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PEDC allegations 'unfounded'

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Former Pampa Economic Development Corporation officials were cleared by the Gray County Grand Jury Thursday of any criminal wrongdoing in 37 of 38 allegations sent anonymously to 31st District Attorney Rick Roach last summer.

No indictments were returned Thursday in the Gray County Grand Jury investigation of the PEDC's activities prior to Nov. 6, 2001. One allegation was no-billed by the panel.

"The grand jury finds that, with one exception, all allegations presented to the District Attorney are totally unfounded and groundless. Further, no actions of the PEDC board or its employees have been found to be in any manner inappropriate or illegal," stated the 12-page grand jury report signed by the panel's foreman Stuart Smith.

The report which was given to Roach at the conclusion of the grand jury session will appear word-for-word on page 3 and page 16 of today's edition of *The Pampa News*.

In the report, the grand jury determined "no action necessary" regarding 37 of the allegations.

Allegations ranged from the ownership of Mootilda, the huge vinyl cow that was displayed on Hobart symbolizing the dairy interest moving into the area, to the propriety of board members mixing PEDC business with their own private business.

Former PEDC Board President Richard Stowers was cleared by the grand jury of any wrongdoing in the lease from his business of a Chevrolet Suburban by the PEDC for use by the executive director.

The grand jury determined two bids were received by the PEDC and Stowers abstained from any part in the selection process.

Former PEDC Board Member Lewis Meers was no-billed by the 12-member panel due to the expiration of the statute of limitations regarding one of the allegations.

The allegation stated that Bill Scribner Welding made the comment that he was charged $80,000 for income tax by Meers while Meers was on the PEDC board, and further stated that Scribner paid $75,000 for the service.

According to the statement, the grand jury determined that while Meers was on the PEDC board, he solicited personal benefit from Bill Scribner Welding through Meers accounting business by offering to sell to Scribner accounting software, computer equipment and by arranging factoring services for Scribner's business.

The grand jury report stated: "It was further determined that at such time Bill Scribner was pecuniarily involved with the PEDC and that Meers exercised discretion with respect to the pecuniary relationship of Scribner with the PEDC. It was further determined that such conduct probably constituted a violation of Section 36.08 (d) of the Penal Code, a Class A misdemeanor."

Roach said the statute is "probably the most unused statute there is."

"I don't believe the individual (Meers) would have engaged in this if he had known of this statute," said Roach. "The only other time I know of this statute's use involved a Texas A&M Board of Regent who owned the

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PAMPA CYBER NET

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Local

ACT I sets work day

Pampa's community theater group, ACT I, is planning a work day from 10 a.m. until ? on Saturday, Dec. 14 for a theater remodeling project. Volunteers needed. Pampa Mall, (enter west side). Also, one part in the upcoming play remains open. Anyone wishing to apply for the role can contact the play's director Kayla Pursley at 665-8848.

State

Authorities probe deaths of couple

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Authorities are awaiting autopsies on the bodies of a Fort Davis couple who were found dead this week.

Julie Kass, 38, was found strangled in her car Sunday in Fort Smith. Her husband, Donald Kass, 57, executive director of the Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, was found dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound in his car at a roadside stop 21 miles north of Fort Davis.

Deaths

Lynne Claudette Holder, 66, Exxon employee.

Hazel Wilson, 101, teacher and artist.

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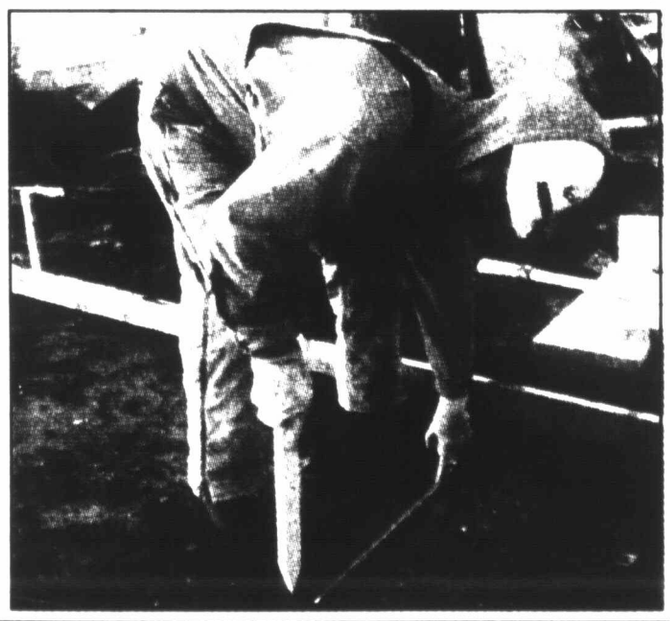
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Men at work





(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Doug Twedell of Phoenix Construction, above, worked thismorning on restoring the historic windows in the Gray County Courthouse Restoration Project. Richard Borges, left, of Rodriguez Foundations measures the sidewalks. Completion of the courthouse restoration project is expected to be in March 2003.

Full of holes

U.S. dissatisfied with weapons declaration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration does not account for a number of missing chemical and biological weapons and fails to explain purchases U.S. intelligence believes are related to Saddam Hussein's nuclear program, U.S. officials said.

Iraq used the lengthy document to support its contention — disputed by the United States — that Saddam's regime possesses none of these weapons of mass destruction, the officials said late Thursday.

The tentative U.S. conclusion that the report is lacking sets the stage for a critical set of decisions by President Bush, who views the declaration as Saddam's last chance to come clean, officials said.

Meanwhile, Iraq was looking worldwide for weapons technology, including uranium in Africa, said a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Bush's options include providing American intelligence on suspected weapons programs to U.N. inspectors or helping the world body attempt to prove that Saddam is lying, which was required under a U.S.-backed U.N. resolution that also forced inspectors back into Iraq after a four-year lapse, the officials said.

Bush could also simply seek more information from Iraq, a route White House officials said earlier Thursday the president would not take.

After a more thorough review of the declaration, the president also could declare that Saddam was in "material breach" of the resolution, and that war was required to disarm him, officials said.

The latter step, favored by hard-liners in the administration, likely would be condemned by U.S. allies who want proof that Saddam is a threat.

But a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press last week that the United States was not inclined to engage in prolonged debate in the U.N. Security Council and might be impelled to act on its own especially if a veto to block action loomed.

American intelligence experts were comparing their conclusions with experts from other countries on the Council and a Council meeting is planned for next Thursday.

Under the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, false statements or omissions in the declaration — coupled with a failure to comply with inspections — would be a "material breach" of Iraq's obligations.

Three Texas school districts close due to virus

By JOEL ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

Texas Department of Health has reported to the CDC that there is 'widespread influenza activity in the state.'

Students got an early jump on the weekend in some parts of Texas as school officials in several districts decided to shut down for the rest of the week to try to slow the outbreak of students with flulike illness.

Schools in Stephenville, about 90 miles southwest of Dallas, will be vacant on Friday except for maintenance crews disinfecting the buildings as a precaution. District officials closed their schools Thursday and Friday, giving students a four-day weekend.

"I just think that the flulike epidemic is at such a point that for the safety of our students, we need to find a way to stem the tide," Superintendent Darrell Floyd said in a story in Thursday's online edition of the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

The Texas Department of Health has reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that there is "widespread influenza activity in the state."

Department spokesman Doug McBride said Thursday it's possible that the Hong Kong strain of influenza type B, which has not been detected in the United States since 1991, is responsible for the increase in sick students.

"There seem to be more cases in kids than normal," McBride said. "There's not the natural immunity that comes over time from being exposed to that particular strain."

Typically, flu season hits Texas in January and February. But school closings have been occurring since around the Thanksgiving holiday. Most of the closing have been in North and East Texas.

District officials in Sulphur Springs, about 75 miles northeast of Dallas, called off Friday classes after almost 20 percent of their students were absent with illness.

The Cayuga, Celina, Como-Pickton, Cross Roads, Dawson, Decatur, DeLeon, Mildred and Mineral Wells school districts are also out for the week, while the Hawkins, Pewitt and Pittsburg districts closed earlier this week.

The Winona school district has canceled classes three times since Nov. 15.

Alvord schools closed for three days last week when the percentage of sick students reached 20 to 25 percent, Superintendent John Trice said. The district reopened its schools on Monday.

McBride said state health officials are recommending a flu shot for people who haven't gotten one.

This year's flu vaccine protects against Hong Kong, Moscow and New Caledonia strains of the influenza virus.

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OBITUARIES

FLORA MAE PHILPOTT CORBIN
1905-2002

MIAMI — Flora Mae Philpott Corbin, 97, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002. Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday in Miami First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lance Wood, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Corbin, a lifelong resident of Miami, was born May 28, 1905, at Era in Cooke County. She was a 1923 graduate of Miami High School and received a bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in 1927.

She married Dr. Scott Corbin on Sept. 1, 1929, at Miami; he died May 12, 1968.

Mrs. Corbin taught math and Spanish in the Miami schools for 22 years and Sunday school at First Baptist Church for a number of years where she was a member.

She avidly supported several charities and missions including Buckner's Benevolences, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and Salvation Army.



Survivors include two brothers, George Philpott of Miami and Kint Philpott of Pampa and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church or Miami or to Roberts County Museum in Miami.

