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EDC election recount requested over discrepancy

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A discrepancy was discovered and a recount was requested at Wednesday's noon canvassing of votes from the Nov. 8 city election concerning a proposed 4B economic development corporation.

The recount will take place at 10 a.m. Friday.

"In the early voting, we have a discrepancy of 100 votes," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. "We reported 768 votes against." The disputed amount could be 668 instead, he said.

"It does not affect the outcome of the election in any way," Robbins

said at the meeting, which was held in city commission chambers in City Hall.

The final results reported to The Pampa News by City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers on Nov. 9 concerning the election were 1,701 in favor of the EDC, and 1,590 against, for a difference of 111 votes. Early voter totals which had been released to The Pampa News Nov. 9 were 740 in favor of the new EDC and 779 against it.

The 11-vote difference in early vote totals of ballots marked against the proposed EDC is accounted for by mail-in votes which were added to the amount released to the media,

Jeffers said this morning. Total number of mail-in votes in the election was 19, she said.

One provisional ballot has been added to the total, making the final tally against the EDC at 1,591 and reducing the difference to 110 votes, Jeffers said Wednesday.

Provisional ballots are those which are questionable as to the voter's eligibility to vote in the election being held, Jeffers said. The voter registrar had determined that the voter in question was eligible to vote in the EDC election, and the provisional ballot was counted, she said.

After Robbins certified the elec-

tion results, Dalton Lewis was recognized and presented commissioners with a petition for a recount. Lewis was among a number of residents who had spoken out against the proposed new EDC before the election.

"The main reason for the petition is that in the last city election, the count was 100 votes off," Lewis said after the meeting. "We just want to make sure the count is right and everything is as it should be, and then we can all go from there."

A check to pay for the recount, as is required by state code, was included.

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Evidentiary hearing for Skinner resumes

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO -- Testimony resumed today in an evidentiary hearing in federal court for a man convicted in the beating death of his girlfriend and the stabbing deaths of her two mentally retarded sons in Pampa.

Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 43, was convicted and sentenced to death in 1995 by a Fort Worth jury in the 1993 New Year's Eve deaths of Twila Busby, 40, and her sons, Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20.

Andrea Reed of Pampa was the first on the stand today to resume her testimony from Wednesday.

Reed testified Wednesday that she had known Skinner since he first came to Pampa in the 1980s and had at one time been romantically involved with him.

Skinner was arrested about 3 a.m. Jan. 1, 1994, at Reed's trailer home.

Reed had testified during the 1995 trial that she didn't know how Skinner had gotten into her trailer, that he had taken off his shirt and laid it on a chair and that he had bent and heated sewing needles so she could sew up his hand that was cut and bleeding.

She testified that those statements were incorrect.

She said that she had been awakened in the morning hours of Jan. 1 by Skinner banging on the side of her trailer house. She said she had to help him up the steps to the trailer house, had helped him to and from the bathroom, had helped him out of his shirt and that she was the one who had bent the sewing needles and heated them to sew up his wounds.

Reed said officers told her that if she had let Skinner in her house, knowing that there were warrants out for him, that she could be arrested for harboring a fugitive.

She said she lied because she didn't want to go to jail.

Reed said she was taken to the police department where she gave a statement, but she was left to get back to her home by herself. She said she was not allowed in her home by police officers, but had to stay with her mother.

After the trial, Reed said she had misgivings about her testimony and called the Rev. Albert Maggard.

During the trial in Fort Worth, the defense attorneys for Skinner, Harold Comer and Kenneth Fields, tried to convince the jury that Twila Busby could have been killed by her uncle, Robert Donnell. Donnell has since died, but appeals lawyers

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Mmmm, brisket



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
This brown bovine seems to think there's something tasty about its companion's spotted hide. Maybe it's time for a barbecue brisket dinner. The two were grazing just east of Holly Lane recently.

Camera found in school restroom

WACO (AP) — Bruceville-Eddy's school superintendent was arrested for allegedly placing a hidden video camera resembling an air freshener dispenser in a women's restroom at the school administration office.

Danny Edward Doyen, 46, told investigators that he bought the camera with a school district credit card and placed it in a restroom to obtain nude photos of female employees, according to the McLennan County Sheriff's Office.

Doyen has been superintendent in Bruceville-Eddy, about 20 mile south of Waco, since 2002. He was booked Wednesday into the McLennan County Jail on a charge of improper photography or visual recording, punishable by up to two

years in a state jail. Bruceville-Eddy High School principal Richard Kilgore said Doyen is on temporary leave.

According to records, a school business office clerk alerted investigators this week after finding a school credit card statement for a \$299 purchase with no vendor name, then discovering it was from a surveillance company.

Two days later, Doyen submitted an invoice for the purchase, which included a description of the camera and a Web site address, according to records.

The clerk learned about the item online.

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Expatriate American charged in kickback scheme

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American businessman living overseas has been arrested for paying kickbacks to U.S. occupation authorities to win reconstruction contracts in Iraq, according to federal authorities who say more charges are expected.

Philip H. Bloom, a U.S. citizen who has lived in Romania for many years, conspired with Coalition Provisional Authority and U.S. military officials to win millions of dol-

lars in contracts, according to a federal affidavit made public Wednesday.

Bloom paid at least \$630,000 in kickbacks to CPA officials and their spouses, the affidavit said. One of the officials is a Defense Department employee, said a government official who did not want to be named because court documents are under seal.

Justice Department officials said more charges are expected from an

investigation that was spurred by an inspector general's audits of Iraqi reconstruction projects.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrested Bloom recently at Newark International Airport in New Jersey. He made a brief appearance Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Washington and remains in federal custody.

Prosecutors at the court hearing did not detail the charges against Bloom, but U.S. Magistrate Judge

Deborah Robinson said they involve money laundering and conspiracy to defraud the government. The charges remained under seal.

The U.S. is spending tens of billions of dollars to rebuild Iraq. The award of more than \$10 billion to Halliburton Co. and its subsidiaries in 2003 and 2004, some of it in no-bid contracts, has drawn criticism from lawmakers and others.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BYNUM, Kimberly Jean — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Roberts County Cemetery, Miami.
KUEHL, Bill — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Forest Park The Woodlands, Conroe.
STEWART, Brunetta — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Linda Gale Bromlow, 63

Linda Gale Bromlow, 63, a lifelong Pampa resident, died Nov. 16, 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Bromlow was born March 23, 1942, at Pampa. She married Garold Bromlow on Feb. 20, 1978, at Pampa.
 She was a member of First Assembly of God Church.
 Mrs. Bromlow was preceded in death by a daughter, Robin Rene Hyatt; and a grandson, Zach Doan.

Survivors include her husband, Garold, of the home; a son, Johnny Doan of Skellytown; two stepsons, David Bromlow and Shane Bromlow, both of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Tammy Stone of Amarillo; a sister, Judy Dehls of Salina, Kan.; and five grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Ollie Henry Buchanan, 82

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Ollie Henry Buchanan, 82, of Oklahoma City, died Nov. 10, 2005. Memorial services were held Nov. 12 in Resurrection Memorial Chapel in Oklahoma City.
 Mr. Buchanan was born March 2, 1923, at Clarendon, to Harry and Kate Buchanan, and grew up in White Deer. He attended West Texas State College prior to serving in the Pacific as a naval officer during World War II. He later earned a degree in architectural engineering from the University of Texas.
 He and his wife Jane were married May

20, 1950, and moved to Oklahoma City.
 After his retirement, Mr. Buchanan took up painting.
 Survivors include his wife, Jane, of Oklahoma City; two sons, Mike Buchanan of Dallas and Rick Buchanan of Edmond, Okla.; a daughter, Beth Fultz of Fort Worth; three brothers, Bill Buchanan, H.W. Buchanan, Jr., and Ron Buchanan; and seven grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Presbyterian Urban Mission, 3737 N. Portland Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Kimberly Jean Bynum, 34

STILLWATER, Okla. — Kimberly Jean Bynum, 34, of Stillwater, died Nov. 14, 2005. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Roberts County Cemetery at Miami with Jeff Gill officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Strode Funeral Home of Stillwater.
 Mrs. Bynum was born June 7, 1971, at Groom, Texas, to Todd Steven and LaRita Fern (Bynum) Wassell. Kim lived in Pampa, Texas, until she was 6-years-old. The family moved to Amarillo, Texas, where she had her early schooling. The summer before her senior year, the family came to Stillwater where Kim graduated from high school.
 She attended OSU, majoring in accounting. Kim loved horses and enjoyed riding. Kim had a big heart. She always had a smile for everyone she met. She will be remembered as a very loving, giving person.
 She was a member of First Christian Church of Perkins. She completed Marine

Corps ROTC at Tascosa High School in Amarillo, Texas.
 She was preceded in death by her mother, LaRita Fern Wassell; a maternal great-grandmother, Ola Berry Hill; a maternal grandfather, Phillip Bynum; a paternal grandfather, L.C. Wassell; paternal great-grandparents, I.R. and Hattie Bynum; and a great-uncle, Fern D. Berry.
 Survivors include her father Todd Wassell and wife, Mo, of Perkins; a sister, Faith Wassell of Perkins; paternal grandmother, Ruth Wassell of Stillwater; maternal grandmother, Frankie Jean Herman and husband, Bob of Miami, Texas; Aunt and Uncle, Tina and Tony Robinson of Pampa, Texas; Aunt and Uncle, Kathy and Bob Bieker and cousin, Bobby Bieker of Kilgore, Texas; best friend, Lisa Focht of Stillwater; and numerous aunts and uncles.
 Condolences may be e-mailed to the family via our Web site at WWW.STRODEFH.COM.



Bynum

Rewriting history: Dinosaurs grazed on grass

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dinosaurs grazed on grass?
 Scientists have discovered the first evidence that when some dipped their long necks, they pulled up grass along with ferns and other greenery — a big surprise, since grasses were thought to have evolved after dinosaurs died off.
 Fossilized dung tells the story: The most prominent plant-eating dinosaurs were digesting different varieties of grass at least 65 million years ago, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal Science.
 That's roughly 10 million years earlier than the date of the earliest grass fossils.
 A team of paleobotanists from India and Sweden analyzed the dung — the sci-

entific term is coprolites — found in central India. It was from sauropods, those behemoths with long necks and tails and small heads.
 The coprolites contained microscopic particles of silica called phytoliths, which form inside plant cells in distinctive patterns that essentially act as a signature.
 Amid the palms and conifers that sauropods already were known to munch were numerous phytoliths certain to have come from the grass family. They included relatives of rice and bamboo and forage-type grasses, report lead researchers Vandana Prasad of India's Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany and Caroline Stromberg of the Swedish Museum of Natural History.

