working."

Asked about the city's overtime budget, Eskridge said, "We plan for something like this every year and there is some money automatically built in to the budget... but if we had two or three of these a year we'd be in trouble."

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Early fissures appear in new bipartisan spirit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only minutes after the closely divided 107th Congress convened, House Democrats were accusing Republicans of violating the spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation pledged by party leaders.

In the Senate, split 50-50 for the first time, the parties struggled over how to divide power and Democrats sought something close to equality in committee assignments.

At the same time, the House GOP leadership faced the formidable task Thursday of choosing among Republicans vying for a dozen committee chairmanships, including the Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction

over taxes, and the Budget Committee, which sets spending priorities.

In addition, GOP sources said the leaders had contacted the incoming Bush administration to discuss a possible job for New Jersey Rep. Marge Roukema, signaling that the veteran lawmaker probably would be passed over when chairmanships were assigned.

Several Republican officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one possibility that had been broached was to appoint her the U.S. treasurer.

John Feehery, a spokesman for Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., declined to comment on the issue.

There was no immediate response from Bush's transition office, and Roukema could not be reached for comment.

Roukema, a 20-year veteran of the House, is the senior Republican on the Banking Committee, and under the seniority system would be in line to chair the panel.

But the leadership signaled earlier in the week it had other ideas when it announced it was taking jurisdiction over the issues of securities and insurance away from the Commerce Committee and incorporating them into a newly constituted banking panel. Several sources predicted the leaders would pick Rep. Mike Oxley, R-

Ohio, as chairman of the banking panel rather than Roukema.

Oxley is a senior member of the Commerce Committee but currently does not hold a seat on Banking.

Appointing him to the banking panel chairmanship would pave the way for Rep. W.J. Tauzin of Louisiana, a Democrat-turned-Republican, to assume the chairmanship of the Commerce panel. Tauzin and Oxley had been vying for the Commerce Committee post.

As the gavels went down Wednesday in the two chambers on the two-year session, Republicans were relishing the first time in 45 years they will control the House, Senate and the White House, if by the narrowest of margins. Democrats celebrated the swearing-in of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., the first first lady to win a seat in Congress.

Hastert, after his election to a second term as the House leader, outlined an ambitious agenda, promising to work with new President Bush to overhaul Social Security and Medicare, provide prescription drug coverage for all seniors, enact tax relief and improve the nation's schools.

Hastert said it was time to put the "deep wounds" of the last election behind them "and work with all of our colleagues to get the people's work done."

"Let us resolve we will work with each other to do the people's business," echoed Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

But House Democrats already were expressing anger over what they said were arbitrary GOP decisions to revamp the Commerce and Banking committees and give

Republicans an unfair advantage on committees. Republicans have 221 seats to 211 Democratic seats, with two independents and one seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif.

"The majority is throwing away the good will that they are going to need to have a bipartisan Congress," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

A package of procedural mea-

sures including the overhaul of the banking committee passed 215-206, with only one Democrat, Rep. Jim Traficant of Ohio, voting in favor. Traficant, a longtime maverick who recently has often voted with Republicans, faces ostracism from the Democratic conference after he followed through on a promise to vote for Hastert, instead of Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, for the speakership.

U.S. intelligence says Russia put nukes back in Baltics

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia moved short-range nuclear weapons onto one of its military bases in the Baltics, senior Clinton administration officials said Wednesday.

The move would be in conflict with Moscow's stated policy of keeping the Baltics free of nuclear weapons, although it would not appear to violate any legally binding arms control agreement, U.S. officials said.

The Russian Navy, whose Baltic Fleet is headquartered at the base in Kaliningrad, denied the report, according to the Russian news agency Tass. It quoted Anatoly Lobsky, assistant to the fleet commander, as saying Russia is unconditionally fulfilling its pledge to keep the Baltics a nuclear-free zone.

Two senior U.S. officials with access to intelligence reports on the subject said there have been recent indications of movement of Russian nuclear weapons to Kaliningrad. They said some weapons may have been there a year or longer. Both officials agreed to discuss the matter only on condition they not be identified.

The officials would not discuss numbers or specific types of Russian weapons in Kaliningrad.

Kaliningrad is a Baltic Sea port located between Poland and Lithuania on a sliver of Russian territory not connected to the main part of Russia.

The movement of Russian nuclear weapons, first reported in Wednesday's Washington Times, may reflect Moscow's response to NATO's eastern expansion in 1999 when Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic joined the alliance.

The Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — which were part of the Soviet Union before its collapse in 1991 — want to be the next new members. Russia has said it could not tolerate NATO so close to its border.

Russia views NATO expansion as a potential military threat and has said it would undermine arms control.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said he could not comment on specifics of Russian nuclear weapons in Kaliningrad but expected the topic to be raised with Moscow.

"It's an issue that we want to take up, that we want to discuss with them," he said. "It's something that we follow carefully, and that's about as far as I go."

One administration official said the matter had already been discussed within NATO councils.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said he could not comment on the matter because it involves intelligence issues.

Boucher said Russian leaders had made unilateral pledges in the past to keep nuclear weapons out of the Baltics. Those promises stem from the period immediately after the collapse of the Soviet Union, when both Washington and Moscow took unilateral steps to reduce the number of tactical nuclear weapons outside their borders. That was partly a response to the end of the Cold War and partly a desire by both governments to reduce the chances of unauthorized transfers of nuclear weapons materials.

Moscow has long argued for the removal of all U.S. tactical, or short-range, nuclear weapons from Europe. The United States withdrew many missiles and other nuclear weapons from Europe in the 1980s and 1990s but maintains some nuclear bombs for aircraft based there.

Some administration officials believe Russia may have moved weapons to Kaliningrad in order to raise diplomatic pressure on the United States to withdraw its remaining nuclear weapons from Europe.

The Baltic states Wednesday expressed concern but said they didn't know enough to fully assess the potential threat.

"We don't know whether it's true or not," the office of Estonian Foreign Minister Toomas Iivess quoted the minister as saying. "But if it is true, it is regretful, because it decreases the stability of the region."

