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LOCAL

Lefors school board to meet on Thursday

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting at the LHS Library at 209 Fifth St. at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Items listed on the agenda for consideration include updating substitute teacher list, personnel, principal's report, superintendent's report and finance. Current billings, cash position of district and tax collection report, will also be reviewed. The board will also recognize the Girls Cross Country Team and Rachael Stubbs.

STATE

Board fires teacher

GALVESTON (AP) — A teacher in the Friendswood school district has been fired after being accused of firing a gun inside her classroom then blaming the shooting on someone else.

DEATHS

Pauline White Hogue, 82, homemaker.
Julia James, 94, services pending.
Robert Lee Ponder, 37, oil field driller.

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Roberts County Commissioners to study impact

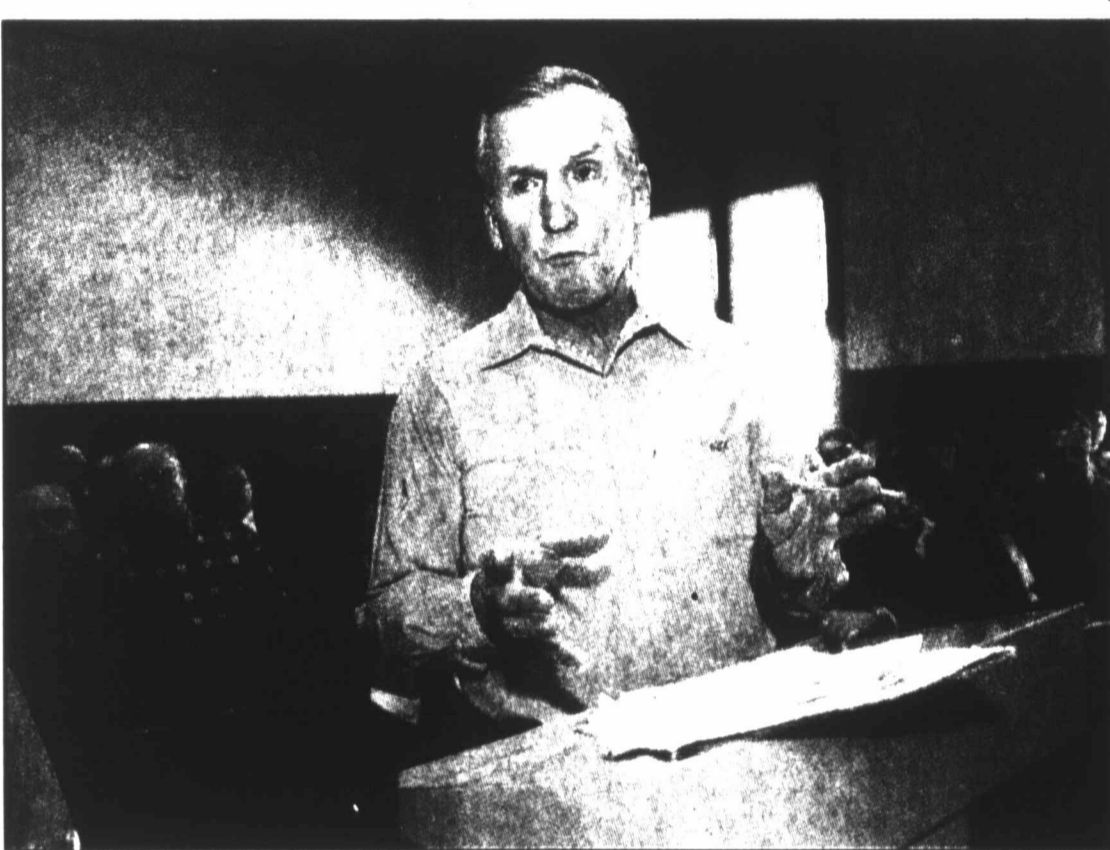
By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

MIAMI — William Clark, Ken Gill, Kelly Flowers, Jim Duvall and Vernon Cook put T. Boone Pickens on hold this week.

The Roberts County Commission voted unanimously Tuesday afternoon to delay any decision on a petition to create the Roberts County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1.

Petitioned by Roberts County landowners Susie Reynolds, Katy Wilde and Becky Epps, the county commission held a public hearing Tuesday afternoon in the Roberts County courthouse on a request for a new water supply district.

Pampa attorney David Holt, representing the petitioners, said all three lived within the boundary of the proposed district. Other individuals who own land that is included within the proposed district are Bill Tolbert, Carl and Pat Kennedy, Bobby



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Former Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy tells the Roberts County Commission during Thursday's hearing why they should approve the formation of a fresh water supply district. Kennedy is one of the landowners wanting to sell water from beneath his property down state.

Jacobs of Pampa was at the hearing to represent the Albert Reynolds estate. Pickens also owns a major portion of the land within the district, but he was not present.

Mesa Water Inc., established by Pickens almost three years ago, the ability to sell tax exempt bonds in order to finance a pipeline that could deliver ground water from Roberts County to major

urban areas down state. It would also give them the power of eminent domain in obtaining rights-of-way for such a pipeline.

While the district would have the power by law to levy

taxes, it could only tax those inside its boundaries, which at this point includes only landowners wishing to sell their water. Pickens said in a statement earlier this month that there were no plans to tax the landowners in the district.

"It is my understanding that you can't tax anyone except the people within that district," Katy Wilde told the commissioner. "If I choose to be dumb enough to tax myself, then I ought to be able to pay those taxes." *

Wilde and former Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy both told the Roberts County Commission that they had once opposed selling panhandle water to other areas, but since the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the City of Amarillo had bought water rights in Roberts County, they felt they had no choice but to band together in an effort to sell their water in order to realize some economic gain from it before it was pumped out from beneath their ranches by CRMWA or Amarillo.

The Roberts County Commission heard comments from 15 people from Pampa, Perryton, Miami and Amarillo as sheriff's deputies discreetly (See **WATER**, Page 5)

Rep. Chisum files nine bills for next legislative session

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

The 78th Texas Legislature doesn't officially go into session for two months, but members of the legislature filed 249 bills Tuesday to be considered by the lawmakers in the 2003 legislative session.

Nine bills were filed by Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa on the first day of filing. Two of his bills relate to correcting the intention of a bill filed in the 77th Legislative session — the taxation of travel trailers.

Chisum is proposing voters vote on a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxation.

When local taxing entities discovered the new tax on travel trailers earlier this year, Chisum said that was not the intent of the legislation passed during the 77th legislature and could only be corrected by lawmakers during the next legislative session.

He also filed another a bill relating to the recognition of a same-sex marriage or civil union. Chisum has filed a similar bill in three previous sessions which would prevent Texas from recognizing same-sex marriages or unions that may be performed in other states.

Other bills Chisum filed on the first day

relate to the applicability of certain requirements regarding security devices on leased dwellings, confinement of defendants convicted of state jail felonies, venue in the prosecution of the offenses of escape and unauthorized absence, grants made by the Texas Council on Environmental Technology, duties of and the renaming of the small business stationary source assistance program as the Small Business Compliance Assistance Program, and an official memorial to the late Robert O. "Bob" Schnell, a longtime Borger banker.

Texas legislators will also consider enacting legislation proposed by Sen. Jeff Wentworth to allow a minute of silence every day in public schools for prayer or meditation.

Bills with measures to solve Texas' insurance crisis were also proposed by several legislators. Reining in the rising rates and reduced coverage for homeowners' insurance, including reregulating markets, are included in the bills to be considered regarding the insurance situation in the state.

Other proposed legislation includes banning the execution of capital murder defendants who committed their crime before they turned 18, creating zero-interest loans for top-performing college students and capping damage awards in medical malpractice lawsuits.

(See **BILLS**, Page 5)

Judge: Retry or free confessed killer of White Deer woman

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge has ordered that a man sentenced in the 1969 deaths of two University of Texas students be granted a new trial by Nov. 21 or be set free.

Clyde Durbin Jr., now 55, was convicted in Travis County in the death of 21-year-old John Albert White, one of two picnicking students he stumbled upon. He then accepted a plea deal with prosecutors in Burnet County, where Keitha Morris, 19, a White Deer woman attending the University of Texas, was found drowned in Inks Lake.

Durbin's guilt isn't questioned. He confessed to beating and killing the couple, telling police he pulled out a pistol and demanded money. He said he was struggling with White when the gun went off. He said he took Morris to Burnet County, where she was bound, choked and drowned.

In return for prosecutors not seeking the death penalty, Durbin agreed to a life sentence. As part of the deal, Durbin agreed not to appeal either case and prosecutors agreed not to protest when he became eligible for parole.

The agreement that officials wouldn't protest was not put into writing. Travis County officials who said they weren't aware of the agreement filed protests in the 1970s and 1980s. They subsequently agreed to withdraw the protests, but Durbin's parole was denied.