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LYNNE CLAUDETTE HOLDER
1936-2002

Lynne Claudette Holder died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in Houston, Texas. Memorial services are set for Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, in Pasadena, Texas.

Mrs. Holder was born Aug. 17, 1936, in Worley Hospital, Pampa, Texas, to Martha and Claude Matheny. She married Bobby Gene Holder on Aug. 21, 1955. He preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Ramona Gruben.

Mrs. Holder was working for Exxon of Houston at the time of her death.

She is survived by two children, Sara Denise Adams of Houston and Troy Gene Holder of Pasadena, Texas; one granddaughter, Amber Adams of Orlando, Fla.; three grandsons, Travis Adams of Houston, Douglas and Michael Holder of Pasadena, and a sister, Ruth Barrett, of Pampa.



She was loved and will be missed.

HAZEL WILSON
1901-2002

Hazel Wilson, 101, passed away Dec. 12, 2002.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wilson was born May 19, 1901, in Indian Territory at Lamont, Okla., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Campbell. She spent her childhood and early adult years in Oklahoma, graduating from high school at Fairfax, Okla. She later attended Phillips University at Enid, Okla. She became a Christian at age 14, and a member of the First Christian Church in Fairfax, Okla.

Mrs. Wilson came to Pampa in 1926, and became well known as a piano teacher, teaching here for more than 40 years. She also was pianist at First Christian Church and Community Christian Center for many years. She was a member of Trinity Fellowship in Pampa. She was married to Ramon C. Wilson, Gray County Auditor, on June 7, 1929, in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1988.

After retiring from teaching, Mrs. Wilson began studying oil painting and continued to paint until nearly 90 years of age.

Survivors include one daughter, Kay Wilson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one son, Jerry and wife Susie of Pampa; one sister, Colleen Mihoover of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren, Kim Wilson Stevens and husband Kenny of Waco, Chris Wilson and wife Erin of Lubbock, and Greg Wilson and wife Michele of Round Rock; and five great-grandchildren, Benjamin Stevens, Nicholas Stevens, Matthew Stevens, and Elizabeth Stevens, all of Waco, and Dax Wilson of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials be to Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa or to a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 Sunday evening at 1701 N. Russell.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

CORBIN, Flora Mae Philpott — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.
HARRELSON, Scott — Memorial services, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, Dec. 12

Jeffery Rudolph Nash, 42, 928 Jordan, was arrested on capias pro fine warrants for public intoxication.

Donna Sue Gifford, 43, Lefors, was arrested for theft over $1,500 and under $20,000.

Jason Sy Brown, 22, McLean, was arrested for expired drivers license.

Loyd Dean Morris, 34, 1128 S. Dwight, was arrested for defective tail lamp, possession of drug paraphernalia and expired registration.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.66
Milo	3.97
Corn	4.46
Soybeans	4.96
Sunflowers	9.00

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

Occidental	28.31	-0.29
Fidelity Mageln	NA	
Puritan	NA	

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

BP	38.98	-0.51
Celanese	22.67	-0.07
Cabot Corp	26.31	-0.13
Cabot Oil Gas	25.22	+0.21
Coca Cola	45.40	-0.47
VLO	34.70	-0.20
Halliburton	19.99	-0.01
Triad Hospitals	30.30	-0.58
NOI	22.90	NC
KMI	41.89	-0.13
XCEL	10.26	-0.01
Kerr McGee	46.95	-0.14
Limited	14.53	-0.10
Williams	2.53	+0.19
McDonalds	17.19	-0.21
Exxon Mobil	34.86	-0.02
Atmos	23.01	+0.07
Pioneer Nat	25.81	-0.26
Penney's	23.70	-0.17
COP	48.60	-0.65
Schlumberger	44.88	-0.06
Tenneco	4.16	-0.14
CVX	67.70	-0.17
Wal-Mart	50.96	-0.42
OKE	19.18	-0.09
NS Group	6.82	+0.12
New York Gold	331.35	
Silver	4.73	
West Texas Crude	28.01	

POLICE

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

Thursday, Dec. 12

Phone harassment was reported to Pampa Police Department.

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of Denver.

A theft under $50 was reported in the theft of an Uncle Sam yard decoration in the 1400 block of North Zimmers.

Police are investigating a forgery in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An assault by contact involving an 11-year-old victim at Pampa Middle School is being investigated. The alleged offender was 12 years of age. No injuries were reported. The case was referred to Juvenile Probation Office.

A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Russell. Damage was reported to the trunk lock, rear taillight assembly, backseat area that connects to trunk, drivers' side mirror and control lever. A vehicle inspection sticker as well as a registration sticker was reported taken. Also reported taken were boxes of baby clothes, new baby stroller in box and a box of miscellaneous papers.

A credit card fraud was reported to Pampa PD. Estimate of loss to date is $1,091.48.

Information regarding fraudulent use of identity was reported to PPD.

Checks totaling $2,785 were reported missing in the 1200 block of South Finley.

Friday, Dec. 13

An assault with bodily injury involving a 15-year-old male with a broken nose was reported in the 500 block of North Gray.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

11:36 a.m. – No citations were reported issued by the police department when a 1988 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Caleb Patrick Darling, 17, 1806 Fir, struck a phone pole and building. He was westbound in the 100 block of East Harvester when he turned into the parking lot of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

According to officers, Darling struck a telephone pole, breaking it, at the location. Damage in the amount of $200 was reported to the pole owned by Xcel Energy. Additional damages were estimated to be $600 to a Southwestern Bell Telephone-owned phone box, $100 damages to a guide line owned by Cable One, and $300 damage to the church building. Four passengers were in the vehicle, but no injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

11:30 a.m. – A hit and run was reported when a 2002 Toyota Camry owned by Ruth Lunsford, 2132 Lynn, was struck while parked in a parking lot in the 200 block of West Francis. Witnesses reported a white Chevrolet pickup backed into the vehicle and left the scene.

12:14 p.m. – A 1981 Jeep Laredo pickup driven by Jarren David Long, Rt. 2, Box 91, was traveling south in the 200 block of North Cuyler when he was struck by a 1996 Honda Accord driven by Janee Christine Perez, 17, 910 S. Wilcox, which was also traveling south. Perez was cited for unsafe passing.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Dec. 12

8:02 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Dec. 12

8:26 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Yeager; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

7:51 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; one patient was transported to PRMC.

WEATHER

PAMPA – Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies with highs in the mid 50s and northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s and light winds. Saturday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Light winds. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph increasing to 10 to 20 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Monday, partly cloudy.

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PEDC

book store of the A&M systems."

The statute of limitations for a misdemeanor in Texas is two years. A grand jury cannot return an indictment if the offense occurred outside the respective limitation period, said Roach. The asserted violations occurred in 1998 and 1999, which was outside the limitation period.

"Accordingly, the grand jury has returned a 'no bill' with respect to such individual (Meers) because of the running of the statute of limitations," concluded the report.

The grand jury involvement resulted after two state agencies declined to conduct an investigation.

Roach asked the state attorney general's office to investigate the allegations after he received them anonymously in the mail in June. He said the allegations were sent to him under the name Concerned Citizens of Pampa.

All members of the current PEDC board have denied involvement in requesting a DA's investigation. Roach said none of the members of the current board were behind the allegations.

The AG's office gave the matter to the state auditor's office, but that office claimed it did not have jurisdiction because the funds involved were local funds and not state funds. The matter was returned to Roach.

He said he looked to the state for assistance in investigation because he felt an outside agency should investigate the contentious local issue.

PEDC was dissolved Nov. 6, 2001, after a group of local residents garnered enough signatures to put the matter on the ballot. It is the only economic development corporation to be abolished in Texas.

Incorporated April 23, 1992, by a vote of the people, the entity currently has a $2 million debt. Current board members estimate the pay-off period for the debt will be four to six years.

Prior to the vote of Pampa residents to dissolve the PEDC, Stowers and Joe Mullenax resigned from the board. The three remaining board members - Jerry Foote, Darville Orr and Lee Porter — members resigned following the election. Pampa City Commission appointed new members to oversee dissolving the entity.

The issue has continued to be controversial since it began in the summer of 2001.

Roach said many people's names were maligned.

"I felt we needed to get to the bottom of this so Pampa can move forward," said Roach. "The allegations were groundless. Maybe people will get on and leave the coffee shop talk behind now."

Roach said it is time for the issue to end.

"They were not doing anything illegal or improper. They may have made some bad decisions," he said, "but everybody makes bad decisions."

City Briefs

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ACT I Work Day, 10 a.m.-? Sat. Theatre remodeling project. Volunteers needed. Pampa Mall, (enter west side).

ANGELS, ANGELS, we have Salvation Army Angels on our tree!! Come get an Angel & make a child's Christmas happier this year!! Deadline to return gifts is 12 noon on Dec. 18th. *The Pampa News,* 403 W. Atchison.

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CHRISTMAS TURKEYS, smoked or deep fried-$25. Call 665-7161 or 669-1017 or any KC member.

DAVID'S GOLF Shop at Hidden Hills for all of your Christmas golfers needs, get a Free Tiger Woods Bobble Head with purchase of 1 doz. Nike T.A. Golf Balls @ $36 per doz., also all Golf Shoes from 25% to 50% Off reg. price. All gloves, balls, sweaters and jackets also reduced!