Texas 100 Stock Index

AUSTIN — The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 10.3 points, or 8.1 percent in November, to 116.8, according to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. Technology stocks suffered the biggest drop, but all sectors of the index saw declines, except entertainment and travel. In comparison, the Standard and Poor's 500 lost 8 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 5.1 percent.

The entertainment and travel sector rose 6.4 percent, with both restaurant and airline stocks gaining value. Tricon Restaurants (Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, KFC) saw the biggest gain (up 20 percent), after announcing plans to sell 300 company-owned restaurants to franchisees in 2001 and add 1,350 locations worldwide.

The greatest November losses occurred in the volatile high-tech sector, which fell 18.1 percent. Only defense contractors saw modest increases in their stock values. Computer and telecommunications companies took a beating, including Lucent Technologies Inc. (down 33.2 percent), Motorola Inc. (down 19.5 percent), Dell Computer Corp. (down 34.7 percent) and Compaq Computer Corp. (down 29.3 percent). Chip maker Texas Instruments Inc. also fell 23.9 percent. Worldwide retail sales of personal computers are down 12-15 percent compared to a year ago.

Stock values in the "other" (non-high tech) manufacturing sector fell 1/2 percent. Two companies have announced consolidation plans. PepsiCo Inc. is bidding to acquire Quaker Oats, which owns Gatorade in addition to Quaker cereals. Tyson Foods, which has more than 25 percent of the poultry market, is bidding for IBP (Iowa Beef), the nation's largest beef packer and second-largest hog processor.

The continuing high price of crude oil means higher profits for oil companies, however energy stock prices dipped 3.8 percent in November.

Retail stock prices fell 11.5 percent. Worst hit was Best Buy Co., which lost 48.7 percent of its value.

Finance and service company stock prices dropped by 4.4 percent. Bank stocks suffered after Bank of America (down 16.9 percent) disclosed \$1 billion in bad loans. Xerox Corp. stock fell 17.8 percent in November, bringing its total decline this year to more than 75 percent.

The monthly Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers whose stock is publicly traded. The index reflects the current value of \$1 invested in each of its component companies in December 1997. That investment would now be worth \$116.82.

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Daniel Field and Jeff Gee, Texas Parks and Wildlife Fisheries biologists, recently introduced 974 Rainbow Trout into the lake at Pampa's Recreation Park. The biologists hooked up a pump to the lake and exchanged the water in the trailer for lake water before releasing the fish, a procedure which took about 30 minutes and greatly reduced shock and stress on the fish. One hour after the release George Hayes managed to catch the season's first trout. Above: Hayes and John Dawes.

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Feds cut interest rate by one-half point in effort to head off recession

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve gave the ailing economy the bracing tonic of an interest rate cut, aiming to head off a far more serious sickness, recession. Analysts expect more of the same may be needed to keep the economy healthy.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, in an emergency conference call Wednesday to the interest rate-setting committee, prescribed a half-percentage point reduction to a key interest rate, the biggest cut in more than eight years. That pushed down the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 6 percent.

The half-point rate cut triggered similar reductions in some commercial banks' prime lending rates, from a nine-year high of 9.5 percent to 9 percent. The prime rate is the benchmark for millions of personal and business loans.

"The economy was suffering and the momentum was snowballing on the downside," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist for PNC Financial Services Group. "The medicine is being administered, so as we go through 2001 the economy's health should improve and we'll see stronger economic news in the spring and summer." Economists said the rate cut will take months to work its way through the economy and energize growth.

Analysts predicted Wednesday's action would be followed by further reductions as the Fed acts to ensure the current economic slowdown doesn't deteriorate into a recession.

Some believed an additional rate cut, probably of a quarter-point, could come at the Fed's regularly scheduled meeting Jan. 30-31, with another rate reduction at the March meeting.

The decision for the Fed to act Wednesday without waiting for its next regular interest-rate meeting, and the size of the cut at one-half point instead of a quarter-point, underscored the seriousness with which Greenspan and his colleagues viewed the threats facing the economy, analysts said.

"The Fed won't permit the U.S. economy to go down the tubes and will do whatever it takes to keep growth moving ahead," said Merrill Lynch's chief economist, Bruce Steinberg.

The rate cut is designed to lower borrowing costs, thus spurring business and consumer investment, which eventually should bolster economic growth.

The surprise rate reduction came against the backdrop of stock market volatility, lower consumer confidence and a report Tuesday showing that manufacturing activity fell in December to its lowest point since 1991, providing more evidence of a seriously weakening economy.

Wall Street investors were buoyed by the Fed's move, sending stocks soaring Wednesday and giving the Nasdaq its biggest one-day gain ever.

President-elect Bush also voiced approval, saying such "bold action" was needed to avert recession. Still, Bush said he'll continue to push for his \$1.3 trillion tax-cut proposal to help guard against an economic downturn.

Businesses executives welcomed the Fed action, too.

"The Fed has offered just the right medicine to make sure the manufacturing slowdown doesn't become a serious economic illness," said National Association of Manufacturers President Jerry Jasinowski, who has been urging the Fed to cut rates.

The half-point reduction was the largest since a similar move in July 1992. It also marked the first time the Fed changed rates between meetings since it cut rates by a quarter-point in October 1998 as the Asian currency crisis sent shock waves through worldwide financial markets.

The 1992 rate cut occurred as the central bank tried to spur growth in an economy struggling to emerge from the 1990-91 recession, the only downturn during Greenspan's tenure at the Fed.

Some analysts viewed the unexpected rate cut as an effort by Greenspan to avoid repeating the Fed's mistakes then.

"One of the lessons learned from the last recession is ... that the rate cuts should have been faster and in bigger doses," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Decision Economics in New York.

State regulators poised to life rate freeze for PG&E, SoCal Edison

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A proposed electric-rate hike aimed at bailing out two California utilities is facing heavy criticism, with consumers angry about picking up the tab and Wall Street skeptical that the move will accomplish its goal.

The state Public Utilities Commission on Thursday was expected to approve hikes of 9 percent for homes, and between 7 percent and 15 percent for businesses. The increases would affect about 10 million customers.

The proposed 90-day increases, unveiled Wednesday, are about one-third the amount sought by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. The utilities say they face financial ruin within weeks if they can't get more cash to buy the energy that's distributed to their customers.