Durbin then filed appeals asking for his freedom because, among other issues, prosecutors had breached their deal.

(See **KILLER**, Page 5)

Taped voice is likely bin Laden, U.S. official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. counterterrorism officials believe a new audiotape attributed to Osama bin Laden is probably authentic and are treating it as new evidence the long-absent terrorist leader is still alive, a U.S. official familiar with the tape said Wednesday.

"It's probably his voice," said the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "It cannot be said with absolute certainty."

At the White House, President Bush told congressional leaders Wednesday the new audiotaped statement was "timely," suggesting that bin Laden is alive, House Speaker Dennis Hastert

told reporters.

Bush told the Democratic and Republican leaders of the House and Senate that the initial analysis was not definitive, Hastert said. A senior White House official said Bush had been told by advisers that the voice sounded like bin Laden, but that studies were still under way Wednesday to determine its authenticity.

"If they are authentic, certainly he has to be alive. But they're checking whether it's authentic or not," the Illinois Republican said.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that if bin Laden is alive, "we know he's on the run, we

know we've disrupted his terrorist network." Analysis of the tape is "ongoing," McClellan said.

"Any time we hear a tape like this, no matter who it is, where someone threatens America, threatens our friends and allies and the world, we take it seriously," McClellan said. "That is why we have a global coalition of some 90 countries waging war on terrorism."

He added: "The war on terrorism has always been about more than one person. There are thousands of trained killers in some 60 countries around the world."

A senior defense official said

Wednesday analysts informed the Pentagon that a study of the tape indicates it is bin Laden's voice.

Technical analysis thus far by the CIA and National Security Agency shows bin Laden likely recording the tape, but officials said the full analysis to match bin Laden's voice to previous recordings of him continues.

"Assuming it is in fact authentic, it is an effort to boost morale among the rank and file," the official said. "It is an effort to show members of al-Qaida that top leadership is still around. It could also signal future attacks."

In the audiotape, aired Tuesday on (See **VOICE**, Page 5)

How Did Francis Street Get Its Name?

Information Was Obtained From "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241
 It Was Named For George Tyng's Youngest Son

OBITUARIES

JULIA JAMES

TULSA, Okla. — Julia James, 94, formerly of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002. Services are pending under the direction of

Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. www.carmichael-whitley.com

PAULINE WHITE HOGUE
1920-2002

WHITE DEER — Pauline White Hogue, 82, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Wheeler. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in White Deer Cemetery with the Rev. John Collis, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hogue, a White Deer resident since 1956, was born June 17, 1920, at Concordia, Kan. She married Shirley White. He died July 29, 1972, and she married Ruben W. Hogue on May 2, 1977, at Clovis, N.M.; he too preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2001.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of White Deer.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Lelia Matthews; a son, Lawrence White; and a grandson, Robert Wayne White.

Survivors include three sons, Courtney White of Sugarland, Ronald White of Leominster, Mass., and Kenneth White of Ladonia; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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ROBERT LEE PONDER
1965-2002

PERRYTON — Robert Lee Ponder, 37, son of Pampa residents, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002. Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday in Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Michael Waterbury officiating. Cremation and other arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Ponder was born April 14, 1965, at Borger. He moved to the Perryton area in 1980 and was a driller in the oil field. He belonged to Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include two sons, Mathew Lee Ponder and Shawn Anthony Ponder, both of Perryton; his parents, Charles Ralph "Willie" and Freeda Ponder of Pampa; and two brothers, Albert Ponder of Pampa and Joe Ponder of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 2405 Utica Lane, Perryton, TX 79070.

SERVICES TOMORROW

HOGUE, Pauline White — Graveside services, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 60s, and south-west winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s and south winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the west. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds. Friday, cloudy. Chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain

30 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

STATEWIDE

Texans in many parts of the state will enjoy more sunny skies and moderate temperatures on Thursday.

North Texas is expected to see lows in the 40s and clear to partly cloudy skies Wednesday night, while Thursday will bring highs in the lower 60s to lower 70s and partly to mostly sunny skies.

The Texas Panhandle will be partly cloudy and breezy Wednesday night with lows from 32 to 40. On Thursday, skies will stay partly cloudy and highs will range from 50 to 58.

Skies will be mostly clear in far West Texas,

where lows will range from 40 to 45 at night. Thursday will bring mostly sunny skies and highs near 70.

In the Texas Hill Country and south-central Texas, skies will be clear Wednesday night and lows will range from the lower 40s north to near 50 in the southwest. On Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy and highs will be in the 70s.

Deep South Texas will be clear with lows from 49 to the west to 62 at the coast Wednesday night. Skies on Thursday will be mostly sunny to the west and partly cloudy to the east. Highs will range from 78 to 82.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Nov. 8

Forgery was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Monday, Nov. 11

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Darby.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Cloteal Pamela McGee, 37, 1209 N. Duncan, was arrested for engaged in organized crime — forgery.

Teresa Helen Gallagher, 48, 336 Anne, was arrested for engaged in organized crime — forgery.

Dee Ann Music, 30, 500 N. Perry, was arrested for engaged in organized crime — forgery, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Forgery was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Dogwood. A pickup window valued at \$200 was broken out.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of East Francis.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart. A cordless phone and \$161 in cash was reported taken. According to the police report, there was no forced entry.

A VCR, play station, three discs and some games were reported taken in a burglary of a habitation in the 1700 block of West Kentucky. Estimate of loss was \$530.

Destruction of property was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart when a car was egged.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Nov. 12

9:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100

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

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Occidental	27.37 +0.30
Fidelity Magell	NA
Puritan	NA

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

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Coca Cola	44.90 +0.59		

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents.

Monday, Nov. 11

A 1967 Chevy Nova was reported damaged while parked in a private parking lot located in the 2200 block of North Hobart at 9:30 p.m. Saturday. According to the police report, the vehicle which was owned by Jeremy Mitchell, Route 1, Box 81, was legally parked when struck by a hit-and-run driver.

A 2001 Ford Escort driven by Daniel Vincent Casey, 46, 1006 N. Wells, was southbound on Hobart when it collided with a 1965 Ford Galaxy 500 driven by Zachary Parker Cain, 16, 601 Jupiter, at 9:34 p.m. The Galaxy was eastbound on Rham. Cain was cited for failure to yield right-of-way at a stop sign.

Feds investigate racial harassment claim at school

DALLAS (AP) — Complaints that black students at Frisco High School have been racially harassed in incidents involving racial slurs, death threats, and assaults are being investigated by the federal education department's Office for Civil Rights.

Federal officials are also evaluating how the school district has handled allegations of derogatory remarks and threats.

"The complaint has a lot of issues," said Rodger Murphey, a spokesman for the civil rights division in Washington D.C. "The district is working with us, and they're as interested in getting to the facts as we are."

The complaint was filed by one parent, but it echoes concerns of several black parents who say

their children have been exposed to racial slurs, death threats scrawled on school property and assaults with fists, and in one instance, a gun.

Citing the legal nature of the investigation, school and federal officials declined to discuss specific allegations.

"We've done everything to meet whatever incident has happened on campus," Superintendent Rick Reedy said in Wednesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "We've handled every situation in an appropriate way."

Pete Campbell, whose twin sons attend Frisco High School in the Dallas suburb of about 50,000 people, said he filed the civil rights complaint because the school district has failed to address racial incidents at the school.

Fort Worth PD makes changes after sexual misconduct lawsuits

FORT WORTH (AP) — Haltom City's police department has been hit by another round of sexual misconduct lawsuits that accuse current and former department employees of rape, sexual abuse and harassment.

The federal civil rights lawsuits filed Tuesday allege the harassment occurred between June 2000 and March 2001. A former jailer who was convicted of a count related to sexual misconduct faces three more charges.

Tuesday's lawsuits are the latest in a barrage of accusations involving the jail, which is being investigated by the Texas Rangers and other authorities.

City Manager Richard Torres said the police department has been devastated by the allegations.

"It's not fair, really, when the poor judgment of one or potentially a couple of employees reflects so poorly on the whole department. ... Our department has a lot of very qualified professionals that do a wonderful job and are true public servants," he said. "I think it's unfortunate these individuals still with us have to deal with the criticisms."

A lawsuit filed in late October alleged that an organized ring of police officers and jailers arrested women for minor traffic offenses, then sexually victimized them in jail. An earlier federal civil rights lawsuit filed in August by inmates claimed they were videotaped in the showers and

bathrooms from June 2000 to March 2001.

In response to the allegations, Haltom City has installed more video cameras in its jail, changed female inmates' uniforms and made other improvements, changes Torres said he ordered in early October.

"It's not necessarily because we have a problem, but to put ourselves in some proactive mode," Torres said in Wednesday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Jim Skinner, an attorney for the women who filed Tuesday's lawsuits, said the changes aren't enough.