EARLY CHRISTMAS Sale! 40% off all holiday items: Santas, trees, greenery, ornaments & lights. Lazy S Feed & Garden, 516 S. Russell

LETTERS TO Santa Deadline is Wed., Dec. 18th at noon. *The Pampa News*

LONE STAR Country Club, Open Wed. thru Sat. Karaoke with Wild Rose, Sat. night & every Wed.

MASSAGE THERAPY Gift Certificates X-mas Specials. Cathy Potter 669-0013.

MCLEAN COUNTRY Club Dance, Sat., Dec. 14th, to "Plain Country," 8-11:30 p.m. Public Welcome.

MEN OF Playgirl Male Review North American Outlaw Tour, Club Biarritz, Tues. Dec. 17th, 8-10:30 p.m. $10-advance, $12-door. 665-0225

MEREDITH HOUSE Open House, Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2-4 p.m.

NEW CHRISTMAS hours at All Its Charm, Mon. thru Fri. 10-8 p.m., Sat. 10-4 p.m.

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REPORT

Editor's Note: This is the grand jury's press release to The Pampa News in its entirety.

The Gray County Grand Jury today (Dec. 12, 2002) concluded its deliberations regarding allegations of alleged impropriety surrounding the Pampa Economic Development Corporation prior to November 6, 2001. Below is a list of the allegations considered together with the findings and actions taken by the Grand Jury. The allegations are stated below in the exact form delivered to the District Attorney.

1. Bill Scribner Welding shop building was for sale for $300,000.00. When the PEDC got involved, the price went up to $500,000.00.

The Grand Jury determined that the purchase price of the Scribner property was $225,000.00 and had been for a considerable period prior to any PEDC involvement. Scribner was loaned $300,000.00 by the PEDC ($200,000.00 interest free and $100,000.00 @ 5% for 5 years). Of this amount, $225,000.00 was paid to the owner of the property and $75,000.00 was used for capital improvements on the property. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

2. The Attorney General Office did not think the $300,000.00 cash grant to Clarendon College by the PEDC was a proper thing for the PEDC to get involved in.

The Grand Jury determined that this grant to Clarendon College was a legitimate purpose of the PEDC and has resulted in substantial economic benefit to Pampa, Texas. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

3. The PEDC Executive Director when questioned during a board meeting about the extreme price paid by the Top-0-Texas Dairy for the 320 acres purchased from Buddy Cockrell ($625,000.00). Stated the actual price of the land was $111,000.00, the remaining $514,000.00 was for other things.

The Grand Jury determined that the selling price of the land was, in fact, $111,000.00. It was further determined that the additional amount of the loans to Top-0-Texas Dairy was used to construct the milking facility and to purchase a herd of milk cows. It was further determined that an additional sum in excess of $250,000.00 was expended on the facility from other sources. It was further determined that even though incentive requirements (forgiveness of debt for number of employees over periods of time) was for 15 employees, Top-0-Texas Dairy has maintained employment numbers well in excess of that figure continuously. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

4. The PEDC leased a Chevrolet Suburban from Culberson Stowers (the owner a board member of the PEDC) for $630.07 per month.

The Grand Jury determined that a Chevrolet Suburban had, in fact, been leased from Culberson-Stowers, Inc. for use by the Economic Development Director. The Grand Jury further determined that the lease was done through a bid process by the PEDC Board that two (2) bids were submitted, and that the Culberson-Stowers bid was accepted. The Grand Jury further determined that during deliberations and voting on the matter, Richard Stowers abstained and did not take part. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

5. The executive director and PEDC board members swore they only paid NPD lodging at Northgate Inn in Pampa during July 2001, the same month they paid for M.K. Brown Auditorium. But they also payed for lodging for NPD visit to Pampa in August 2001.

The Grand Jury determined that these expenditures were legitimate activities of the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

6. U.S. Bus bought their chassis including motor, std. cab and running gear from Culberson Stowers in Pampa. The owner of Culberson-Stowers was a member of the PEDC board.

The Grand Jury determined that U.S. Bus purchased chassis for its buses through a clearing house and that U.S. Bus used GM chassis exclusively which could only be acquired from GM dealers. Chassis were acquired by the clearing house for U.S. Bus not only from Culberson-Stowers but also from many other GM dealerships. The Grand Jury further determined that PEDC board member was not the owner but a minority stockholder in Culberson-Stowers, Inc., a corporation. NO ACTION NECESSARY

7. Why did the PEDC buy the executive director and all the board members an expensive western hat from a business owned by one of the PEDC board members. This was for a one time promotional and a cheap western hat would have been sufficient.

The Grand Jury determined that the western hats were used for multiple PEDC functions and that this type of promotional expenditure was a legitimate PEDC purpose. NO ACTION NECESSARY

8. Did Billy Scribner sponsor a trip to Las Vegas for the PEDC board members?

The Grand Jury determined that Billy Scribner did not sponsor any trip to Las Vegas for PEDC board members. NO ACTION NECESSARY

9. Don Fletcher owned the old meat packing plant. He was dealing with a company and PEDC stepped in and started trying to deal with that company and the company told PEDC they would not do business with a city that would cut their own citizen's throat. End of Don's deal.

The Grand Jury determined that the PEDC purchased a 216-acre tract of land which was for sale by an out of state business. Don Fletcher was negotiating to purchase such tract to be part of a package deal to sell together with the old meat packing plant on Hwy. 60, east of Pampa. The sale was to be to a company which wanted to use the old meat packing plant for a hide tanning facility and the 216-acre tract to bury the hair stripped from the cow hides. The PEDC apparently became aware of the pending transaction and the intended use of the meat packing plant and determined to purchase the land for other purposes. It is further determined that hide tanning facilities emanate foul odors and are potentially damaging to the environment. The 216-acre tract is still owned by the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

10. The last $300,000 spent by the PEDC was to bail out local businesses. Who were they? Was this after the petition was initiated?

The Grand Jury determined that all expenditures by the PEDC board pertinent to amounts owed by businesses affiliated with the PEDC were made in the ordinary course of business and were necessitated by the failure of such businesses to service their debts. The Grand Jury further determined that such expenditures were necessary as a result of loan guarantees given by the PEDC to lending agencies to induce them to loan money to such businesses. NO ACTION NECESSARY

11. Crall Products had been in business for many years at Hwy. 60 and Price Road. PEDC needed to look good so that gave Crall money and purchased the Borger Hwy. location. PEDC counted the Crall employees in the number of jobs brought to Pampa. When this fallacy was pointed out in a letter to the editor, PEDC changed their story about Crall, stating that they had planned to move and PEDC kept them here. That portion of the letter to the editor was never printed. Did the newspaper alert PEDC to the fact that a citizen knew about Crall?

The Grand Jury determined that prior to 1997, Crall Products was located at Hwy. 60 and Price Road and had 25 employees. Because of business demands, Crall needed a larger building. Crall was approached by Amarillo EDC to relocate to Amarillo. Subsequently Amarillo EDC withdrew its offer so as not to compete with local economies. Crall then contacted PEDC regarding help acquiring the new building which was owned by individuals not associated with the PEDC. PEDC loaned Crall $225,000.00 at 3% to purchase the building. Upon moving to the new location the employee number increased to 50. Crall currently employs 32 people in Pampa. The Grand Jury made no inquiry into the allegation regarding the Pampa News. NO ACTION NECESSARY

12. Is there a clause in UMC's contract of purchase of the building previously owned by Joe Hawkins, whereby if UMC decides to leave Pampa, Joe or his representatives will get first choice on purchasing the building at market price (and not the inflated price PEDC paid for it)?

The Grand Jury determined that there is no such clause in any document pertinent to the purchase of the UMC building but that such "right of first refusal" clauses are not uncommon in land transactions. The Grand Jury further determined that the PEDC did not pay anything for the UMC building and that such transaction was between UMC and the owners of the building. NO ACTION NECESSARY

13. The huge vinyl cow (MOOTILDA) which was displayed for some time on Hobart. Was this purchased or leased? At what cost? Where is it now?

The Grand Jury determined that Mootilda is owned by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. NO ACTION NECESSARY

14. What is the current status of the CROSS CALF LOAN? Is this business still in operation. Who was the land purchased from?

The Grand Jury determined that the Cross Calf operation is still in operation and is doing well (less than a 5% mortality rate) and currently servicing the debt. The land was purchased from Gabe Crossman and the price was negotiated prior to any PEDC involvement. NO ACTION NECESSARY

15. Who is keeping the books for the PEDC?

The Grand Jury determined that the books and audit functions for the PEDC have been performed by various accounting firms not otherwise associated with the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

16. Whose cattle are grazing on the industrial Park (214-acre tract)?

The Grand Jury determined that the land is currently leased to Billy Scribner on a month-to-month basis at the rate of $145.00 per month and the payments under such lease are current. NO ACTION NECESSARY

17. What properties have been purchased by PEDC, from whom and at what price?

The Grand Jury determined that the PEDC currently owns four (4) tracts of land based on a review of financial statements of the PEDC.

a. 214 acre tract, purchased from an out of state company for $75,000.00 in 1993.

b. 1133 N. Price Road (American Energy) purchased from Halliburton Energy Services in 1997 for $212,500.00.

c. 627.63 acres acquired by gift from Celanese LTD. in 1999.

d. U.S. Bus Building * (See Note)

* Note: The Asset detail of the financial statement of the PEDC ending 9/30/01 lists this property as an asset with the initial acquisition cost of $275,000.00 in April 1995; an improvement cost to the building in September 1996 of $107,725.00; and an addition to the property in April 1997 in the amount of $201,115.00. Notwithstanding, a memo located in the PEDC records written by an individual named Jennifer dated 11/15/99 indicates that such property is, in fact, owned by the City of Pampa. The Grand Jury chose not to investigate this discrepancy but to leave the resolution of this matter to the current PEDC board and the City of Pampa. NO ACTION NECESSARY

18. Did the PEDC pay the golf fee at Ruidosa for then PEDC member Roger David's wife? Did they also pay the golf fee and lodging for any PEDC director?

