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Methamphetamine use on downward trend

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 While methamphetamine use remains an epidemic throughout the country, at the moment, it's on a downward trend in Gray County. During 2010, the Gray County Sheriff's Office reported 50 meth related incidents, which include lab busts and arrests for possession. This year, from January to mid November, there were just 20 incidents.
 Both the Sheriff's Office and the Pampa Police Department are

noticing several trends in current meth use. Meth in the area tends to be brought in from other places, rather than produced here, and crystal meth, or "ice," is the most common form of the drug. Law enforcement in the area note that meth use and production tends to come in waves, with usage going down as dealers or producers go to jail. It tends to go up later, as they get out of prison or are replaced by others in the business.
 Cary Rushing, Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office, attri-



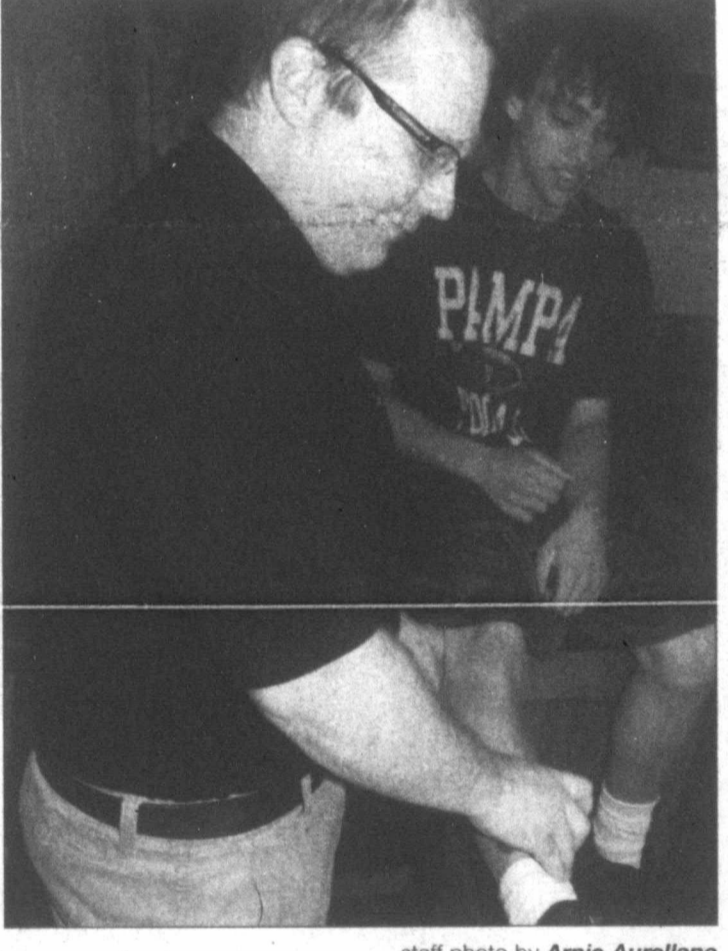
Rushing
 butes the current downward trend in meth use to the busting of a "smurfing" operation last year,

(It) makes a big difference. It reduces our number of cases dramatically. It also lets everybody know that we are actively looking for the people cooking meth, as well as the ones who are using.
 — Cary Rushing
 Chief Deputy of the Gray County Sheriff's Office on the department's work in corralling the transport of pseudoephedrine
 when about 20 people, mostly METH cont. on page 8

STANDARDIZED TESTS

New program implemented for PHS athletes

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 It's something virtually unheard of at the high school level, and it all started with the Olympics.
 That's the caliber of athlete that Pampa chiropractor Dr. Mark Ford was working with seven years ago when he came up with the idea. The concept was simple enough: Ford, who was working with Olympic-level decathletes in Sacramento before they departed for the Athens Olympics, saw all the pre-conditioning testing that the athletes underwent before prepping their bodies for the big event.
 "I started seeing all the testing being done on these guys prior to any type of workout, et cetera, to help improve their performance, but also to prevent injury," Ford said. "They do that on college level sports, they do that on pro sports, they do that on the Olympics. Well, I thought, how cool would it be if we could do something like that at a local level to help our local athletes?"



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano
Josh Godwin performs a muscle resistance test on Pampa freshman football player **Anthony Lymburner**.

It's a process that schools already go through on an academic level: Test the students at the beginning and again at the end, then compare the results. The same logic could apply to Pampa High School's

athletes, and with the training and technology Ford had available, why not give it a shot?

"We have a great athletic department here and they do TESTING cont. on page 7

For Pampa's Lister and family, making violins a labor of love

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 Jerry Lister plays a slew of stringed instruments, but he also makes them himself, with the help of his wife, Jill, and his son, David, 17. Jerry builds violins and mandolins, which he sometimes donates to students who can't afford the expensive instruments.
 Jerry became interested in building instruments in a roundabout way: two way radios and a love for science.
 "I grew up north of Miami on

a ranch. I liked two-way radios, because I could talk into town, so I learned about antennas. My uncle had a certain kind of antenna, so I built one like it. When you build an antenna, it has to be a resonant length of the frequency," he said. "Resonance is throughout the universe, not just antennas. Resonance is a secondary reaction to vibration."
 Studying resonance and vibration progressed into an interest in how sound works, and Lister has made many instruments since.
 The process begins with quarter



staff photo by Mollie Bryant
Jerry Lister measures the thickness of the wood on a freshly made mandolin.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 64 Low 40	High 67 Low 43	High 60 Low 43 30%

Today: Sunny, with a high near 64. Wind chill values between 27 and 37 early. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 40. Wind chill values between 32 and 37. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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Lister

sawn pieces of wood, which are basically pie shaped wedges of wood. Jerry splits the wood, then puts the wide ends together. Then he places a template over the wood and carves out the shape of the instrument.

The thickness of the front of a violin is what allows the sound to resonate, and Jerry takes caution as he measures and tunes the wood.

"It's thicker in the middle, and it's thinner around the edges. We sand the wood down, and we tune the (front and) back. Once we get it tuned where we want it, we glue the pieces together and tune the whole thing together," he said.

Jerry uses a strobe tuner to tune the instrument. "It gives all the harmonics of the sound, not just the tuning of the string," he said.

To make the sides of the instrument, Lister soaks wood strips, then uses a heated steel post to bend the wood. He uses frames and clamps to set the wood in its shape. After putting the pieces together, he creates a sandwich of the three pieces of wood called perfling, a decorative border.

From there, the team add sizing to protect the wood.

"(Jill) makes my sizing for me. It's a formula that we use (with) egg whites and salt. That seals it," said Jerry.

"It's like a meringue," said Jill. "You brush it on the wood, and the wood soaks it up, so it's like a primer, but it sets, so that it doesn't grab the varnish or stain. The salt helps preserve (the wood)."

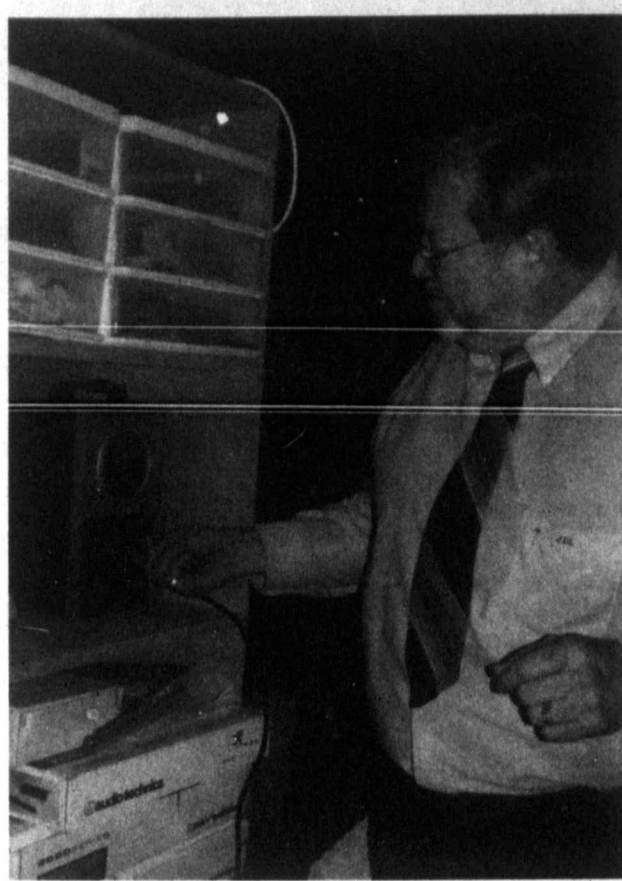
From there, Jerry will decorate the wood with carving and add color to the wood.

"(The personality of the instrument) is rooted in what it's made out of," said Jerry, who uses spruce, curly maple and mahogany woods.

"Each piece of wood is different," added Jill. "It can come from the same tree, but it's still different"

Jerry says that each instrument takes about 200 hours to complete.

"When you go buy a violin at a store, you don't realize the work it takes to make one," said Lister. "When you get into how (instruments are) built, how they work and all the engineering that's in each acoustic instrument, it's amazing how much science



staff photo by Mollie Bryant
Jerry Lister adjusts his strobe tuner, which he uses to tune the wood on violins and mandolins.

is in each instrument."

Lister says he would like to continue to donate the instruments to kids who want to play them.

"If students are capable and want to learn really bad, but can't afford one, music is so essential in a person's life (that) they need to have it," said Jill.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, November 21 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 50 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported 18 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 13 medical calls.

Friday, November 18

A threat was reported at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

Police investigated an alarm at the 200 block of North Cuyler.

Harassment was reported.

Phone harassment occurred at the 1900 block of North Banks.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2100 block of North Dwight.

A theft was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of South Prairie.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Kidnapping was reported.

Harassment occurred at the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Found property was reported at the 1700 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious person

was reported at the 200 block of North West.

Lost property was reported at the 100 block of North Gillespie.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2100 block of North Mary Ellen.

A runaway was reported at the 900 block of Sierra.

An offense against family and children was reported.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2800 block of North Perryton.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of North Christy.

A missing person was reported at the 1800 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of East Brown.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Craven.

Saturday, November 19

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of North Garland.

A runaway was reported

ed.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 1700 block of Chestnut.

Sexual assault occurred at the 200 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of North Nelson.

Sexual assault was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of Cinderella.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2500 block of Perryton.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to a grass fire on East Highway 60.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of North Ballard.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 600 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of East Short.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of North Ballard.

An accident occurred at the 2100 block of North Chestnut.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of South Barnes.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Hobart.

Harassment occurred at the 1000 block of Huff.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 200 block of South Anne.

Sunday, November 20

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 400 block of West Brown.

Harassment was reported at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Runaways were reported at the 200 block of North Sumner and the 100 block of South Sumner.

A theft was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at Kentucky and Sumner.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1100 block of North Seneca.

Police investigated an alarm at the 700 block of West Wilks.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

An accident occurred at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1500 block of North Christy.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of East Campbell.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of West Alcock.

An accident occurred at Hobart and Wilks.

A threat was reported.

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LEDs to light up Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — A new state-of-the-art LED lighting system is set to illuminate downtown Fort Worth.

The lights are expected to be switched on Friday in Sundance Square, a 35-block commercial, residential, entertainment and retail district in downtown Fort Worth.

The lighting system replaces the white bulbs that have outlined many Sundance Square buildings for years. Installers have used more than 7,600 feet of LED cable to outline about 18 buildings, mostly along Main Street.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that the system is computer-operated and has 16 million color options with unlimited program combinations, such as lighting sequences that jump the streets from block to block.

Sundance's marketing director Tracy Gilmour says it has taken workers about 5,000 hours to install the lights and 100 hours to program them.

Abdo speaks of attack plan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A soldier accused of plotting to kill troops at Fort Hood in Texas told a Tennessee television station he was originally planning an attack on his home base of Fort Campbell.

Pfc. Naser Abdo told WSMV-TV in Nashville his target at the base on the Kentucky-Tennessee line was a high-ranking official he did not name.

Abdo's interview with the station was his first since his arrest in July at a Killeen, Texas, motel near Fort Hood. He was absent without leave from Fort Campbell, and authorities allege he planned to detonate two bombs in a restaurant full of Fort Hood soldiers and then shoot anyone who survived.

He pleaded not guilty Thursday to six new charges for a total of nine federal charges.

The military cannot comment due to a gag order in the case.

Four charged in fatal shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman and three men have been arrested on murder charges in the shooting death of a 29-year-old man outside a southeast Houston grocery store.

Houston police revealed the charges Monday in Warren Keith White's death Wednesday. A police statement says White was at work Wednesday when he was told a group of men were tampering with his vehicle. When he went outside to confront them, he was shot several times and died at the scene.

The suspects fled.

On Friday, police arrested 20-year-old Angelica Lee Serrano, while 23-year-old Ralph Ernest Alonso surrendered. On Saturday, police arrested 21-year-old Daniel Allen Porter and 19-year-old Jessie Lurie Nelson Jr. in La Marque.