The utilities have been struggling because they have been unable to recoup the money spent on wholesale electricity. They buy power for roughly 30 cents a kilowatt hour and, because of a rate freeze, they can only charge customers about a fifth that amount.

The result is that PG&E and SoCal Edison, which serve more than three-fourths of California's population, have lost more than \$9 billion since June. Wall Street has threatened to downgrade the two investor-owned utilities to junk-bond status unless they find an assured cash source.

The state's deregulated electricity grid, stressed for months by high demand, scant reserves and tight imports, has been pushed to the brink of widespread blackouts. The need for electricity has sent wholesale power prices dramatically upward.

David Bodek of Standard and Poor's, a New York credit-ratings service, says that the proposed increase still leaves the utilities unable to cover the high wholesale prices. He said the move "would suggest that the commission is not committed to preserving the utilities' financial viability nor the utilities' financial integrity."

Bob Glynn Jr., head of PG&E Corp., the utility's parent company, was equally pessimistic. "I've got a fourth-grade grandson that can do the math on this. If you're buying at 27 cents and selling at 7, you're going to run out of money," Glynn said.

PG&E had requested an immediate 26 percent rate hike and SoCal Edison had asked for 30 percent, but Gov. Gray Davis reportedly drew the line at 10 percent in private negotiations. Still, taxpayer groups were not happy with Davis' concessions.

"This is day one of the ratepayer revolt in California," said Harvey Rosenfield of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, which favors a ballot initiative in 2002 to reregulate the electrical industry.

Rosenfield's associate, Douglas

Heller, argued that the rate hike "will be the first in a series of rate increases."

The utilities said the proposed rate increase would do little to reduce their debt, but they said it would send a strong signal to Wall Street about their financial stability.

The utilities must maintain a good credit rating to borrow money to buy power. Otherwise, they might be forced to institute rolling blackouts.

Standard and Poor's was skeptical of rate hike's value, saying it would make only a small dent in the utilities' cash-flow problem.

Even if the rate increase remained in effect for a full year, not just 90 days, it would provide only \$274 million for PG&E and some \$234 million for SoCal Edison, the credit-ratings service said. The numbers were calculated on 1999 figures from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Suspended physician fires several shots at former colleague

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — An Arlington physician with a suspended medical license and a history of drug abuse is accused of ambushing a former colleague outside a Dallas area medical clinic.

Dr. Jaime Nivens escaped from a hail of bullets Wednesday morning by jumping into a passing garbage truck.

Dr. Leon Swift, a doctor and pharmacist, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder a short time after the 8:30 p.m. attack. Police said they anticipate filing an aggravated assault charge with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office.

Investigators were unable to immediately determine a motive.

But witnesses told police that Swift, 42, who has a history of erratic behavior, had threatened the doctor before.

The incident began when Nivens arrived at work at the northwest Grand Prairie clinic and was met by his former friend and business partner, police said. The assailant fired five to seven

shots from less than 10 feet and Nivens had powder burns from the gunfire, police said.

When the gun jammed, Swift struck Nivens with the gun, but Nivens fled on foot, leaping into the garbage truck's cab and pleading with the driver to "get me out of here," police said. The gunman pursued the truck in his car and used it to ram the truck, according to police reports.

Nivens, 42, was taken by ambulance to an Irving hospital where he was treated for facial bruises and lacerations and then released. He went to a hotel after a Tarrant County judge released his attacker from police custody.

Swift was released from jail on bail of \$10,000 Wednesday afternoon on a court motion that requires authorities to justify the detention and the bail amount of a suspect.

Wednesday's incident wasn't the first time Nivens was threatened, police said.

"But the suspect's psychologist assured them that he was no danger," Grand Prairie police spokesman John Brimmer said.

BRIEFS

Wall Street turns optimistic in wake of Federal Reserve interest rate cut

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street dramatically turned optimistic after the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut Wednesday, giving the battered Nasdaq composite index its best day ever. The rate cut, the first really good news the depressed market has had in months, sent the Nasdaq and the Dow Jones industrials soaring more than 300 points apiece. The half-percentage-point rate cut was larger than anticipated, and came four weeks before the Fed's scheduled meeting on Jan. 30.

Arafat consults fellow Arab leaders on U.S. peace plan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sought support from Arab governments Thursday after accepting U.S. proposals as a basis for peace talks with Israel despite deep reservations in the Arab world. Arafat first briefed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the results of his talks this week with President Clinton in Washington. Arafat then met Arab foreign ministers gathered at the Arab League in Cairo. Many in the Arab world have spoken out against a key concession in the U.S. proposals — surrendering the right of Palestinian refugees to return to homes in Israel. In return, the Palestinians would gain control of Muslim holy places in Jerusalem.

Second economic forum focuses on high tech

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President-elect Bush, closing out his economic summit, is sitting down with a powerful roster of high-tech industry leaders to listen to their concerns. One of their main worries: too much government interference. Bush's tax-cut proposal also figured to be on the agenda when the president-to-be and 15 New Economy executives gathered Thursday at the University of Texas for an extension of Bush's wide-ranging economic meeting a day earlier.

Philippines detains 17 men in connection with bombings

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine police and soldiers raided a Muslim neighborhood early Thursday and detained 17 men in connection with five weekend bombings that killed 22 people in Manila, officials and news reports said. Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado confirmed that several Muslim men were taken from Culiati, a Muslim community in northern metropolitan Manila. He gave no other details.

Pope's surgeon advises John Paul to go easy

ROME (AP) — In a rare public assessment of Pope John Paul II's health, the doctor who performed hip surgery on the pontiff has reportedly said he should slow down because of Parkinson's dis-

ease. The Vatican has never said publicly that the 80-year-old pope suffers from Parkinson's, although John Paul exhibits many of the classic symptoms of the progressive neurological disorder, including tremors and a shuffling gait. Italian newspapers on Wednesday quoted surgeon Gianfranco Fineschi, who operated after John Paul broke a thigh bone in a fall in his bathroom in 1994, as saying he would like to see the pope go easier.