The Grand Jury determined that on August 4, 2000, the PEDC credit card was charged with golf fees at the Links at Sierra Blanca Golf Course in Ruidosa during the Dairy Producers of New Mexico convention. However, it was determined that such sum was reimbursed by PEDC Director Richard Stowers on August 9, 2000. None of the records examined reflected that either Roger David or his wife were in attendance at such function. Lodging was paid by the PEDC for Susan Tripplehorn, the EDC director, Bob Neslage, the Mayor of Pampa, Richard Stowers, the

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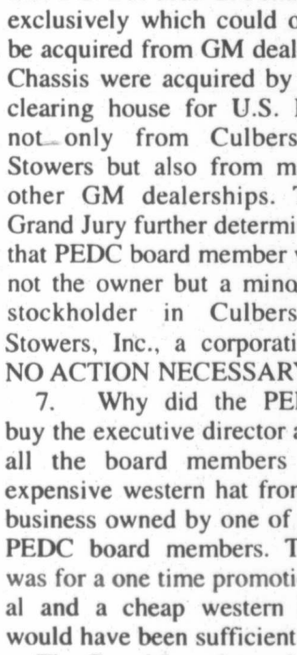
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Hospital group launches public awareness effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to arm the public with more information, the hospital industry will soon publish data on the quality of care at scores of hospitals across the country.

Consumers will be able to access the information by simply clicking on a Web site, according to a plan outlined by hospital associations Thursday and backed by the federal government.

The effort seeks to streamline the reporting of information many hospitals already collect, and to translate the data for the public.

"After the war on terror, health care issues truly are the No. 1 issues" facing Americans, said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

"This is a giant step forward but it is only the first step," he said at a news conference announcing the effort.

The initiative was announced by the American Hospital Association, Federation of American Hospitals, Association of American Medical Colleges and other groups. As part of the effort:

—Hospitals will be asked to answer specific questions to assess the treatment of patients of heart attack, heart failure or pneumonia. The list is expected to grow over time.

—A standardized survey will be developed to compare patients' experiences at different hospitals.

—Arizona, Maryland and New York will be used in a pilot program to test different ways of communicating the results to the public.

Responses from hospitals on the three medical conditions will be available beginning next summer on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Web site. The survey results are expected in early 2004, and the pilot program should be completed by 2005.

Hospital participation is voluntary. The group's challenge is "to encourage the full participation of all the hospitals," Thompson said.

Dennis O'Leary, president of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, said his organization would provide "gentle incentive."

"We intend to make it known who's participating on this and who's not," he said.

Although many hospitals already collect similar data, the results have "never been put in one place to run through a funnel where everyone can see them," said Dick Davidson, president of the American Hospital Association.

Leaders of the effort likened it to the opening last month of a government clearinghouse of information gauging the quality of care in nursing homes across the country.

President joins condemnation of Lott

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Trent Lott clung to support from his Republican colleagues as President Bush denounced his comments showing a nostalgia for the nation's segregationist past.

But the president stopped short of saying the Senate majority-leader-to-be had become a liability to the party.

"Any suggestion that the segregated past was acceptable or positive is offensive and it is wrong," Bush told a multiracial audience in Philadelphia on Thursday as the White House, intent on courting minority voters, moved forcefully to distance itself from Lott's remarks.

But Bush's spokesman said the president didn't believe Lott, set to take over as Senate majority leader in January, should step down, and several Republican senators came to his defense.

Black lawmakers demanded that Lott resign or be censured and critics dug up new examples from the Mississippi lawmaker's past they said revealed a pattern of disdain for civil rights.

"He has apologized, and rightly so," Bush said. "Every day our nation was segregated was a day that America was unfaithful to our founding ideals."

Lott's office quickly concurred.

"Senator Lott agrees with President Bush that his words were wrong and he is sorry. He repudiates segregation because it is immoral," Lott spokesman Ron Bonjean said.

Lott touched off the furor last week when, at the 100th birthday party of Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., he said Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond in 1948 when he headed the pro-segregationist Dixiecrat ticket.

"And if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years either," Lott added.

Lott issued a short apology on Monday acknowledging his "poor choice of words," and, as criticisms continued to mount, gave several interviews on Wednesday in which he said his "terrible" and "insensitive" remarks were meant only as a gesture of affection for Thurmond.

The White House at first tried to stay clear of the controversy, but Bush and his advisers, in meetings Wednesday night and Thursday morning, decided it could undermine their efforts to increase black support in the next election. In 2000 Bush received just 9 percent of the black vote.

"The founding ideals of the political party I represent was and remains today the equal dignity and equal rights of every American," Bush told an audience including several black ministers in a speech unveiling a new policy to integrate religious charities into government programs.

White House officials said Lott was being given a chance to retain his leadership post, although it was ultimately up to Lott and his fellow GOP senators. Republicans, at least publicly, stood behind Lott.

"The president did Trent Lott a big favor today," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who accompanied Bush to Philadelphia. "He basically cleared the air. ... This is not an issue that divides us anymore."

"I think Senator Lott has already fixed it," said Lott's Mississippi colleague, Republican Sen. Thad Cochran. "He's explained that he didn't mean to be endorsing any policies of the past, particularly the segregationist platform that Strom Thurmond ran on in '48."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has clashed with Lott on various issues in the past, said Lott still needed to "have a full-blown press conference with an opening description of his absolute outright hostility to discrimination in any form."

Lott, who has previously admitted supporting segregation as a student at the University of Mississippi when U.S. marshals brought the first black student to the school, continued to be battered by revelations on his civil rights record.

Time Magazine on Thursday reported that some 40 years ago Lott led an effort to prevent his all-white fraternity from integrating any of its chapter. Critics have also listed such past actions as his 1983 vote against a federal holiday for Martin Luther King Jr., his 1982 vote against the Voting Rights Act extension and his efforts to restore confederate president Jefferson Davis' citizenship. It was also reported that at a 1980 rally in Mississippi he expressed similar regrets that Thurmond hadn't been elected in 1948.

Suits blocking Farmers settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for Farmers Insurance Group policy holders have filed lawsuits to block the company's $100 million settlement with the state.

State officials reached a settlement with Texas' second-largest home insurer on Nov. 30. Farmers, which has about 700,000 policy holders in Texas, said the deal would allow it to keep doing business in the state.

The deal has been criticized by consumer advocates, however, who say it favors the company over consumers.

Farmers spokeswoman Michelle Levy said the company stands by the settlement, describing it as in the best interest of Farmers' customers.

The settlement resolved the company's dispute with the state, which had accused Farmers of unfair pricing practices. The state had said it planned to seek $25,000 per every individual harmed plus $150 million in restitution for Farmers customers. The company threatened to leave the Texas insurance market.

The settlement is worth $100 million for homeowners in restitution, refunds and rate reductions, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. Farmers maintains it practices are legal and will not change.

Attorneys who filed the lawsuits Wednesday told the Austin American-Statesman that the settlement could restrict Farmers' clients' legal options and put the state in position of defending the company against lawsuits.

"It's an awful agreement," Houston attorney David Burrow. "I can't believe any judge anywhere would approve it."

"This settlement is clearly in the interest of Farmers' Texas customers in that it delivers nearly $100 million in savings through rate reductions and further discounts," Levy said.

Coloring contest



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Nursing Center (PNC) resident Viv Burgess congratulates Wilson Elementary students (left-right) Nathan Sprinkle, Kasandra Resendez, and Mayce Wheat, first, second, and third place winners of a Christmas coloring contest sponsored by PNC. The contest was judged by the residents of PNC and involved a picture of Santa and one of his elves. Judging was based on creativity, neatness, and imagination.

Judge to oversee confinement for terrorist suspect Ujaama

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge, not the Justice Department, will oversee special confinement measures for terrorism suspect James Ujaama, allowing his lawyers more leeway to prepare his defense without government interference.

The order signed Thursday by U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein was a compromise between government and defense attorneys.

Ujaama, 36, of Seattle is accused of conspiring to set up a terrorist-training camp in Bly, Ore., in 1999 and is being held on firearms and conspiracy charges at SeaTac Federal Detention Center, south of Seattle.

The government had wanted to limit how his lawyers could meet with him and require government approval for all documents that would be shown to Ujaama. Defense lawyers Peter Offenbecher and Robert Mahler argued that could tip off prosecutors to their defense strategy.

The judge's order allows Ujaama's lawyers to meet with him face-to-face, unless the government can provide a compelling reason otherwise, and says they will not have to present documents for approval.