They're in the Harris County Jail with bonds set at \$50,000 each. Electronic jail records didn't list any attorneys.

Suicide threat causes mistrial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A mistrial was called in the case of a woman accused in the death of her 2-year-old daughter after a juror said in a note that he'd kill himself if he was forced to change his vote to guilty.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the Monday message was in the last of three notes the jury sent at the murder trial of 24-year-old Andrisela Ng, accused of severely beating her daughter.

Defense attorney Stephanie Boyd says, "This juror decided what his vote was and he was not going to bend."

All three notes told the judge that they were hung at 11-1 for guilty — though it was unclear if it was for murder, or a lesser included charge of injury to a child.

Gas prices drop across Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — As Thanksgiving approaches, the average price for gas in Texas has declined.

AAA Texas on Tuesday said the current statewide average is \$3.17, down 5 cents from last week.

The national average for gasoline is \$3.35, four cents less than last week.

The association says the most expensive gas average in Texas can be found in Texarkana at \$3.22 a gallon. The least expensive average can be found in Corpus Christi at \$3.10.

AAA Texas says the average distance Texans travel for the holiday is expected to be 959 miles roundtrip.

The group says nearly 3.3 million Texans will travel 50 miles or more from home for the holiday, a 5 percent increase in total Thanksgiving travel compared to last year.

Couple tried to bribe agents

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A Texas couple has been jailed on charges they tried to bribe a Border Patrol agent into letting them smuggle a family member and cocaine into the country.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says FBI agents arrested 25-year-old Debbie Ayala of San Elizario, Texas, and 27-year-old David Rogelio Leyva of Socorro, Texas. Both were booked into the Dona Ana County Detention Center.

Federal prosecutors allege the couple tried to offer \$700 to \$800 to the agent so they could smuggle Ayala's cousin from Mexico into New Mexico possibly through Deming last January. Ayala also allegedly offered to pay \$1,000 to \$2,000 if she could be allowed to smuggle in a quantity of cocaine, but the agent refused the offer.

Prosecutors say a conviction on conspiracy and bribery could lead to a 20 years in prison and \$500,000.

Bush to raise cancer awareness in Africa

JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - Former President George W. Bush will travel to Africa next month to raise awareness about cervical and breast cancer, an effort he calls a "natural extension" of a program launched during his presidency that helps fight AIDS on the continent.

Bush, former first lady Laura Bush and officials with the George W. Bush Institute are heading to Tanzania, Zambia and Ethiopia from Dec. 1 through Dec. 5, where they'll visit clinics and meet with governmental and health care leaders.

"We believe it's in our

nation's interest to deal with disease and set priorities and save lives," Bush told The Associated Press.

In 2003, Bush launched the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR, to expand AIDS prevention, treatment and support programs in countries hit hard by the epidemic.

The new program, called the Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon initiative, seeks to expand the availability of cervical cancer screening and treatment and breast care education in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

Bush said existing AIDS clinics will be used to screen and treat cervical cancer, which is four

to five times more common among those living with HIV than those who don't have the virus. Last year, 3.2 million people received antiretroviral treatments as a result of PEPFAR.

The initiative is a partnership that includes the Bush Institute, PEPFAR, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the United Nations' program on HIV

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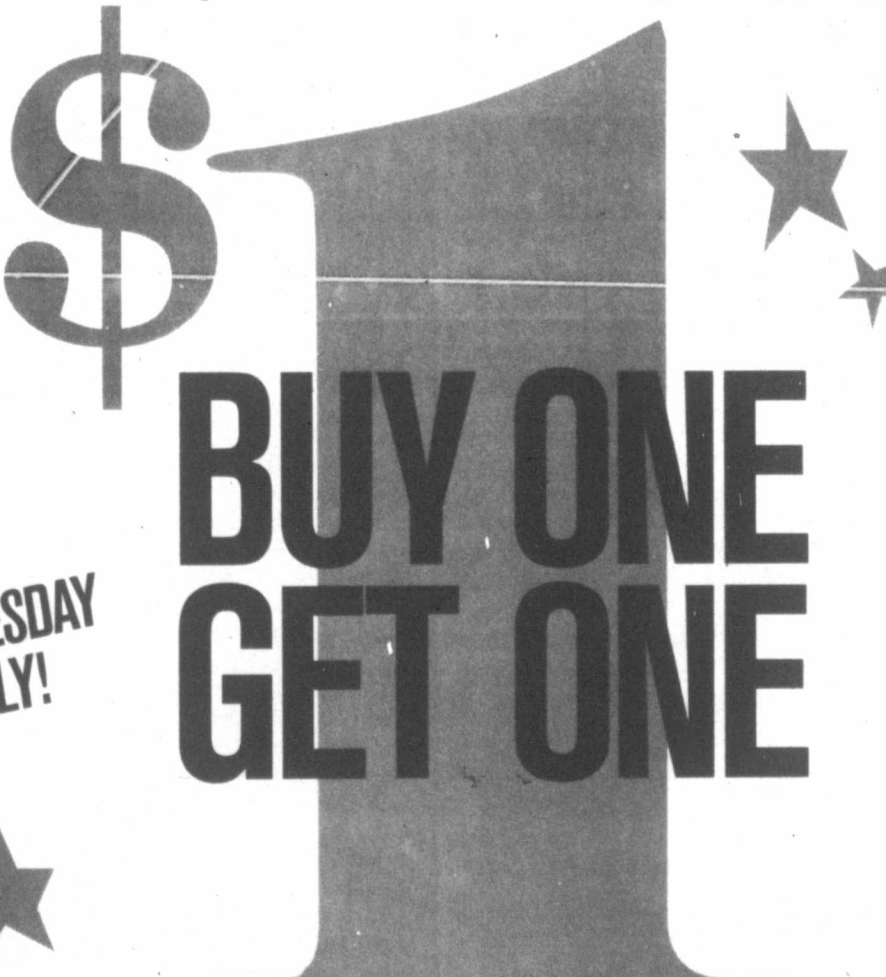
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and AIDS. Its goal is to reduce deaths by 25 percent in five years among women screened and treated through the initiative.

"We want to show what works and hopefully others across the continent of Africa will join us," Bush

said.

Dr. Eric G. Bing, director of global health at the Bush Institute, said it's often more difficult for African women to reveal they have cancer of the reproductive organs than to reveal they have HIV.

There are more support groups and treatment available for HIV than cancer, he said.

"There's silence around cancer for many of these communities and in many of these nations. And that's one of the things

that we hope to change," Bing said.

Bush moved to Dallas after leaving office in 2009. The George W. Bush Presidential Center, which is set to be completed in 2013 on the campus of Southern Methodist

University, will include his presidential library and the already-operating policy institute. Besides global health, the institute focuses on education reform, human freedom and economic growth.

Bush said he and the

former first lady will be "pouring our hearts" into the Bush presidential center as it grows.

"This is where we will spend the rest of our lives in the sense of being involved with public policy," Bush said.

Tomorrow in History

Tomorrow is Thursday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2011. There are 37 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1971, a hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but who became popularly known as "D.B. Cooper") parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 somewhere over the Pacific Northwest after receiving \$200,000 dollars in ransom - his fate remains unknown.

On this date:

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Lookout Mountain began in Tennessee; Union forces succeeded in taking the mountain from the Confederates.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

Ten years ago: A Swiss Crossair airliner carrying 33 people crashed near Zurich, killing 24, including American pop singer Melanie Thornton.

Five years ago: Shiite militiamen in Iraq doused six Sunni Arabs with kerosene and burned them alive and killed 19 other Sunnis, taking revenge for the slaughter of 215

Shiites in Baghdad's Sadr City the day before.

One year ago: A jury in Austin convicted former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, on charges he'd illegally funneled corporate money to Texas candidates in 2002. (DeLay, who was later sentenced to three years in prison, is free on bond as his legal team appeals.)

Today's Birthdays: Rock-and-roll drummer Pete Best is 70. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is 70. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 69. Motion Picture Association of

America Chairman Dan Glickman is 67. Actor Dwight Schultz is 64. Actor Stanley Livingston is 61. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie; The Romantics) is 57. Actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson is 55. Actress Denise Crosby is 54. Actress Shae D'Lyn is 49. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 49. Rock musician Gary Stonadge (Big Audio) is 49. Actor Garret Dillahunt is 47. Actor-comedian Scott Krinsky is 43. Rock musician Chad Taylor (Live) is 41. Actress Lola Glaudini is 40. Actress Danielle Nicolet is 38. Actor Colin Hanks is 34.

Actress Katherine Heigl is 33. Actress Sarah Hyland is 21.

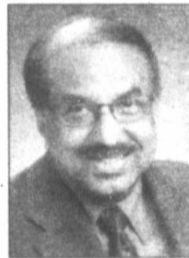
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Testing

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everything they can, but they don't have the personnel and the resources to test everybody and do that," Ford said. "Fortunately, this past year, getting together with Ashley Ellis, the trainer at the high school, she presented that idea to them that, hey, why don't we take a test group of the high school students, identify what their weaknesses are so that she'll know what to work on throughout the year to prevent injury and increase performance, and then test them again at the end of the year."

Ellis, whose background includes an education at Kansas and prior work at a Division 2 school, has seen firsthand how similar testing has reaped benefits for Big XII and other college athletic programs. With Ford offering the testing regimen to the athletic department free of charge, Ellis said the high school's participation was a no-brainer.

"It's really a great opportunity for us to get something at the high school level that a lot of people don't have access to," Ellis said. "It's something that we do very routinely at the college level, so to be able to use the technology that they have available and make it available to us, it's kind of a neat thing."

The tests themselves are fairly straightforward. Ford and Josh Godwin, a physical therapist at Ford Family Chiropractic, worked with the freshman football team as guinea pigs of sorts, measuring the strength of the kids' joints and muscles through each of their major motions.

A computerized handheld muscle tester was used to measure the amount of the resistance the kids could provide with each muscle group. In essence, the muscle tester worked sort of like the games that test your punch strength at boardwalk arcades; the athlete exerts pressure against a spring-based pad on the wireless muscle tester as Godwin pushes back, and the tester sends the resistance data wirelessly to a computer.

"It charts (the resistance data) on a graph, and we can use that as comparison," Godwin said. "We were able to take that data and do a holistic average across all the athletes, and then compare those averages to what the appropriate strength ratios should be for an athlete compared to other athletes in a normal group. Basically, what we did is we looked at what the athletes' flexion and extension ratios were of their different joints throughout their body and then correlated that to the strength ratios in a normal population. There were some deficiencies there, so we sent those to Coach Ellis.

"We were able to come up with some muscular imbalances, which means that the muscle on one side of the joint is stronger than the opposing muscle on the other side of the joint," continued Godwin. "If that persists for a long time, it can cause deficiencies within the joint complex itself, creating pain and poor performance. If you can address that early on, then the athlete will be less likely to have injuries and also be able to perform better, because that joint is more stabilized."

"Plus, if you have a muscle imbalance and you keep working it, you're still going to have a weakness," Ford added. "A stronger weakness, but one side's still going to be stronger than the other. If you can identify and balance, that's the key. If you have a student athlete who has a neck weakness but the rest of him is fine, then you know to put the emphasis on the weak spot. You can have more efficient workouts."

In the hands of Ellis and the conditioning team at the high school, the data that Ford and Godwin collected is being used to tailor the kids' workouts to do just that.

"I'm a certified strength and conditioning coach, so what it allows us to do is look at the programs we're using. Are they set up the right way? Are we working the right things? By having this data, we can look at these freshmen and say this is where their problem areas are. Then we can design our programs specifically to fit those areas."

With the freshman football team currently getting ready to embark on an offseason conditioning program, Ellis said, this is when the information gleaned from the testing program will really be put to use. After the school year, each athlete will undergo a follow-up test, and the results from that spring test will be compared to the data from the fall to see how the kids are coming along.

"So far, we didn't honestly see a lot that we didn't expect to see with these youngsters that hadn't come through our program before," Ellis said, "so what will be interesting to see is how much benefit we will be making with them. We can look and see that we need to work a little bit more on the back of the legs, the back of the shoulders and general core stability, which are things that have really not been hit with those younger kids coming up. What that allows us to do then is look at the workouts we've designed and make sure we have enough of those types of exercises. We can look to see if the things we're doing are really working.

If they're not, how can we change them, and if they are, how can we improve them?"

One of the main areas where Ford and Godwin found that deficiencies were concentrated was in the neck area, a part of the body where muscle groups are rarely developed in younger athletes, Ellis said. With the kinds of impact that high school football players endure on a game-by-game basis, the finding wasn't altogether surprising, but nonetheless significant.

"When you think about a football injury, what's the most devastating injury you can think about?" Ford said. "Concussion, neck trauma, that kind of thing. With us finding some deficiency in those areas, it's something that our training team at the high school can hopefully focus on some."