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GRANNY'S HOME Cooking, 328 E. Frederic, is finally open!! 5:30 am.-10 pm.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	3.16
Milo	2.64
Corn	3.62
Soybeans	4.64

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

OXY	76.02	-0.43
BP PLC ADR	65.95	+0.89
Cabot Corp	33.81	+0.34
Celanese	17.12	+0.02
Cabot Oil Gas	42.90	+0.38
Coca Cola	42.19	+0.05
VLO	99.80	+0.33
HAL	60.08	+0.59
TRI	41.16	-2.00
KMI	90.25	+0.39
XCEL	18.41	+0.15
Kerr McGee	86.79	+0.77
XOM	57.72	+0.54
Nat'l Oilwell	59.69	+1.33
Limited	21.85	+0.70
Williams	21.80	+0.87
MCD	33.00	+0.20
Atmos	26.28	-0.02
Pioneer Nat.	50.90	+0.32
JCP	53.67	+0.27
COP	63.85	-0.85
SLB	94.74	-0.12
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Bill Kuehl, 80

Bill Kuehl, former long-time resident of Pampa, passed away on Nov. 15, 2005.
 Bill was born in Thrift, Texas, on June 23, 1925. He and his family moved to Pampa in 1927. Bill attended and graduated from the Pampa school system, and joined the Navy in 1943, serving his country in World War II. Bill received his honorable discharge in 1946.
 In 1948, he married Irene Hoggatt of Pampa, and he was employed by Exxon in the same year. Bill and family transferred to Spearman in 1961 where he retired in 1983 after 35 years of service to Exxon. In 1995, Bill and Irene moved to Houston to be closer to family.
 Bill was preceded in death by his parents, August and Jewell Kuehl of Pampa. He is



Kuehl

survived by his wife of 57 years, Irene Kuehl; one child, Toby Kuehl and wife Cheryl of Omaha, Neb.; three grandchildren, Derek, Mason and Alexa Kuehl, all of Dallas, Texas; brother Dick Kuehl and wife Janie of Booker, Texas; sisters Kathleen Cody of Tulsa, Okla., and Mary Mitchell and husband J.L., of Amarillo, Texas.
 Memorial services will be held Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at 10 a.m. located at Forest Park The Woodlands, 18000 I-45 S. Conroe, Texas, 77384.
 The family asks, in lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the American Lung Association.
 Dad, your humor and smile will be missed by all of your family and friends.

Brunetta Stewart, 85

Brunetta Stewart, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 15, 2005, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Claude, officiating.
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Stewart was born Feb. 27, 1920, in Fleetwood, Okla. She married Boyd Stewart on April 8, 1942, in Caddo, Okla. He preceded her in death on Jan. 16, 1956. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1954.
 She was employed with the Selective Service Office, and later worked as an administrative assistant with the Social Security Administration, retiring in 1986 after 26 years of service. After her retirement, she continued to volunteer her services at the Social Security Administration for an additional 10 years.

She was a member of the Harrah Methodist Church, the American Business Women's Association, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.
 Survivors include one daughter, Pat Rich of Huffman; one son, Parker Stewart and wife Martha of Claude; four grandchildren, Alan Rich and wife Sharon, and Ann Rich, all of Huffman, Zed Stewart and wife Heather of Nursery, and Staci Lowry and husband Paul of Dumas; and two great-grandsons, Duncan Stewart of Nursery and John William Rich of Huffman.
 She was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Coffey; and a son-in-law, William Rich.
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.
Wednesday, Nov. 16
 Twenty-four traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Highway 60 and Hobart Street.
 Vehicle accidents were reported in the 800 block of East Browning, the intersection of 28th Avenue and Perryton Parkway, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.
 A welfare check was made in the 500 block of Magnolia.
 A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.
 One business alarm was reported.
 Warrant service was attempted in two instances at one address, resulting in an arrest.
 A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Cuyler streets.
 Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 100 block of North Houston.
 Disorderly conduct/language was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.
 Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.
 A narcotic drug law violation involving possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1000 block of South Banks.
 Evading arrest was reported in the 700 block of Zimmers.
 Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of Bradley Drive.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Sloan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Scott. A shed door frame, door and lock were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.
 Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.
 Attempted burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Francis. Nothing was reported taken.
 Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 8300 block of County Road 7 1/2. Checks totaling \$218.27 were involved in the incident.
 Two incidents of forgery were reported in the police department lobby.
 Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo.
 Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. A purse, wallet, credit card, check book, driver's license, Social Security card, and assorted items such as keys, an address book and a pocket knife were taken. Total estimated value of loss is \$71.
 Theft was reported in the police department lobby, concerning a cell phone.
 Tammy Jo Sutton, 41, 300 Miami, was arrested in the 300 block of Miami on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Anthony Larry Pendleton, 18, 345 Locust, was arrested in the 1100 block of Duncan on a capias pro fine for speeding.

Juan Mejia Jr., 18, 420 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 400 block of North Nelson for possession of marijuana, minor in possession of tobacco, violation of a promise to appear, and attempting to take a weapon from a peace officer.
Sheriff
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
Wednesday, Nov. 16
 Corey Eugene Paslay, 33, 804 N. Gray, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for theft by check.
 Clifford Gene Barcheers, 25, 1204 Garland, was arrested on a warrant for issuing a bad check and a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
 James Brent Atkins, 34, of Amarillo was arrested on a 31st district court bench warrant for burglary of a building.
 Barbara Della Kays, 33, of Borger was arrested by a bonding company recovery agent on a bond surrender for a grand jury indictment for burglary of a habitation.
 Jennifer Johnson, 35, of Amarillo was arrested for criminal non-support and bond surrenders for injury to the elderly and injury to a child.
Fire
 Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Wednesday, Nov. 16
 8:31 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1600 block of Hamilton on a Dumpster fire.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, clear, with a low near 36. West-southwest wind around 10 mph.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. North-northwest wind around 5 mph.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 59. North-northwest wind around 5 mph.
 Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.
 East-southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west-southwest.
 Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 60. Northwest wind around 5 mph.
 Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 33.
 Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.
 Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 60.

'Grease' cast



"Grease" cast, front row, from left, Whitney Wichert, Dusty Joiner, Stacy Anne Novian, Audrey Dunn, Taylor Fatheree, Monica Johnson, and Aaron Pepper. Back row, from left, Erwin Kuehne, Natasha Bailey, Nicole Fernuik, Ben Gibson, Angela Mechelay, Nick Robbins, Chris Smith, Whitney Morris, and Michael Foreman. The production by the Pampa High School Choir this weekend can be seen at 8 p.m. today and Friday, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium

Courtesy Photo

Cheney joins Bush in assailing Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney is joining President Bush and other Republicans in accusing Democrats of foul play for asserting that the administration misrepresented intelligence to build support for taking the nation to war in Iraq.

Cheney said Wednesday the accusation is "one of the most dishonest and reprehensible charges ever aired in this city."

"Some of the most irresponsible comments have, of course, come from politicians who actually voted in favor of authorizing force against Saddam Hussein," Cheney told the Frontiers of Freedom Institute, a conservative policy group.

"I agree with the vice president," Bush said today in South Korea when asked about Cheney's remarks. "I think people ought to be allowed to ask questions. It

is irresponsible to say that I deliberately misled the American people.

"What bothers me is when people are irresponsibly using their positions and playing politics," Bush added. "That's exactly what is taking place in America."

Cheney's speech was part of a GOP effort to push back against criticism on Iraq, and presidential counselor Dan Bartlett said the effort will continue.

Traveling with Bush, Bartlett said: "There's a bright line there that the Democrats have crossed. They have no facts on their side."

He said the administration's response to such criticism of the war "will be sustained" because "in the last couple of weeks it has reached a critical mass and we felt it was important to respond."

Camera

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then remembered that Doyen two weeks earlier had mentioned the need for

air fresheners in the men's restroom and office hallway, according to an affidavit.

The clerk and other women employees then found the fake air freshener on a shelf about 3 feet away from the toilet, according to

court records.

Investigators reported finding the hidden camera on a shelf in Doyen's school district office after obtaining search warrants for his office and home. Officers also reported seizing com-

puter equipment and related materials from Doyen's school office, computer equipment from his daughter's bedroom and 11 weapons from Doyen's bedroom.

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Kickbacks

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Justice Department officials said they are unaware of previous indictments arising from contracting fraud in postwar Iraq. But the charges against Bloom stem from a series of audits by Stuart W. Bowen Jr., the U.S. special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, that found indications of potential fraud.

A government affidavit says Bloom conspired with officials of the Coalition Provisional Authority and the U.S. military to rig bids for contracts in Al-Hillah and Karbala, two cities 50 to 60 miles south of Baghdad.

In some cases, Bloom's companies performed no work, Patrick McKenna Jr., an investigator in the inspector general's office,

said in the affidavit.

Bloom or companies he controls made bank deposits of \$353,000 on behalf of at least two CPA officials and bought them real estate in North Carolina, vehicles and jewelry worth more than \$280,000 in 2004 and 2005, McKenna said.

One of the unnamed officials is described as the comptroller and funding officer for the CPA's South Central Region. Bloom transferred \$140,000 to a North Carolina realty firm in March 2004 on this official's behalf, the affidavit said.

The second person, who also worked on contracts in that office, has been cooperating with investigators, as is an Iraqi business owner who worked in Al-Hillah. The CPA ran Iraq from just after the invasion in 2003 until June 2004.

Recount

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ed with the petition. The amount required to be paid by anyone requesting a recount is equal to five times the hourly pay of judges in the precincts in which paper ballots are used, Jeffers said. City election judges are paid \$10 per hour, she said.

Lewis said he had provided a check for \$100, which equals five times the pay for two election judges for one hour. One judge is required for each precinct

in the election, and two precincts were involved in the EDC election, one of which was the early voting precinct, Lewis said.

Jeffers said at the meeting that two judges were involved because one is a presiding judge and the other is an alternate judge.

The required number of signatures of registered voters on the petition for the recount is 25. Lewis said he had provided 28 signatures.

The signatures were verified and the amount of the check was found to meet requirements, Jeffers said this morning.

SAL D. KRAMER, D.O.

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of my surgical practice in Pampa, Tx, effective Dec. 17th, 2005. It has been a great pleasure providing for your health care needs over the years, and it is not easy for me to give it up. Your medical records will be available for a nominal charge and can be transferred to another physician upon request. I have greatly valued our relationship and thank you for your loyalty and friendship over the years. Best wishes for your future health.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Pampa Regional Medical Center and its entire staff, and more specifically acknowledge its administrators; Alan King, CEO and Steve Smith, CFO for their honesty, integrity, sincerity, and their outstanding commitment to the Pampa community and its physicians. Their superb leadership has been exemplary.

Dr. Salomon D. Kramer

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Viewpoints

Don't like your harvest? Change your seed

Over the years, I've read at least a hundred self-improvement books in an attempt to become a better person.

Prominent and well-respected scientists, psychologists, and people skilled in motivation wrote the inspiring books.

Of all of the millions of words, the best self-improvement advice I've ever read came from 10 words that were written more than 2,000 years ago:

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Scientists have proven

that there are only two things that we can do with our conscious minds.

We can either initiate a thought of our own or respond with a thought to something external. Either way, we have complete control of both activities.

During my youthful questioning years, I used to wonder why the advice in the string of words required thinking with the heart rather than the head. I now know the answer all too well.

When we commit something to our head, we often seal it with conditional logic and

apply comments like "I will change only if I see results quickly." On the other hand, when we commit something to our hearts, we remain steadfastly committed regardless of results or obstacles.

I once heard a minister proclaim from the pulpit that our lives are the product of the Law of the Harvest. "You reap what you sow," he preached, explaining the

law.

The law itself wasn't earth shattering or new to me, but what he said following the law I interpreted as a revelation.

"If you don't like your harvest, change your seed. Deep in every heart lies every true thought. If you stop and think about it, almost everything that has happened to you whether good or bad, most likely sprung from a

deep planted seed of thought. Simply put, if you want to reap good things, start with a good thought," he said.

I must have harvested thousands of positive personal experiences that grew from the seeds of deeply planted positive thoughts. Many of us know friends and family that remain frozen and anchored on the thought that God will one day supernaturally drop a bag filled with millions of dollars right into their laps.

To expect God to do everything while we do

nothing is not faith, but superstition. A positive change on the outside starts with a positive change on the inside.

Every personal best performance that we will ever achieve will be harvested from the seeds of planted positive thoughts. A new harvest is available to all who are willing to take the first step. If you don't like your harvest, change your seed.