It also eases the government's security concerns by requiring limited background checks for anyone who sees Ujaama, details of which would not be available to prosecutors, and barring anyone who meets with Ujaama from communicating messages from him to from third parties. The government has said it wants to prevent defense lawyers from becoming "unwitting conduits" of dangerous messages.



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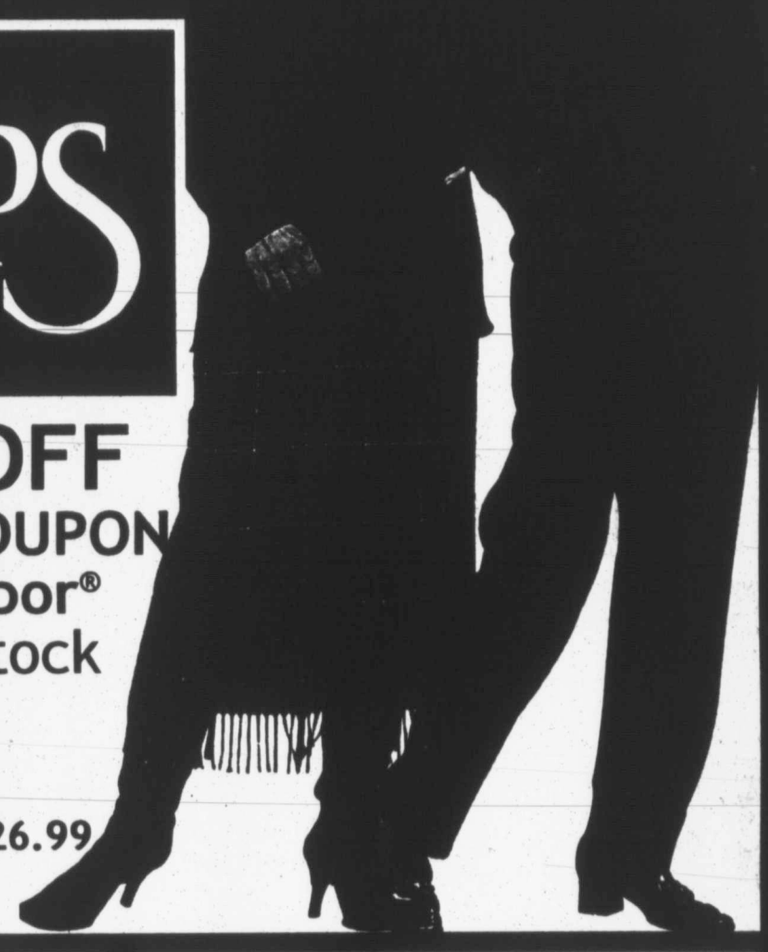
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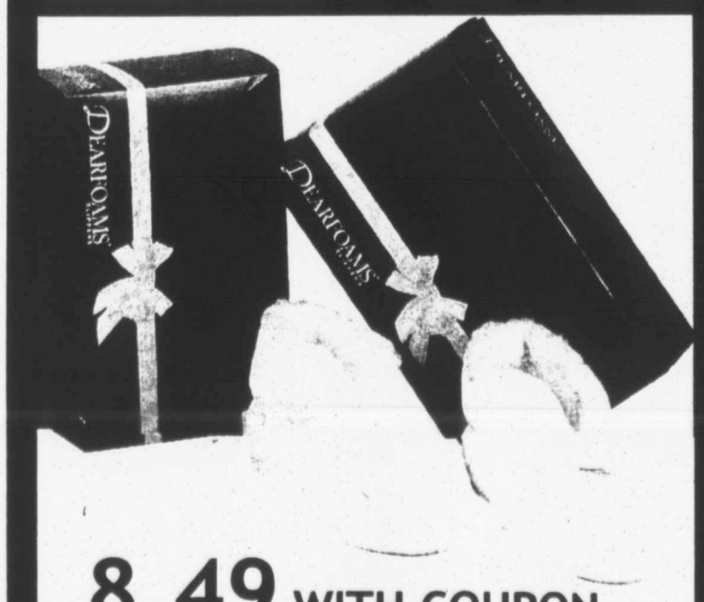
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Boston's Cardinal Law resigns, bowing to months of outrage

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinal Bernard Law resigned Friday as Boston archbishop, finally bowing to months of public outrage that he failed to protect children from molesters in the clergy.

He is the highest-ranking church leader to fall as a result of the clerical sex abuse crisis that has plagued the Roman Catholic Church this year.

Pope John Paul II accepted the resignation after the two men met Friday morning, the Vatican said. The pope named Bishop Richard Lennon, an auxiliary bishop in Boston, to run the diocese temporarily.

"I am profoundly grateful to the Holy Father for having accepted my resignation as archbishop of Boston," Law said in a statement released by the Vatican.

"It is my fervent prayer that this action may help the Archdiocese of Boston to experience the healing, reconciliation and unity which are so desperately needed."

"To all those who have suffered from my shortcomings and mistakes, I both apologize and from them beg forgiveness."

Lennon takes over at an immensely challenging moment. More than 400 alleged victims are suing the archdiocese, and Law has taken steps to allow it to file for bankruptcy. Temporary administrators in the church rarely are empowered to make major decisions.

The crisis in Boston, which was touched off by Law's admission that he reassigned former priest John Geoghan despite accusations of sex abuse, quickly spread to other dioceses, as Catholics demanded greater accountability from their leaders.

At least 325 priests of America's 46,000 priests have been removed from duty or resigned this year because of molestation claims.

The pope was described by a Vatican official as "deeply saddened" by the whole affair. Law was one of the pope's closest American advisers.

In April, Law offered to resign in a meeting with the pope, but the pontiff rejected the idea.

The 71-year-old Law will remain a cardinal, which means he could move into another church post and retains the right to vote in a papal election, until he turns 80.

Abuse victims, lay members and even some priests had intensified calls for Law's removal after 18 years at the helm of the Boston Archdiocese, as more cases of sordid conduct by priests were brought to light with the release of church files.

"Thank heaven," said David Clohessy, director of the national group Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "I hope there will be thousands of Boston Catholics and hundreds of Boston survivors who will feel better as a result."

Archdiocese spokesman the Rev. Chris Coyne said the resignation was "just one more moment of sadness over the whole timeline of great sadness and grief that has touched the archdiocese, beginning with the monumental tragedy of the abuse of children by priests and the failure and flaws of the administration to deal adequately with those moments of abuse."

Law had been at the Vatican all week, but largely kept out of the public eye. The cardinal slipped quietly away from Boston to begin a round of meetings with top officials at the Vatican over his and his archdiocese's fate.

Law has been accused of having shuffled from parish to parish priests who were accused, often repeatedly, of sexually abusing minors.

Recent days have been marked by some of the most shocking revelations in the year-old scandal in Boston, with the release of thousands of pages of the archdiocese's personnel files.

Among the worst cases, the papers document a priest beating his housekeeper, another trading cocaine for sex, a third claiming to be the second coming of Christ to lure teenagers training to be nuns into having sex and a fourth allegedly molesting a boy on 21 consecutive nights during a cross-country trip.

Victims have accused Law of being more mindful of his personal reputation than honestly dealing with the scandal, and dozens of priests under his command demanded he step down.

The Boston Archdiocese is also facing enormous payments in settlements with sex abuse victims, and the Vatican may decide whether the local church should declare bankruptcy to protect itself from creditors.

Man on trial for shooting priest

BALTIMORE (AP) — The man on trial for wounding a Roman Catholic priest testified that he "lost it" and began shooting after the priest brushed him off rather than apologize for allegedly sexually abusing him years before.

Dontee Stokes said Thursday that after confronting the Rev. Maurice Blackwell on May 13, memories of abuse came flooding back and he thought he was going to have "an epileptic fit" when he tried to talk to the priest.

Stokes faces attempted murder, assault and various handgun charges. Blackwell was shot three times, in the left hand and left hip, after Stokes drove up to the priest's house. Blackwell survived.

Stokes stood up in the witness stand to try to demonstrate to the jury how he felt himself leave his body and tried to fight to get back inside while the confrontation happened. He said he could see himself sitting in his car and never felt himself physically shoot Blackwell.

After the shooting, Stokes said he thought: "Why? Why? Why?"

His attorney, Warren Brown, is arguing his client should not be held criminally responsible for the shooting because he was suffering a "mental disorder" as a result of the alleged abuse in 1993.

Cardinal William Keeler, who was the bishop who supervised Blackwell at the time, testified that Blackwell strongly denied Stokes' allegations. Keeler said criminal charges were not brought and no other victims stepped forward.

After Stokes' allegation, Blackwell was sent to the Institute of the Living in Hartford, Conn., where he was evaluated and then treated for three months, Keeler said.

Keeler said he decided to reinstate Blackwell under certain restrictions. They included Blackwell not being allowed to minister to children, that he undergo continued therapy, and that he not be allowed to live in the rectory, where the abuse allegedly occurred.

Keeler testified he wished he had not reinstated Blackwell and said he had apologized to Stokes in person after the shooting. Keeler shook hands with Stokes as he walked up to the witness stand Thursday.

Blackwell was called Wednesday to testify in Stokes' trial, but invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to answer questions. Prosecutors are investigating Stokes' allegations, but Blackwell has not been charged.