"With Ashley's experience in strengthening those areas, she knows what areas to target," Godwin added. "She can develop really good exercises to help stabilize those areas better. It allows Ashley and the other trainers to better strengthen up the freshman football team in a way that's able to meet each athlete's personal need."

"If you can prevent injuries to key players, that's only going to help benefit your team," Ford said. "But if you look at the big picture, these athletes are all going to have a long, productive life, hopefully. If you can prevent that injury in ninth grade that'll make them have to get a knee replacement at 42, that's great. We have a lot of people come in needing surgery and we ask them, 'When did you first hurt your neck?' Well, they say, 'I had a stinger playing football in high school.' If you could've prevented that stinger, we might have been able to prevent that neck surgery. We're not just looking at the short-term benefit."

Ford and Godwin said that working with the football players was an enjoyable experience.

"All the kids were cooperative and they were giving their best effort," Godwin said. "We really worked well with them."

"What I found really fun was that while we were working with one athlete, the other athletes were looking over their shoulder like, 'What's he doing?'" chimed Ford with a smile. "You could see the competitive spirit there, like 'I'm going to blow that one out of the water.'"

"More importantly, they found out, 'Whoa, I'm

weak in this spot here or that spot.' It helped them focus on, 'Well, gee, I need to work on something as well.'"

If all goes well, the two are hopeful that Ellis and the high school will look to develop their testing program.

"That will be up to Ashley and the rest of the coaches to see how much expansion they want, but they wanted the freshmen to be the test pool," Godwin said.

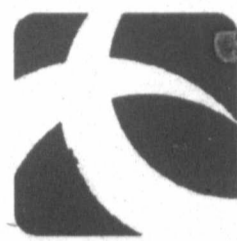
"My vision would be to implement this throughout the athletic department, if they let us," Ford said.

"As far as I know, there isn't anybody else in the state doing this at the high school level."

You could become very sport specific. Each sport can have their own program that would key on those muscle groups key to that sport. Going beyond Pampa, if this was seen as a good model, you could create a situation that could be carried out throughout the state or the country."

For now though, Ford is just grateful for the chance to make the program available to Pampa High School's athletes.

"We just thought it was great that they opened the doors to us," Ford said. "It showed their commitment to the kids to say, 'Yeah, how can you give us some information to help benefit them?' As a parent with a daughter who grew up in the sports program there, that's great for me to know that they look after our kids that way and have that care and concern. I know the weight people and the coaches we have there are really dedicated to the kids. They were willing to let us into their inner sanctum to provide that information."



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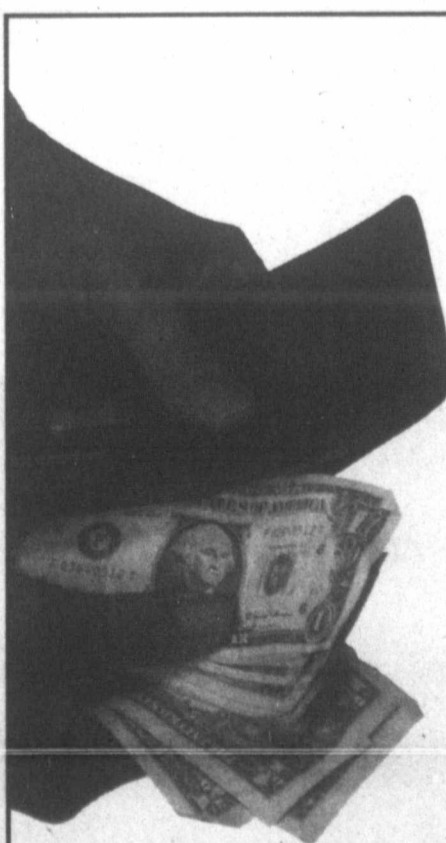
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from Pampa, were arrested. Smurfing refers to a system where multiple people visit different pharmacies to obtain cold medicines that contain pseudoephedrine, an ingredient in meth, then sell the drug to manufacturers of meth or use it themselves to produce the drug. Many of the people arrested last year had been driving to Amarillo to obtain the cold medicine.

"Between the cases we had against them and those cases (in Amarillo), it makes a big (difference). It reduces our number of cases dramatically," said Rushing. "It also lets everybody know that we are actively looking for the people cooking meth, as well as the ones that are using."

With changes in funding from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), keeping meth labs to a minimum is a new priority. Last year, the DEA cut funding to law enforcement for the purpose of cleaning up the labs and removing hazardous materials from crime scenes. Now law enforcement agencies must fit the bill themselves, which can cost thousands of dollars.

And after hazardous materials are removed, homeowners are still responsible for cleaning up the mess. Remnants of the drug can make residents ill, or even kill household pets.

"The chemicals can stay in the air or attach to the walls. If there's heavy meth use in a house, you'll find meth residue on the walls and carpets," said Rushing.

Brandon Barber, owner of Bio-Klenz in Amarillo, says that he charges between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to clean up buildings where meth labs have operated. Companies like his test the area first, and workers wear full body suits and respirators to protect themselves from the chemicals in the area.

"(The chemicals) absorb into everything, so a building basically has to be gutted. We look for any remains, and turn them over to the police department," he said. "Dry wall, especially in warm areas, can be exposed, so we may have to gut it to make the structure safe again. The extent of the tear up depends on how long they were cooking in the house. We don't have to (gut the structure) on every job."

Barber says cost of cleanup depends on size of the structure and how many hours the job may take.

Quilt

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"We just appreciate the work that our servicemen do," Shank said. "We just know how much they mean. We're all very patriotic. Myself and Marilyn Shelton and Beth Watson are all owners of the store, and our servicemen are just very important to us. We all felt that we wanted to show our support."

Andy Epps, executive director of the Freedom Museum, accepted the quilt in front of the museum's board of directors. The ladies at Lily's Thimble gave the museum the option to keep it or use it as a fundraiser, but no formal decision has yet been made on what to do with it.

"(Shank) said we can auc-



staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

Rose Shank of Lily's Thimble and **Andy Epps** of the Freedom Museum present a new quilt to the museum's board of directors. The quilt was donated by Shank and the ladies of Lily's Thimble.

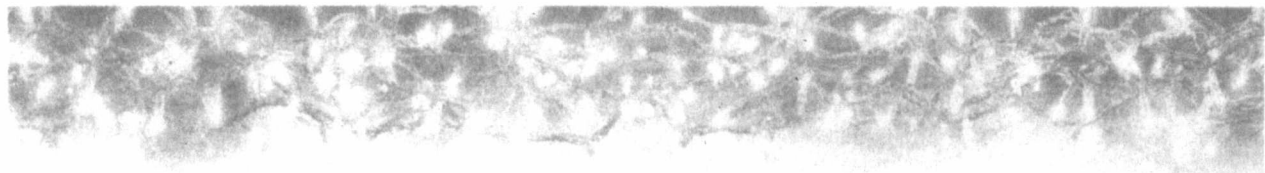
tion it for money for the museum or keep it," Epps said. "The board wants to keep it."

The decision will likely be made at the next board

meeting, slated for the first Tuesday of December.

"All the members so far are pretty much in agreement that they want it to stay in the museum," Epps said.

"We'll have to find a place to display it," he added with a laugh. "That's the tough part. We're going to make some room to display it."



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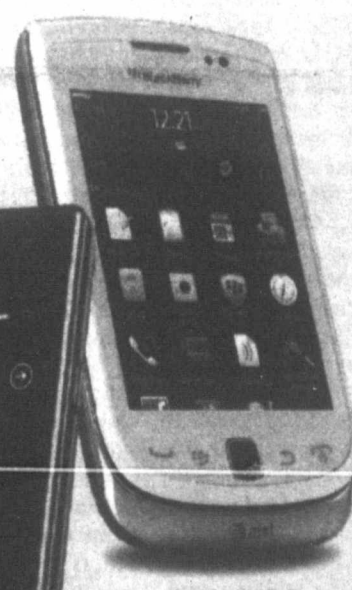
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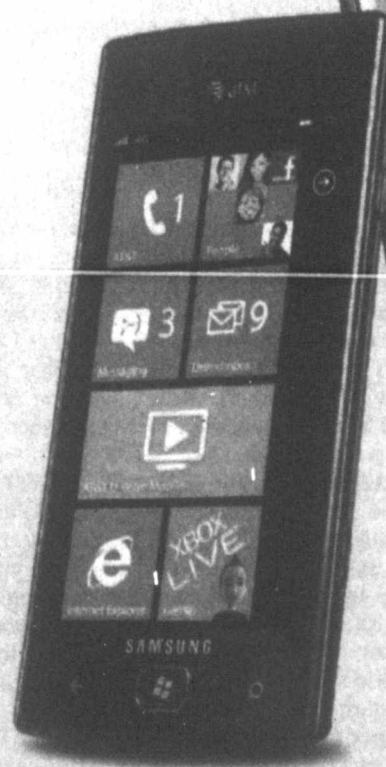
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Thanksgiving around Texas



Abilene donation drive nets \$200K

ABILENE (AP) — More than 1,000 people dropped off items Friday for the 13th annual Mission: Thanksgiving donation drive, filling 14 trailers with donated goods.

Mission: Thanksgiving is an annual donation event that provides food, clothing and other supplies to the Love and Care Ministries.

The donation day kicked off at 7 a.m., but people were dropping off carloads as early as 4:30 a.m., said Tracie Willyard, director of the event.

Abilene residents have donated more goods each year than the last in the 13 years of the collection drive, Willyard said, and this year was no exception.

Last year Mission: Thanksgiving brought in \$140,000 and filled 11 trailers with food, clothing and other items. By 7 p.m. Friday, \$206,000 had been donated and at least 14 trailers were filled with goods.

Willyard said the donations usually provide four months' worth of food and almost a year's worth of clothing for Love **DRIVE** cont. on page 8

Texas families give thanks for new sons

LONGVIEW (AP) — Two Longview families have an extra reason to be grateful this Thanksgiving season: They each have a new son.

Neither family made a recent trip to the maternity ward, however. The Thomas family adopted their 11-year-old son, Nikita, from Russia; while the Vaca family adopted their 9-year-old son, Brian, through Child Protective Services.

Nikita is the son of Elizabeth and Stoney Thomas. He joins siblings

Destinee, 14; James Henry, 7; and Joy, 3. Destinee also is an adopted child; the two younger ones are biological children.

Brian is the first child of Amber and Erik Vaca. She is a teacher at Spring Hill Intermediate School, and he is a juvenile probation officer with Gregg County.

"For the past year or so, I'd just really been feeling that the Lord was moving us to add to our family, and to do so through adoption rather than

pregnancy," Elizabeth Thomas.

"We had some friends who'd served as host parents for children visiting from a Russian orphanage who were in need of permanent adoptive families and that appealed to me."

When she broached the subject with her husband, he told her that he'd been having similar feelings. They began researching Russian adoptions and made a trip to that country in August to bring home Nikita, whom **SONS** cont. on page 8

Sharing is caring for one Corsicana family

CORSICANA (AP) — One family, which chooses to remain anonymous, gave away 300 Thanksgiving dinners this year.

"This is where they spend their Black Friday money," explained Jackie Williams, social service worker with the Salvation Army. "Everyone (in the family) saves their money all year long and this is where they spend it. This year, they're bringing 200 turkeys and 100 hams."

This is the family's third year to do the Thanksgiving feasts. The first year, about 20 members came to the Salvation Army to put together the grocery sacks full of cornbread mix, vegetables, fruit, milk and everything that might be needed to make a traditional **SHARING** cont. on page 8

Careful in the kitchen: State tops in cooking fires

WACO (AP) — Texans enjoy preparing meals on Thanksgiving Day, but, unfortunately, they lead the nation in cooking fires severe enough to prompt an insurance claim, according to State Farm Insurance.

The insurance company contends the numbers are rising because of the

growing popularity of turkey frying.

Between 2005 and 2010, State Farm received 36 homeowners' claims from Texans for Thanksgiving Day fires. Illinois was second with 24 and Louisiana rounded out the top 10 with 12 claims.

Those numbers may not sound sig-

nificant. But State Farm Texas spokeswoman Patti Kelly said more grease and cooking-related fires occur on the holiday than on any other day of the year.