"We are encouraged by the such positive changes by the Haltom City administration as it provides for less chance of exploitation of inmates, better checks and balances against

misconduct and tools that allow for better investigation of any misconduct that may occur," Skinner said.

But he said the city should also implement more careful screening of employees, aggressively and thoroughly investigate complaints and add female correctional officers.

Councilman Phil Jennings said four cameras were added. The number of cameras already in the jail was not available. Cameras were also repositioned to increase the coverage area. Video recordings are now kept for 90 days, instead of 30 days, to allow officials to investigate complaints not filed immediately, officials said.

Female inmates now wear two-piece uniforms instead of one-piece jumpsuits for more privacy.

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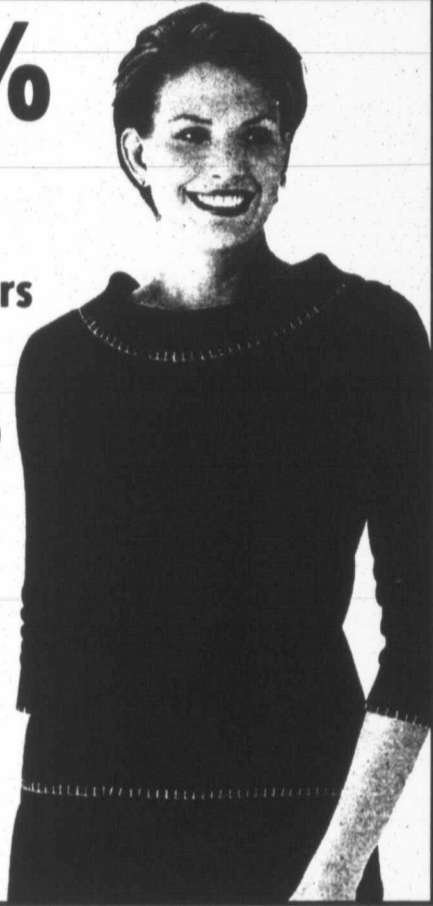
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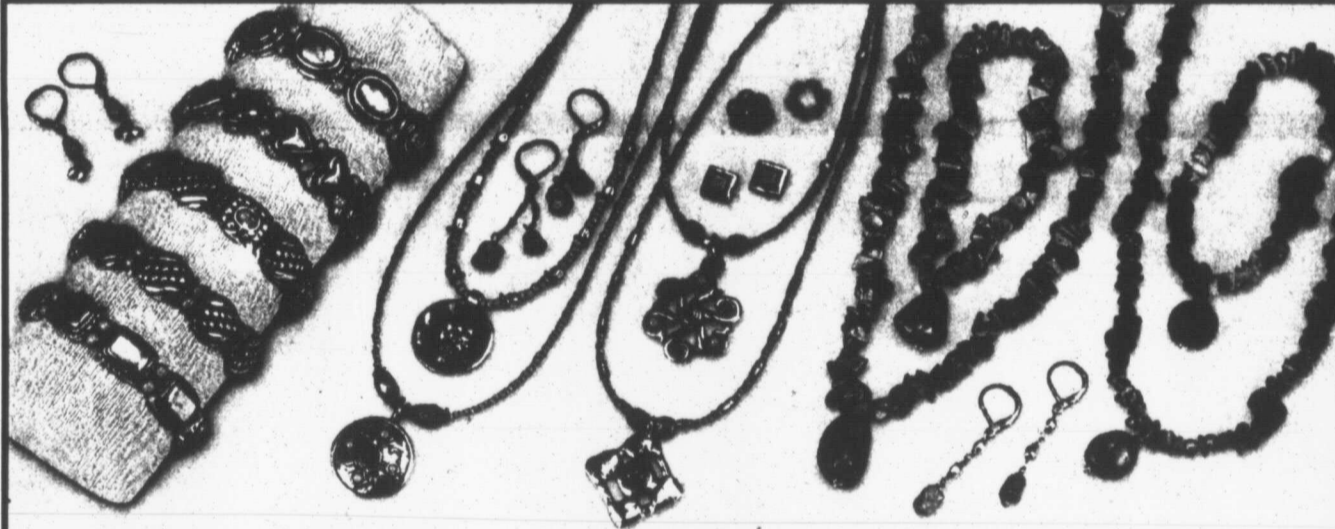
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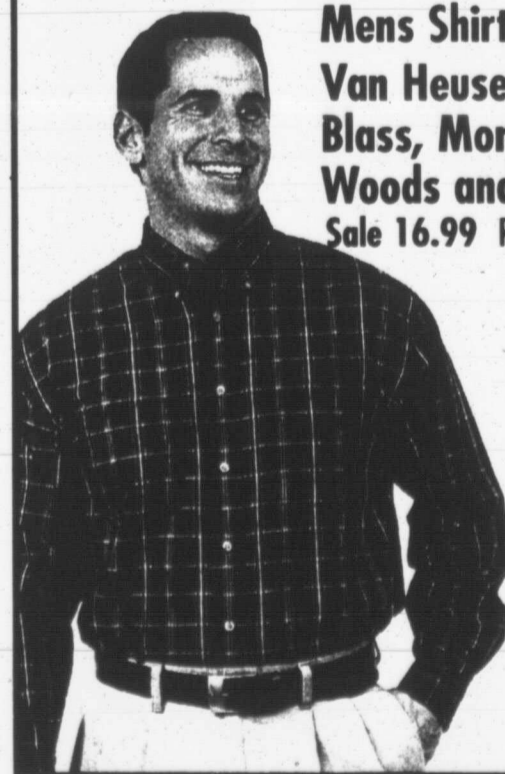
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KILLER

Durbin has finished the sentence in White's death with credit for good behavior and time served, leaving the life sentence in Morris' death.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks gave Durbin the right in October to withdraw his plea, which meant the state would have to retry him or let him go.

The judge denied a request from the state to delay that order. He rejected state arguments that his decision will be reversed and that more time in prison will not hurt Durbin.

"Further imprisonment for an unconstitutional conviction is a substantial injury," Sparks wrote in Tuesday's order, "and the fact that Durbin has already been in prison for over 30 years hurts, instead of helps, the (state's) argument."

District Attorney Sam Oatman, who was not in office in Burnet County at the time of the deaths but remembers the case because of its brutality, said he had not seen Tuesday's order.

"I don't know how to proceed other than to get the file out and see what evidence is there and what's available," Oatman said in a story in Wednesday's Austin American-Statesman. "We have a thick file with a lot of information. ... Before I throw in the towel, I want to give full consideration to make every effort to try to make the case."

Sparks has been critical of the case, saying that no one had attempted to record the plea deal terms, that prosecutors "committed clear breaches" of the agreement and that the Court of Criminal Appeals justices "issued its traditional denial without any explanation whatsoever for its decisions."

The state is appealing Sparks' decision. Defense attorney David L. Botsford said he expects Durbin to be returned to Burnet County to face murder charges for Morris' death.

"When Mr. Durbin and I get to Burnet County, we will address the situation with the district attorney," Botsford said, adding that he hoped the case would be resolved in "an amicable manner."

Winners earn crowns at annual M.G. Productions Dance Camp

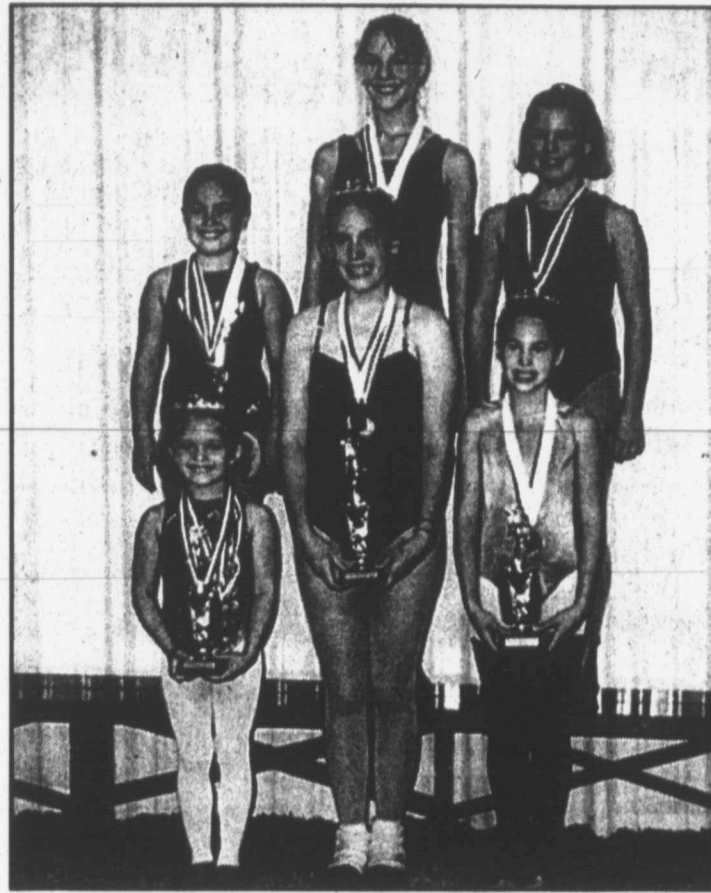
Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently hosted its annual M.G. Productions Dance Camp. Guest instructors were Brandy Chase and Jesus Pacheco.