—David Cain is facility general manager of Pampa's Cabot Corp. plant.

David Cain

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2005. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1917, sculptor August Rodin died in Meudon, France.

In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born in Winnetka, Ill.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as "Lady Bird."

In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod I.

In 1973, President Nixon told Associated Press managing editors meeting in Orlando, Fla.: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

'Education is a private matter between the person and the world of knowledge and experience, and has little to do with school or college.'

— Lillian Smith
American writer
and social critic
(1897-1966)

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 2002, Israeli statesman Abba Eban died near Tel Aviv at age 87.

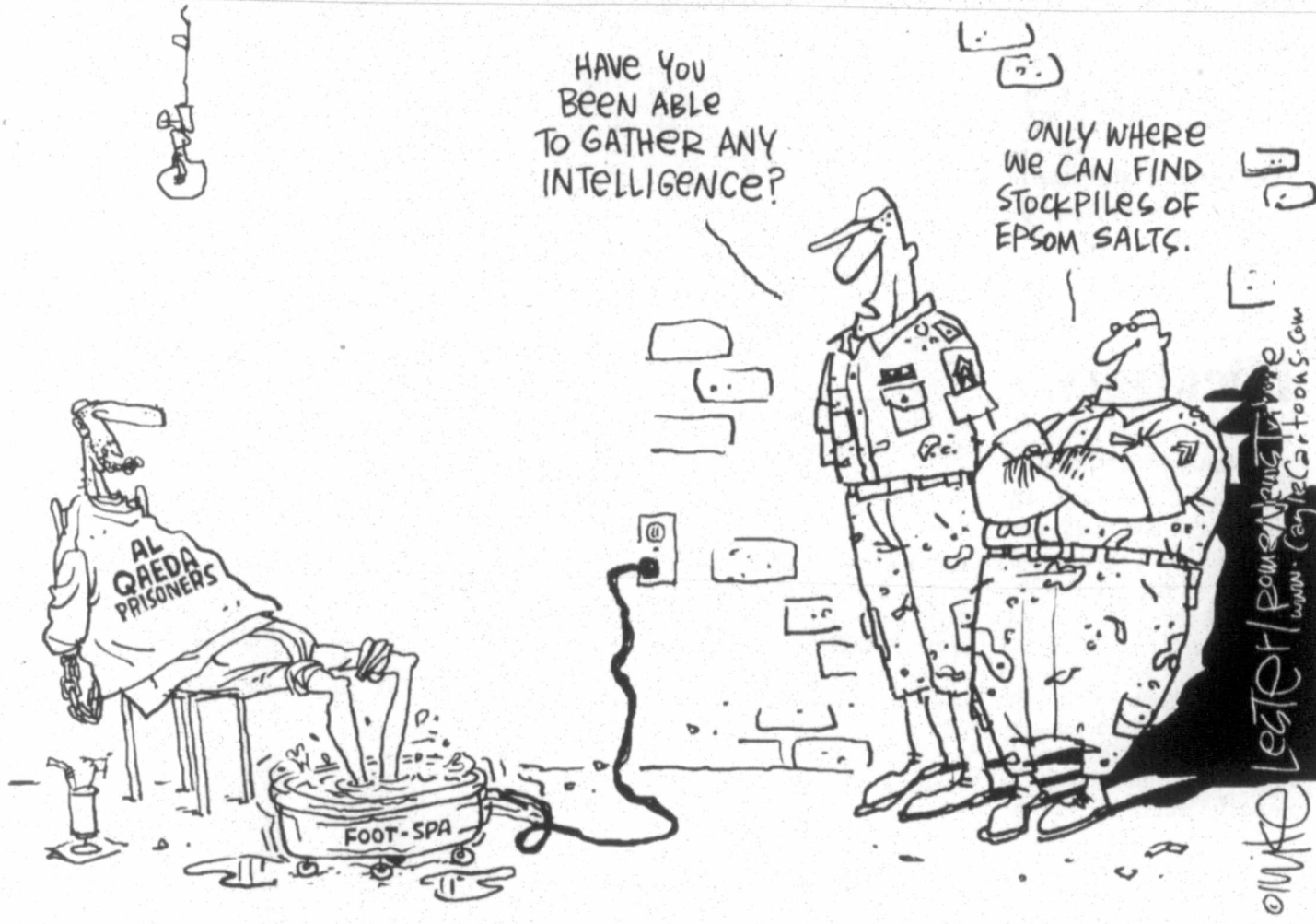
Ten years ago: The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific called the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl "absolutely stupid" and said in Washington the incident could have been avoided if the U.S. servicemen involved had simply paid for sex. (Admiral Richard C. Macke later apologized for his remarks, and took early retirement.)

Five years ago: The Florida Supreme Court froze the state's presidential tally, forbidding Secretary of State Katherine Harris from certifying results of the marathon vote count just as Republican George W. Bush was advancing his minuscule lead over Democrat Al Gore. Also, a federal appeals court refused to block recounts under way in two heavily Democratic counties.

One year ago: It was announced that Kmart was acquiring Sears in a surprise \$11 billion deal.

In Washington state, officials said Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi led Democratic opponent Christine Gregoire by only 261 votes. (After three counts of the ballots, Gregoire was declared the winner by just 129 votes out of 2.9 million cast.)

Today's Birthdays: Olympian-turned-politician Bob Mathias is 75. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 67. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 63.



The real story on Web stats and 'hits'

Not too long ago, I had a salesman tell me that he could drive thousands of people to my Web site with his amazing new promotional program. Of course, I had no intention of buying his service, but I was curious about his strategy. So, I asked him what I thought was a simple question: "Are you talking about 'hits' or 'page views'?" His blank, deer-in-the-headlights look told me all I needed to know. I quickly sent him on his way.

Folks, there are a lot of snake oil salesmen out there that promise to bring a global audience to your Web site. How can you separate the legitimate consultant from the cyber-shyster? Read on.

It starts with a lesson in terminology. After all, how can you intelligently discuss Web traffic if you don't know what it is? If you've read my column for very long, you know that I love to use silly, sometimes stupid, analogies and metaphors to make my point. Get ready, here comes another.

Let's say you decide to go to a Web site. So, you type in that site's address in your

browser and hit the ENTER key. What exactly happens? Well, if your Internet connection is working well, your system travels over the Internet until it gets to the server where that site is located.

(You'll remember from previous columns that a server is a specialized computer, connected to the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All Web pages are stored on servers.) Your system approaches one of the doors on that server and knocks.

The server answers and says, "What do you want?" Your system answers, "I want your home page." (The home page being the main page of a site, the "front door," if you will, of every site.) The server then says, "Wait a minute." It fetches the requested page and hands it to you. The server then pulls out a little book called "Hits" and adds one to it.

"Wait!" you cry. "This

page has no pictures!" The server says, "Wait a minute, I'm not done yet!" It then hands you one of the pictures on the page, updates its "Hits" book, hands you another picture, updates the

"Hits" book, and so forth and so on. Finally, when you've received all of the pictures, the server slams the door on you. Of course, this whole process takes just a few seconds.

So, what's the moral of that story, kids? That's right. A hit is not "someone viewing a Web page." A hit is simply "the transfer of a file from a server to your computer." In other words, if your Web page has a bunch of text and four pictures, then every visit will generate five hits — one for the page, and four for the pictures.

Never let anyone try to impress you with the number of hits their site receives. If you want a more accurate statistic, ask for the number of "page views." A "page

view" is exactly what it sounds like — one person viewing an entire page (pictures and all).

If you have a Web site, you may be wondering, "Where do I go to find these statistics?" Well, all good Web hosts (people that rent space on their server for your Web site) provide their customers with statistical tracking. And, in fact, one of the criteria you should use in choosing a Web host should be the quality of those statistics. In measuring many such providers, I've seen statistical reporting run the gamut from "quite extensive" to "utterly abysmal."

And, by the way, when I'm discussing Web statistics, I'm not referring to "counters." Counters are those odometer-looking numbers at the bottom of some Web pages. The statistics I'm talking about are not available to just anyone. Only a site's Webmaster may view these detailed statistics.

Unless your Web host formats these statistics, they can look very cryptic. If you are serious about tracking

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 7
San Antonio Express-News on lifting the beef ban in Japan:

Nearly two years have passed since the first U.S. incidence of mad cow disease was discovered in Washington state. The afflicted animal came from a Canadian herd. Since then, a second case was discovered in Texas. In neither case did the livestock enter the human or animal food supply chain.

Immediately after the 2003 discovery, more than 60 nations, including Japan, banned imports of U.S. beef.

That was a sensible if costly precaution. The failure to contain mad cow disease in Britain led to scores of human deaths and the slaughter of millions of animals since the early 1990s.

With increased testing, higher awareness and improved husbandry practices, most nations have lifted those bans.

The United States lifted its own ban on Canadian beef imports last July. But Japan, which represents the largest potential market for U.S. beef, remains closed.

Trade groups estimate that the value of U.S. exports was \$1.2 billion in 2003. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said Texas ranchers exported \$210 million

worth of beef before the ban.

While the Japanese government claims it is working to remove the restrictions, there is no reason other than protectionism why it should take this long. There have been more cases of mad cow disease in Japanese herds than in the United States.

A bipartisan group of senators, including Cornyn, has introduced legislation that would impose trade sanctions on Japan if it doesn't reopen its market by the end of the year.

It shouldn't have to come to that, but the threat of retaliation may accomplish what science and the precepts of free trade have not.



All-Region

The following Pampa Junior High School Choir students made All-Region/Honor Choir recently: Collin Killgo, Haley Clark, Erin Buck, Hannah Smith, Matricia Davis, Lynsie Guyer, Stephanie Sandlee, Elizabeth Terry, Rebecca Taylor, Samantha Finney, Kaitlyn Winegeart, Mary McKay, Brittany Narviaz, Brianna Jackson, Danny Estep, Ryan Pearson, Jessica Covil, Ashley Stucker, Jennifer Hendrick, Evan McElwain, Tanner Davis, Collin McClendon, Miera Vaid, Treyci Carroll, Zac Hernandez, Caitlin Sieck, Autumn Chidester, Brieanne Moyer, Dustin Whinery, Braden Russell, Jackie Karson.

Events calendar

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.
- **The next Pampa Area Christian Dance** will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Couples are welcome. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.
- **The Gem Theatre in Claude** will host "Home on the Range Radio Hour" Saturday. Performers will include storyteller Loralee Cooley of Pampa, the South Plains Playboys and Dixie Dewdrops, from South Plains College in Levelland, guest musician Darcie Deaville of Austin and more. For showtime and ticket information, call (806) 226-2187. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.
- **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a Retirement Workshop with Duane Harp, of Edward Jones, from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 1 at the college. Cost of the workshop is \$10. For more information, call Judy Green at 665-8801 or e-mail her at judy.green@clarendon-college.edu.
- **In 2006, Certified Angus Beef** will offer a \$2,500 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship. Entries must be post-marked by Dec. 1. Scholarship applications and other information is available on-line at www.certifiedangusbeef.com.

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your Web site's performance, I highly recommend a company called, **WebTrends** (<http://www.webtrends.com>). They take that "cryptic" data and transform it into very readable tables and charts.

WebTrends has long been the leader in Web site statistics. They have many products and services that meet the needs from the smallest personal site to the largest corporate mega-site.

For your personal site, you may want to consider WebTrends Reporting Service. It requires no software installation. You simply include a small link in each Web page back to

the WebTrends site. Through these hidden links, your site statistics are tracked and collected online. With WebTrends Reporting Service, you can check your statistics from any Internet computer using your password. You simply pay based on your usage and traffic.