A police officer who investigated the allegations at the time said Thursday he took Stokes' story seriously and decided to arrest Blackwell on his own, but was told prosecutors weren't going to act on the case.

Stokes turned himself in hours after the shooting.

Diageo finalizes sale of Burger King to investor

MIAMI (AP) — Diageo PLC, the world's largest liquor company, has finalized the $1.5 billion sale of Burger King to an equity sponsor group, it announced Friday.

Earlier this year, venture capital firms Texas Pacific Group, Bain Capital and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners agreed to purchase the Miami-based fast-food chain for $2.26 billion.

But in November, the group insisted on negotiating more favorable terms, resulting in the $1.5 billion price tag.

London-based Diageo has been seeking since June 2000 to sell Burger King so that it could focus on its drinks business, company officials have said.

"We continued to review our options but concluded that this transaction with this buying group was the most certain route to achieving separation," Diageo CEO Paul Walsh said in a statement released Friday.

Texas Pacific is based in Fort Worth, Tex.; Bain Capital, headquartered in Boston, owns 95 percent of the Domino's Pizza chain. Goldman Sachs Capital Partners is the private equity arm of U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs.

"This ownership group is outstanding," Burger King CEO John Dasburg said Friday. "They fully understand and support our strategy, our programs and our people."

Attempts to reach officials from the buying the fast food chain were unsuccessful early Friday.

Diageo markets several of the world's most popular alcohol brands, including Johnnie Walker scotch, Guinness and Smirnoff vodka. Burger King's franchise owners have long supported leaving Diageo, citing thin profit margins and ineffective marketing by the company.

Berkeley mayor accused of trashing paper

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Mayor Tom Bates has been charged with an infraction for trashing hundreds of copies of the University of California, Berkeley's student newspaper the day it endorsed his opponent, prosecutors said.

"His plea will be guilty, as he has said," said Malcolm Burnstein, who is representing Bates.

The infraction, announced Thursday, is punishable by a fine up to $250, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's office. Bates, 64, is expected to appear in court Jan. 8, Burnstein said.

UC Berkeley police said three people saw Bates on Nov. 4 remove the newspapers and throw them into a trash can on Sproul Plaza, considered the birthplace of the 1964 Free Speech Movement.

Bates first acknowledged his actions Dec. 6, and he began his first City Council meeting Dec. 9 by apologizing.

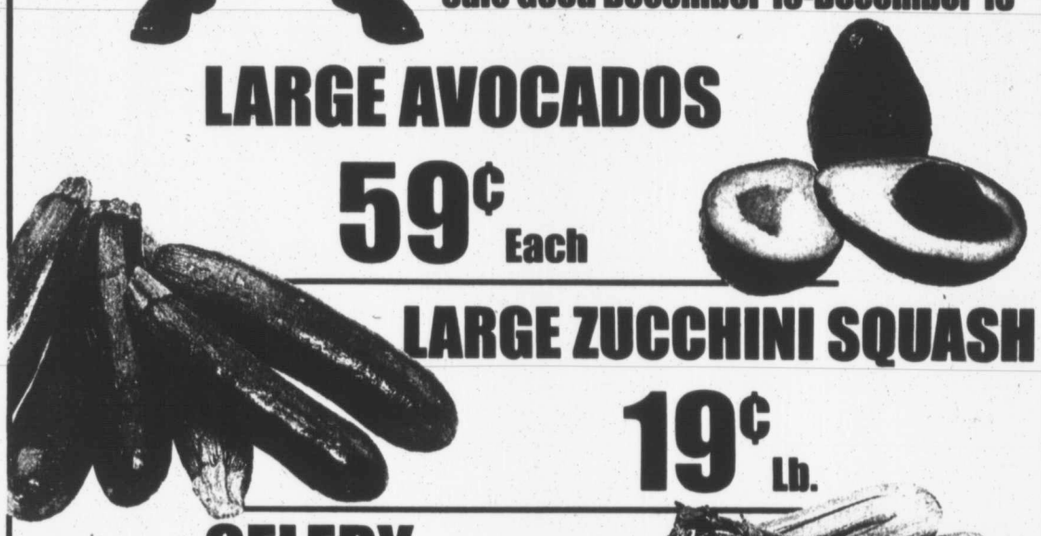


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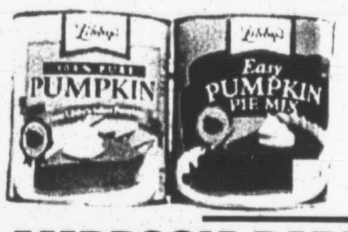
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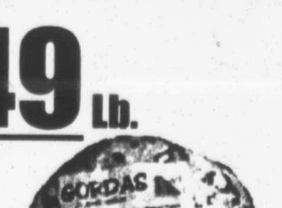
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North Fork Gospel Band members, from left: Johnny Woodard of Lefors, vocals/ guitar; Bob Jeffers of Pampa, bass guitar; Steve Huckins of Skellytown, drums; Keith Roberson of Lefors, vocals; Rick Scott of Pampa, harmonica; Ronny Line of Stinnett, lead guitar/ steel guitar/ dobro. Not pictured, Johnny Platt of Pampa, guest pianist.

Gospel group celebrates decade by unveiling new compact disc

North Fork Gospel Band, comprised of gospel singers and musicians from Pampa and the surrounding area, celebrates their 10th anniversary by releasing their new compact disc, "Build My Church."

The project contains 14 songs including Keith Roberson of Lefors singing his original songs, "Build My Church," "The Love You Have Shown," "Train Train," and "Heaven Bound.

Giving Jesus Christ credit for his songwriting ability, Roberson said that several years ago, he and guitarist Johnny Woodard of Lefors introduced his music to bass guitarist Bob Jeffers and harmonica player Rick Scott, both of Pampa, guitarist Ronny Line of Stinnett, and drummer Steve Huckins of Skellytown, completing the sound they were seeking.

The group played a few dances here and there as a country band, but always seemed to end up playing gospel music, according to their press release. They decided to give up the country band and follow their hearts, changing to "The North Fork Gospel Band."

After receiving many positive comments about their music and requests for recordings, the band chose to record and produce the songs themselves. Line started his lifelong dream of owning a recording studio. After a lot of work and expense, the studio was completed.

North Fork Music Ministry provides Christian music for many churches throughout Texas and the Oklahoma panhandles.

For more information about the compact disc or cassette tape of "Build My Church," contact Roberson at 835-2302, Woodard at 835-2863, or Jeffers at 665-2213.

Sixth-grader holds Bible study group for friends

By BETH PRATT
LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Giggles and more giggles waft down from upstairs late Tuesday afternoons in the southwest Lubbock home of Richard and Pam Morgan.

That is not unusual, considering they are the parents of three daughters, Claire, 16, Gabbi, 11, and Kathryn, 8.

But the giggles are interspersed with singing, prayers, serious talk and Bible study. Sixth-grader Gabbi and friends meet weekly for a Bible study that she designed and implemented when she was a fifth-grader. She is a sixth-grader at Preston Smith Elementary School.

It was a book, "The Prayer of Jabez for Kids," that inspired Gabbi to invite friends over for Bible study.

The book started her thinking "about what God wanted you to do with your life," she said. "So I called friends and got a lesson together."

The Bible study has grown from three or four girls to a regular attendance of 10 to 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Gabbi's house. "The hardest thing is getting them not to talk during the lesson," Gabbi said.

She has developed her leadership techniques out of experience.

"The first time I gave them food, they were all quiet," she said, "and I thought, 'OK.' "

Snacks became a regular part of the program, along with games and other activities. Jasmine, the cat, goes from girl to girl for a generous dose of petting while the girls quote Scripture or talk about how their faith can help them deal with school or family issues. They wear matching pink T-shirts that say "God's Girls" in blue on the front and a print of small angel wings on the back with "I'd rather be praying" underneath.

"We all go to different churches, and some don't go to church," Gabbi said.

She and her family attend LakeRidge United Methodist Church.

On Tuesday afternoon, Gabbi read from Romans 8:31: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" and other selections.

Then, she invited the girls to quote their favorite verses. This year, other members of the group take turns bringing a Bible lesson and planning an activity. The Bible study is not about church or what adults might think a group of girls should do.

Madison Taylor, 11, was one of the first to join Gabbi's Bible study.

She attends Slide Baptist Church. "I knew God before I came, but now I'm a better person," Madison said. "It's fun, and Gabbi's a good teacher."

Leah Albers, 11, said, "We do skits and we do like to sometimes sit down and read from the Bible."

Leigh Holder, 12, began attending the Bible study this fall.

"I always liked going to church and doing Christian stuff," Leigh said. She's a member of First Baptist Church. The Bible study reminds her of a girl's missionary study group at church. Leigh's favorite activity with the Bible study group was a visit to a nursing home. The girls sang and told about their study group.

"I feel like we made a difference in people's lives," she said.

Emma Itria, 11, also began attending the study group in September.

"I don't go to church, and I've always wanted to," she said. "It's so much fun here."

Leigh added, "We all come from different churches, and that's really neat."

One of the advantages of coming from different churches is that they teach each other new songs.

Lauren Ashley Owen, 11, said her favorite activity is the singing, and her favorite song is "Every Move I Make."