Democracy leader says revote delays Serbian reform

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A partial repeat in voting for Serbia's new parliament set for next week will delay serious reforms in Yugoslavia's main republic, Zarko Korac of the Democratic Opposition of Serbia said Thursday. The Serbian Supreme Court called for the revote at 19 polling stations after the ultranationalist Serbian Radical Party — allies of former strongman Slobodan Milosevic — filed complaints of "minor irregularities" during the Dec. 23 elections. The repeat vote has been scheduled for Wednesday, meaning Serbia's first democratic, non-communist government in more than a half-century may not be formed until late January.

McCartney readies book of lyrics, poems

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney is compiling his lyrics and poetry for an upcoming book, according to publishers. Titled "Blackbird Singing," the book will be a "highly personal collection" including previously unpublished poems and elegies to his late wife, Linda McCartney, who died of breast cancer in 1998, British publisher Faber and Faber said on its Web site, <http://www.faber.co.uk/>. W.W. Norton & Co., which has American publishing rights, said in a Nov. 13 statement that the book would be released in April in coordination with National Poetry Month. It will be published in Britain in March.

Drilling Intentions

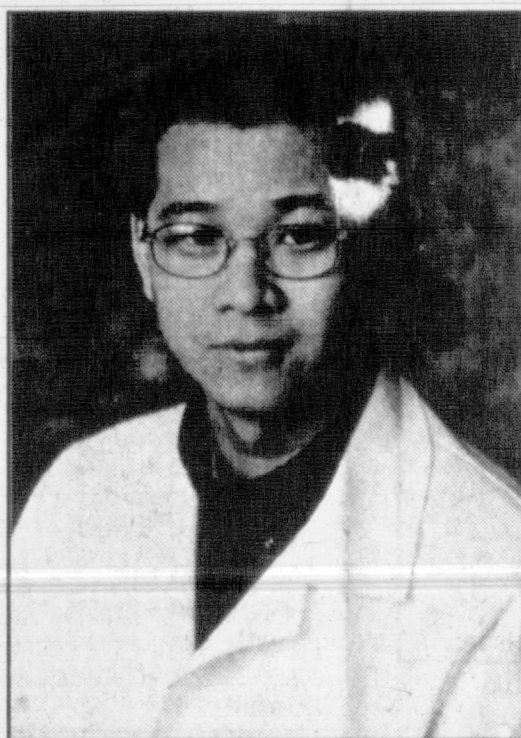
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Planning Helps Students Get Good Letter of Recommendation

DEAR ABBY: I must differ with something you stated in a recent column. For high school teachers and some counselors, being asked to write a letter of recommendation is not always a compliment. There are many students (and parents!) who think that teachers owe them a letter. Around college application time, teachers are flooded with requests. The result is that teachers write generic letters that often have little bearing on the true abilities of the students, simply because of the volume of letters requested.

Students are not always thoughtful in making their requests, so please allow me to offer a few suggestions that will guarantee worthwhile teacher recommendations:

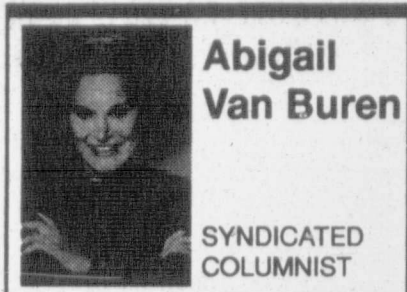
(1) Teachers are very busy. Don't leave your request for the last minute and expect it to be accommodated.

(2) Provide the teacher with all of the relevant information about your high school career, such as student activities, work experience, future plans for study and career, and why you're applying to a particular school.

(3) Provide a stamped, addressed envelope if the recommendation is to be mailed.

(4) Write a thank-you note to the teacher for taking valuable personal time to help you. This is good practice for job applications later on.

(5) Parents, this is your child's job, not yours. However, if a teacher has played a significant role in your



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child's life, a handwritten note from you is more precious than any "teacher-themed" trinket gift, and appropriate at any time of the year.

Most teachers want to see their students succeed. A little planning and good manners make all the difference.

A POPULAR TEACHER, MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR POPULAR TEACHER: Your suggestions are excellent. I hope that students will take note of them and do some advance planning before asking their teachers for letters of recommendation. That way everyone will be a winner.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife and I divorced several years ago. After a three-year court fight, I was awarded custody of our two daughters. In spite of this, my ex and I are on friendly terms. I have remarried and have a stepchild. My ex had a baby by a man who is now locked up for two years in a drug rehab

facility. She has just informed me that she's planning on moving in with another man and wanted me to know he is a registered sex offender. I looked it up on the Internet and learned he committed aggravated assault on a 10-year-old child.

Abby, I am concerned about sending my girls over to stay with their mother on weekends. I want to trust her judgment, but not at the risk of jeopardizing my children. I went to my mom for advice. All she could say was, "I know you will do the right thing."

I don't know what to do. I want my ex to be happy. Maybe this is the soul mate she's been looking for, but I can't help being concerned about my children's safety. What should I do?

A DAD IN A DILEMMA

DEAR DAD: Your ex-wife told you about her boyfriend's criminal record to give you the opportunity to call the shots — so do it. Since her taste in men is so poor, you must safeguard your daughters' welfare. Tell her for the children's safety, they will not be staying at her house.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 2001

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) ***** You have a tendency to go overboard. Unexpected events mark your friendships as well as your projects right now. Keep communication flowing with someone you respect enormously. This person knows how to help you make money. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your smile wins friends and draws others toward you. Note your tendency to indulge others and go overboard. You might not understand what another is doing, as his behavior might seem off the wall. Take information with a grain of salt. Tonight: You get what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Take a deep breath and think through unexpected developments. The more distance you gain, the better your perspective will be. You will tend to go overboard with others and enjoy every moment. Talks include personal feelings. Please don't hide out. Tonight: Take a deep breath.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Seek out friends and get together with others. Allow your gregarious spirit to come out with a partner. You might want to discuss some special