WebTrends Log Analyzer is the next step up. With this piece of software, you can generate 50 reports graphically displaying your traffic in easy-to-read Web pages. If you don't need incredible depth in your statistics, this software will work well for you. If, however, you need more, check out WebTrends Professional Suite.

Besides giving you more detailed reports, this version will also alert you if your Web site goes down (the worst possible thing that could ever happen).

It also does a much better job of determining where people are coming from to get to your site. This information is very important as you seek to discover which promotional campaigns are working and which aren't. It will also let you know which search engines are delivering the most customers.

Finally, the Enterprise version is for large hosting facilities. This software can be used on multiple sites simultaneously. Your Web host may consider buying this version to value-add statistical reporting to your basic hosting service.

Remember, if you have a Web site, your statistics are very important. By watching your visitor's travel patterns on your site, you develop a better understanding of their needs.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

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MEAL AND SHOW TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Seven Mega Millions winners show up for work

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A secretary and six laboratory workers at Kaiser Permanente held the winning ticket for the \$315 million Mega Millions jackpot — but they still came into work, a company spokeswoman said.

The jackpot was the third-richest prize won with a single ticket in the history of lotteries in the United States.

The winners, who each chipped in \$3 for the ticket, came into work Wednesday at the medical center in Garden Grove anyway, said Kaiser spokeswoman Barbara Shipnuck.

"They bought the entire staff lunch to celebrate," said Shipnuck. "For now, they all prefer to stay anonymous."

The ticket was bought at Rainbow Water, Juice, Flower & Gift, not far from Disneyland, where the owners will receive \$1 million.

Owners Guadalupe and Jose Cordova, both 53, were considering selling the store a couple of years ago but changed their minds, said their daughter, Raquel Cordova.

The couple, who immigrated to the United States from Mexico as teenagers, decided to take Wednesday

off and let their kids work.

"Mom's gonna take a long vacation ... she's here seven days a week, even on Sundays," Raquel Cordova said.

Last month in Oregon, a family claimed the largest jackpot in U.S. lottery history won by a single ticketer, \$340 million. The numbers were drawn Oct. 19 in the other big multistate lottery, Powerball. Until then, the

richest undivided lottery jackpot in U.S. history was the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot won by a West Virginia man on Christmas Day 2002.

In addition to California, Mega Millions is played in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

LIONS CLUB STUDENT OF THE WEEK NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 17

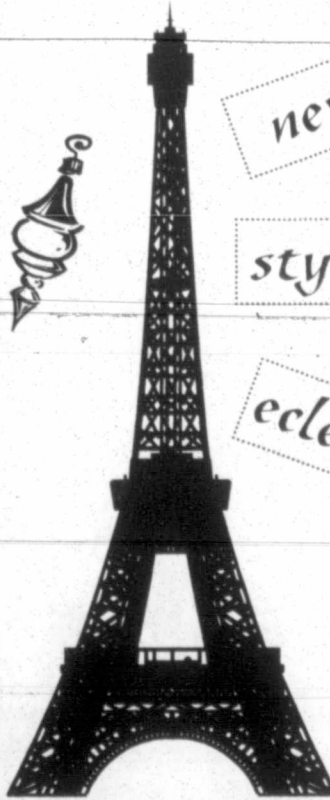
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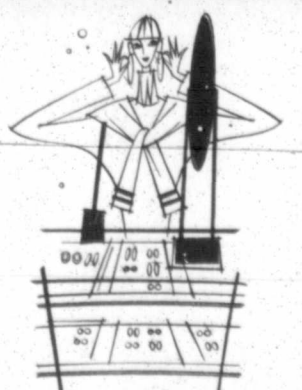
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Aurora From Milwaukee" wrote that she was concerned about where she would be buried if her first husband died and she was to remarry. You replied: "Some widows (and widowers) remarry with the understanding that he or she would be buried with the first spouse. The logical and primary reason is that this will give the children from the first marriage one place to pay respects to both parents." You also said she could ask that her remains be cremated and divided equally between both husbands.

My second husband provided me with a better solution. My first husband and I were married for 25 years and had three children. We divorced on friendly terms. I had been married to my second husband for 29 years when my first husband died, leaving me to legally follow through with all his wishes. At my suggestion, the kids and my current husband went to the cemetery to make cremation arrangements. My husband stood back until the kids and I had completed the purchase of a niche for husband No. 1's urn. Then he stepped forward and said, "If it's OK with my wife, I'd like to purchase the adjoining double niche for her and for me when our time comes." The kids readily agreed, and I couldn't have been more pleased.

As I write this, the urns we purchased are already waiting in our new niche. Mine sits between husband No. 1 and husband No. 2. I hope this helps your readers recognize that not all families live in hatred of exes and stepfamilies. — **TWICE-MARRIED IN THE USA**

DEAR TWICE-MARRIED: It certainly sets a worthy example. Although the subject of death and funerals is usually a downer, I must confess that some of the letters I received in response to "Aurora's" question made me smile. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In a rural cemetery in southeast Licking County (Ohio), there's a large black tombstone bearing a woman's name. She's buried between "Darling Husband George" and "Darling Husband Ray." Perhaps this will be of interest to "Aurora." — **JAMES MCC., NEWARK, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: When I was about 5 or 6, I spent part of the summer at my grandma's, and overheard her talking to her sister about a woman whose husband had died and been buried in a large family plot. Her second husband died and was also buried there. When the woman passed away, she was buried between her two husbands. I asked Grandma if all three were holding hands down there. It took me years to live that one down. — **ARNOLD S., CENTERVILLE, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: My wife died in 1997. I'm a veteran of World War II, and we chose the usual veteran's tombstone for her grave. We had both her name and my name inscribed on the stone. She was buried in the family plot at our local cemetery. My younger brother died in 2000. He was also a World War II vet, and his widow chose a veteran's tombstone for his grave. His widow had both his name and hers inscribed on the stone. He was buried next to my wife in the family plot. My brother's widow and I married each other in 2002. Our marriage solved the problem posed by "Aurora." We plan to be buried beside our first spouses and second spouses. — **ROBERT IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

For Better Or Worse



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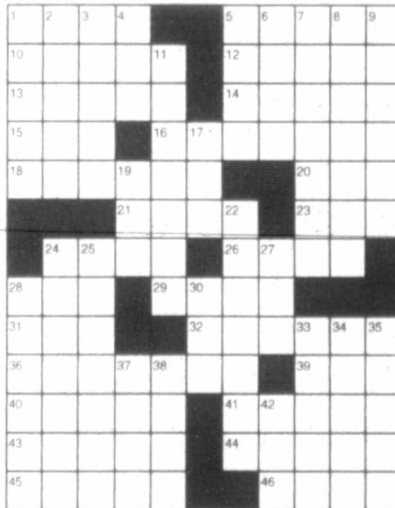
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Skier's house
 - 5 Record company
 - 10 Some Japanese films
 - 12 Baghdad native
 - 13 Constitution
 - 14 PC problem
 - 15 Sigma follower
 - 16 Parental warning
 - 18 City opposite Juárez
 - 20 Undivided
 - 21 Baseball's "Georgia Peach"
 - 23 Drift off
 - 24 — the line (obeyed)
 - 26 Peak
 - 28 Marsh
 - 29 Poet
 - 31 Social worker
 - 32 Tin Man's prop
 - 36 Tic-tac-toe marks
 - 39 Dentist's org.
 - 40 Spine-tingling
 - 41 Mexican snacks
 - 43 Acropolis sight
 - 44 Removed
- DOWN**
- 1 School art staple
 - 2 Cager
 - 3 Beamed
 - 4 Big bird
 - 5 Not recorded
 - 6 Diva's piece
 - 7 Without exception
 - 8 Semi-annual event
 - 9 In the book
 - 11 Series show
 - 17 Unruly crowd
 - 19 Flying star
 - 22 Coffee-shop worker
 - 24 Tighten
 - 25 New York neighbor
 - 27 Buddy
 - 28 Copy letters
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Flo & Friends



Skinner

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have focused on his relationship with his niece.

Deborah Ellis, a friend of Donnell's wife, testified Wednesday that she thinks Donnell killed Twila Busby and her sons.

Busby and Donnell had been at a New Year's Eve party earlier the evening of the murders.

Ellis said she has suspected Donnell was involved in the murders since Jan. 1, 1994, based on the way he reacted to the police telling him about the murders. She said he showed no emotion when told about the murders.

She said Donnell very carefully cleaned out his pickup a few days after the murder. She said he took the carpet out of the floorboards and cleaned it, but she said she saw no blood or evidence of violence in the pickup or on the carpet.

Ellis also indicated that Donnell was a violent man. He had once put a gun to his wife's head and threatened to blow her head off.

James Hayes of Pampa also described Donnell as a violent man, although he appeared to back down from statements he made to Skinner's lawyers in 1997.

He was in prison at the time and said he had not completely dried out then.

"Back then, I was drinking and drugging pretty heavily," Hayes said.

Hayes recalled a fight with Donnell at Busby's house.

"He cut my shirt one night," Hayes said. "He was drunk, and I was running him off."

Hayes said Donnell went out to his truck, then came back with a knife.

"He cut my shirt all the way across the front of it," Hayes said. "I didn't like him."

Hayes and Twila Busby dated for a while. Even after Hayes married, he said Twila Busby would call him and ask him and his wife to come over because Donnell was there.

"I was like a peacekeeper," Hayes said.

When questioned about reports that Twila Busby and Donnell had argued at a New Year's Eve party the evening of the murders, Hayes said that when they drank, they argued.

"She didn't want to go home that night," Hayes recalled.

He said that Twila Busby on occasion had asked both he and his wife to spend the night because she was afraid.

He said that Twila Busby had told him that Donnell had tried to molest her.

Hayes also testified that Skinner was violent and a heavy drinker.

Donnell was at Busby's house frequently, Hayes said.

"He'd bring food to the house, take the kids to get videos, take them to get hamburgers," Hayes said.

Donnell left the New Year's Eve party before Twila Busby did.

"He was more or less run off," Hayes said.

Vickie Broadstreet of Pampa testified that she knew Donnell, and when asked about the relationship between Twila Busby and Donnell, Broadstreet said that Busby told her they were having sex.

Broadstreet also testified that Donnell was jealous of Busby's relationships with other people.

Former Pampa District Attorney John Mann, who had prosecuted Skinner, said that with a few exceptions, Pampa police officers were inept and incompetent at the time of the murders.

Last month, in talking to defense attorneys for Skinner, Mann said that was no longer the case.

But in 1994, Mann said they were incapable of investigating a major crime scene.

He cited a videotaped statement that showed Skinner asking for a lawyer as an example. Although Skinner was unable to contact a lawyer that New Year's Day, police officers continued to question him.

Mann said that statement would have been inadmissible in court so he did not use it, relying instead on his own investigator and the Gray County Sheriff's office.

While the video has never been introduced into evidence, excerpts from the tape indicated that Skinner said that he did not remember Scooter grabbing him behind the neck to get him off Scooter's mother.

Skinner said, according to a transcript of the tape, that he remembered Twila Busby hitting him across the back with a stick, and he remembered her on top of him with a stick.

Skinner asked her where she had been. When she said she had been to a party at Howard Mitchel's home, Skinner said she was forbidden to go to Mitchel's house.

Comer testified Wednesday that he was aware that the District Attorney's office had done some DNA testing. He said he had no indication that further testing would be helpful. In fact, he said, he feared further testing might be incriminating.