She attends First United Methodist Church and is looking forward to being able to travel with the church's youth group when she is in seventh grade.

"I like when we all get together and pray and share about how to let God take control of us, Lauren Ashley said. "It helps me think (that if) some people don't like me, God still loves me."

Sarah Suggs, 11, who also attends LakeRidge, said she is surprised at how the group has continued.

CHURCH BRIEFS

FBC choir to present Christmas musical

First Baptist Church of Pampa adult choir and orchestra will present a Christmas musical at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, in the church sanctuary, 203 N. West.

"When Love Came Down" blends traditional carols with contemporary praise and worship choruses that have become a fresh expression of the Christian faith, especially during the Christmas season.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the FBC music office at 669-1155.

Rushing Wind Emmaus to meet Dec. 14

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community meeting is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, in the First United Methodist Church of Higgins.

It is a tradition of the Rushing Wind community to meet in the home church of the out-going Community Lay Director in December. The meeting will start with a potluck Christmas meal followed by a praise and worship service. New board members and a new Community Lay Director will be elected at this meeting. Families and guests are welcome.

The board of directors will meet at 4 p.m. and sponsor's training will be conducted immediately following the service. A nursery will be provided.

For more information, go to this web address: www.rushingwindemmaus.org.

Healing influences Assemblies of God



Minister's Musings

LELAND LEWIS
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Mary Alice Reynolds, wife of a well-known real estate agent in Indianapolis, had been an invalid for ayear. Doctors had tried every means to help her, but she gradually grew worse.

Mrs. Reynolds was a member of a Methodist church, but admitted she was hardly a model member. God had not left her, however, and He was about to do something that would bring glory to His name.

One evening in March 1883, during a most discouraging time, Mary Reynolds' thoughts turned to God. A question formed quietly in her mind: Why don't you take your case to the Lord in prayer?

At that moment a friend came into her home and suggested that she might like to have a Quaker evangelist, R.H. Ramsey, pray for her. Evangelist Ramsey was ministering in the area and he prayed for the sick.

Mrs. Reynolds accepted the suggestion. She later told about her meeting with the evangelist: "When Mr. Ramsey anointed me, I urged that he not only pray for me bodily, but my spiritual welfare also." The next day she was overjoyed when she realized she had been healed body and soul.

When a well-known family has this kind of an experience, word soon gets around. The editor of the Indianapolis Journal (a friend of Charles Reynolds) interviewed the former invalid who was now up and taking care of household responsibilities.

The editor's long and detailed account, "Another Cure by Faith," was published on the Journal's front page, March 24, 1883. The story was also reported in the Indianapolis News on the same day. The next day, a brief story, along with other news from Indianapolis appeared on page one of the New York Times.

The story published in the Indianapolis papers created a tremendous amount of interest. People began to parade into the Reynolds home - sometimes as many as 30 people a day - to talk with Mrs. Reynolds about her healing. Many of these people were looking for spiritual and physical help. And Mary had the joy of pointing them to the Great Physician.

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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Annoyed Doctor Tries To Avoid Practicing Outside His Office

DEAR ABBY: I am a general surgeon. When people learn my occupation, I am frequently peppered with questions regarding general health matters.

At a recent dinner party, the hostess interrupted my conversation with other guests three different times to ask my opinion about trivial health concerns. Twice she dragged her young daughter over for me to examine in front of other guests — first, for a minor bump to the child's leg (which left no mark), and again to show me a nearly healed scratch on the child's arm.

The last straw was when she halted conversation at the dinner table to announce that she had a "scratchy feeling" in her chest, and would I go to the car for my stethoscope in order to listen to her lungs?

How can I extract myself from these situations without giving the impression that I'm callous to naive onlookers?

HARASSED M.D.
IN DES MOINES

DEAR HARASSED M.D.: I'll give you the same advice I gave to the computer expert who was also continually bombarded for free advice: Assume a serious expression and say, "Hmmm. You know, that *could* be something serious. You should make an appointment with (your internist, your pediatrician, etc.) and have it checked out where there's all the latest equipment needed to do a thorough assessment."

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DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and have been fighting with my mom. You might think "typical teenage problem," but it's not like that. Mom has a bad temper, and I inherited it. The difference is I've learned to control it and she hasn't.

When Mom gets mad at someone, she's not shy about dishing out stern words — and if she gets really upset, she'll take it out on me for the next couple of days. Not only does she criticize, but she yells, curses and sometimes hits me.

Mom helps out at school, and when she overhears my friends joking around about what a loudmouth I am, she gets upset. When we're home she'll say stuff like, "Your classmates were insulting me by insulting you."

Other times, however, she can be super nice. After a yelling match, she usually puts herself down by telling me what a loser she is — and then apologizing profusely. But a week later she's at it again. Abby, what's up with my mom?

CONFUSED IN MUNSTER, IND.

DEAR CONFUSED: She may be overwhelmed or have emotional problems that should be evaluated by a doctor. You have described a classic cycle of abuse.

If you have a trusted adult in whom you can confide — a relative, school counselor or family friend — who could talk to your mother and suggest she get professional help, it would carry more weight than if you approached her yourself. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: Five years ago I married a widow with two adult daughters. I was divorced with two adult daughters of my own. Now there are two weddings in the works — one for my daughter and the other for my stepdaughter.

My wife thinks we should contribute substantially more to her daughter's wedding because mine has "more family" behind her. I say our financial assistance should be the same for both. Do you think I am being unreasonable?

FATHER OF THE BRIDES
IN MONTANA

DEAR FATHER: No, I do not. Unless you give equally you will be accused of favoritism, and it will cause resentment that could outlive you.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

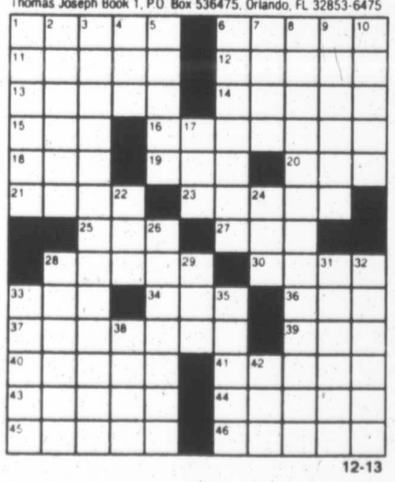
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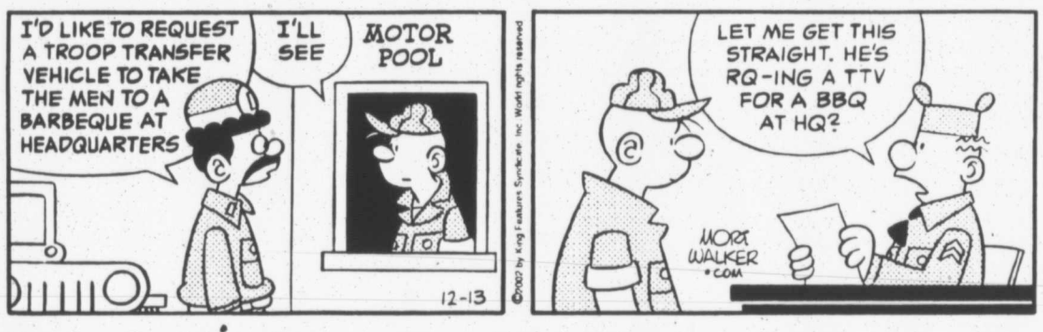
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North Korea claims U.S. seizure of ship clear case of piracy

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea demanded an apology Friday from the United States for what it described as "piracy" in the seizure of a ship carrying missiles to Yemen.

A day earlier, North Korea declared that it would revive a nuclear power plant that the United States and its allies suspect was being used to develop nuclear weapons before it was frozen in 1994.

The two conflicts threatened to disrupt cross-border railway construction and other prominent projects aimed at reconciling North Korea and South Korea, a U.S. ally. Also at stake were two modern nuclear reactors that a U.S.-led consortium agreed to build in North Korea in exchange for the suspension of the nuclear program that it now plans to revive.

On Tuesday, Spanish warships seized a North Korean ship carrying Scud missiles in the Arabian Sea. The U.S. military took charge of the ship, but then allowed it to sail on after high-level diplomacy between the United States and Yemen.

"This is an unpardonable piracy that wantonly encroached upon the sovereignty of the DPRK," an unidentified spokesman for the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in comments reported in English language by the North's Korean Central News Agency. DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The official said the missile components were part of a "legal trade contract" and that the ship was "on a normal voyage along the publicly recognized sea route."

"The DPRK has already clarified that it is not only producing missiles to defend itself from the U.S. constant military threat but exporting them to earn foreign currency," he said.

Missile exports are a major source of cash for the impoverished country, which depends on international aid to feed its people. The United States says North Korea is the world's No. 1 proliferator of missile technology, and is therefore a threat to global stability.

The United States let the intercepted shipment proceed to Yemen after receiving assurances the Scuds would not be transferred elsewhere in the tense Persian Gulf region. Bush administration officials acknowledged that boarding the ship and taking charge of its cargo probably violated international law.

U.S.-North Korea relations went from bad to worse on Thursday, when the communist country announced it will restart a frozen plutonium-based nuclear reactor and resume construction on other nuclear facilities.