plans with a loved one during the next few days. Others express their feelings and are unusually verbal. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Stay in charge of your life. You could easily just let go and frolic. Of course, this might not be a bad thing if you have completed your must-dos for the day. A conversation with an associate sheds light on more efficient ways to approach your day-to-day life. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Make calls to someone at a distance. You might not be comfortable with what you are hearing — or, rather, not hearing. Don't stand on ceremony. Ask questions. Seek another out, and you'll get news, especially in the professional arena. Others admire you. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Discussions need to be quiet and calm, especially after recent events and talks. Relating on a one-on-one level gives you a new understanding. Nurture another, but give him freedom of expression. Express the same freedom for yourself. Tonight: Make nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Others take a strong stand. A partner comes through big-time. Thank this person for all he adds to your life. Communication flourishes, and you get to see another side of a loved one. The unexpected occurs from out of the blue, especially with family. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Get into a project or hobby. Listen to your inner sense about a finan-

cial matter. You see many inroads and possibilities that others don't. Another's optimism is contagious. Someone goes out of his way to help you feel comfortable — not that you need that help! Tonight: Clear your desk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Allow your imagination to rock and roll. You are quite lively and talkative. Exchange ideas with a loved one you usually find provocative. Together, you make the day far more enjoyable and a lot more rewarding. Splurge a little on a loved one. Tonight: A midwinter romp.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Sometimes others find you a bit austere. Right now, express your naturally gregarious personality and make yourself more approachable. You still stun others with unexpected actions. Don't hold back. Share what is on your mind. You make others comfortable that way. Tonight: Head home for a quiet night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Reach out for someone and ask more questions. What you're not sure of turns out to be A-OK. You might be overly sensitive or uptight. Think about your feelings. You could be making mountains out of molehills. Go out of your way for a friend. Tonight: With favorite people, at a favorite spot.

BORN TODAY
Actress Diane Keaton (1946), actor Robert Duvall (1931), musician Marilyn Manson (born Brian Warner, 1969)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Peruvian
 - 2 Grp. with peace-keeping troops
 - 5 Brother of Artemis
 - 11 Calendar boxes
 - 12 In-flight
 - 13 Engrave
 - 14 New York native
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 - 17 Hockey's Bobby
 - 18 Film trophy
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 - 26 Dove call
 - 27 By the way
 - 30 Dutch earthenware
 - 32 Sub system
 - 33 Swelled head
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 - 38 Diplomatic
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 - 42 Rough
 - 43 Leave out
 - 44 Donuts' cousins
 - 45 Deep cut
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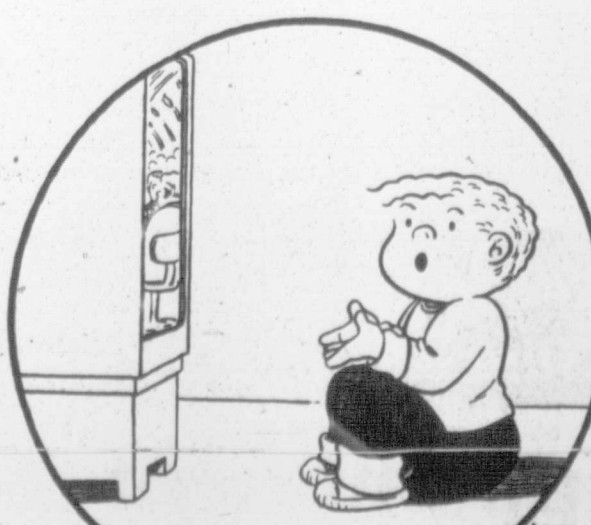
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"Get real! You've got to walk back up like the rest of us."

The Family Circus



"How will I know I'm a millionaire? I can only count to 12."

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Sooners shut down Seminoles, 13-2

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — James Silva scored 23 points as Pampa beat Caprock 54-44 in junior varsity boys basketball action Tuesday night.

Josh Pauda had 14 points to lead Caprock JV.

HEDLEY — Fort Elliott boosted its record to 18-1 Tuesday night with a 65-36 win over Hedley.

Nathan Hefley was top scorer for Fort Elliott with 16 points. Richard Rowe followed with 12 points.

Josh Collins led Hedley with 17.

Hedley won the girls game 59-48.

Lauren Hill had 17 points and Lora Lewellyn 16 for Hedley.

Leading Fort Elliott were Ashley Estes 11 points, and Kyleigh Trimble 10.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Dom Capers, defensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars, is scheduled to interview Thursday for the head coaching job with the expansion Houston Texans.

Capers, formerly the head coach of the Carolina Panthers, will be the first of several NFL assistant coaches to interview in Houston during the next six weeks, Texans general manager Charley Casserley said Wednesday.

Capers said he saw the visit as a chance to get to know what the Texans philosophy will be in terms of putting the organization together.

"I think this is probably just a get to know each other type of period," Capers told Houston television station KRIV. "I think it's an opportunity to get to know what kind of direction they are going to take."

Casserley and owner Bob McNair said the team has no intention of hiring a coach before next year. The Texans begin play in the fall of 2002.

Capers said he wasn't bothered by that delay.

Coaches scheduled to be interviewed include Denver offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak, former Atlanta offensive line coach Art Shell, Tampa Bay assistant head coach Herman Edwards, St. Louis receivers coach Al Saunders, Buffalo defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell, and Chicago defensive coordinator Greg Blache. Shell resigned from the Falcons on Wednesday.

Shell said he is excited about interviewing with the Texans.

"I think I bring instant credibility," Shell told KRIV. "I think I bring someone who knows how to get it done; someone who has done it before, knows how to win and get teams to championships."

MIAMI (AP) — There's nothing fluky about Oklahoma's national championship season.

After polishing off a perfect season with a 13-2 victory over No. 5 Florida State in Wednesday night's Orange Bowl, the Sooners merely added to their list of highly regarded victims.

In finishing as the only unbeaten team in the country, Oklahoma (13-0) also beat No. 8 Nebraska, No. 9 Kansas State twice and No. 12 Texas.

The Sooners won their first national title in 15 years and seventh overall in unanimous fashion, receiving all 71 first-place votes in the final Associated Press media poll.

"Our players recognize that the history of Oklahoma is winning championships," second-year Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "We already had six, now we have seven. We have a great history in the Orange Bowl."

In the final tally of the AP poll, the No. 1 votes from the sports writers and broadcasters gave the Sooners 1,775 points.