Instead of requesting further testing, which he could have done, Comer said the defense strategy was to attack the prosecution for testing only selected items. The defense at the trial admitted that Skinner was in the room when Twila Busby was killed, but they claimed he was comatose on the couch.

Max Courtney, a criminologist the defense had engaged to review blood spatter evidence, reported that there were blood spatters on both the front and back of Skinner's clothes, which would have been in conflict with the defense theory that Skinner was passed out on the couch. That was another reason Comer said they did not ask for further DNA testing.

One of the questions that has been raised on Skinner's appeal of his conviction was Comer's role in prosecuting Skinner several years before on charges of assaulting a peace officer and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Comer had been the District Attorney before Mann.

Mann said he remembered that Comer's prosecution of Skinner had come up at the end of a hearing soon after Skinner had been charged.

Mann said it was in the 31st District Courtroom before Judge Kent Sims, who tried the murder case although he couldn't remember if it was Sims or Comer who brought up the subject.

Mann said the proceedings had ended and the court reporter had already put up his transcription machine.

"It was almost as an afterthought," Mann said.

Mann said Judge Sims asked if Skinner had any objections about Comer representing him.

"Skinner had no objections," Mann said.

Comer said he reminded Skinner that he had prosecuted him when the two met in the Gray County jail and asked Skinner if he wanted Comer to represent him on the murder charges.

"He said, yes, he did," Comer testified.

Skinner waived his client-attorney privilege, allowing Comer and Fields to testify about the trial preparations and communications they had with Skinner.

Academy for Ranch Management announces upcoming workshops

By EDITH A. CHENAULT
Texas A&M News

COLLEGE STATION — The Academy for Ranch Management announced its schedule of 2006 workshops.

The topics and dates are as follows:

-Prescribed Burning, Jan. 19-21 and Feb. 16-18. These courses will teach fire characteristics, dangers, benefits and burn planning, and will provide part of the educational requirements for the Certified Prescribed Burn Manager certificate issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The classes in January and February teach the same material.

-Advanced Prescribed Burning, March 2-4. This course provides additional planning and leadership skills and completes the educational requirements for the Texas Certified Prescribed Burn Manager.

-Restore and Manage

Deer Habitat, May 11-13. Techniques to inventory and manage rangeland for producing quality deer herds will be taught.

-Grazing to Meet Your Objectives, July 13-15. Participants will be instructed in developing a pasture management plan to improve rangeland and restore degraded pastures.

-Rangeland Restoration and Management, Aug. 10-12. This course covers rangeland ecology, plant identification, grazing strategies, wildlife/livestock interactions and nutrition, and habitat restoration.

All of the workshops will be presented at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Sonora.

Each workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday and conclude with a meal on Saturday.



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo courtesy of RAY HINNANT)

Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, left, with Hope Huffman of San Angelo and Jeff White of Odessa at a previous Academy for Ranch Management workshop.

Instructors will be Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, director of the Sonora station; Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor, Texas A&M University; Ray Hinnant, senior research associate, Experiment Station, and Kent Mills, nutritionist, Hi-Pro Feeds.

Loose tire on I-35 kills woman near Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman was killed when a tire fell from an 18-wheeler and crushed the roof of her car.

Dilia Lopez, 31, was driving on Interstate 35 near

Georgetown Wednesday morning when the rear driver side wheels came off a tractor-trailer in the south-bound lane. One of the wheels went over the divider and bounced on the north-

bound lanes, where it struck the roof of Lopez' car and killed her instantly, said Kevin Stoffe, Georgetown Police assistant chief.

"The odds of something like this happening are astro-

nomical," said John Hurt, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Motorists driving in both directions of the highway swerved to avoid the wheels.

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ECONOMY

Factory production rebounds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose at the fastest pace in 17 months in October, posting a solid rebound from the devastating Gulf Coast hurricanes. Storm-related claims peaked at 108,000 in the third week in September and have been declining since that time. Total jobless claims throughout the country fell by 25,000 last week to 303,000, the lowest level since mid-April and a sign that the labor market is shaking off the impact of the hurricanes.

The Federal Reserve reported that industrial output was up a healthy 0.9 percent last month as refineries and oil and natural gas platforms began production again after widespread shutdowns caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Last month's increase followed a 1.5 percent plunge in September, which had been the biggest one-month drop in industrial production in more than two decades.

Home construction plunged by 5.6 percent in October, providing dramatic evidence that rising mortgage rates are beginning to dampen the housing boom.

A third report showed the number of Americans who have lost jobs because of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma rose by 19,000 last week to total 561,400.

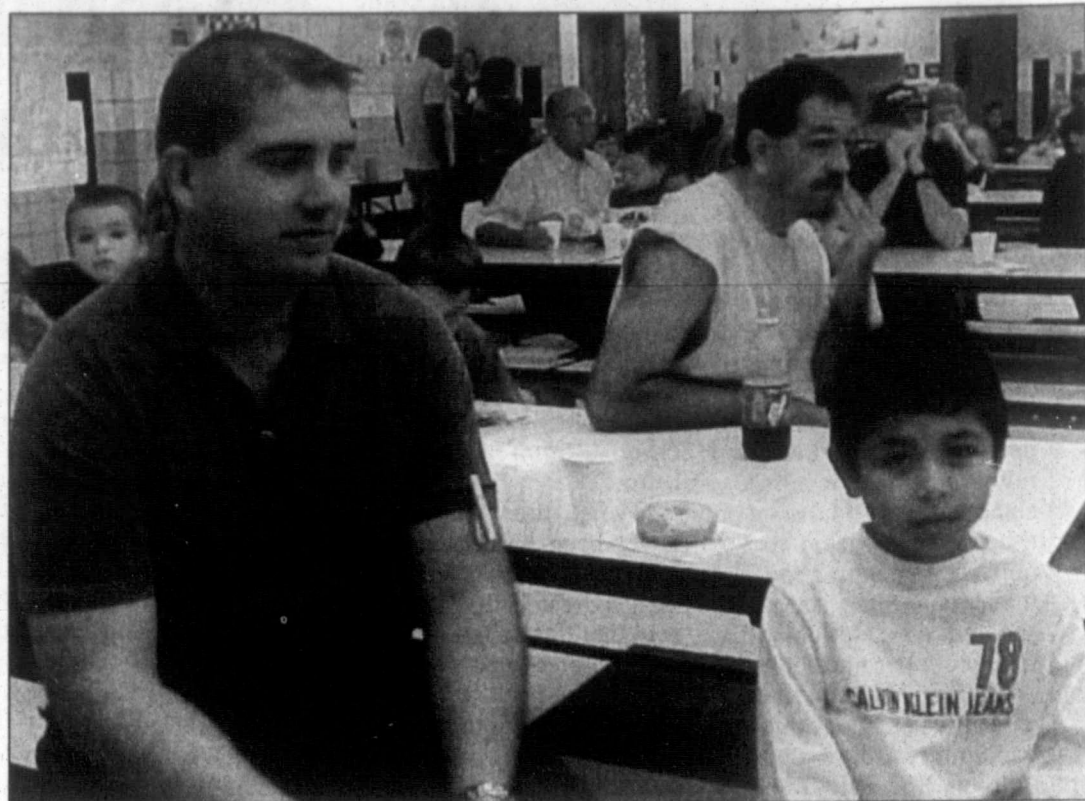
That increase was down slightly from the 21,000 hurricane-related claims that

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The strong increase in manufacturing output offset a 1.9 percent drop in output at the nation's utilities and a 0.5 percent drop in mining output.

The drop in home construction came as mortgage rates were climbing in October, hitting a two-year high last week of 6.36 percent for the nationwide average on 30-year mortgages.

Dad's Day



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently hosted a special "Dad's Day." Students invited their fathers to come spend the morning with them. They had refreshments while listening to a speaker, played games and all went to gym for more fun with their dads. Dad's Day was organized as part of the Parental Involvement Program at Woodrow Wilson. The event was arranged by Debbie Doss, Wilson parent liaison. Above: Second grader Aaron Arreola with his dad Justin Long.



Second grader Connie Leal and first grader Serenity Leal visit with their stepdad Chris Laub during Dad's Day at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

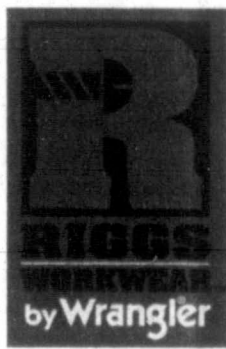
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Texas town renamed as part of corporate marketing plan

DISH, Texas (AP) — Back in the 1950s, Hot Springs, N.M., was renamed Truth or Consequences, N.M., after a popular quiz show. During the dot-com boom of 2000, Halfway, Ore. agreed to become Half.com for a year.

This week, Clark, Texas, morphed into DISH in exchange for a decade of free satellite television from the DISH Network for the town's 55 homes. Residents in Santa, Idaho, meanwhile, are weighing the pros and cons of changing to Secretsanta.com, Idaho.

Across the nation, small communities are being courted by large corporations who say renaming a town provides a marketing buzz that can't be bought in television ads. Though some worry about corporate America's increasing influence in local government, many towns seem eager to accept.

In a deal unanimously approved Tuesday by the two-member town council, Clark agreed to become DISH permanently, effective immediately.

'We really look at this as kind of a rebirth for our community. We want everybody to come here.'

— Bill Merritt
Town mayor

It's part of an advertising campaign for Englewood, Colo.-based EchoStar Communications Corp., which operates the DISH Network satellite TV system.

The company pegged the deal at about \$4,500 per

home in the rural patch of ranch land, which is about a half hour's drive north of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Beyond the lure of free TV service for the 125 residents, the renaming is a way for the town to attract businesses and residents, said Mayor Bill Merritt, who courted EchoStar to pick the town.

"We really look at this as kind of a rebirth for our community," Merritt said. "We want everybody to come here."

The town was founded in June 2000 by L.E. Clark, who sharply criticized the renaming.

"I don't especially like it," said Clark, who lost to Merritt in May's mayoral election. "I worked my butt off a little over a year getting it incorporated."

Other towns also have accepted such corporate offers.

Reporter disputes CIA leak charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Woodward's version of when and where he learned the identity of a CIA operative contradicts a special prosecutor's contention that Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide was the first to make the disclosure to reporters.

Attorneys for the aide, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, described Wednesday's statement by the Washington Post's assistant managing editor as helpful for their defense, although Libby is charged with lying to a grand jury and the FBI, not with disclosing the CIA official's name.

"Hopefully, as information is obtained from

reporters like Bob Woodward, the real facts will come out," lawyer Ted Wells said Wednesday.

Woodward, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, said he had not told his bosses until last month that he had learned about Valerie Plame's identity and her work at the CIA more than two years ago from a high-level Bush administration official.

When Woodward learned Plame's name, he told The Associated Press Wednesday, he was in the middle of finishing a book about the administration's decision to go to war in Iraq, and didn't want to be subpoenaed to testify.