The National Fire Protection Association said deep-fryer fires cause **CAREFUL** cont. on page 8

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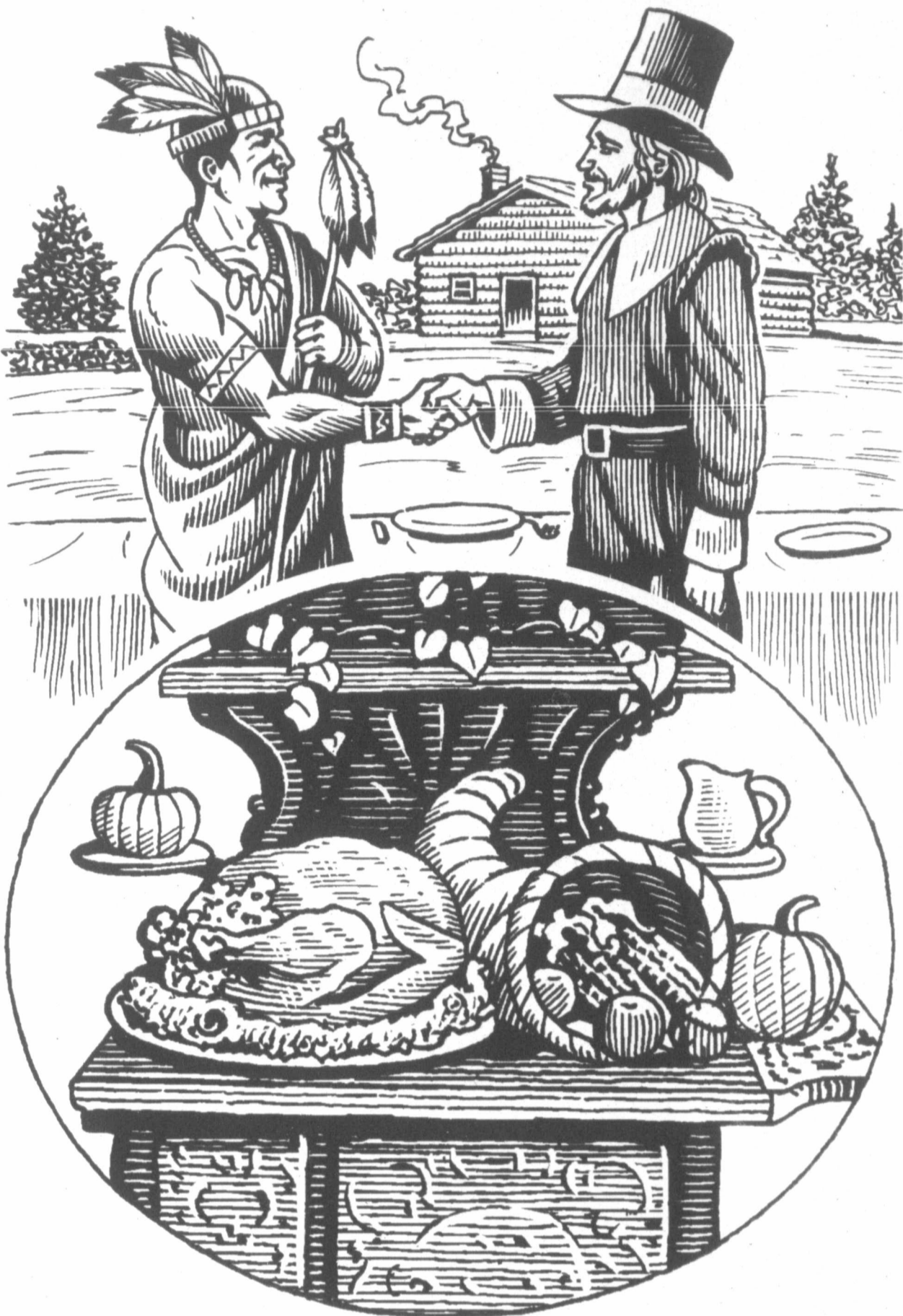


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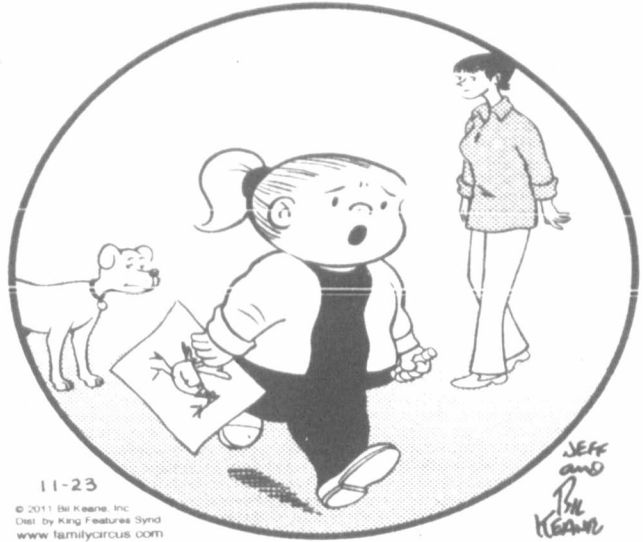
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011:

This year a change is in the offing -- neither good nor bad. The real issue will be how you handle it. Demonstrate flexibility. Often, authority figures demand a lot and get angry if you don't respond at a snap of the finger. Recognize your priorities. If you are single, you could meet someone in an odd way. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you may struggle over how much to do together. A mutual goal could be involved. **SCORPIO** makes a great healer, therapist or doctor for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your natural inclination toward innovation emerges. You wonder what to do to make a situation more copasetic. Not sure, you go with spontaneity. Much will change, but not necessarily all that easily. Stay centered, knowing you have little control. Tonight: Go with a request.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Sometimes you might need to say no, whether you want to or not. You could be overwhelmed. You gain a sudden insight, which forces you to regroup. Note your intuition and second sense, but don't act on it just yet. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a work or health issue. The problem might be that you have no more time for the dull and repetitive. You want to network and spread your wings. That desire might be a reason for re-evaluating. Change can be good. Tonight: Do your thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others really enjoy your creativity and easiness in moving situations forward. You seem to have an idea when others have none. A key person values you. This person simply has an odd style. Tonight: Just go with the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might like to work from home or deal with some fundamental personal and domestic issues. To do this, changing your schedule might be necessary. Only you can judge the implications here. Certain moments can and will never happen again. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ When you have an issue on

your mind, you can be relentless as you try to clear, discuss or handle it. Others might look on, wondering. At present, though you're tempted to take a risk, you might be well advised to say "no." The damages could be unpredictable. Tonight: Midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ One can juggle one's finances only so much. Fatigue and disruption mark a situation. Be careful how you vent frustration or anger. Sometimes the force of these passionate feelings can put off others who don't handle their frustrations like you. Tonight: Consider a change on the home front.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You know what you want and will drive a hard bargain to accomplish just that. Someone could cause you a lot of hassles, taken aback by your drive and assertiveness. Allow more feedback; brainstorm with others. Stay open to other styles. Tonight: Hang out, but let go of today's determination. Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Know when to cut back and say less. Sometimes life gets so confusing, you wonder exactly why you are following a certain course. Rethink your plans and judgments. A boss, parent or higher-up pushes you to produce. Tonight: Know that you need personal time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Just when you are 90 percent sure you are on cruise control, a situation will occur that encourages you to stop and think again. Focus on meetings, getting together and seeking out experts. More ideas only provide you with greater choices. Tonight: Certainly, where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Take a stand and expect a little controversy. You enjoy making other people think -- why not let them make you think? A judgment might be off. Observe more at this point than judge. See where you might be causing yourself a problem. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your ability to detach and understand that there are other ways to the same goal must come through if you want to succeed. If you hit a blockage or problem in a meeting, know that the jig is not up. You simply need to unleash some resourcefulness. Tonight: Be a dreamer.

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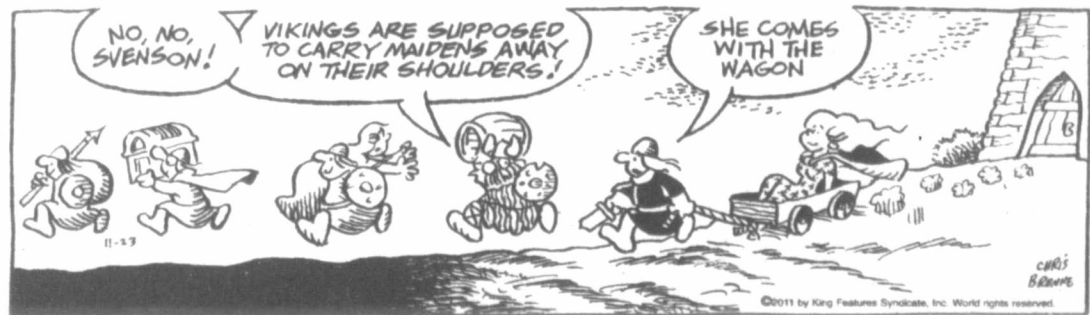
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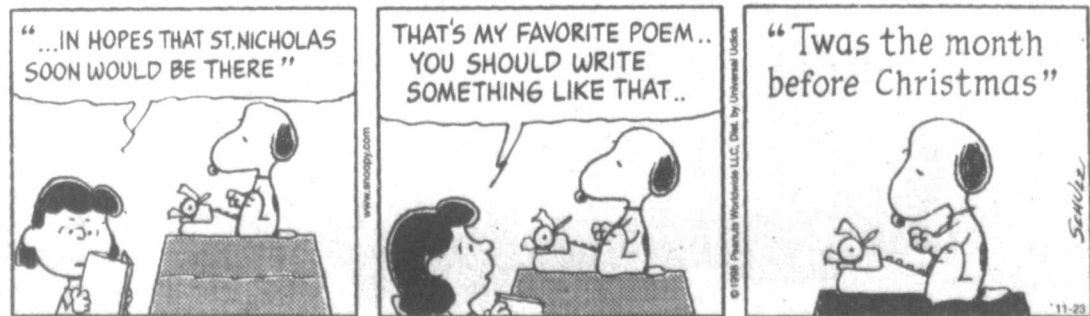
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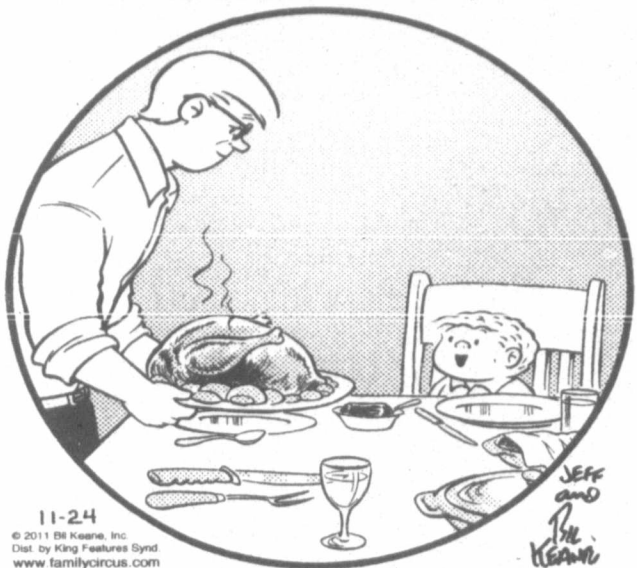


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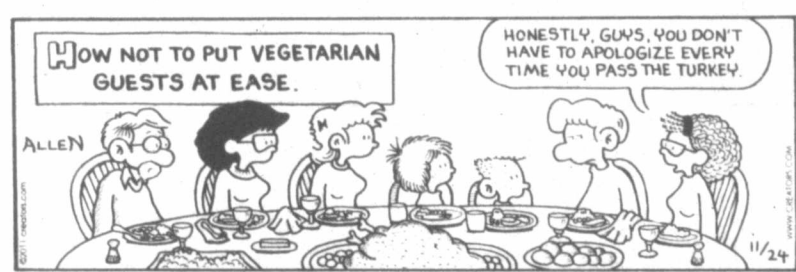
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011:

This could be a very special year. A New Moon christens this day, indicating an increase in your creativity and charisma. You attract people with ease and are full of ideas. Curb a tendency to be a little too me-oriented. Take time out for some alone time. Use these periods to recharge your battery. If you are single, sort through the many potential suitors. If you are attached, allow greater give-and-take. Your partner needs extra time, as you are so strong this year. **SAGITTARIUS** could be a soul mate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Rethink a personal decision with a partner. Whether it is about the turkey or excess, you are likely to be focused on this holiday. Someone from a distance surprises you. A new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to make a difference, to touch base with others and to feel deeply emerges. Someone seeks advice or direction. The unexpected action promotes insight about this person. Allow others to play a bigger role. Tonight: An important conversation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your pace is erratic, as you are distracted by phone calls or remembering phone calls you didn't make. Get into the celebration and relax. You could be quite surprised by a friend or what a group does. Forget the judgment — enjoy. Tonight: Reviving your energy by socializing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to move past issues and make loved ones relax emerges. You simply cannot get enough of people today. Honor today's rituals. Catch up on news, share some happy events and relax. Tonight: Helping out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay close to home, and share an easy morning. Though you might want to toss yourself into the festivities, you are taken back by recent events and activities. Be an observer until late afternoon, when you feel like plunging into the happening. Tonight: Loving the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for those you cannot be with this Thanksgiving. Exchange well wishes and news. As a result of the interchange, you will feel much more abundant and flowing. Try to make the social rounds before dinner, otherwise, you won't be in the mood. Tonight: Stay home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Have you considered the fact that you might be spoiling a partner or a trusted pal? Such is the case if you aren't careful. A child or loved one creates so much cheer, you can scarcely see anything else. Do you really care? Tonight: Visit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your smiling manner takes you far. Realize what is happening with others. Let it be said that not everyone is as upbeat as you. You also might not be able to change anyone's mood. Put on an invigorating piece of music. Curb indulgence, if possible. There is a tomorrow. Tonight: Slow down.