During the camp, M.G. Productions Mini Miss Dance, Petite Miss, and Junior Miss were crowned and former winners recognized.

This year's Mini Miss Dance is Abbey Rios, Petite Miss Dance is Kimberly Curtis, and Junior Miss Dance is Lauren Denney. Former winners are Danielle Zuniga, Allison Cooper, and Heather Wiley.

Brandy Chase is a former student of Madeline Graves. She holds a degree in dance from Oklahoma Christian University and currently resides in Tulsa, Okla., where she operates her own dance studio.

Pacheco holds a degree from West Texas A&M University and plans to audition in New York after the holidays.



(Courtesy photo)

Winners of the M.G. Productions Camp were (front row, left-right) Abbey Rios, Mini Miss Dance, Lauren Denney, Junior Miss Dance, and Kimberly Curtis, Petite Miss Dance. Past winners were (back row, l-r) Danielle Zuniga, Heather Wiley, and Allison Cooper.

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WATER

hovered outside the court room.

"I didn't know what to expect today," Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook said after the hearing.

Despite the heated opinions that surround the issue of selling water from rural Roberts County to large metropolitan areas down state, the hearing was civil and centered mostly on questions of fact rather than emotion.

On advice of counsel, the commission tabled action on the petition until a takings impact assessment could be made concerning the establishment of the new water district.

The Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act requires governmental entities to do a takings impact assessment before any governmental action is taken that might affect property rights, Bob Bass, an attorney with the Austin law firm of Allison-Bass, told the commission.

"This is an odd vehicle," Bass admitted.

Ordinarily, the water district would do such an assessment, he said, but since they haven't been created, he suggested that it was up to the county commission to do it.

"It's a due diligence measure," Bass said.

Mesa spokesman Bobby Stillwell, a retired lawyer from Houston who said he began working for Pickens a year ago, said he disagreed.

"It doesn't seem to me that law is applicable to this situation," Stillwell said.

He added, however, that Mesa would support the decision of the commission.

Judge Cook said he thought the details of making an impact assessment would be worked out by the next county commissioners meeting scheduled for Dec. 9.

"We'll sit down and get some plans together and see how to proceed," the county judge said.

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VOICE

Al-Jazeera, an Arabic television network, the speaker refers to recent terrorist strikes U.S. officials believe are connected to bin Laden's al-Qaida network. If verified, it would provide the first evidence in a year that bin Laden survived U.S. bombing in Afghanistan.

"I think there's a message here," Sen. Richard Shelby said on CBS' "The Early Show." The Alabama Republican said, "The message is, we better be looking closely now for more terrorist attacks."

The audiotape was played alongside an old photograph of the al-Qaida leader, but there was no new video of him. Al-Jazeera said it received the tape on the day it was broadcast.

Officials believe bin Laden would release an audio recording, instead of a

video, because they are easier to make and limit his public exposure, the U.S. official said. An audio tape also hides an appearance of illness, and anything bin Laden might have done to disguise himself in the last year.

Military officials, who have led the yearlong hunt for the al-Qaida chief in Afghanistan and elsewhere, said they view the tape as the first independent proof in nearly a year that bin Laden is alive.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld has said repeatedly over recent months that there was no conclusive proof that bin Laden was dead, as well as no conclusive proof he was alive.

"This indicates he is alive," one official said Wednesday.

The speaker on the tape also threatened new terrorism against the United States and

its allies, and he castigated U.S. policy toward Iraq.

Confirmation that bin Laden is alive could pose problems for Bush, underscoring to an anxious public that the war on terrorism is far from over.

The tape is addressed to "peoples of the countries allied with the tyrannical U.S. government" and specifically mentions Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany, Australia and Israel, according to a U.S. government translation provided to The Associated Press.

"What business do your governments have to ally themselves with the gang of criminality in the White House against Muslims? Don't your governments know that the White House gang is the biggest serial killers in this age?" the speaker says.

Recent statements from al-

Qaida leaders have led U.S. and European leaders to warn of possible new attacks, particularly against railroads and oil and gas interests. A law enforcement official said Tuesday that "chatter" among suspected terrorists has reached the level seen before the Sept. 11 attacks.

The tape seems to have been made in the past two weeks. The speaker appears to refer to the killing of a U.S. diplomat in Amman, Jordan, on Oct. 28, the most recent event noted in the transcript. Whether bin Laden or al-Qaida had a direct hand in the attack is unknown, U.S. officials said.

The speaker also praises six terrorist attacks by suspected Islamic militants between April and October, including the bombing of a nightclub in Bali, Indonesia, on Oct. 12, that killed nearly 200 people, and the Chechen takeover of a theater in

Moscow in late October.

The voice also gets personal, attacking not only Bush, but calling Rumsfeld "the butcher of Vietnam" and comparing Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell to marauding Mongols.

The last hard evidence bin Laden was alive surfaced late last year. A videotape recovered by U.S. forces in Afghanistan showed him having dinner with some of his deputies on Nov. 9, 2001.

Late in December, another tape of bin Laden giving a statement aired. He appeared gaunt and possibly wounded. The references in the tape suggested it was filmed in late November or early December, but officials could not be certain.

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NASA finds oxygen leak that led to Endeavour's launch delay

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA has found the oxygen leak that delayed space shuttle Endeavour's launch earlier this week, but now is trying to determine whether the ship's robot arm was damaged during inspections.

The countdown was halted with only two hours remaining Sunday night because of an abrupt leak in the astronauts' oxygen supply, and the launch was postponed until Nov. 18 at the earliest.

NASA spokesman Bruce Buckingham said Wednesday that the leak was traced overnight to a flex hose in

Endeavour's midbody. "They think this is it," he said.

Engineers do not know when or how the line was damaged, Buckingham said.

While working in Endeavour's payload bay, however, technicians bumped a platform into the shuttle's cradled robot arm on Tuesday. Some of the thermal insula-

tion on the arm was torn, Buckingham said. No one knows yet whether the 50-foot crane itself was damaged; X-rays have been taken.

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BILLS

Neither Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, who currently represents Gray County citizens, nor Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, who will represent Gray County residents effective in January 2003 when the new legislature convenes, filed any bills on the first day legislators were permitted to do so.

The 78th Legislature officially goes into session on Jan. 14, 2003.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Free Eye-Care Program Now Offers Service Year-Round

DEAR ABBY: The American Optometric Association is pleased to announce that for the first time, VISION USA, our free eye-care program for low-income, working Americans, is accepting applications and examinations year-round!

Children, adults and seniors in working families can now benefit by applying any time throughout the year. This allows them to receive an eye exam when it is needed most.

Year-round VISION USA means that the 7,000 optometrists who donate these comprehensive eye exams will be able to serve more patients through the program. During the exam, an optometrist will not only examine vision acuity (how well the eyes can see distant and close), but also examine the eyes for focusing, visual alignment, tracking, binocular fusion and disease.

To qualify for free eye care through VISION USA, individuals must be working or be part of a household with one member who is working at least part-time, have no insurance that covers eye examinations, an income below an established level based on household size, and not have had an eye exam in the past 24 months. (Some states have different eligibility requirements.)

Abby, we appreciate your previous support of VISION USA. Please know that mentioning this free program in your column can help many people.

J. PAT CUMMINGS, O.D.,
 PRESIDENT, AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

DEAR DR. CUMMINGS: I am pleased to publicize this worthwhile program for my readers. Since VISION USA began in 1991, more than 314,000 individuals have benefited from this free service.

Readers can register by calling toll-free: 800-766-4466, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central time. Application forms are also available from VISION USA, 243 Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141, or on the AOA Web site: www.aoa.org/visionusa.

DEAR K.D.: Your mistake wasn't in skipping the funeral. It was in not immediately reaching out and offering sympathy to your brother's girlfriend for her loss. Since "everyone" knows you have an aversion to funerals, your brother should not have yelled at you. However, I can understand his being upset that you didn't call, didn't send a card or flowers, or in any other way acknowledge the fact that his girlfriend — and your new friend — had lost a loved one. It would have been the proper and considerate thing to do.

DEAR ABBY: My brother has been seeing this girl for less than a year, but we seem to have become friends. Recently her grandfather passed away. They were not close. My brother called and told me the news matter-of-factly.