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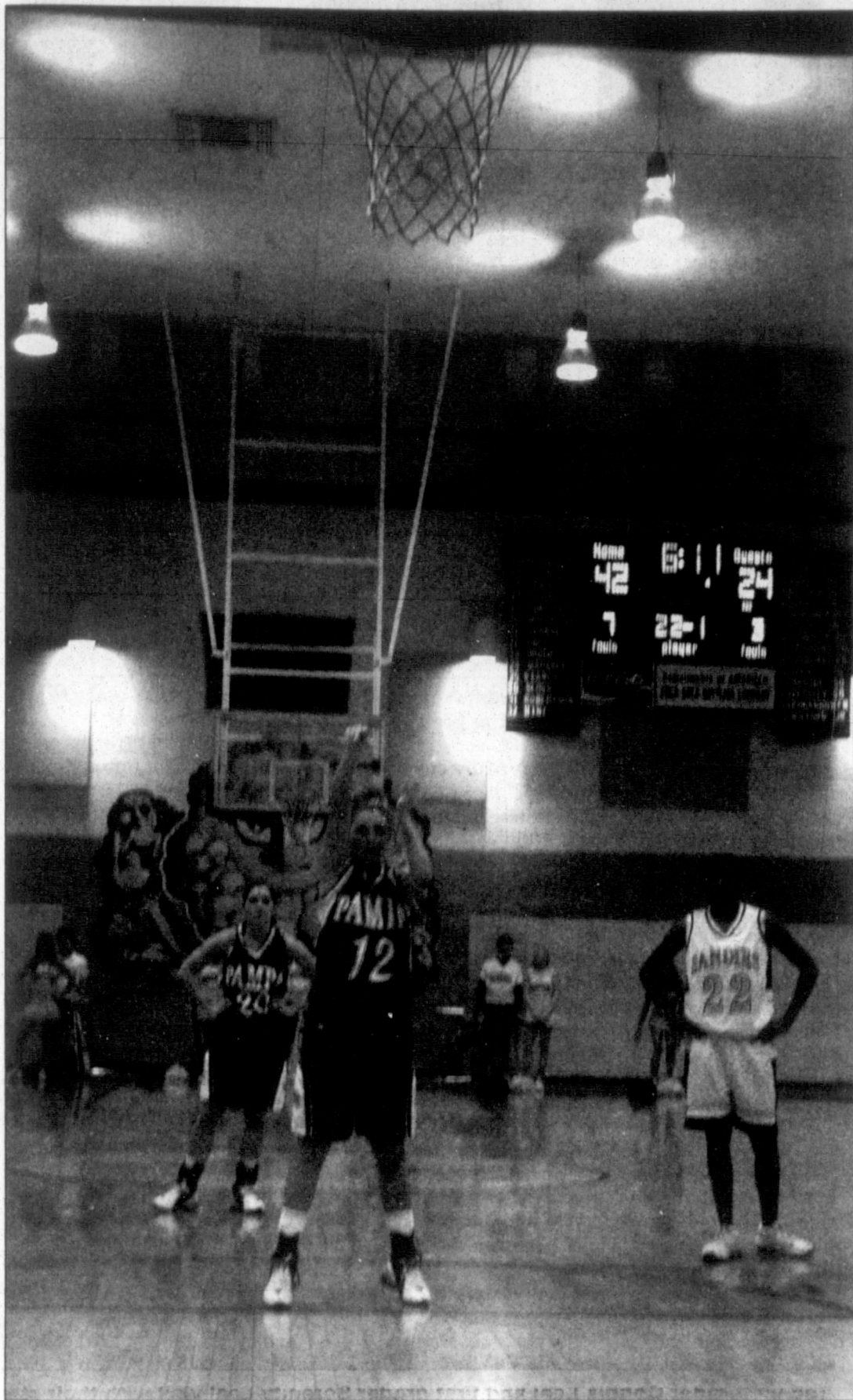
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Sports Day



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Free throw

Lady Harvester Audrey Dunn (#12) fires off a free throw attempt during Tuesday's game at Amarillo High. Dunn and her Pampa teammates will be in Canyon Friday to face the Lady Eagles.

Bufs, Gorillas to be televised

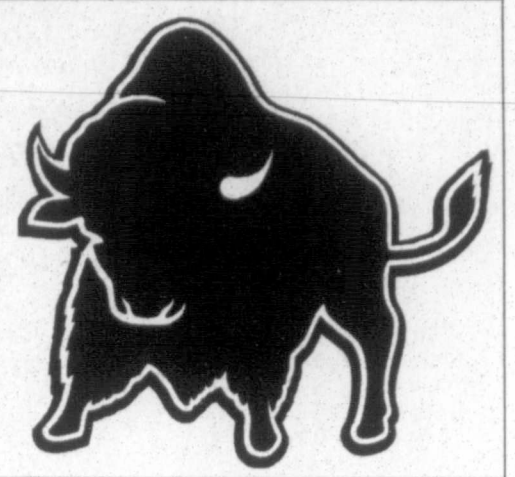
CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Athletic Department announced Wednesday that Saturday's NCAA-II Football Playoff game between the fifth-seeded Pittsburg State University Gorillas and the top-seeded WTAMU Buffaloes will be broadcast live on the local Fox affiliate KCIT-TV locally. Kickoff is set for 1:05 p.m. at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

KCIT was granted shared broadcast rights by the NCAA, and will be sending a satellite feed back to KSNF-TV, the local NBC affiliate in the Pittsburg, Kan./Joplin, Mo., viewing area. Part of the reasoning for granting the rare broadcast rights is the appeal of the large crowds that the Buffaloes have been drawing this season. WTAMU currently leads NCAA-II in attendance, averaging just over 14,000 per home game.

"We're excited about this opportunity to showcase Kimbrough and our great Buffalo fans," WTAMU Athletic Director Ed Harris said. "Having a large crowd will have a strong influence on us hosting a national semifinal game should we win out, and this gives a perfect chance to campaign for hosting a nationally televised game. It is critical that we maintain the fabulous community energy, enthusiasm, excitement and support we've gotten all season long."

WTAMU is ranked No. 7 in the AFCA Top 25 Coaches Poll, while PSU is ranked No. 23.

Tickets are on sale at the WTAMU Athletics Ticket Office in the Activities



Center, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., or at any Panhandle Ticket Outlets, including the First United Bank Center.

All reserved tickets are sold out. General admission tickets are \$10 for adult, including senior citizens, as no senior citizen discount will be valid, as mandated by the NCAA. Students (properly identified grade school, high school and college students of the participating institutions) are \$3. No discounts, passes or complimentary tickets of any type will be available, also as mandated by the NCAA. The NCAA also does not allow any noisemakers of any kind at Championship events.

For ticket information, contact the WTAMU Athletics Ticket Office at 806-651-4424.

No. 2 Texas routs Samford, 77-33

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — P.J. Tucker had 22 points and eight rebounds and No. 2 Texas got a near-record defensive performance in a 77-33 win over Samford on Wednesday night in the second round of the Guardians Classic tournament.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Longhorns (2-0) who just missed having three players record double-doubles. Brad Buckman finished with nine points and nine rebounds. T

Travis Peterson scored 12 to lead Samford (1-1), which scored just 13 points in the first half, matching the second-fewest points allowed in a half by Texas since the 1949-50 season. The Texas record is 12, a mark accomplished twice, most recently in last season's 97-52 win over Centenary. The Longhorns also outrebounded Samford 54-15.

After two victories against overmatched opponents, the Longhorns move on to the

next round Monday in Kansas City, where they'll meet No. 14 West Virginia, a team that came within one win of reaching the Final Four last season.

Samford served up an early lesson in frustration for the Longhorns using a zone defense that drew Texas fouls and a slow-paced Princeton offense that kept the Texas offense in check.

While Aldridge was 4-of-6 shooting with seven rebounds in the first half, Texas point guard Daniel Gibson went to the bench after two offensive fouls and the Longhorns generally looked out of sync with nine turnovers. Gibson had no points in eight minutes in the half.

Texas made up for the miscues with a 28-8 rebounding edge in the half and a defensive effort that held smaller and slower Samford to 5-of-23 shooting. Overall, Texas held Samford to 26 percent shooting — 13-of-50.

POOR HIRING PRACTICES

Five get failing grades from BCA

Toughest job in world? Though there are a myriad of choices, there may be one or two you might not even consider for your list.

I'm thinking of jobs held by brave men and women who offer knowledge, grit, guidance and a desire to be the best, while most get little more than the satisfaction of a job well done in return. Still, what they do is life-impacting and nets millions in revenue for their respective employers.

They don't operate heavy equipment, therefore the loss-of-limb risk just isn't there.

They don't pilot aircraft at supersonic speeds, or guide two thousand pound race cars around a track.

They don't fish for crab, work in mines or tame wild animals. Well, the latter maybe.

They are athletic directors and head coaches. Men and women already burdened by the pitfalls of competition. People who chose to walk that thin line between nurturing athletic skill, tending to bruised egos while enduring behind-the-back comments from those who wonder why their kid isn't playing, or from those who can do a better job, but just don't want to. Many AD's and coaches are just a play away from being heroes one moment, goats another.

As though this wasn't enough, now these folks have to endure the scorn and scrutiny of special interest groups like the Black Coaches Association, led by executive director Floyd Keith. Keith and his organization recently issued 'report cards' grading various colleges on their hiring practices with regard to coaching vacancies.

Thirty Division I-A and II-A schools had coaching vacancies at the end of

last season. And the manner in which these schools chose to fill them was poor at best according to Keith. Enough so that the BCA has hinted at taking legal action against the schools.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



While five of the schools got high marks from the BCA, 17 weren't as lucky, receiving a grade of "C" or lower. Five, including Southeastern Louisiana, Marshall, San Jose State, South Carolina and Utah were saddled with "F's".

To put this into perspective, Keith and the BCA want more schools to hire more minority coaches. And it seems skin tone is far more important to them than talent. Keith has stated he and the BCA hope when recruiters come calling on minorities, they will consider colleges, "where they'll have a fair opportunity to be hired" should they aspire to coach one day. What if they don't want to coach? What if they hope to be seen by a scout? A great athlete in a program floundering in failure is less likely to play on Sunday than an average athlete in a winning program.

So what Keith and the BCA are saying is they are fine with a program that suffers or succeeds, so long as that program has its share of minority coaches leading it. Problem is, many Division I-A and II-A schools are akin to big business and depend upon the revenue derived from athletes as well as the fans that fill the stands. A losing to

mediocre program can cripple a school and impact more than just athletics. The trickle-down effect can be devastating.

If this is where college sports is headed, then why not start offering the top recruits some type of stipend? This is why they are recruited in the first place. To help his or her sport and bring in the fans.

A great example of what a winning program can do for a school can be found just a few miles south of Amarillo. West Texas A&M University has had a woeful football program for a number of years. On any given Saturday, you could almost walk into a home game for free and sit anywhere you wanted.

You could shout across the field during a game and hear your echo. Try doing that this Saturday. And I have little doubt when Coach Carthel and his staff go recruiting after the season ends, they will have plenty of interest from student athletes slobbering to be a part of what he has built in just one season. Carthel is doing exactly what he was hired to do. Win games and generate revenue.

It's foolish to suggest minority coaches cannot do the same. Do I think there is some disparity in the black vs. white ratio? Absolutely. Still, the decision to hire should be based on — among other things — proven experience and the ability to lead and teach, whether that applicant is black, white, brown, orange or green. Yet at the same time, the school should never be bullied into making a decision simply to please a special interest group.

Toughest job in the world? I think the list just got a little bigger.

Jones, Barber becoming Dallas' 1-2 punch at RB

IRVING, Texas (AP) — As soon as his sore left ankle will allow it, Julius Jones will again be the starting running back of the Dallas Cowboys.

He just won't be the only running back. Jones and Marion Barber III are now a 1-2 punch, with Tyson Thompson also likely to get a few chances each game. How they are used will depend on everything from the type of defense the Cowboys are playing to how each player's strengths fit a certain situation.

"I am going to use all these guys," Parcells said Wednesday. "Why don't you call them all utility guys — utility A, B and C."

Jones is still the front-runner because he proved what he can do by running for 787 yards over the last seven games of last season. But Barber has proven his worth with strong running, excellent blocking and good hands. Thompson has breakaway speed, but is still learning the finer points of the position.