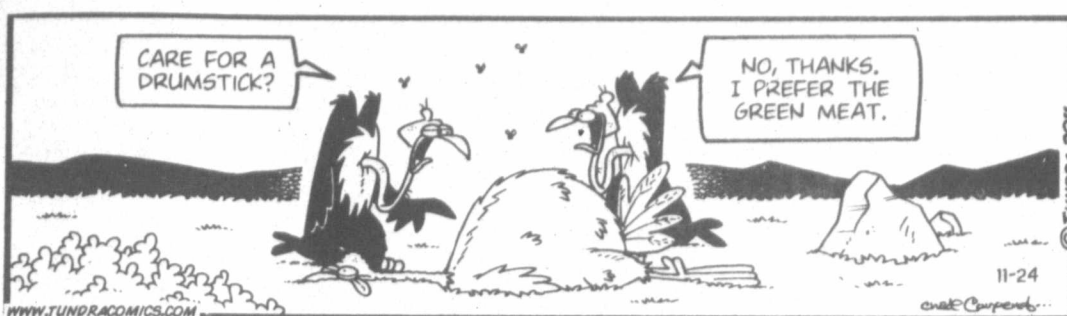
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could feel out of sorts and in a bah-humbug mood. You cannot change what is going on; you can be more sensitive to your needs for a few hours. You might be surprised by how rapidly your mood changes with a favorite pastime or some fresh air. Tonight: In your element.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make calls, if not visit with some friends. Someone could be lonely, and you might want to ask this person to join you in this Thanksgiving Day. Remember, some people cannot be forced no matter what. Let them be. Tonight: Some private time.

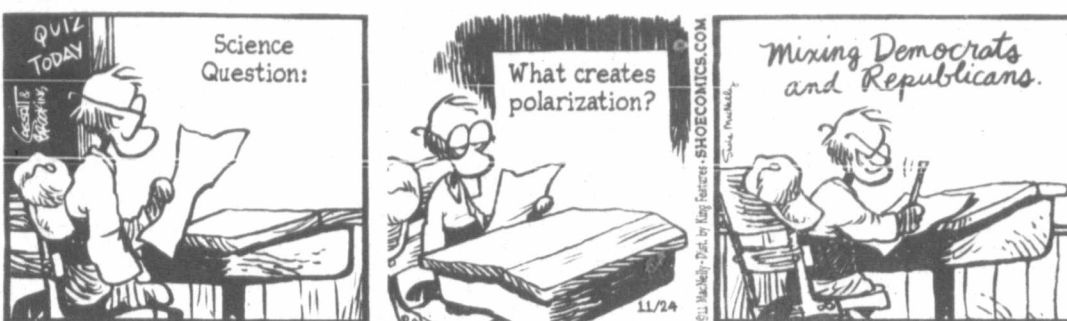
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Somehow you might be more instrumental in another person's day than you realize. Allow greater give-and-take. You might not always be right, you know! After the festivities, visit with a loved one or friend you don't see all that often. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A thought, a call or someone's sharing inspires not only you but also others. Remember the true meaning of the holiday. Touch base with a loner before you partake in your turkey. An invitation just might be appropriate. Tonight: Others definitely notice you!

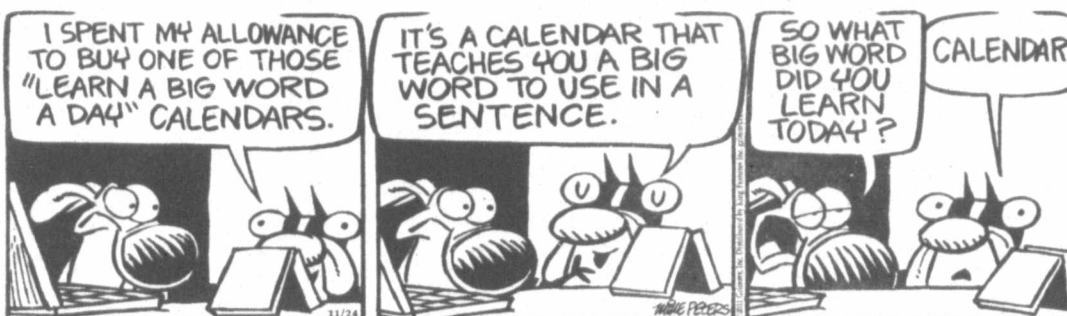
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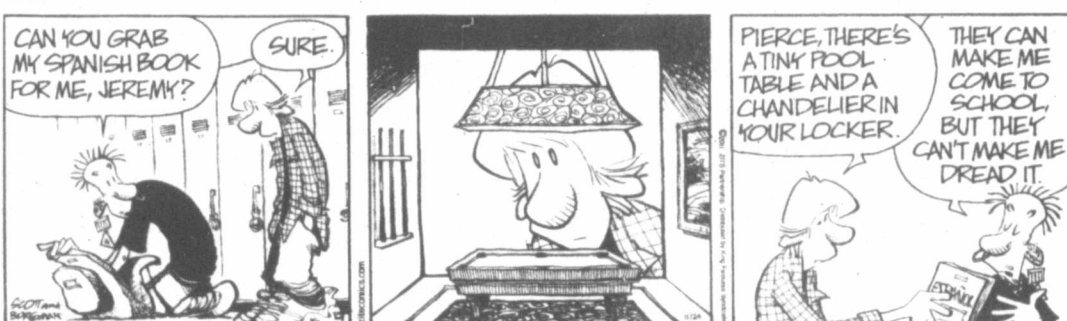
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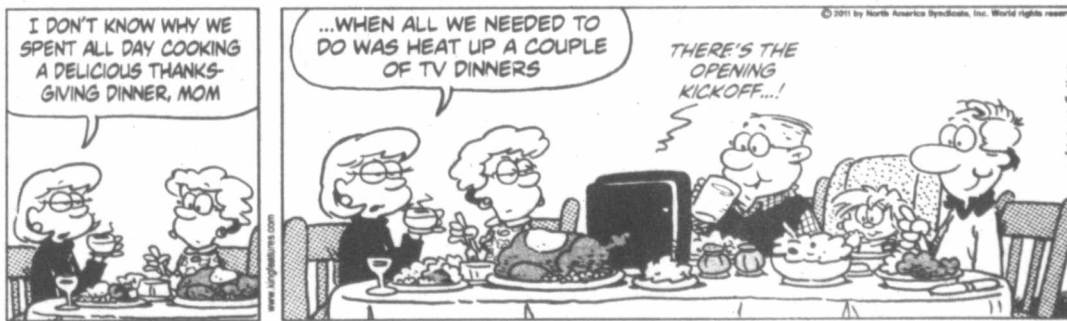
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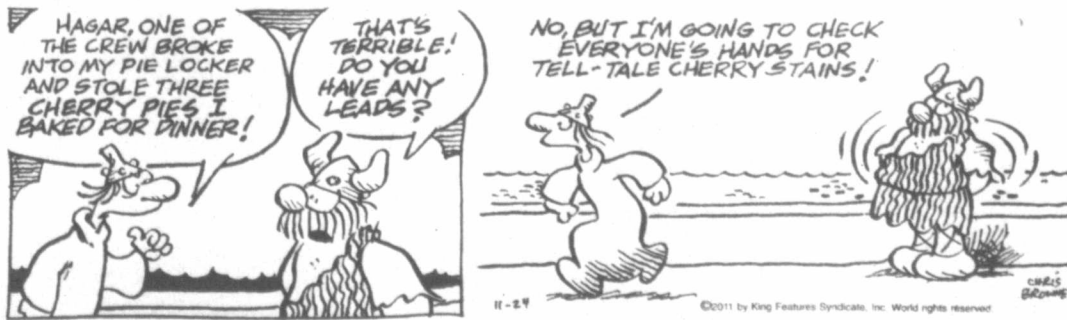
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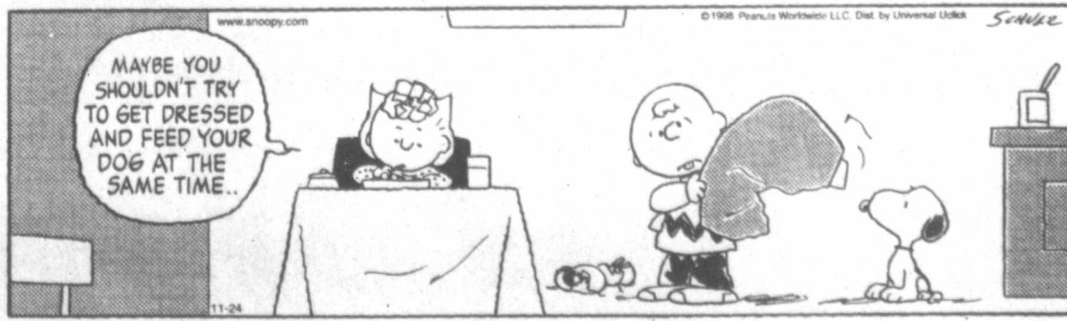
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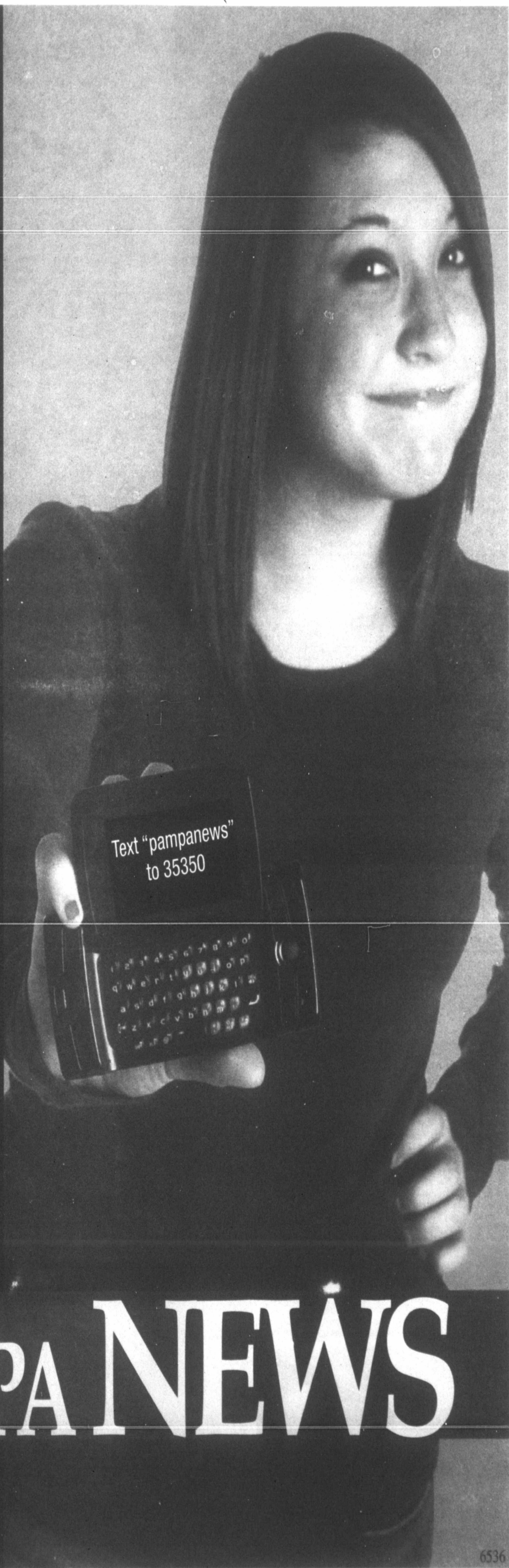
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Thanksgiving feast. This year, about 45 members of the family came for the annual fun, Williams said. "They play ball and have a good time," she said. "It's exciting."

Sons

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they sometimes call Nicky. "He's fit into our family amazingly well," Stoney Thomas said.

"The main challenge has been the language barrier but, luckily, there are a lot of translator programs available. He's an easy-going kid who likes to be helpful and enjoys sports, which fits in with our family as we're all pretty athletic."

In addition to sports, especially swimming and soccer, Nikita enjoys art. He does a lot of drawing and also makes origami shapes. He's in sixth grade at St. Mary's Catholic School.

"I really like it here," Nikita said. "I like having a brother and sisters to play with and going places with our family. My birthday is next week, and I'm going to have a dinosaur cake."

Brian Vaca joined his parents this summer, as well, as part of a foster-to-adopt program. His adoption was made official this past week.