I have a strong aversion to funerals and go only if I "have to." I know this sounds cold, but my aversion is strong. Everyone knows this about me.

My brother called me a couple of days after the funeral, yelling at me because I didn't attend. I was waiting to call his girlfriend until after everything settled, because I know how crazy it is when someone in your immediate family passes away.

Could you please explain the proper etiquette in a situation like this? Was I completely wrong in not going?

K.D. IN CREST HILL, ILL.

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For Better or For Worse

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WE SHOULD PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THAT, APRIL.

WHAT IF WE GOT HIM A FRIEND?—ANOTHER BUNNY!

I DON'T THINK HE HAS THE ENERGY TO PLAY.

I DON'T WANT HIM TO DIE!

I KNOW YOU DON'T HONEY BUT HE'S BEEN VERY VERY SICK—PERHAPS THAT'S THE BEST THING FOR HIM.

BUT IT'S NOT THE BEST THING FOR ME!!

Zits

JEREMY, CAN YOU TRY TO EAT JUST ONE MEAL WITHOUT YOUR ELBOWS ON THE TABLE?

I GUESS SO.

WHUMP!

IF WE'RE HAVING SOUP, I'LL TAKE MINE WITH A STRAW.

Garfield

WHY AREN'T YOU CHASING THE MOUSE?

THE MOUSE?

OH, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM IN THOSE GLASSES.

Beetle Bailey

WELL, WHAT WENT WRONG TODAY?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SOMETHING WENT WRONG?

EVERY NIGHT YOU GROUSE ABOUT WHAT WENT WRONG.

WELL, NOTHING WENT WRONG!

BOY, ARE YOU IN A SOUR MOOD!

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Marvin

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Crossword Puzzle

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 BY THOMAS JOSEPH

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 5 Honey bunch
 9 Competitor
 11 Test answer
 12 Tusk material
 13 Thrill
 14 Original
 15 Jotter's need
 17 Pop's pop
 19 Hog holder
 20 Sailing ship
 21 Take in
 22 Prying sort
 24 Method
 26 Ice cream unit
 29 Chemin de
 30 Fireflies, e.g.
 32 "The forbidden dance"
 34 Glacier makeup
 35 Use
 36 Fleet-based
 38 Olympics award
 39 Porkers

DOWN

41 Girl
 1 Twist
 2 They have branches
 3 Oath
 4 Golf goal
 5 Cotton unit
 6 Go by
 7 Will topic
 8 Run-down
 10 Jack's
 11 Greek veep
 16 Sailing "nay"
 18 Inquisitive
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Marmaduke

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The Family Circus

"I can't erase anything. I'm usin' my dad's drawing pencil and one of his tiny golf pencils."

B.C.

FIRST, THE GOOD NEWS...

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE OUTLIVED YOUR TEETH.

Haggar The Horrible

I LIKE TO DO MY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT ENGLISH CASTLES!

BUT I STILL SAY IT'S BAD FORM TO ASK THEM TO GIFT WRAP FOR YOU!

Peanuts

I GUESS IT'S GOING TO BE A NICE DAY AFTER ALL...

HERE, SNOOPY...THE SCHOOL BUS IS COMING...WHY DON'T YOU TAKE MY CAP AND UMBRELLA HOME FOR ME?

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!

Flo & Friends

Mirror, mirror, by my side... What do I look like deep inside?

Blondie

THE PLUMBER'S COMING THIS MORNING TO REPAIR THE LEAK AND THEN THE PEST SERVICE COMES TO SPRAY.

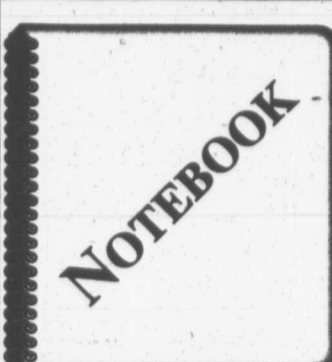
THIS AFTERNOON THE FURNACE PEOPLE AND THE PAINTER WILL BE HERE... AND LATER COOKIE'S HAVING HER FRIENDS OVER TO PRACTICE FOR THEIR TALENT SHOW.

WHAT'S THAT BIG GRIN ABOUT?

I GET TO GO TO WORK TODAY!

SPORTS

Pampa drops openers to Amarillo High teams



VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Junior Volleyball League will have signups for girls in the fifth and sixth grade Dec. 2-6 at the middle school. The league was known as the Optimist last year.

Registration forms will be available at the schools. The forms can be turned in at the middle school during the week of signups.

For questions, call coach Kendra Reeves or coach Deanna Polasek at the middle school, 669-4900.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Catcher Ivan Rodriguez's streak of 10 straight Gold Gloves ended Wednesday, the same day that Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez won the award for the first time and pitcher Kenny Rogers got his second.

Ivan Rodriguez won his first AL Gold Glove in 1992, his first full season in the majors, and as a 10-time winner is tied with Johnny Bench for the most ever. Rodriguez, also a 10-time All-Star, is a free agent after spending the first 11 1/2 seasons of his career with the Rangers, the team for which he started at age 19.

Anaheim catcher Bengie Molina won his first AL Gold Glove in place of Rodriguez, who missed two months early in the season with a herniated disk in his back.

Alex Rodriguez won the Gold Glove a day after finishing second in the AL MVP balloting to Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada. He played in all 162 games with just 10 errors in 741 chances (the .987 fielding average was a career high) and he led the AL in putouts (259) and double plays (108).

FOOTBALL

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — An assistant coach for Miami of Ohio was released on bail Wednesday after he was led off the field in handcuffs and charged with shoving a fan celebrating Marshall's last-second win.

Defensive coordinator Jon Wauford was charged with battery, a misdemeanor.

Robert Flaughter, a 36-year-old fan from Pickerington, Ohio, was treated and released from St. Mary's Medical Center, early Wednesday, spokeswoman Dan Londeree said.

Flaughter was among thousands of Marshall fans who stormed the field moments after Stan Hill scored from 1 yard with 5 seconds left to give the Thundering Herd a 36-34 victory Tuesday night.

Flaughter hit his head on the artificial turf and was taken on a stretcher to a hospital with a concussion, a police report said.

Flashback

1970: Guard Marsh Gamblin scored 21 points to lead Pampa to an 84-64 victory over Dumas in high school basketball.

Mike Edgar followed with 17 points for Pampa.

Amarillo High held off a fourth-quarter comeback to defeat Pampa 67-49 Tuesday night in a high school basketball opener in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Harvesters trailed by 12 points (45-33) after three quarters, but bounced back to trim the lead to five (45-40) early in the final period. However, AHS used some 3-point shooting by guard Joe Mixon to stay in front and pull further ahead. Mixon hit three 3-point goals down the stretch to finish with a game-high 24 points.

Senior forward James Silva scored 11 points to lead Pampa, followed by Max Simon with 8.

J.D. Lewis had 16 points and Chris Hinz 12 for the Sandies.

The Sandies had the edge in rebounds, 28-23. Simon led the Harvesters with 9 boards while David Coward also had 9 for AHS.

Others who scored for Pampa were Clayton Hall 7, Matt Robben 7, Chance Bowers 7, Collin Bowers 6 and Jed Martin 3.

Pampa plays Lubbock Estacado at 7:30 Friday night in the West Texas A&M fieldhouse in Canyon.

Pampa lost the girls' contest 50-22.

Sedra Watkins had 10 points to lead the Lady Sandies in scoring.

Scoring for Pampa were Abbi Covalt 7, Valerie Velez 4, Casey Fisher 4, Tara Jordan 3, Stacey Johnson 3, and Jackie Gerber 1. Fisher had 5 rebounds.

Pampa was defeated by AHS 28-22 in the junior varsity game.

Callie Cobb and Lauren Winkleman led Pampa scoring with 7 points apiece.

Pampa freshmen girls opened the basketball season with a 59-13 victory over

Tascosa Red Monday night.

Mariza Scott was high scorer for Pampa with 22 points. Tyra Taylor followed with 11.

Pampa led at the half 34-6.