Miami (11-1), which had hopes of claiming the AP title if Florida State had beaten Oklahoma, finished No. 2.

MIAMI (AP) — Torrance Marshall and top-ranked Oklahoma made their statement real early.

"I tried to intimidate from the coin toss," the Sooners linebacker said. "I told Chris Weinke that he stole my boy's trophy."

By the end of the Orange Bowl, as Heisman runner-up Josh Heupel stood in the end zone and led the school band in the fight song, all the hardware belonged to Oklahoma.

Marshall earned the MVP award for leading a defense that denied No. 3 Florida State a share of its second straight national title, and the Sooners seized the top prize with a 13-2 win Wednesday night.

Oklahoma (13-0), 10 1/2-point underdogs against the Seminoles (11-2), also made the issue of a split title a moot point. They were a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll and were automatically crowned in the coaches' poll under the Bowl Championship Series format.

"Our players recognize that the history of Oklahoma is winning championships," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "We already had six, now we have seven."

Oklahoma won its first title since

Orange Bowl

1985, smothering a team that led the nation in total offense and averaged 42 points per game.

The Seminoles wound up at No. 5 — the first time since the 1987 season they finished out of the top four spots.

"When I look at it now, I think it should have been Miami and Oklahoma," Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said. "We didn't look like we belonged here."

Miami (11-1), which beat Florida a day earlier in the Sugar Bowl, had hoped a win by the Seminoles would give it the AP title.

Instead, Hurricanes coach Butch Davis watched the Sooners win the lowest-scoring Orange Bowl since Penn State beat Missouri 10-3 in 1970.

"Give Oklahoma credit," said Davis, whose team finished No. 2. "To finish 13-0 against a strong schedule and to perform the way they did this evening is highly commendable."

Only a bad snap over punter Jeff Ferguson's head in the final minute, which resulted in a safety, prevented Oklahoma from handing the Seminoles their first

shutout since 1988, a 31-0 loss in the season opener.

"I think we had confidence right from the get-go, right when we found out who we were going to play," co-defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. "We just did a variety of things."

As expected, the Seminoles came out throwing. And when Heisman winner Weinke hit Atraves Bell for a 35-yard completion on the first play of the game, Florida State fans started shouting, and the Seminoles' band began blaring the school's famous war chant.

It would be the last time all night they would be so loud.

By the time Oteji Jones picked off Weinke's pass in the end zone with 16 seconds left, it was all over and the Sooners' band had struck up several choruses of "Oklahoma."

Marshall wound up as the Orange Bowl MVP after making six tackles and coming up with an interception.

"Everybody doubted us all year, but this is a great group of football players here," he said.

Weinke finished 25-for-51 and threw two interceptions. Star running back Travis Minor was

reduced to 20 yards on 13 carries. "We couldn't seem to click or get on a roll," Weinke said.

The Seminoles were minus their top receiver, All-American Snoop Minnis, who was academically ineligible — he could only watch on the sidelines as his team sputtered.

"I was frustrated, Chris was frustrated. They did a good job frustrating all of us," Florida State offensive coordinator Mark Richt said.

Last month, Richt took the job as head coach at Georgia. He stayed on with the Seminoles through this game and admitted his attention was diverted.

"I'm sure that's going to be said," he said. "I did the best I could. I wouldn't recommend it to anybody. It's an awful lot to try to get accomplished for one person. I'm sorry that we just didn't finish on a strong note."

Heupel outplayed Weinke in the matchup of seniors, completing 25 of 39 passes for 214 yards and keeping the Seminoles off balance all evening.

"We don't care what the media or oddsmakers think," Heupel said. "We believe in ourselves." Tim Duncan kicked two field

goals and Quentin Griffin scored the clinching touchdown on a 10-yard run up the middle with 8:30 to play.

The Seminoles' best chance to score came midway through the second quarter. But as has often happened in their past, the kicking game failed.

Brett Cimorelli missed badly from 30 yards, kicking a knuckleball that sailed wide right — of course — and the Sooners held their 3-0 lead.

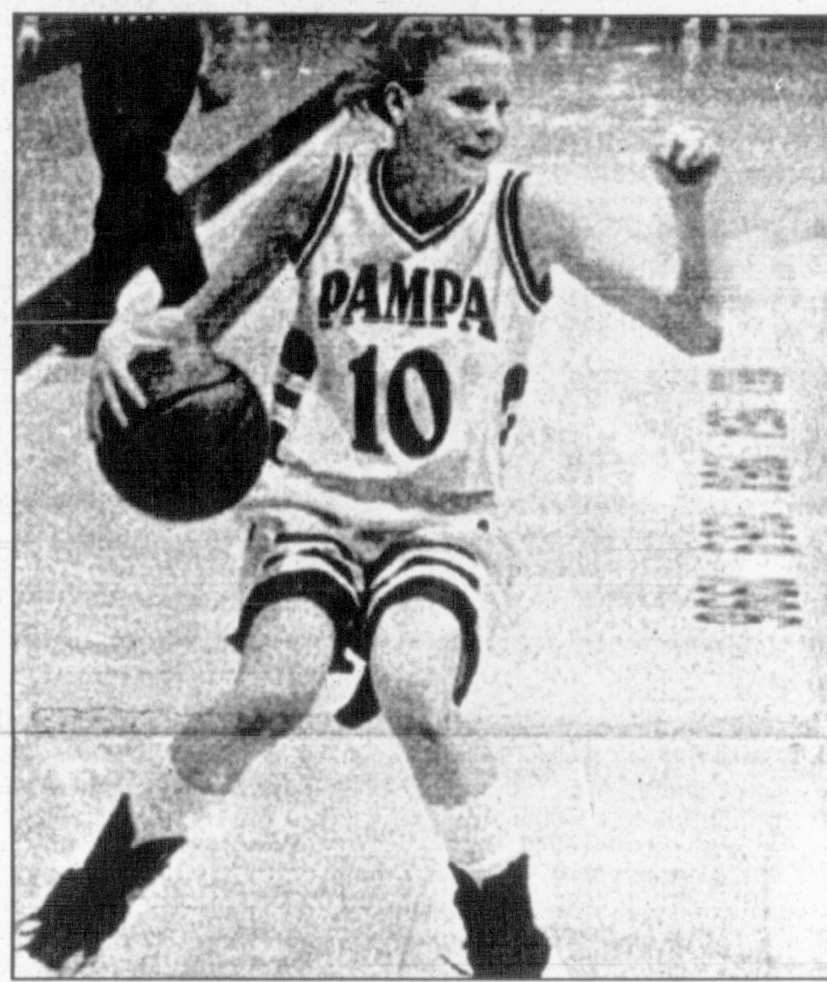
Oklahoma led 6-0 when All-American linebacker Rocky Calmus made a key play, forcing Weinke to fumble near the Seminoles 20 midway through the fourth quarter.