"We were ready to be parents, but didn't want to start off with an infant when there are so many kids out there in need of good homes," Amber Vaca said.

"It's something we see at both our jobs. I work with elementary school-aged children. We both felt that we could be good parents

to a child of that age."

After being certified to foster or adopt children through the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services, the Vacas went to a website listing elementary school-aged children available for adoption in the state. Brian appealed to them because of his interest in things they enjoyed, such as church and outdoor activities.

"As soon as we met him, we just fell in love," she said. "There was no question in our minds that he belonged with us."

Brian is a third-grader at the same school where his mother teaches fifth grade. He enjoys all his classes, especially math, he said.

"A common misunderstanding we've had to deal with is that many people assume we adopted because we're unable to have biological children," Amber Vaca said.

"However, as far as we know, that won't be a problem for us, and it's something we intend to do at some point in our marriage. We just wanted to start our family this way."

Brian said his favorite activities with his parents are going out to eat, especially for Mexican food, and going camping.

"We're going skiing at Christmastime," Brian said. "I'm really excited about that."

Both families said the community — especially their churches and extended family — have been extremely supportive of their decision to adopt. The Thomases attend Fellowship Bible Church, and the Vacas attend New Beginnings Baptist Church.

"This seems to be a very pro-adoption community," Elizabeth Thomas said. "We've had nothing but positive comments about adding Nikita to our family."

Erik Vaca said his family's experience has been similar.

"We've received all kinds of presents for Brian, cards of congratulations and things we just weren't expecting," he said.

Thanksgiving dinner to cost over two dollars more in '11

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The Texas Farm Bureau annual survey says Texas chefs preparing for Thanksgiving should be able to feed 10 hungry Texans a traditional holiday meal for about \$48.69.

The 2011 Thanksgiving Meal Report of Texas Farm Bureau's Grocery Price Watch survey shows an increase of \$2.17, or 4.66 percent, from the 2010 TFB Thanksgiving Meal Report. The survey records the cost of 10 holiday staples — including turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce — to feed a family of 10.

"The price of a traditional Thanksgiving meal has gone up over the years, but it's still remarkable that you can feed a family of 10 for less than \$5 per person," said TFB President Kenneth Dierschke. "Especially this time of year, we give

thanks for the farmers and ranchers who work hard to grow healthy, affordable food for our families."

Pecans posted the highest price increase this year, rising nearly 18 percent from \$8.30 per pound in 2010 to \$9.78 per pound in 2011. Higher pecan prices mean a more expensive pecan pie, a Texas tradition, to round out Thanksgiving dinner.

"The pecan crop in Texas is projected to be about 40 percent smaller this year, from the usual annual average of 50 million pounds to just 30 million pounds. The extreme drought conditions across the state have really taken a toll on this crop, and shoppers will pay more for pecans this year," Dierschke said. In addition to pecans, six of the Thanksgiving staples increased in price from 2010: young tom turkey, frozen (up 2.42 percent);

sweet potatoes, fresh (up 2.2 percent); cranberry sauce, canned (up 6.56 percent); cubed stuffing, herb seasoning (up 8.37 percent); 9-inch pie shells, frozen (up 8.22 percent); and whipping cream (up 4.58 percent).

Texas shoppers may pay less for three survey items this year, as brown-and-serve rolls decreased 1.22 percent, frozen green beans decreased 7.79 percent and whole milk decreased 6.13 percent.

TFB's fourth quarter Grocery Price Watch survey was taken in conjunction with the 2011 Thanksgiving Meal Report and also shows a slight increase in grocery prices for household staples: Results from the quarterly survey of 16 common food products show a less than 1 percent increase from \$45.43 in the third quarter to \$45.62 in the fourth quarter of this year.

Careful

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more than \$15 million in property damage each year and hot oil splatter can cause serious, even life-threatening, burns.

State Farm has created a video dramatizing actor William Shatner's real brush with a fryer fire. Viewers are urged to fry carefully and to support "Shatner's Fryers Club."

Drive

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and Care Ministries, an Abilene nonprofit that meets between 100 and 120 people in need every day.

About 500 volunteers helped with event, Willyard said. An additional 125 volunteers are scheduled to help unload the donations today.

One of the most seasoned Mission: Thanksgiving volunteers also is one of the youngest. Mariah Long, 15, attended the first ever Mission: Thanksgiving donation drive at age 2.

Her mom, Kimberly Long, explained that when Mariah was 2, she emptied her piggy bank after heading about Mission: Thanksgiving on the radio.

"She put it all in her daddy's sock," Long said. "I think it was 83 cents in pennies, but that's quite a lot for a 2-year-old."

Mark Hewitt, founder of Love and Care Ministries, graciously accepted the sock full of change, Long said, and Mariah set her mind to help with the event every year since.

"There are a lot of people who don't have what we have," Mariah said. "I want to help them. Every year it gets bigger. It's amazing. Even in hard times, people find things to donate."

Long said it's been a joy to help out each year and see the entire community pitch in, especially her daughter, who is visually impaired.

"Even though she can't see, she knows there's a lot of people here supporting the needy and the homeless," Long said. "That's something I know is pretty special to her."

Mariah's main volunteer role is making a call to the public on the radio each year for donations.

She said it's really special that the number of donations grows each year, and she was crossing her fingers for a successful donation drive Friday morning.

"There's a lot of goodness in the air," Mariah said, smiling. "Or goodness in people's hearts, maybe."



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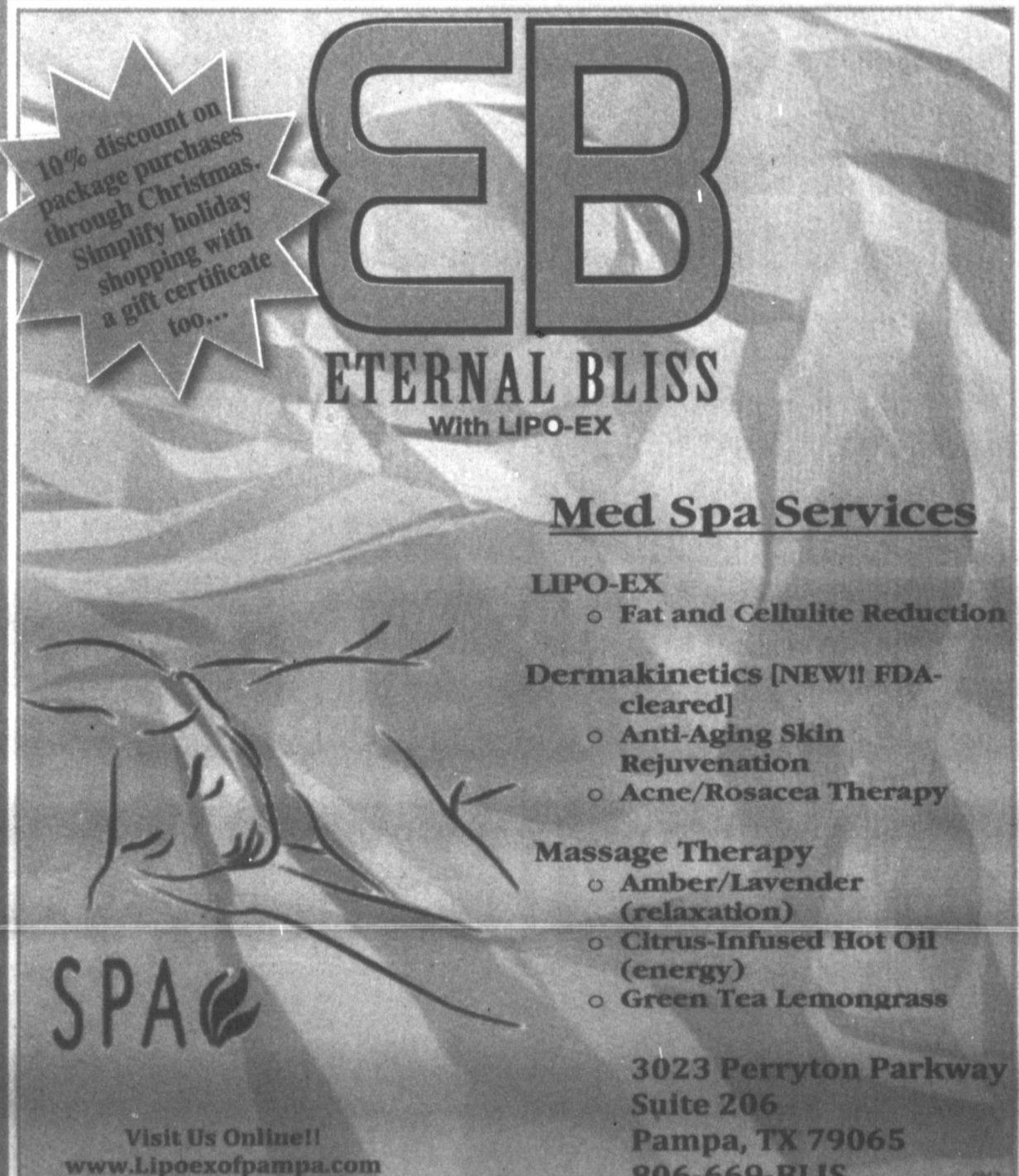
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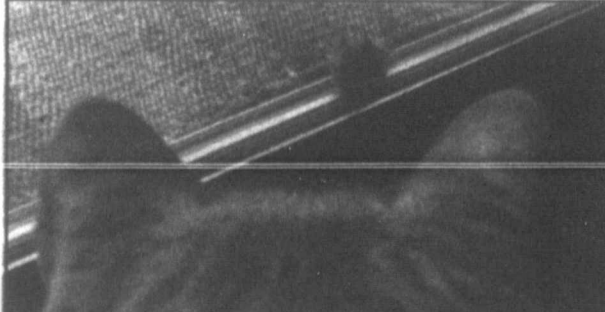
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PHS looks ahead to Lions tourney



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Senior Reid Miller drives to the basket in the second half against Dumas Tuesday.

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In the last two Lions Club Tournaments, the Pampa Harvesters played against teams that were bigger than them and less familiar with. This season the tournament will have a more local flavor as five of the Harvesters' potential opponents are from the Panhandle area.

The Borger Bulldogs, Caprock Longhorns and Amarillo San Jacinto Patriots join this season's field, replacing Richland, San Angelo Central and South Garland. Borger is in Pampa's district. Caprock and returning tournament team Dumas was in Pampa's former 4A district. Senior Cole Engle said it helps playing teams they are more familiar with.

"We know what we are going against," Engle said. "We don't have to watch too much tape because we know how to play them."

Dumas finished eighth last season. Also returning to the tournament are Amarillo Tascosa who finished third, El Paso Parkland who finished seventh and Lawton who finished fourth.

The Harvesters won 1-2 last year and finished sixth. Senior Latigo Collins said the tournament will still be tough despite the departures.

"It's probably not as strong as it has been in the past Collins said. "It's still one of the toughest tournaments we go to."

Head coach Dustin Miller thinks the local teams could generate a larger turnout.

"I'm excited about the locals," Miller said. "It should help the attendance, which will help raise more money for the cause. I really would like to see huge community support this year."

Proceeds from the tournament will help send kids to the Lions Club camp for disabled children in Kerrville. Collins said the tournament will show where the team ranks in the Panhandle.

"We've played most of the teams around here," Collins said. "It's going to be good to play away from around here. It will let us know where we stand around here."

The Harvesters open with San Jacinto 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Patriots beat Plainview Christian and lost to Dumas. Miller said the team doesn't know much about San Jacinto.

"They are always very competitive in that private school district," Miller said. "I think they were the district champions last year."

Pampa will either continue in the winner's bracket or start play in the consolation bracket on Saturday against Caprock or El Paso Parkland.

Junior Ty Hutto said he is looking forward to playing. "We have to work hard, but we can beat them," Hutto said.