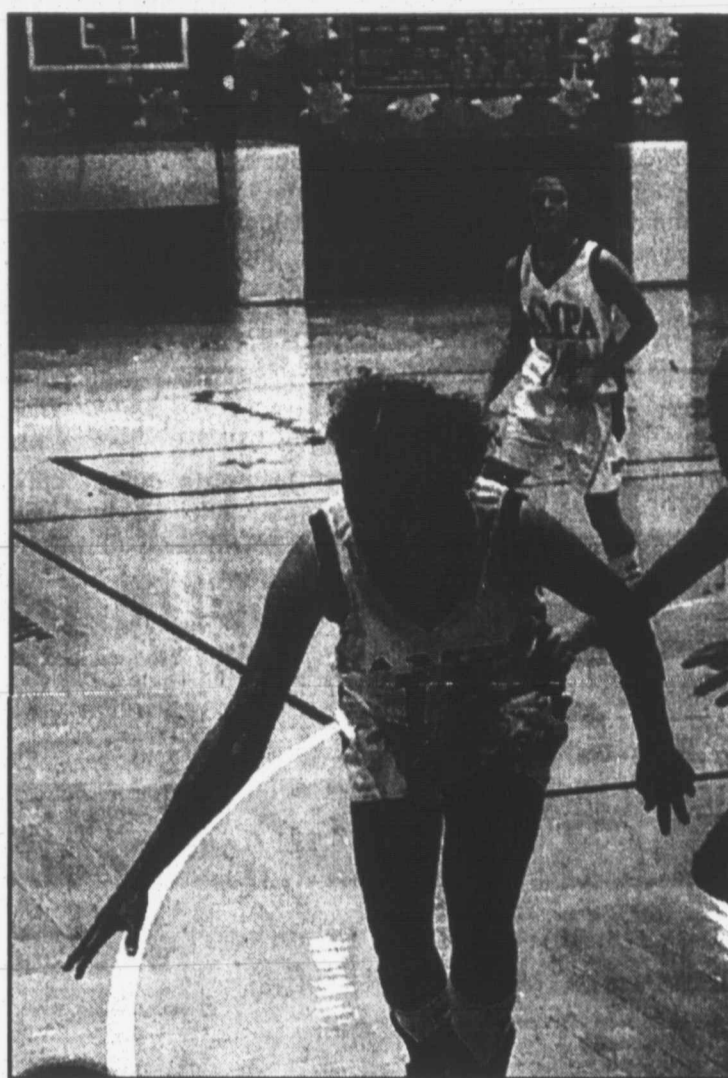
Autumn Darden added 8 points to the offense, followed by Amy Youree with 5, Nicole Fernuik 4, Audrey Dunn 4, Staci Novian 2, Whitney Wichert 2 and Felicia Urban 1.

Pampa's next game is Nov. 16 at Amarillo Black. Starting time is 10 a.m.

Jeff Browning tossed in 28 points to lead Miami to a season-opening win over Samnorwood 72-27 Tuesday night.

Miami also won the girls' game, defeating Samnorwood by the score of 85-23.

Julie Davenport was top scorer for Miami with 20 points.



(Pampa News photo) Pampa junior Tara Jordan (15) chases down a loose ball in last night's opener against Amarillo High.

Phillies moving alone on free-agent market

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — These sure aren't the usual off-season roles: The Philadelphia Phillies as baseball's big spenders and the New York Yankees as budget cutters.

The Phillies started the free-agent season Tuesday by making offers to Jim Thome, Tom Glavine and David Bell. The three offers are believed to be worth more than \$100 million.

General Manager Ed Wade didn't wait long, e-mailing an offer Thome's agent, Pat Rooney, at 12:01 a.m. EST — the first minute allowed. He also met with Glavine's agent, Gregg Clifton, and talked directly to Bell on Tuesday.

"I'd like to get three voice mail messages tomorrow saying yes," Wade said Tuesday from the GM meetings. "But I'm not going to bank on it."

That's because some play-

ers are waiting to see if more teams will join the bidding.

Glavine is waiting to visit the cities of the teams that are interested in him. The Yankees, Mets, Phillies and Texas Rangers have contacted Clifton.

For now, most of the big spenders are interested in cutting payroll. The Yankees, Mets, Rangers and Colorado Rockies would like to dump salaries before making moves. Atlanta is just hoping to be able to hold on to one of its free-agent ace — Glavine and Greg Maddux.

"Our payroll will be lower next year," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said. "I don't know if it will be via trade or the free-agent market of a combination of the two."

The Yankees would like to trade Raul Mondesi, Rondell White or Sterling Hitchcock to

free up money. But they won't hesitate to make a run at Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui.

Cashman and team president Randy Levine are scheduled to travel to Japan on Thursday, a team official said on the condition of anonymity.

The purpose of the trip, the team official said, is to announce a working agreement between the Yankees and the Yomiuri Giants. Yomiuri also happens to be the former team of Matsui, who officially became a free agent Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Phillies are believed to have offered Thome \$75 million for five years, at least \$10 million a year for three years to Glavine and a three-year deal for Bell, who hired Tom Reich and Adam Katz as his agents this week.

Wade, who would only

characterize the offers as "significant, sincere and sufficient," isn't expecting a quick response.

"This is an important decision for the players," he said. "They all have emotional and other ties with their old clubs. We remain hopeful this will be

resolved in our favor."

The Indians offered Thome a contract that is worth about \$45 million over four years and are waiting to hear back from Rooney.

"The ball is in their court," Cleveland GM Mark Shapiro said.

Booster club charters football buses

PAMPA — The Harvester Booster Club has chartered three buses to carry football fans to Pampa's bi-district game at Andrews this Friday night.

Tickets for the bus ride is \$25 for students and \$36 dollars for adults.

The bus ticket includes transportation to and from the game, a ticket to get into the game, and pizza-refreshments afterwards.

The chartered buses leave from Pampa High School at 12:15 Friday afternoon.

Tickets can be purchased from Sandy Clark in the athletic office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the rest of the week. A ticket must be paid for to reserve a seat. No call-in reservations will be accepted.

Seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Unique lefty claims Cy Young Award

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In jeans, loafers, a stone necklace and a concert T-shirt with the sleeves cut off, Barry Zito received his first Cy Young Award in the same way he pitches: with his own unique, inimitable style.

By beating Boston teammates Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe in the American League voting announced Thursday, Zito became the youngest pitcher to win the award since Roger Clemens, who also was 24 when he won the first of his six Cy Young Awards in 1986.

While reflecting in the glow of his spectacular season, the Oakland Athletics' left-hander with the dangerous curveball

thought about his fairly strange route to such heights at such a young age. From his unorthodox training methods as a kid to his affinities for surfing, guitars and stuffed animals, it's clear there's no other pitcher quite like Zito.

And in the American League

in 2002, there wasn't a pitcher better than him, either.

"I've heard it a lot: 'What are you doing? I've never seen anyone do that before, Zito,'" he said in an impromptu conversation with the voices in his head. "It's like the story of my life."

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Pampa 8th grade girls win basketball opener with Herd

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Hereford 68-23 in an 8th grade girls basketball opener Monday night.
Brittani Rice had 16 points and Shandale Young 15 to lead Pampa scorers. "They played a great game to start the season," coach Bowers said. "The girls played hard for four quarters. I was proud of them."

Also scoring were Logan Winkleman with 9, Stephanie McVay 8, Nicole Clark 6, Chelsea Adkins 5, McKensie East 5 and Cassie Tice 2.

Other team members are

Angela Mechelay, Kelsie Wyatt, Maggie Hopkins and Heida Schwope.

Pampa lost a close one 23-20 in the B team contest.

Scoring for Pampa were Stephanie Preston with 6, Holly Owens 4, Michelle Adams 4, Tamara Trevathan 3, Erika Silva 2 and Candie Dildy 1.

"The girls did a lot of things well. We had hard time getting the ball to fall," coach Bowers said.

Pampa lost to Hereford 35-19 in the 7th grade division.

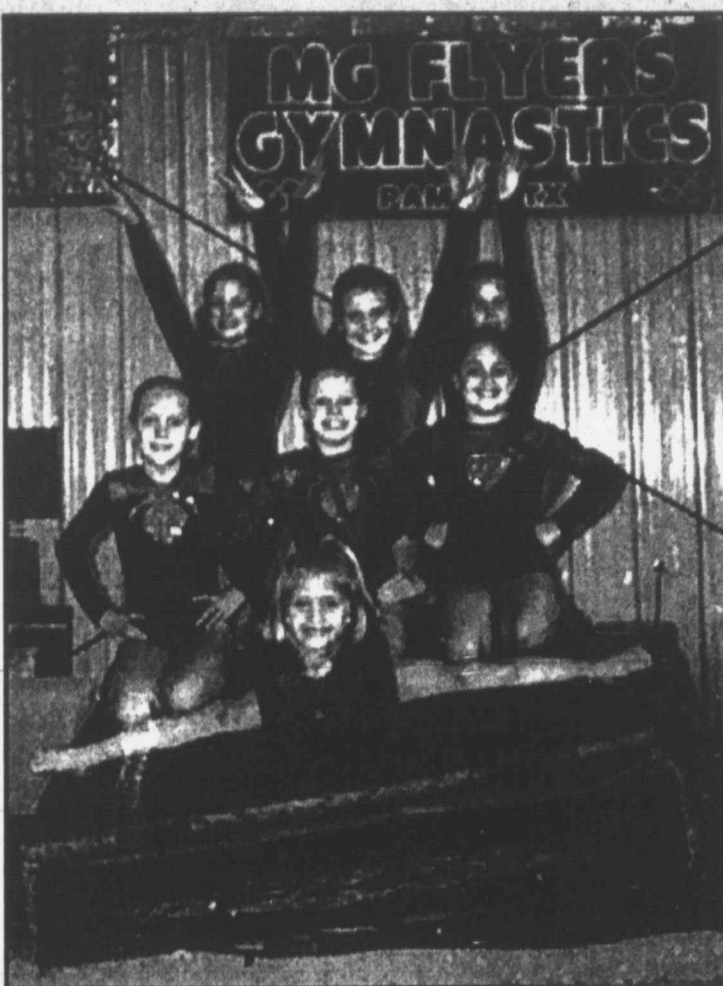
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Schaeffer, Sara Foster and Kalya Mendoza 4 each; Krishna Henderson 2, and Haili Kotara 1. Other team members are K'Lynn Holmes, Kathryn Cree, Jasmine Moore and Trisha Moore.