"I think there is so much tread on those running backs on a game to game basis, so I want to make sure I've got enough to get through the game every week," Parcells said. "Don't give one guy the ball 40 times, if I've got an option."

Jones came into this season not only as the lead back, but as the focus of the entire offense. Then came a slow start, followed by the high ankle sprain in the fifth game.

Barber, a fourth-round pick, had gotten buried on the depth chart because of a foot problem midway through the preseason. He worked his way back up with a combination of smarts and skills, showing enough of both that the Cowboys released veteran Anthony Thomas while Jones was out.

Barber gained 95 yards against Seattle, earning his first career start against Arizona. He responded with 127 yards and two touchdowns, earning another start this past Monday night against Philadelphia even though Jones was back, too.

"I just thought to start with that maybe Marion might be a little bit in the flow a little bit better," Parcells said.

Their tag-team debut didn't go so well. Barber gained 46 yards on 13 carries and Jones had 16 yards on eight tries.

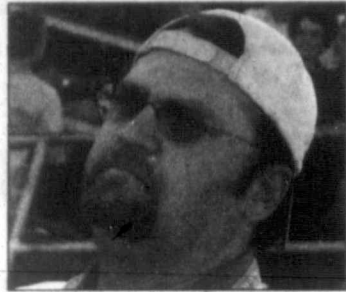
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Stokes crushes field with 16-4 weekend as picks get tougher

Week 12 Games

Oklahoma @ Texas Tech
Virginia Tech @ Virginia
Ohio State @ Michigan
Alabama @ Auburn
Penn State @ Michigan State
Fresno State @ USC
Harvard @ Yale
Missouri @ Kansas State
Oklahoma State @ Baylor
Pittsburg State @ WTAMU
Detroit @ Dallas
Carolina @ Chicago
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Philadelphia @ NY Giants
Amarillo High vs. Midland
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Tulia vs. Sanford-Fritch
Wheeler vs. Meadow
Stratford vs. Nazareth

Cumulative totals: Hooper 144-56, Boring 139-61, Stokes 140-60, Stevens 130-70, Smith 129-71.



Michael J. Stevens
Last Week: 11-9-0 (3)

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Auburn
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Wheeler
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Sean Smith
Last Week: 11-9-0 (3)

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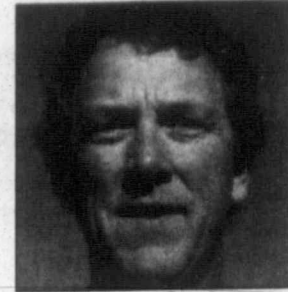
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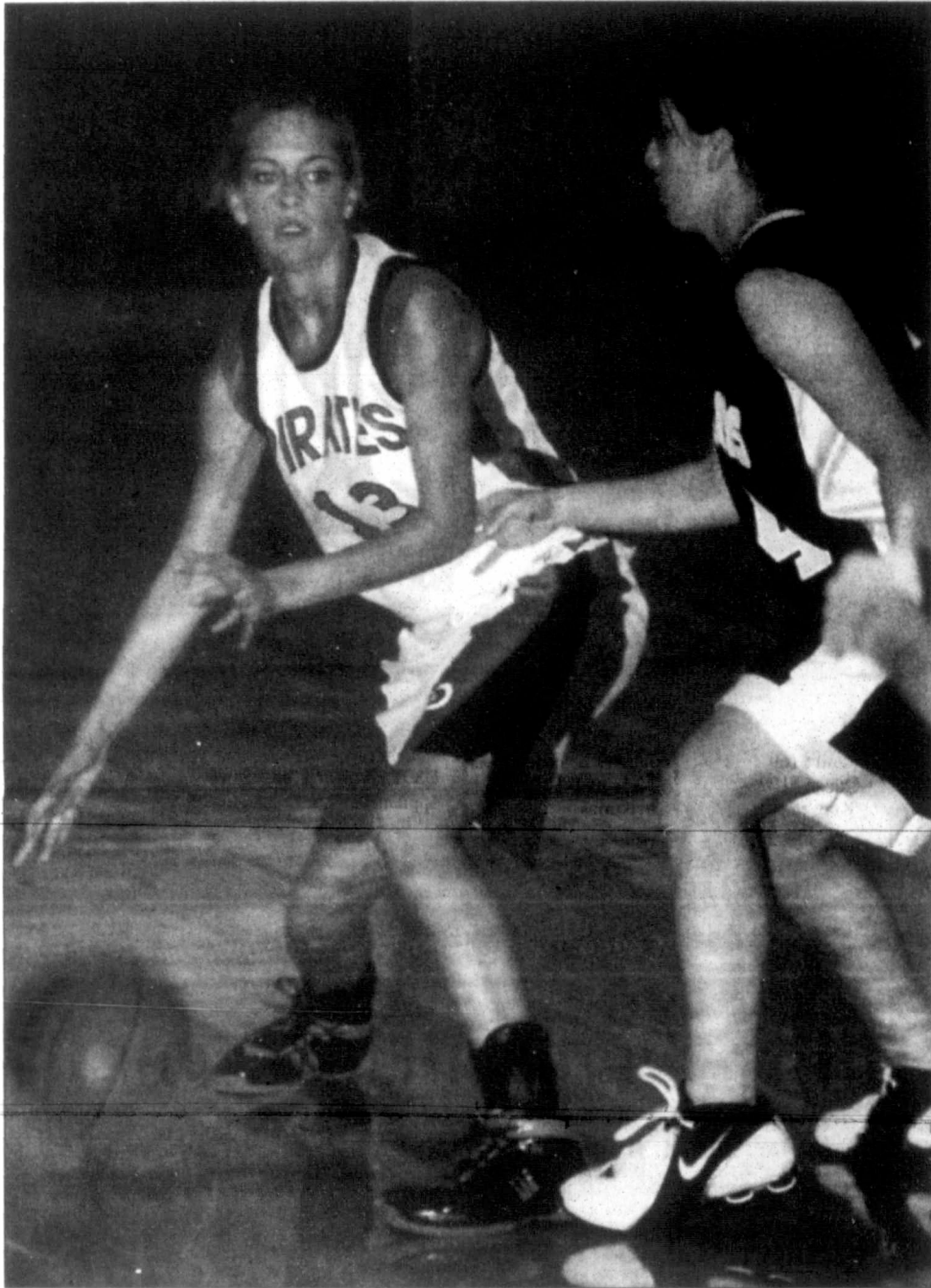
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Shane Stokes
Last Week: 16-4-0 (1)

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Ohio State
Auburn
Penn State
USC
Harvard
Kansas State
Baylor
WTAMU
Dallas
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Atlanta
Washington
NY Giants
Midland
Monahans
Sanford-Fritch
Meadow
Stratford

Basket bound



Courtesy photo

Lefors Lady Pirate Rachael Stubbs works the ball by a defender Tuesday night. Stubbs had 16 points in the Lady Pirates' 47-37 win over Bushland.

Weatherspoon dead at 39

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Anthony Weatherspoon, a fullback who helped transform Colorado into a national power in the mid-1980s, died after a long struggle with leukemia. He was 39.

Weatherspoon, who died Tuesday in Houston, also suffered from a rare blood disorder. He needed a bone marrow transplant and had found a donor. But he was never healthy enough to have the surgery.

"Spoon was a tenacious fullback, and his talents helped lay the founda-

tion that turned the Buffs into a national power," former teammate Brad Robinson said. "He had that brilliant smile in the locker room and on campus with his teammates and friends."

When coach Bill McCartney switched the Buffaloes to the wish-bone offense in 1985, Weatherspoon led the team with 569 yards and was second in rushing in 1986 with 581 yards. He ran for 101 yards in Colorado's 21-17 victory over Oregon in 1985, one of the big wins in the team's return to national prominence.

Punch

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"We didn't get real good holes," Parcels said. "We didn't really block them real well. They were moving on us. They blitzed the run a couple of times. They caught us with minus plays."

Dallas' totals were 58 yards on 24 carries, its worst production since the third game of last season. But Parcels said it wasn't as bad as it sounded, noting that play action sucked in the defense and made possible two other big plays. Barber also had a 26-yard gain to set up the touchdown that got Dallas within 20-14.

Next up is a Detroit defense that, statistically, is even better against the run. And the Lions are coming off their best performance of the season, limiting Arizona to 38 yards on 16 carries.

Jones will start if his ankle can handle it.

"I'll look at him in practice," Parcels said. "I would have confidence to start him this week if he looks pretty good and I think he will."

Jones said he's not 100 percent, "but I'm good enough to go."

"I can't really cut as hard as I used to," he said. "I'm a guy who slashes and makes a lot of cuts. I think once the ankle heals up completely, I'll be able to start cutting on it."

Barber, the son of former NFL running back Marion Barber Jr., was in the same kind of role last year at Minnesota. Despite sharing carries with Laurence Maroney, Barber still gained 1,269 yards and scored 11 touchdowns.

"I just got to be ready at all times," he said.

He's already gotten some friendly advice from Jones.

"He told me to step up. Not in a negative way, just to be ready," Barber said. "He's a real cool dude. He's been there helping me out."

Quarterback Drew Bledsoe likes the backfield rotation.

"It's a real luxury to have two guys, and in our case three guys, that can play from time to time because it's a brutally punishing position to play," Bledsoe said. "I think that with Julius continuing to get healthy and getting back toward 100

percent that that's going to help us.

"I would look for us to be more consistent, more productive in the running game down the stretch here for sure."

Extra points: CB Anthony Henry warmed up against Philadelphia, but his injured groin wasn't ready to handle playing. The Cowboys sure could use their tallest cornerback Sunday against Detroit's big receiving corps. "I hope this week will be better than last," Parcels said. "I don't think he'll miss any practice this week." ... Henry was listed as questionable on the injury report.

TE Brett Pierce (ankle) was probable and WR Patrick Crayton (ankle) was doubtful. ... Parcels shook up the schedule Wednesday because being on the road for a Monday night game threw their normal preparation time out of whack. "I brought the players in a little later today to try to get the coaches more of a chance to get-up-to-speed," he said. "I am going to keep them here until about 7 p.m. tonight. So it will be long day today. They have to get ready."

No. 16 Orange meet Knight's squad in semis

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Between them, Bob Knight and Jim Boeheim have more than 1,500 wins, and one of the Hall of Fame coaches will get another Thursday night.

That's when Boeheim and No. 16 Syracuse meet Knight and his Texas Tech Red Raiders at Madison Square Garden in the semifinals of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic to benefit Coaches vs. Cancer. The other semifinal pits Florida against No. 19 Wake Forest.

It will be the third game for each team, and it's only mid-November.

"We're happy. To be able to play these games early in the year is tremendous for our team," said Boeheim, who has 705 wins as he starts his 30th season, all at his alma mater. "We're just beginning to try to shape our team. We won't be able to do things at the same level now as we will at the end of the year."

Ditto for the other three teams.

"I think any time you have the chance to play early in the season really tells you what you have and don't have," said Knight, who has seven freshmen on his roster. "Right now, a freshman is a freshman. This early, they're question marks. I don't think you can expect tremendously consistent play this early. You're starting over."

The Orange (2-0) can vouch for that. Although they started the season with a 68-37 victory over Bethune-Cookman, the lowest point total by an opponent since Boeheim became coach in 1976, they struggled in a second-round win over Cornell. Syracuse shot 1-for-19 on 3-pointers in the 67-62 victory eight days ago and allowed the Big Red to make 11 long-range shots.

"They hit a lot of shots. I can't say we contested all of them," sophomore guard Josh Wright said. "We just didn't get it done."