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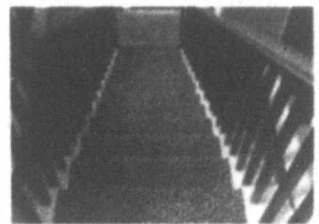


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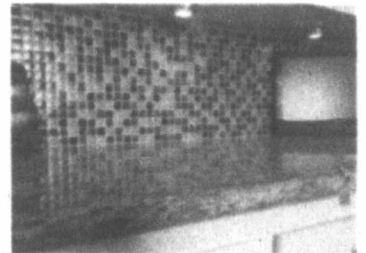
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Sports

Setter Fatheree, running back Smith have solid first year

This year's football All-District teams two first-year varsity in juniors Maddie and Samuel Smith. quite an impressive both players can build next season as For some play-first year on varsity spent learning the ropes used to the level of play. and Smith made an immediately. Fatheree starting setter position and hardly left the floor the whole season. Throughout the season, Fatheree set up her teammates with good balls to hit. Fatheree's signature move was faking a set and hitting the ball between two defenders. Smith made his mark at running back. Though he had a slow start due to injury, Smith was able



ANDREW GLOVER

and volleyball featured players Fatheree This is feat and on that seniors. ers, their is usually and getting Fatheree impact earned the The Lady Harvesters have several players that received limited action last year, that could earn spots on next year's All-District teams. Sophomore Madison Joyce

to burst through holes and gain big yards. In district, Smith had two touchdowns runs of 50 or more yards. To be recognized by the district means you are the best at your position. For Smith and Fatheree to earn their respective honors, it means they were better than some players that have had multiple years on varsity. There's a good chance these two will receive a selection next season. If Pampa remains in 3A, Fatheree has a good chance at gaining District MVP, especially if the Lady Harvesters can continue to be successful. Smith would be the top returning running back as Borger's, Perryton's and Dalhart's rushers graduate this year. If Smith can stay healthy, he should surpass his numbers from this season. Both Fatheree and Smith will have to be leaders on next year's squad, as both teams will graduate most of their playmakers.

received some playing time at the end of last season and will probably be one of the outside hitters next year. Junior Calli Brewer received playing time in the front row and scored key kills in the Dalhart game. Brewer will probably take over the middle block position next season. Sophomore Taylor Giles and junior Diamond Marrufo should make more of an impact next season. The Harvesters saw most of their offensive line gain second team selections. Junior Kyler Allen and sophomore Andrew Jimenez should have a chance at making first team next season. Junior Chris Rivera should be one of the starting linebackers next season and could be a first teamer. Junior Ryan Smith, who will be the starting quarterback next season could also receive district recognition. Congrats to Maddie and Samuel. Hopefully, next year's squads will reap several district selections.

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HANDS ON DECK



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Story Pairsh ties up a Darrouzett ball handler Tuesday in Darrouzett. The Lady Pirates lost 60-31 and fell to 0-2 on the season. Lefors plays in the Miami Tournament starting Thursday.

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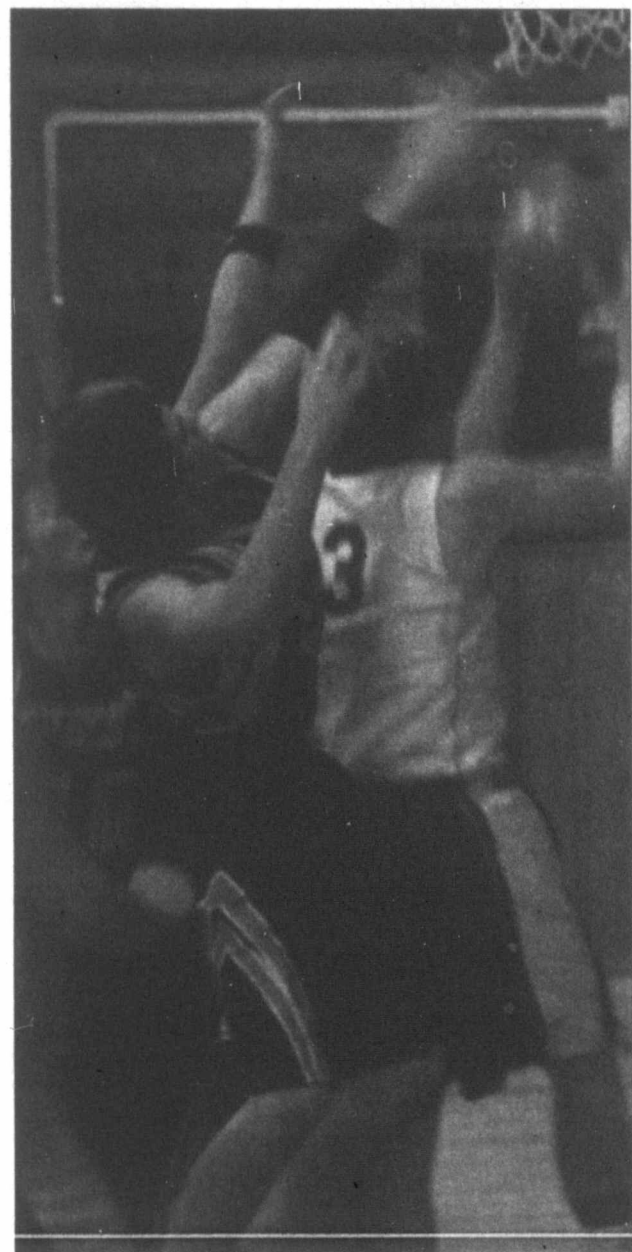
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TOP LEFT: PHS coaches Alan Segura (from left), Gene Valentine and Matt Embry compete in basketball musical chairs during Meet the Harvesters Nov. 14. **TOP RIGHT:** Pampa senior Kirsten Kuhn shoots a three against Bushland November 15. **BOTTOM:** Lefors sophomore Tjaeden Swires blocks a Darrouzett shot Friday. The game was the Pirates' season opener, which they lost 52-40 in Darrouzett.

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of 2010, Loftin felt he had no choice but to analyze the school's options.

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What changed? A collective vitriol rose among Aggies between the summers of 2010 and '11, especially when Texas and ESPN unveiled the \$300 million Longhorn Network. It seemed like another haughty Texas power play to Aggies, who for more than a century have been perceived as being in the other state university's shadow.

Meanwhile, Loftin's popularity seemed to rise exponentially. Faculty and students say he had a calming effect on the campus, after taking over as interim president following the forced June 2009 ouster of Elsa Murano.

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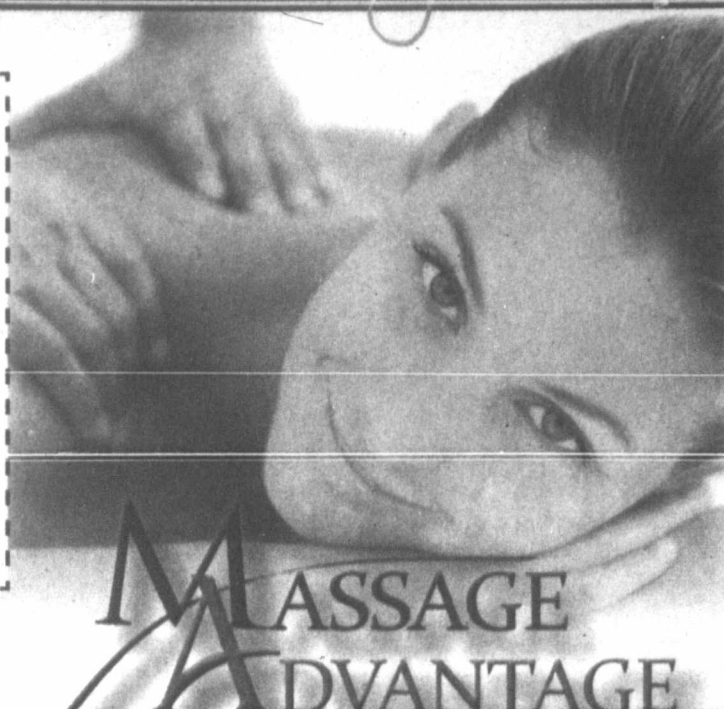
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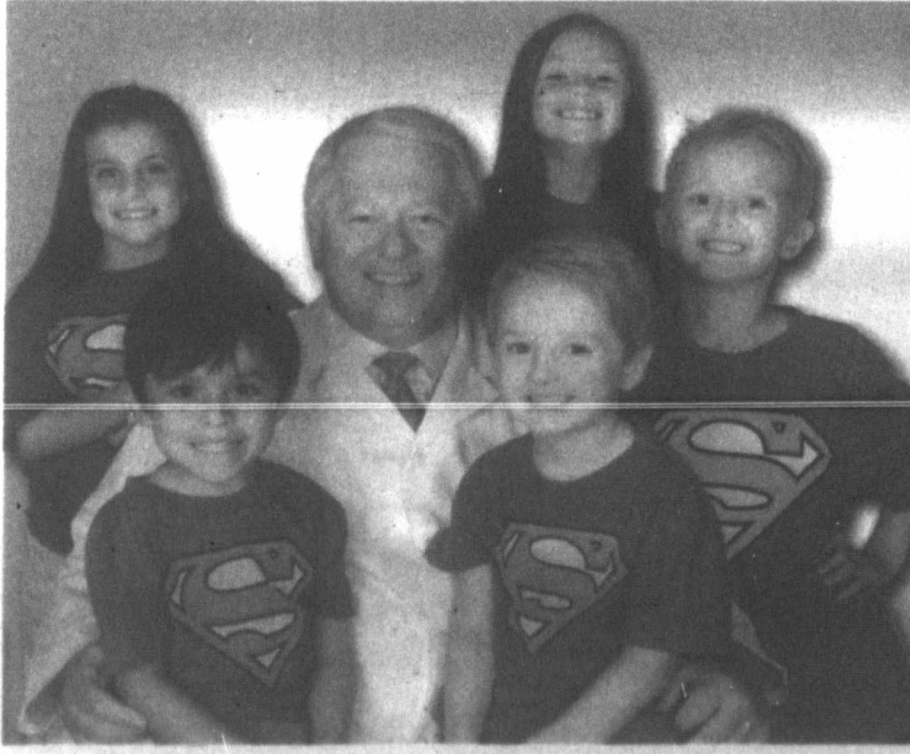
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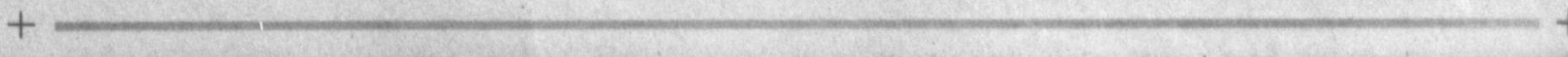
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Easy ways to extend your holiday shopping budget

The holiday season can prove an exercise in financial flexibility for many families. While the spirit of the season centers around faith and family, it's easy for families to overdo it when it comes to holiday shopping. Parents can easily find themselves expanding their budgets to ensure their kids get everything on their wish list, while fellow shoppers may easily get lost in finding the perfect gift for family and friends.

While overspending might be a holiday tradition in many families, it's no doubt the most costly as well. It's always best to avoid overspending, but there are ways shoppers can extend their budget during the holiday seasons.

• **Look for "no interest" deals.** "No

interest" deals are not necessarily hard to find, but they might be a bit of a misnomer. Larger retailers sometimes offer no interest financing for 12 or 18 months on items that cost above a certain dollar amount. But these deals are only "interest free" for the designated timeframe. This means no interest will be charged if the balance is paid in full (there's often a minimum monthly payment) before the 12 or 18 months is up. However, if the balance is not paid in full, shoppers will be responsible for all interest that accrued over that 12- or 18-month period. These "no interest" deals are a great way to extend a holiday budget, but shoppers should make certain they pay the balance off before

the grace period is up.

• **Comparison shop.** As sensible as it seems, many holiday shoppers find little time to comparison shop. Shoppers looking to extend their budgets should find the time to comparison shop. Significant savings could be had simply by scanning the different flyers in the Sunday newspaper. Such efforts only take minutes but could save shoppers hundreds of dollars during the holiday season.

• **Shop early.** Shopping early not only gives shoppers access to more and sometimes better deals, but it also allows shoppers to spread out their spending over a period of several months instead of a few weeks. For example, instead of

spending \$500 in the weeks leading up to Christmas, holiday shoppers who start early might be able to afford a holiday budget of \$600 to 700. Shopping early gives shoppers the opportunity to spread out their spending, which can also allow for a little more budgetary leeway as a result.

• **Go in on gifts with a friend or relative.** When holiday shopping, it's perfectly reasonable to share the cost of a gift with a friend or relative. The recipient won't mind if the gift is from one, two, three, or four people, and each gifter will come away satisfied that their loved one got a gift he or she loves and no one's budget was busted.

Gift wrapping tips and tricks

Once the shopping rush is over, the time to wrap all of those great finds and treasures has come. And although some people are gift-wrap gurus, there are many others who feel that their wrapping skills are lacking.

Regardless, anyone can create delightful wrapped gifts with a little know-how.

Prepare

The first step to wrapping is to have all of the supplies in one place. There are some people who have actually dedicated small rooms as gift-wrap stations. Find a large table and keep your tape, tags, paper, ribbon, scissors, pen, and other accessories nearby.

Also, sort out the gifts according to recipient and have any gift receipts handy to wrap up with the gift.

Paper or Bags?

When purchasing wrapping paper, it may be tempting to skimp on the quality of the paper to save money. However, a thicker, higher quality paper will make wrapping go more smoothly. That's because it will be less likely to tear on boxes or when you're rolling out and cutting it.

Thicker paper means you'll also be able to achieve more intricate folds and better creasing around boxes. It also may be more

forgivable around oddly shaped items.

Gift bags are the go-to wrapping medium when you're short on time or have items that are not easily wrapped with paper. Because they come in a variety of sizes, they are often more convenient.