Pampa lost the B team game 38-7.

Scoring for Pampa were Ashley Price, Emily Woodruff and Layce Beesley with 2 points each; Kristin Dunn 1.

Other team members are Kambra Jimenez, Sarah Smith, Amber Brown, Stephanie Jasso, Meagan Crawford, Logan McDonald and Jamie Pergeson.



M.G. Flyers are (front) Abbey Rios; (second row, l-r) Caylee Steward, Jenna Munsell and Danielle Zuniga; (third row, l-r) Allison Cooper, Megan Edwards and Amanda Bennett.

M.G. Flyers in Amarillo meet

AMARILLO — The M.G. Flyers traveled to Amarillo to compete in their second meet of the season.

In the Level 4 competition, Caylee Steward received a first place in vault, and second in floor and beam, a third place in bars and a second place in All-Around.

Amanda Bennett received first place on vault, second on floor and bars, third on beam and second in All-Around.

Jenna Munsell received a first place on floor and vault, second on beam, third on bars and second in All-Around.

Megan Edwards received a first place on floor, vault and beam. She was fourth on bars and second in All-Around.

Abbey Rios competed in her first Level 5 meet and received a medal in All-Around. Danielle Zuniga also competed in Level 5 competition and received a medal in All-Around. Allison Cooper competed in her first Level 6 competition and ended up third All-Around.

The Flyers will start their Tumble and Trampoline competition in January.

The team is coached by Madeline Graves, Shauna Munsell, Jeanna Zuniga, and Chris Steward.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

League Results at Harvester Lanes Caprock League (Week 9)		
Team	Games Won	Losses
LERA Plugging Co.	26	15
Red's Pro Shop	25	16 1/2
Westair	23	18
MAJJ-IC	23	20
Culligan	22	24 1/2
Schiffman Machine Co.	21	25
Harvester Lanes	18	26
Byrum Farms	18	30

Week's Top Scores
High scratch game: Eric Nord 267; High scratch series: Carla Schiffman 680; High handicap game: Eric Nord 276; High handicap series: Charles Byrum 734.

Wednesday Night Mixed League (Week 10)		
Team	Won	Lost
Harvester Lanes	30	10
Team One	23 1/2	16 1/2
The Spark	23	17
Bob's Bandits	23	17
State Farm Ins.	21	19
Team Five	19	21
Cooper Energy Services	16 1/2	23 1/2

Week's Top Scores
High scratch game: Andy Anderson 245; High scratch series: Andy Anderson 635; High handicap game: Andy Anderson 254; High handicap series: Andy Anderson 662.

Harvester Women's League (Week 11)		
Team	Won	Lost
O'Brien Enterprises	34	10

High scratch game: Joann West 181; High scratch series: Billie Gowdy 476; High handicap game: Brenda Glassey 238; High handicap series: Tonya Winborne 649.

Week's Top Scores

High scratch game: O'Nita Robinson 210; High scratch series: O'Nita Robinson 544; High handicap game: O'Nita Robinson 242; High handicap series: Mary J. Dallas 721.

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A's Tejada wins AL MVP award

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Miguel Tejada played it safe, telling himself that Alex Rodriguez most certainly would win the American League MVP award.

In reality, the Oakland Athletics shortstop knew he had a pretty decent chance himself, and he was nervous for a week leading up to the announcement. He struggled to eat for two days.

On Tuesday, though, he ate in high company.

Tejada beat out A-Rod for the award, then was honored by the president of the Dominican Republic — in his palace, with about 1,000 others there to join the celebration.

"I think this week, the whole month will be a happy time for me," Tejada said.

The 26-year-old Tejada received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 356 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Finally recognized alongside A-Rod, Nomar Garciaparra and Derek Jeter as one of baseball's top shortstops, Tejada now has one more MVP award than those three players combined.

"I got surprised," Tejada said. "(Rodriguez) had a monster year. I've been thinking the whole way that he's going to win the MVP."

Playing on a winning team — not just putting up monster numbers — won out. A-Rod was second with five first-place votes and 254 points. He led the major leagues in home runs and RBIs but played for the last-place Texas Rangers.

Rockets slip past Trail Blazers

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve Francis overcame a painful third-quarter fall to score Houston's final 16 points and lead the Rockets over the Portland Trail Blazers 86-83 Tuesday night.

Francis, who scored 18 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, made a layup with 20 seconds left to put the Rockets ahead to stay at 85-83 and

Tejada hit a career-high .308, with 34 homers and 131 RBIs, while Rodriguez batted .300 with 57 homers and 142 RBIs. Tejada led the A's to the AL West title and an amazing 20-game winning streak in which he had two game-winning hits. Oakland won 103 games, the team's second season with more than 100 wins.

"I showed the world that I can play baseball," Tejada said. He's come so far, too.

The most openly emotional and theatrical member of the A's, Tejada comes from a tough background.

He grew up poor and hungry in Bani, Dominican Republic.

He was malnourished at birth, and started shining shoes for extra change as a young boy. His family lost everything due to Hurricane David in the summer of 1979, leaving them homeless, and they later landed in a crowded refugee camp.

But baseball saved Tejada. "I never thought I would be the player I am right now," he said.

A's fans picked him as the AL's best long ago, chanting "M-V-P! M-V-P!" when he came to the plate.

"It's exciting for the A's, but it's probably twice as exciting for Miguel," new manager Ken Macha said. "If you looked at him right now you'd probably see that smile on his face that has when he's feeling good. It's probably the same as when he got picked for the All-Star game."

New York Yankees second baseman Alfonso Soriano got

the remaining two first-place votes and was third with 234 points, followed by Anaheim outfielder Garret Anderson (184) and Yankees slugger Jason Giambi (162).

Macha was happy to see Tejada recognized over Rodriguez.

"The reason I'm pleased with it is you line up every day to win, and the person who helps you win the most games should be the MVP," he said. "The idea is to win games, not just put numbers up. Miguel put numbers up every day for a contending team. Not only that, but he got a ton of huge hits for us. He was most deserving of the award."

Tejada is the third Dominican to win an MVP award, following Toronto's George Bell in 1987 and the Cubs' Sammy Sosa in 1998. Tejada gets a \$100,000 bonus for winning added to his \$3.5 million salary, and Rodriguez gets \$200,000 added to his \$21 million salary, part of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract.

A's players have won 11 MVPs, second in the AL to the Yankees, who have 18.

"He is a homegrown product and his success story serves as an inspiration to all young Latin players who have a dream to play in the major leagues," A's co-owner Steve Schott said. "At no other time in history has the major leagues been blessed with so many Hall of Fame caliber shortstops, and for this year and today, Miguel stands taller than the rest."

closed out with a free throw. Rasheed Wallace's 3-pointer with 3.3 seconds to play missed the mark and Eddie Griffin rebounds for the Rockets, ending the game.

Francis fell hard under Houston's basket with 4:43 left in the third quarter following a flagrant foul from Wallace. Francis remained in the game but took heat treatments on his lower back during each timeout.

Yao Ming played 15 minutes for the Rockets and scored seven points with four rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

Griffin had 14 points and Kenny Thomas added 12 for the Rockets. Portland had four players with 12 points each: Bonzi Wells, Dale Davis, Scottie Pippen and Arvydas Sabonis.

Houston started slowly, falling behind 27-13, and trailed 58-48 at halftime before pulling even at 76 on Francis' 18-foot jumper with 5:41 to play.

He put them in the lead moments later, slamming home an alley-oop pass from Cuttino Mobley with 5:12 left.

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Stars hold off Canadians

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens made Dallas sweat more than the Stars expected.

Sergei Zubov, Manny Malhotra and Jason Arnott each scored first-period goals to lead the Stars to a 4-2 win over Montreal on Tuesday night. But Dallas led only 3-2 with 12:12 remaining.

"They were a different team after they scored that second goal," said Stars forward Pierre Turgeon, who got his 1,200th career point. "They were much more dangerous. It was an exciting third period for the fans, but it wasn't good for us."