"It's tough to come together defensively right away," said guard Gerry McNamara, who is 1-for-14 on 3-pointers and 13-for-14 from the free-throw line in two games. "It takes work. If you have good offensive players, you can get by. Defensively, we have to play better."

Small forward Demetris Nichols hit the Orange's first shot of the Cornell game — a 3-pointer — then missed his next six 3s. McNamara was even worse, going 0-for-10 to snap his school-record streak of 50 consecutive games with at least one 3.

Boeheim wasn't concerned about his star senior guard.

"It's happened before. He'll bounce back," Boeheim said.

House votes against regulating boxing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh from dealing with baseball and steroids, Congress chose Wednesday not to step into the ring as boxing's referee, voting down a bill to create a federal agency to protect fighters' health and wallets.

The House voted 233-190 against forming a U.S. Boxing Commission within the Commerce Department. Most Republicans opposed the measure, while most Democrats voted for it.

Critics attacked the bill as a misguided effort to expand the federal government to manage a part of the entertainment industry.

"This is a big government bill. It creates a new federal agency that provides for more regulation and is not self-financing," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

The Senate in May approved a similar bill offered by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Boxing has suffered from waning popularity in recent years, hurt in part by legal tussles

between promoters, sanctioning bodies and the fighters themselves.

The House bill from Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., would have created a three-person U.S. Boxing Commission, appointed by the president to three-year terms, funded by licensing fees imposed on those who make their living in the fight business.

Proponents argued a U.S. commission would solve a range of problems, including fighters risking their health to fight in states with weak regulations, a lack of financial support for rundown boxers, and unscrupulous managers.

Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., a former college football coach, said it was long past time to address the centuries-old lack of proper safety controls in boxing.

"How many people have to die, how many people have to have their brains scrambled? ... We wouldn't do this with animals," he said.

POLITICS OF SPORT

Baseball owners unanimously approve steroids agreement

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Baseball owners voted unanimously Thursday to approve the toughened steroids policy agreed to with the players' association earlier this week.

"To say they were happy was the understatement of year," commissioner Bud Selig said. "They were very pleased with the agreement and delighted with everything that had gone on."

The union's executive board will decide when it meets Dec. 5-9 in Henderson, Nev., whether all players should vote to ratify the agreement or if board approval is sufficient.

Spurred by the threat of federal legislation, players and owners agreed Tuesday to a new deal that would start before spring training. Players would get a 50-game suspension for a first positive test, miss 100 games for a second offense and face a lifetime ban for a third.

The sport's current penalties are a 10-day suspension for a first offense, 30 days for a second offense and 60 days for a third. The earliest a player could be banned for life is a fifth offense.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 18, 2005:

You will need to use charm, imagination and optimism to bypass some difficult people this year. In fact, you will need to learn not to take comments so personally. Often, others are talking about themselves and not about you. Some might be jealous because you appear to be very lucky and fortunate. No matter what goes down, you land on your feet — or better. Be careful about a sweet tooth, as you could gain weight easily. In fact, not extremes, which are normal for your sign, but over-indulgences will be enticing. If you are single, your love life is ooh-la-la! If you are attached, you add heat to your bond. It sizzles again. **CANCER** understands you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Family, real estate and investments play major roles in your choices today. You might have a disagreement with a child or family member. Don't make it a big deal. Everyone has different ideas. Allow others to disagree. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might need to adapt your plans for a partner or someone you care about. Don't get an attitude, remain positive despite someone's negativity. You cannot allow others to put you down or trigger you. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Be careful with funds. You

might think that money is there that isn't — ouch. You might need to have a long discussion with an associate who impacts your daily life. Don't accept no for an answer. Work through a problem peacefully. Tonight: Stick to your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Your smile helps bypass a boomerang here and there. Accept no obstacles. Just know that you haven't found the solution yet. You will. Someone might be very hard on you. Don't let anyone or anything rain on your parade. Tonight: You decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** No matter what you do or how you handle it, somehow you could experience a backfire. Think positively. Try to listen to others, even if they are hostile in their tone. Don't get down. You feel pressured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Your friends seek you out. Meetings might also be instrumental. You will have to adjust your plans and/or your thinking. Go with the flow, even if you think everyone is being a bit outrageous or difficult. Tonight: Let off steam with your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Pressure builds for you to accomplish more than you actually can. Others might be critical or temperamental. You are only one person. Count on working past when others leave. Tonight: A late dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might want to take a leap of faith right now, but obstacles seem to stop you right before you jump. Others have a lot on their plates, and you seem

to be the person they seek. Tonight: Split as soon as you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Dealing with others might take adapting and not pushing anyone into doing anything he or she doesn't want to do. Someone might be willful. Tempers get triggered, even yours. Take a walk at lunch. Tonight: Spend quality time with your favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might need to defer to others if you have any intention of keeping the peace. Your creativity might be an endless source of ideas, only someone doesn't want to listen. Stop fighting city hall. Tonight: Say yes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Listen to what is being said. You might be distracted for a good reason. If you can, take an early day and split. You push very hard and need a lot of downtime. Create such a situation for yourself. Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Try to tame an innate assertiveness that has been developing during the past few months. Allow more humor and joviality into your conversations. Others will respond. Adapt and flow. Tonight: Ever playful.

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Senate approves pension overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of workers and retirees worried that their companies will renege on pension promises got assurances from Congress that it is moving to protect their future benefits.

The Senate, in an unusually bipartisan 97-2 vote Wednesday, approved legislation to tighten rules for companies that underfund defined-benefit pension plans — a shortfall currently estimated at \$450 billion.

The bill also shores up the financial viability of the federal agency that insures pension plans for some 44 million Americans.

The stakes in this battle are far higher than most of us can conceive," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee. About \$120 billion in pension benefit checks are issued every year, he said, and "any shortfall in those amounts will result in a decrease in the standard of living" of some 20 million retirees.

On the House side, Labor and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Boehner, R-Ohio, said he expected the House to vote on its version after the Thanksgiving recess, with the hope of sending a bill to President Bush "very soon."

The White House on Wednesday applauded pas-

sage of the Senate bill while saying it opposed certain provisions, including special relief for the airline industry. It warned that the president might veto any legislation that results in weakening pension funding requirements.

But pension reform could also be the crowning achievement for the administration this year in the area of retirement security, following its abortive attempt to overhaul the Social Security system.

The legislation would encourage companies to put more money into their pension plans when times are good. It would clarify the law governing hybrid plans, such as cash balance plans, that are gaining in use.

Business groups generally praised the goals of the Senate bill while urging changes when the House and Senate negotiate a final bill. The American Benefits Council, which represents companies with pension plans, said the interest rates used for calculating pension obligations introduce too much unpredictability into funding.

It also questioned Senate language that would require companies with poor credit ratings to pay more into their pension plans, saying this could force financially weak companies to terminate their plans.

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'Interiors and Exteriors' opens at Amarillo College

AMARILLO — "Interiors and Exteriors, Exhibition of Paintings by AC Art Major Ryan Swanson" is being shown through Friday at Amarillo College in the Art Department Gallery in Russell Hall Room #102. A reception was held in honor of the artist.

Swanson is the son of Larry and Lynn Swanson of McLean.

Swanson said his subject matter is often whatever catches his artistic eye.

"Seeing 'it' can strike me at any time," he said. "So every moment my eyes are open there is a potential to be visually captured by a subject — a 'moment of capture' as it were.

"Shapes can be felt, (e.g. a ball is spherical), so I like the shapes, or space, to have an actual presence. A presence built upon with the buttery texture. I use oil paint, which grants blending color more subtle than acrylic. These colors actually develop as I paint, and are not pre-

determined." Swanson's philosophy on titles is ... he's not big on titles.

"Since painting is visual," he said, "I don't bother too much with extravagant titles. However, some artists rely on titles to convey the painting's idea. But sometimes a title can confuse a viewer — they confuse me. In fact, I am perfectly content if someone calls one of my paintings, 'the one with the stairs,' or 'the landscape with the purple trees.' The titles of my work are simply for reference."

Swanson doesn't sign his paintings either.

"This is because I do not want the same insignia to distract from the visual experience of the work."

"I do not," he concluded, "paint my subjects exactly how they look. I do not paint them exactly how I see them. I interpret what I see, respond to the paint as I paint, then when the painting says it is finished, I stop."

Ford recalls SUVs, pickups over windshield wiper motor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is recalling about 235,000 pickups, vans and sport-utility vehicles from the 2006 model year because of potential problems with the windshield wiper motor.

The models include the E-150, E-250, E-350 and E-450 vans, the Escape, Expedition and Explorer SUVs, F-150 and Ranger pickups and Taurus sedan. It also includes the Lincoln Navigator SUV and Lincoln Mark LT pickup and Mercury Mountaineer and Mariner SUV.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in a posting on its Web site that the windshield wiper motor may have been made without grease being applied to

the shaft gear. After continuous use on the high speed setting, the lack of grease may cause the gear to fracture during operation, leading to a loss of wiper function.

The posting said the lack of a working windshield wiper could lead to a crash under poor weather conditions. More than 200,000 vehicles were being recalled in the United States, with about 13,500 in Canada and the remaining affected vehicles in Mexico and Europe.

Ford spokeswoman Kristen Kinley said the problem was discovered during vehicle evaluations and there were no reports of consumer complaints. She said the automaker was cooperating with the government.

Vietnam trying to purge cities of live poultry

TRAN PHU, Vietnam (AP) — Stepping into a cramped coop, Pham Tuyet Anh grabbed a squawking chicken with a gloved hand and stuffed it inside a burlap bag soon filled with 15 other chickens. Dragging the bag down a dirt street to a collection point, Anh threw it beside a pile of other squirming sacks.

A veterinary officer for the commune of Tran Phu on the outskirts of the capital, Anh is on the front lines of Vietnam's ambitious plan to purge the country's two biggest cities — Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi — of all live poultry by next week to slow the spread of bird flu before winter, when the virus has typically been deadliest.

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— Pham Tuyet Anh
Veterinary officer

ing," said Anh, clad in a blue surgical gown, gloves, mask, and a hairnet. "They understand that the public's health is more important."

Vietnam has been struggling to contain the H5N1 bird flu virus, which has killed at least 64 people in Southeast Asia since 2003, most of them in Vietnam. Millions of birds have died or been slaughtered as the virus spread from Asia to Europe.

International health experts have warned the

bird flu virus could mutate into a form easily spread among humans, igniting a global pandemic. So far, most human cases have been traced to contact with infected birds.

Vietnam has gotten increasingly tough with its measures against bird flu as the world's attention has turned to Asia, where millions of backyard farms allow poultry and people to easily mingle.

In the capital of Hanoi, animal health workers have

been going door to door in the city's nine urban districts to search for live poultry, registering owners' names and how many birds they have.

This week, all poultry owners are required to bring their chickens, ducks and geese to an ad hoc collection point, where they will be bundled into trucks and sent off to be destroyed.

The government is paying \$1 per bird — about half the market price for a chicken and ducks and only a fraction of what geese are worth.

For farmers faced with a ban on poultry sales in the city and the new directive to destroy their poultry or face an undetermined fine, there is little choice.

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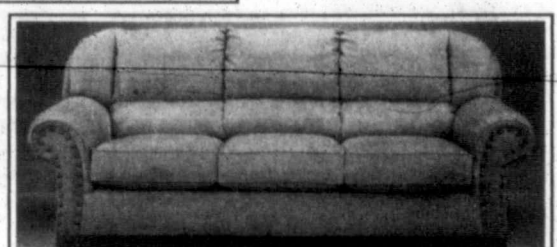
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