Other Tips

There are different tips that can help with wrapping.

- Buy neutral-patterned wrapping paper that coordinates with other papers. This way if you run out of one type of paper you can stagger other pieces and make a collage of papers so there's no waste.

- Use ribbon to dress up a gift and direct the eye away from any imperfections.

- Keep a stack of paper scraps and use it instead of tissue paper to fill in gift bags.

- Keep scissors sharp for clean cuts.

- Pack smaller items or oddly shaped things into a different container that is easier to wrap.

- Roll up clothing and place into a paper towel tube to turn the wrapping into a candy cane shaped gift.

Practice often makes perfect when it comes to wrapping gifts. Having the right paper, a few decorative supplies and some patience can ensure that gifts look festive this year.

Keep your gift receipts organized

A relatively recent component of holiday shopping — or any shopping for that matter — is the gift receipt. Keeping gift receipts organized can take a little effort on the part of the shopper to ensure each gift recipient is in possession of their respective receipts.

Gift receipts are advantageous to people who are receiving presents. Should the item not fit or be a duplicate of something they already have, a gift receipt enables them to return the item effortlessly. It also clearly indicates where the gift was purchased so one is not driving around trying to find the store for a return. Plus, should the item have been recently reduced in price, a gift receipt will allow the full value of the gift to be received.

Returning an item without a receipt could result in lost value and the sale price being rescinded. Although having a gift receipt will not entitle one to a cash refund, it will equate to a store credit in the amount of the original price purchased.

Keeping gift receipts organized may

take a little trial and error. One idea is to keep two envelopes and a pen handy when shopping. Write the names of the gift recipients on the master receipt or put their initials beside their purchased items. Place those receipts in one envelope where you'll keep your copies of the receipts. On the gift receipts, write the names for whom the gifts are intended. Place those receipts in the other envelope that will hold all gift receipts.

When it comes time to wrap gifts, refer to your gift receipt envelope and match up the receipts to the correct gift. Remember, the gift receipt will not display the price or sometimes even a product description. It will usually only have a bar code that will refer to a UPC, or product number. You may be able to match the receipt to the number on the product tag. But again, this is why writing the name of the person on the receipt at the time of purchase can make the process easier. Attach the receipt to the gift in some way and wrap.



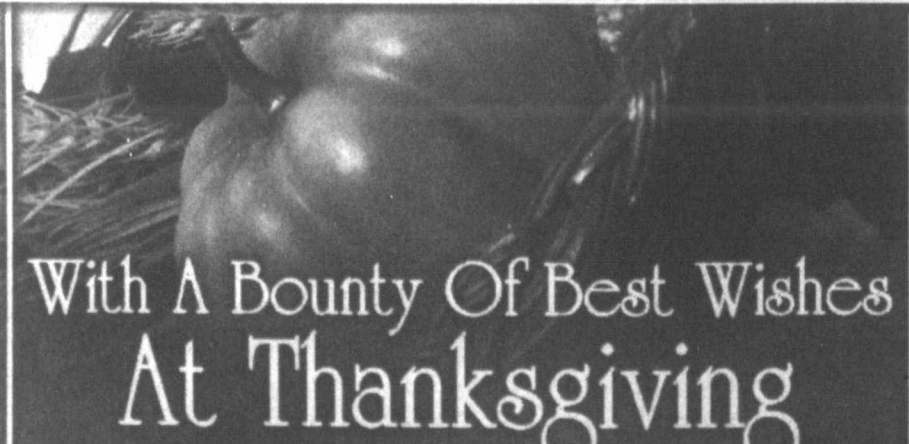
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Gifts for car aficionados

Few passions are as strong as the passion a car lover has for automobiles. Auto aficionados are often walking encyclopedias about all things automotive. When it comes to the holiday season, buying a gift for the car guy or gal in your family might seem easy. After all, any gift related to cars is sure to leave your loved one head over heels.

However, for those holiday shoppers who don't know the difference between an air filter and an air conditioner, perhaps the following suggestions might fare better under the tree this holiday season.

Driving lessons

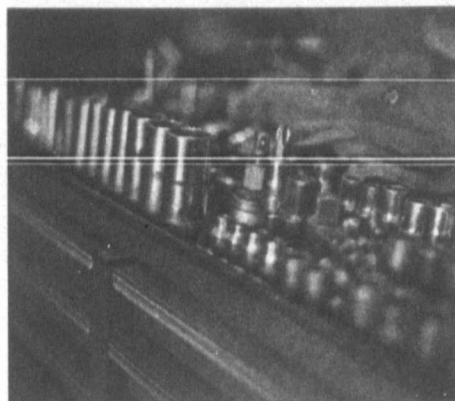
Auto racing is one of North America's most popular sports, and many car guys and gals would love to know what it feels like to get behind the wheel of a race car and put the pedal to the metal. That dream can become a reality, and holiday shoppers can help make that happen for a loved one. Racing schools exist for all sorts of racing, be it stock car racing, Formula 1 racing, Indy Cars, and even Kart racing. (Note: Kart racing does not refer to amusement park style go-karts.) Be it novice car aficionados or veterans who spend weekends at work in their garages, racing lessons can make an ideal gift for auto lovers.

Gift certificate for a wash and a detailing

As much as car guys and gals care about what's under the hood, they also care about how their cars' exteriors look. Winter weather can wreak havoc on a vehicle's exterior, so help your favorite auto lover take care of his or her baby this winter with a gift certificate to a nearby car wash and/or auto detailing center. This will ensure the car remains a sight for sore eyes through the winter. Just be sure to include multiple trips to the car wash and detailing center, as a car often needs a few trips each winter to keep up appearances.

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Some new tools might make the perfect holiday gift for the auto aficionado in your family.

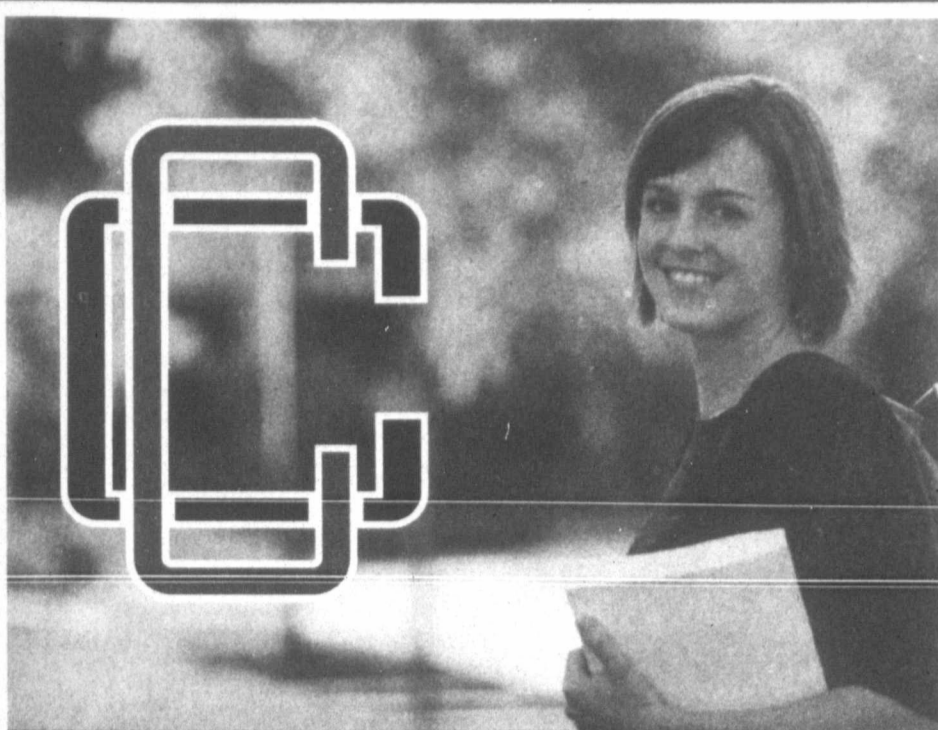
of the auto industry's many innovations and updates with a subscription to a favorite auto magazine. Such magazines inspire car lovers to improve their own vehicles while letting them know the latest trends in the auto industry.

Accessories

No car lover can do without his or her accessories, which can range from practical gifts like a new GPS unit to more specialized items like a paint gun accessory kit. Shoppers who aren't very familiar with cars might not know which accessories to buy. In such instances, a gift certificate to a nearby auto parts store should suffice. This guarantees your loved one will get something for his or her car and eliminate the need to return the gift if he or she already has it.

Tools

Auto aficionados love working on their vehicles, and that work can't be done without the right tools. If possible, visit his or her garage or shop and peruse the tool collection. If anything looks especially aged or ragged, replace it with a newer version. Auto lovers are often particular about their tools, so if you're reticent about buying new ones, take your gift recipient to the store and let him or her choose a gift or buy a gift certificate that covers the cost of the tools that look like they need replacing



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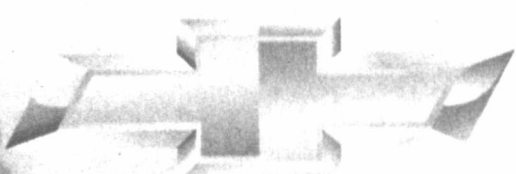
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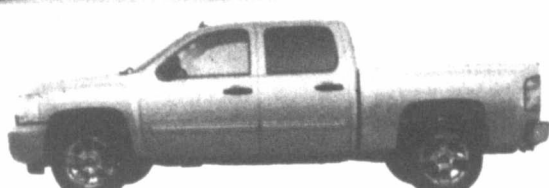


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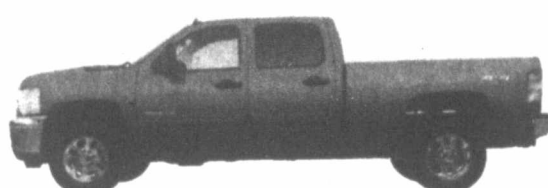
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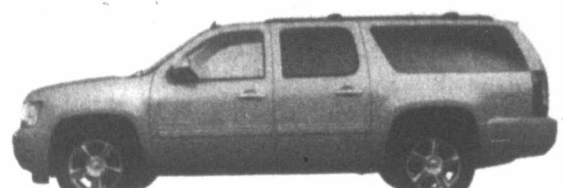
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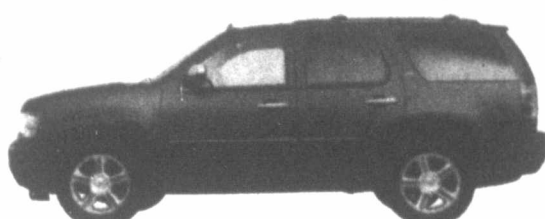
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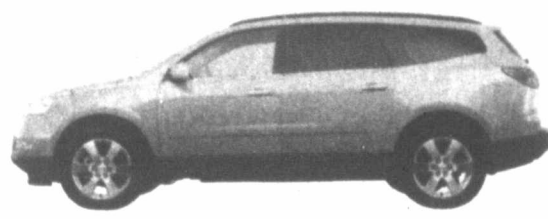
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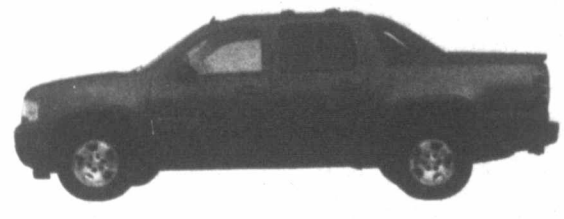
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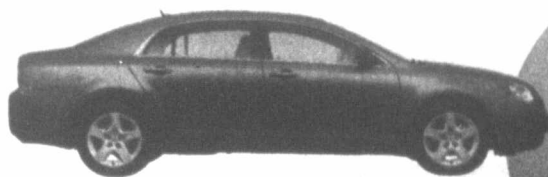


2011 Avalanche
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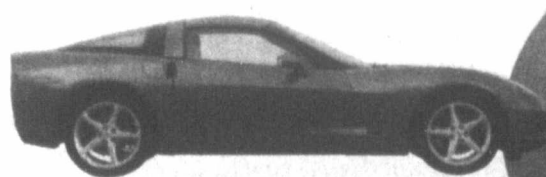
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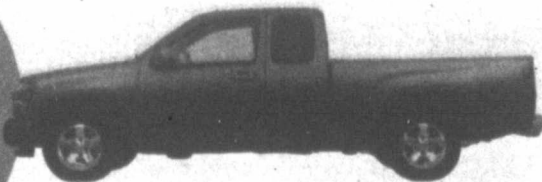
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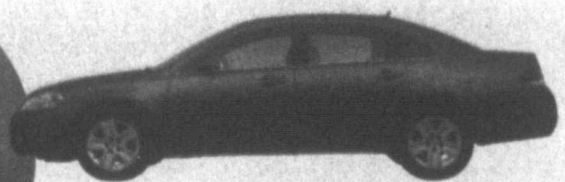
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