The Canadiens, outshot 33-23 overall — including 16-6 in the second — lost for just the second time in eight games (4-2-2).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002:

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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) *** Take your time communicating. Get to the bottom of a problem through careful questioning and putting yourself in someone else's shoes, especially if you hit a roadblock. Don't allow others to drag you down. Be more direct. Tonight: Snooze away. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ***** Extend yourself to friends, associates and others in general. People want to talk, exchange ideas and get to know you better. Use caution with a tendency to go to extremes. Think success, and you'll get just that. Tonight: Create more of what you want. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ** You easily could be out of sorts. Get

into solving a problem rather than allowing it to play into your reactions. Listen well to what someone shares. There might be more than a grain of truth to what he or she says. Listen well. Make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** Take an overview, and you will escape depression. Now isn't that better? Laughter marks your interactions. Understand what makes you tick as well as someone else. Take action rather than just weighing the possibilities. Tonight: Treat yourself. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Deal with others directly, not in groups. You could find a situation difficult if it involves more than one person. Express your feelings to someone you trust. You work well together. Don't worry if you can't fulfill a goal immediately. Tonight: Make nice. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Defer to others, though you might not have a choice. Colleagues know what they want and will zoom in and get it. Don't try to negotiate, especially with authority figures. For now, no one wants to back off his or her position. Tonight: Start your weekend early. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Dig into work. Get the job done more efficiently. Focus on what is on your desk. Avoid thinking about long-term projects because you will accomplish less and get nowhere with your goals. Stay in the here and now. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R. **SCORPIO**

U.S. terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, wanting to energize efforts to financially punish terrorists, plans to offer a reward of up to \$5 million for information that results in the break-up of networks used to finance terrorist organizations.

The Treasury and State departments are joined to announce the reward Wednesday afternoon, making the government's latest effort to sever terrorists from their sources of financing, a key component in President Bush's war on terror.

The reward would be offered for information leading to the dismantling of any system or scheme used to finance a terrorist organization and information leading to the arrest or conviction of those who planned or aided in any act of terrorism against U.S. persons or property, according to a Bush administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The bounty would come from a long-standing "Rewards for Justice" program administered by the State Department, the official said. That program, created by a 1984 law, has paid out more than \$9.5 million to 23 people. The government doesn't discuss specifics on who got what for fear of endangering informants.

Last year, the government announced a \$25 million reward for information leading to the capture of Osama bin Laden.

The U.S. is also planning a campaign to increase public awareness about the \$5 million reward aimed at stamping out terrorists' financiers and wants to work with trade associations representing banks, convenience stores, pawn shops and others to help get the word out, the administration official said.

The government also believes that by offering the reward it may gain new information and insights into how terrorist financiers are moving money for deadly purposes, the administration official said.

After last year's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the United States led an effort to cut terrorists off from their sources of financing. While that campaign has yielded substantial results, more work needs to be done, Treasury and State department officials have said.

Roughly \$112 million in assets belonging to al-Qaida and its associates have been frozen worldwide since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Even so, United Nations experts in the summer said al-Qaida is continuing to receive financial support from bin Laden's personal inheritance and investments, from its own members and supporters, and from charitable organizations.

In October, administration officials told lawmakers that terrorists still have the financial muscle to carry out fresh attacks on the United States.

Mexico: Imported food a controversy

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans are not just worried about imported food displacing family farms — they're also worried about the effect it is having on Mexico's centuries-old cuisine.

It might seem odd for Mexico to be worried about a food invasion, now that fajitas, tacos and tortillas make up an ever-increasing part of the U.S. diet.

But the more sophisticated processing, marketing and retailing of American foods has taken Mexico by storm, though not without some resistance.

"The United States has invaded our market with junk products," the farm group El Barzon said in a protest flyer.

In the 1990s, Mexican potato growers protested the introduction of Pringles chips, alleging they were "not made from potatoes." (They are.)

Mexicans angered by imports of U.S. corn syrup campaigned to brand it a "synthetic sweetener." (Corn syrup is no more artificial than its cousin, cane sugar.)

Flooded by foreign supermarkets — Wal-Mart is now the country's largest retailer — one Mexican chain has begun advertising its foods as "very much our own."

Despite the protests, Mexicans still produce almost all of their historic food staple, white corn — though some activists are worried over grains being contaminated by genetically modified imports. Yellow U.S. corn is used almost entirely as animal feed.

"We shouldn't be frightened about changes in our consumer habits," said Javier Usabiaga, Mexico's agriculture secretary. "We should be aggressive enough to go out and change other countries' eating habits."

But Mexican farmers would need help to do that. Tequila, after all, become a major export only after it got advertising, and labeling, domain and quality standards.

Meanwhile, resistance occurs on Mexican streets every day, as housewives shun the packaged, machine-made tortillas sold at modern supermarkets and instead go to the sidewalks outside the stores and buy handmade blue-corn tortillas from Indian women crouched next to baskets.

BIT plans panel talk

CANYON — An evening of pre- and post-production discussions will highlight the Nov. 15 presentation of the Branding Iron Theatre's *The Life of Henry the Fifth* at West Texas A&M University. Performance dates for the play are Nov. 13-16 and Nov. 20-23 at 7:30 p.m. on the WTAMU campus.

The Nov. 15 production will begin at 6 p.m. with a pre-show discussion in the Fine Arts Building, Room 158. Royal Brantley, professor of theatre and director of the production, Dr. Bruce Brasington, professor of history, and Dr. Charmazel Dudd, professor of English and Shakespearean Studies, will offer insight and perspective on the play from a theatrical, historical and literary standpoint. The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m., and at 9:30 p.m., the cast and crew will join Brantley, Brasington and Dudd for a post-show discussion.

The Life of Henry the Fifth offers the audience a little bit of everything with action, comedy and romance. The script for the play has been rearranged to reinforce these elements and make it more accessible for today's audience.

The pre- and post-show discussions are free and open to the public. Tickets for the production are priced at \$10 for general admission and \$7 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Admission is free to WTAMU students, staff and faculty with a Buffalo Gold Card. For more information, call 806-651-2798.

Brit at center of largest ever U.S. hacking case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chief suspect in what U.S. authorities are calling the largest ever successful hacking effort against American military networks is an unemployed British computer administrator who worked from his home computer.

Gary McKinnon, 36, of London was indicted in federal courts in Virginia and New Jersey on Tuesday on eight counts of computer-related crimes. These included break-ins over 12 months at 92 separate U.S. military and National Aeronautics and Space Administration networks across 14 states, including two at the Pentagon. McKinnon also was accused of hacking the networks of six private companies and organizations.

McKinnon, known on the Internet as "SOLO," remains free although he was briefly held by British authorities, U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said. He said the Justice Department will seek to extradite McKinnon, an exceedingly rare move in international hacking cases.

McKinnon was charged in "the biggest hack of military computers ever, at least ever detected," McNulty said. He estimated the damage, including the cost to reinstall software on the affected computers, at \$900,000.

Officials said they intend to prosecute McKinnon separately in Virginia and New Jersey. McKinnon faces up to 10 years in prison plus fines of \$250,000 on each of eight counts, McNulty said.

Using automated software available on the Internet, McKinnon used his home computer to scan tens of thousands of computers on U.S. military networks, look-

ing for ones that might suffer from flaws in Microsoft Corp. Windows NT operating system software, McNulty said. Many of the computers he broke into were protected by easy-to-guess passwords, investigators said.

McKinnon downloaded sensitive, but not classified, information about subjects that included Navy shipbuilding and munitions, investigators said. But there was no evidence that he offered the information to foreign governments or terrorist organizations, McNulty said.

"I suppose he was hoping to gain access to classified information," McNulty said, acknowledging that authorities weren't certain of a motive for the break-ins.

U.S. officials sought to reassure the public that only about 100 of the military's networks were apparently vulnerable to break-ins out of tens of thousands that McKinnon allegedly probed.

"If this guy was scanning tens of thousand of military networks, that signals to me the military does a pretty good job of protecting its systems," said John Frazzini, a former supervisor for the U.S. Secret Service on its Electronic Crimes Task Force.

But some civilian experts expressed astonishment that this many U.S. military systems were so vulnerable to techniques derided by many hackers as simplistic.

"I don't see this as a big win for the government," said Marc Maiffret, co-founder of eEye Digital Security Inc., which sells security software. Maiffret said measures the military should have taken to prevent such break-ins were a "lesser 101-type thing."

PSW banquet



(Courtesy photo) Eva Isabel, left, director of Pampa Sheltered Workshop, recently presented Anne Stobbe, president of Altrusa International, Inc., with a certificate of appreciation. Altrusa sponsored PSW's annual volunteer banquet recently and provided refreshments for the event.

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