Roy Williams recovered for the Sooners, and they quickly scored a touchdown that made it 13-0.

"Great preparation, great game plan, great DBs," Calmus said. "We just had to get into our comfort zone and relax. We knew it would be a defensive game."

The Seminoles finished with 301 yards, far below their average of 549.

"We simply could get nothing going offensively," Bowden said. "They did a great job of confusing us defensively."



Chasity Nachtigall, a 5-8 senior, had 15 points in the Lady Harvesters' win over Caprock. (Special photo)

Donnie Nelson loses in 1st game replacing dad as Mavericks head coach

DALLAS (AP) — When the buzzer sounded on the Dallas Mavericks' loss to the Detroit Pistons, Donnie Nelson dropped his head and slumped his shoulders.

An emotionally wrenching game ended in a 107-104 defeat, and as disappointed as he was for himself, he was equally upset that he couldn't deliver a victory for his father.

Don Nelson watched Wednesday night's game on television in the coaches' locker room, then headed to Utah for prostate cancer surgery early Thursday. He had hoped to coach one final game before his leave of absence, but didn't feel up to it.

The medication he's been taking for a few days, combined with a two-day fast from solid foods, left Nelson weak, so his son's stint as interim coach began a game earlier than expected.

"Once the game went up, it was pretty natural," said the younger Nelson, an NBA assistant for 15 years. "Afterwards, it was hard. Coach did not react very well to some of his medication."

Nelson is expected to spend about a week at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City. He'll likely be gone from the team 6-to-8 weeks, missing up to 26 games.

"He didn't talk to us," center Shawn Bradley said. "We all knew he wasn't going to be here. He needs to get his mind right for what's coming up. We'll miss him, but we understand the situation. We'll be thinking of him."

Fans arriving for Wednesday night's game signed a "Get Well Nellie" banner, then saw it paraded around the court during

pregame introductions. A youngster waved a poster that read "Get Wellie Nellie."

Donnie Nelson was quiet at the start, watching most of the first quarter crouched near midcourt. He shouted simple commands such as "Go!" "Run!" and "Back!" as Dallas trailed by 15 midway through the second quarter.

He became more animated in the second half as the Mavericks rallied to lead by three, fell behind by 12 and tied the game in the final minute.

Then Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse hit three free throws in the final 26 seconds, and Dallas couldn't answer. Steve Nash missed two 3-pointers in the closing seconds that would've forced overtime.

Stackhouse finished with 33 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, prompting coach George Irvine to call this Stackhouse's best game of the season.

"We needed one like that," Stackhouse said. "We gave ourselves a chance all night long by doing the right things, especially in the late stretches. We did all the things that coach has talked about."

Joe Smith, heavily pursued by Dallas after his Minnesota contract was voided, added season highs of 28 points and 15 rebounds as the Pistons snapped a three-game losing streak.

Michael Finley led the Mavs with 35 points, and Dirk Nowitzki added 19 of his 25 in the second half, including two straight 3-pointers that tied it at 102.

During the comeback, Nelson bounced along the sidelines and could hardly contain his emotions.

Harvesters visit Canyon for District 3-4A action

PAMPA — Pampa travels to Canyon for a District 3-4A basketball twinbill Friday night.

Canyon boys have an experienced squad, but the Eagles have been up and down, much like Pampa this season. The Eagles were impressive in the Brownwood Tournament at the holiday break. They won three of four games, defeating Wichita Falls 59-54 for third place.

The Eagles, however, are off to a fast start in the district race. Canyon is 2-0 and Pampa 1-1 in the district standings.

The Eagles return one of the area's top guards in 6-3 junior Tate Lombard, who averaged 16 ppg a year ago. Lombard netted 19 in Canyon's 68-33 win over Dumas Tuesday night.

Burton Shepherd (5-10 senior) and Jay Roberts (6-2 junior) have been big point-

producers for the Eagles.

Pampa was without its tallest player, 6-4 senior Kirk George in Tuesday's loss to Caprock. George, who was averaging 4 points per game and was the team leader in blocked shots, is expected to be sidelined four to six weeks with a foot injury.

Gary Alexander (5-8 senior) continues to lead the Harvesters in scoring, averaging 20.5 points per game. Adam Rodgers (6-1 junior) is averaging 14 a game and Victor Brooks (6-3 senior) is averaging 10 a game.

Like Pampa, Canyon is looking to get back into the playoffs. Canyon was 3-7 and Pampa 2-8 a year ago in district play.

The Canyon girls are another matter, entirely. The Lady Eagles are the defending state champions and have lost only three games the past two years. Their only loss two years ago

was in the state finals.

The bad news for opponents is that the Lady Eagles may be just as good as last season. Canyon, a 57-32 winner over Dumas Tuesday night, is 4-0 in district play.

Canyon has one of the biggest girls in the area in 6-4 sophomore Kalee Carey.

"We're going to have to figure a way to stop their big girl. We'll have to keep our hands up and do some good lane blocking," said Pampa coach Mark Elms.

Mandi Moore (5-7 senior) and Chelsea Rapp (5-11 senior) can pour in the points.

Pampa has been led by 5-8 senior Chasity Nachtigall and 5-7 junior Jennifer Lindsey, who are averaging around 10 and 9 points per game, respectively.

Nachtigall tossed in 15 points in Pampa's 76-46 win over Dumas Tuesday night.

PSHOF to honor Quarles, Lopez

Pampa coaches Carolyn Quarles and Mike Lopez will be honored at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies next month in Amarillo.

Quarles will be recognized as the tennis coach of the year after leading the Lady Harvesters to the Class 4A girls regional tournament. It will be the second time Quarles has received coach of the

year honors.

Lopez, who retired after 31 years of coaching, will receive a special achievement award from the PSHOF. Lopez has spent the last 12 years as the Lady Harvesters head coach. His teams won 12 district titles and three regional championships.

Wheeler's Cecil Thomas has been selected as golf coach of the

year after his Mustangs won the Class 1A state title.

The ceremonies will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 4 in Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

The three latest PSHOF inductees are women's basketball coach Dean Weese, Wellington football star I.D. Russell and West Texas State basketball standout Troy Burrus.



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Teen virginity pledgers delay sex, according to researchers

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just saying no to sex works, at least for a while. A study found that teenagers who publicly pledged to remain virgins until marriage delayed having sex about 18 months longer than other teens.

Among those who formally promised to avoid unmarried sex, about 50 percent remained virgins until about age 20, said Peter S. Bearman, a Columbia University sociologist and co-author of a study in the American Journal of Sociology.

Among nonpledgers, he said, 50 percent were no longer virgins by age 17.

"The average delay among pledgers is 18 months," Bearman said in an interview Wednesday. "That is significant. And that is a pure pledge effect."

Bearman and his co-author, Hannah Brueckner, a sociologist at Yale University, analyzed the effect of virginity pledges on the behavior of teen-agers enrolled in the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, a federally funded survey of children in the seventh through 12th grades.

Data from the study suggested that by 1995 a church-led, voluntary effort had prompted about 2.5 million teen-age boys and girls to make spoken or written pledges to refrain from sex until marriage.

In their study, Bearman and Brueckner analyzed data from interviews of 20,000 teen-age virgins in 1994 and 1995. A follow-up survey in 1997 included 14,000 of those in the original study.

Bearman acknowledged that some of characteristics that would lead kids to make the abstinence pledge would have led them to avoid early sex anyway. But even when the researchers made statistical allowance for these factors, "there was an additional delay added by the pledge," he said.

"The more religious kids pledge, as do kids who are more oriented toward school," said Bearman. "Those are protective effects that would delay their entry into sex anyway. But the pledge effect is in addition to that."

The virginity pledges seemed to have the greatest effect on those who took the oath at age 16 to 17, while there was little effect found for those pledging at 18 or older. The effect of pledging earlier, at age 14 or 15, depended on the stud-

ents' social environments, the study found.

Ironically, Bearman said the more popular taking the pledge becomes in a school, the less effective it becomes. The maximum effect, he said, comes when about 30 percent of students in a school pledge. As the total reaches 40 and 50 percent, the pledge effect is eroded.

In effect, he said, as soon as the virginity pledge becomes too common "and something that everybody does," the persuasive, social impact is lost.

For the whole study group, Bearman cited a "significant" difference between the percentage of pledgers and nonpledgers who remained virgin through their teen years.

For instance: Among 15 year-olds, 82 percent of the nonpledgers were virgins, compared to 90 percent of the pledgers. At 16, 68 percent of nonpledgers had abstained, while 79 percent of the pledgers were still virgin.

At age 17, half the nonpledgers had initiated sex, while 65 percent of the pledgers were still virgin. At 18, 32 percent of nonpledgers were virgins, compared to 54 percent of the pledgers.

"This takes into account all the other characteris-

tics of the pledgers," said Bearman. "This is a pure pledge effect."

Bearman said he doesn't know how many of the teens actually fulfilled their pledge to refrain until marriage. That may become clear in a follow-up study planned next year.

J. Richard Udry of the University of North Carolina, director of the national study from which the virginity data was extracted, said the results surprised him.

"It doesn't seem like an intervention like that would have an effect on sexual behavior, and a rather big one," he said.

Another part of the study found that when pledgers break their promise and first engage in sex, they are more likely to do so without using a contraceptive. Bearman said this is not surprising, since it would be illogical for a student both to pledge abstinence and to carry a contraceptive.

On the Net: Study summary: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/new/releases/adolescent.html>
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Federal regulators to approve Texas plan to cut smog, North Texas cities targeted

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Lower highway speed limits and stricter smog tests for most vehicles are part of a tough air pollution plan for North Texas cities which fall short of federal environmental standards.

The measures — part of a wider package of rules the board of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission hopes will clean the air over Dallas, Fort Worth and other cities by 2007 — are scheduled to be approved Thursday by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency.

The state's environmental agency last month approved a similar plan for speed limit cuts around Houston, which has been listed as the nation's smoggiest city.

The North Texas plan, which also imposes restrictions on some businesses and consumers, is being challenged in court. Even so, environmentalists say it will barely bring the region into compliance with federal law.

Before final EPA adoption, the plan still faces a last round of public comment

after approval and publishing in the Federal Register.

Highway speed limits would be lowered by 5 mph and use of heavy diesel equipment banned on summer mornings in what health experts say could reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides, which contribute to formation of ozone.

Ozone can harm children, those with asthma and emphysema and older people with breathing problems as well as aggravating chronic lung and heart disease, the experts say.

"This is a big step and it will help people with lung disease, but it's not a solution," Tessie Holloway, American Lung Association regional executive director, said. "We still have a long way to go and must find ways to further reduce pollution."

Last summer, air pollution in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex equaled or topped the federal health limit for ozone — 125 parts per billion — five times. In 1999, the region's air violated the ozone limit 10 times and for 20 years, the low-

est annual number of ozone violations has been four.

No more than three ozone violations are allowed by the federal Clean Air Act over any three-year period.

Even so, a trade group representing engine manufacturers, some landfill operators and some cement kilns have sued to challenge the plan. An Austin lawsuit is also pending by the Air Transport Association because Delta Airlines has not agreed to use less-polluting ground service equipment.



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THE Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is in the process of electing a minority representative to fill a position on its Board of Directors. The meeting is to be held on Thursday, January 11, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Childress City Hall, Childress, Texas. All minority citizens Childress, Collinsworth, Doney, Gray, Hall and Wheeler Counties are invited to attend this meeting. Information regarding this election may be obtained from Rebecca Rusk at PRPC, (806)382-3381, H-12 Jan. 4, 2001

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