With a bitter winter ahead, North Korea said it had no choice but to reactivate the program to supply desperately needed power after a U.S.-led decision last month to suspend oil shipments.

OPEC agrees to trim oil production

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — In an unusual decision aimed at keeping crude oil prices from falling, OPEC agreed to cut production by the time seasonal demand dips early next year.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said Thursday's agreement would lead to a net reduction of 1.5 million to 1.7 million barrels a day in OPEC's actual output.

To achieve that goal, the group will take a counterintuitive approach: raising its official production target in hopes that member countries will more be likely to adhere to the quotas instead of exceeding them as they are now.

The pact is expected to have little, if any, impact on consumers.

Analysts estimate that OPEC is producing as much as 3 million barrels a day above its existing target of 21.7 million barrels. This gap between OPEC's target and its actual output widened during the autumn, leading many observers to question the group's credibility.

"If you bring quotas and production close together, the market begins to believe in quotas again," said Raad Alkadiri of The Petroleum Finance Co., a consultancy based in Washington.

OPEC, which supplies about a third of the world's crude, is fearful of oversupplying the market ahead of a seasonal, post-winter decline in demand in key markets in the Northern Hemisphere.

Under the plan, which was proposed by Saudi Arabia, OPEC's most powerful member, the new production target will be increased by 1.3 million barrels a day, or 6 percent, to 23 million barrels effective Jan. 1. At the same time, the group urged its members to comply with their new quotas, OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman told a news conference.

The new target will last indefinitely, Lukman said, speaking after oil ministers reached their agreement in a meeting at the cartel's headquarters in Vienna.

Analysts said the agreement would have a minimal impact on consumers of refined products such as gasoline and heating oil.

"This isn't designed to create a wholesale upward shift in crude prices," said Mike Rothman, an energy analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York.

Due to the current level of quota-busting, OPEC expects the quota increase to occur on paper only and not add any fresh barrels to the market. The plan's success hinges on the willingness of OPEC members to show greater discipline in tightening their taps on production in coming months.

However, Lukman acknowledged that some member countries might not have the political will needed to pump less oil in the hope of keeping prices firm.

In fact, some analysts questioned whether member countries wouldn't just continue busting the new, higher quotas. Bill Edwards, an independent consultant based in Houston, likened the increase in OPEC's target to a tempting dessert offered to a man on a diet.

In assessing the oil market, OPEC delegates had to consider immediate disruptions to global supplies in Venezuela and the Gulf. A national strike in member state Venezuela has paralyzed oil shipments from that country, the world's fifth-largest crude exporter. The strike entered its 12th day Friday.

The unrest in Venezuela has compounded uncertainty about the impact a U.S.-led military attack might have on crude production in Iraq, home to the world's second-largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia.

Yosemite case wraps up, guide sentenced to die

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A man who once fueled fear across California and baffled investigators until he admitted killing three Yosemite National Park tourists sat silently as he was sentenced to death.

There was little drama Thursday as the last plea to spare Cary Stayner's life was dismissed by a judge, who wept for the victims. Stayner, clad in a red jail jumpsuit, bowed his head as Judge Thomas Hastings read the death sentence three times — once for each victim.

A jury rejected Stayner's insanity defense this summer and convicted him of murdering Carole Sund, 42, her daughter, Juli, 15, and their Argentine friend, Silvina Pelosso, 16, while they stayed at the motel where he worked outside the gates of Yosemite in February 1999.

Hastings rejected new defense claims that juror misconduct prevented a fair trial. The judge said there was overwhelming evidence against Stayner and that the devastating emotional toll justified execution.

Stayner, 41, is already serving a federal life sentence without parole for murdering and beheading Yosemite nature guide Joie Armstrong in July 1999, which led to his confession to all four killings.

He will now be sent to state prison, where execution by lethal injection could be years away on America's most congested death row.

Jens Sund, the father of Juli and former husband of Carole Sund, said in court that Stayner should drop his appeals and accept the death sentence, as the Oklahoma City bomber did.

"I know he's got no trouble killing little girls in the middle of the night," Sund said. "He should step forward and take his punishment like Timothy McVeigh did."

When Stayner pleaded guilty in federal court to murdering Armstrong, he said he had given in to "terrible, dark dreams" and then turned toward her mother and said he wished he could reverse his acts.

But the only words he spoke Thursday were whispers to defense lawyer Marcia Morrissey, who tried in vain to get a new trial or reduce his sentence to life in prison.

Talking Bush doll offers tough terrorism talk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new President Bush doll is talking tough on terrorism, but like the real president, it occasionally misspeaks, too.

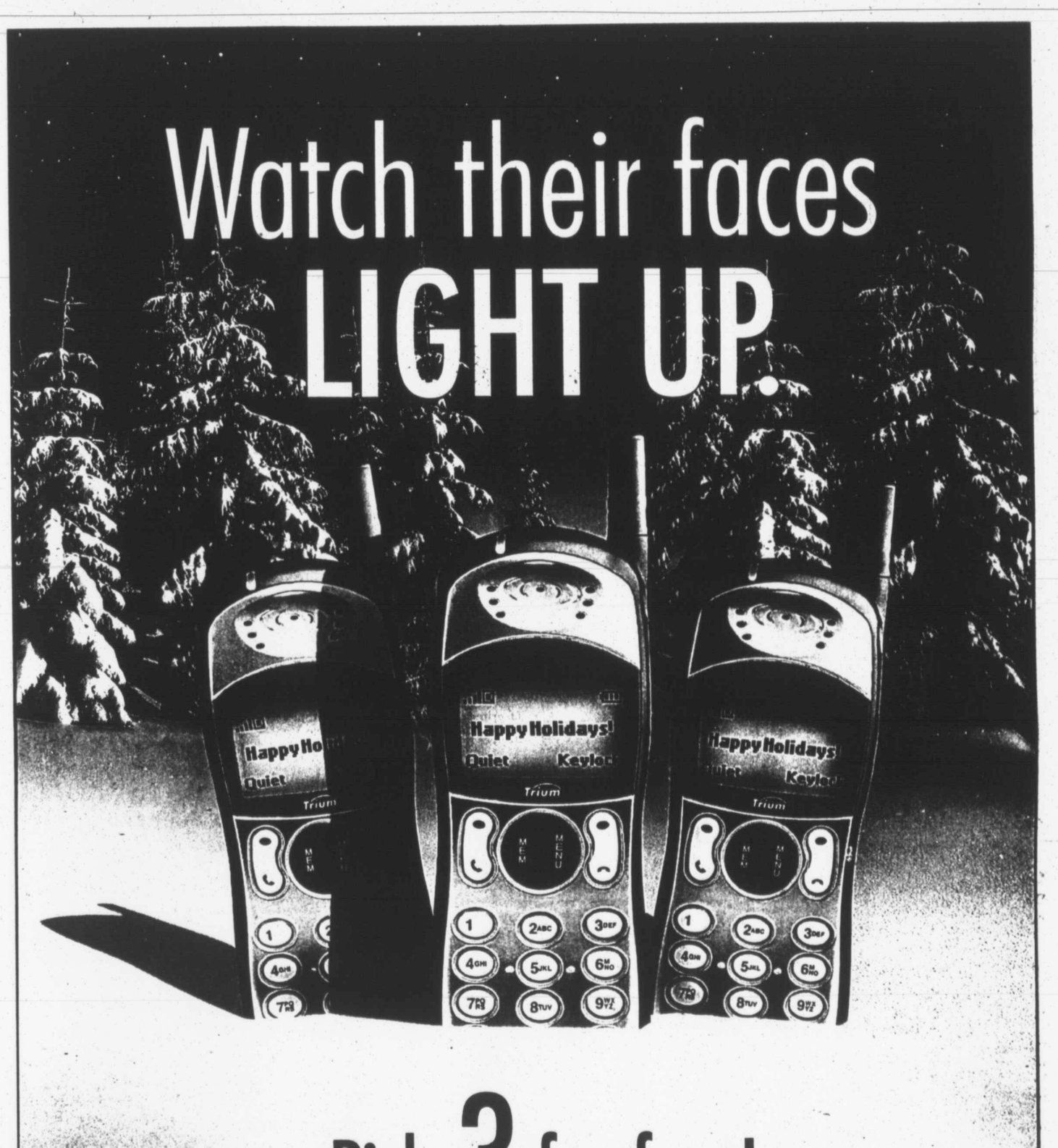
"We're working hard to put food on your family," says the 12.5-inch-tall likeness, which features clips from Bush speeches and campaign stops. "I will not hold this nation hostile."

The $29.99 doll sold out a first shipment of 12,000 this week, and a second shipment won't arrive until after Christmas.

"We anticipated it being a very popular item but we just didn't think it was going to take off that quick," said Jim Wessling, co-founder of Irvine, Calif.-based Talking Presidents.com Inc.

Most of the 17 sound clips are straightforward quotes about the war on terrorism and other topics — such as "Terrorism against our nation will not stand" — but the doll also offers some of Bush's malapropisms.

"There's nothing derogatory, everything is complimentary, there's nothing to make fun of him ... (but) the doll is a good representation of the president. There are two or three of his Bushisms," Wessling said.



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BOWLING

PAMPA — The annual Toys for Tots Tournament will be held Saturday at Harvester Lanes.

Bowers can pick up an registration form at Harvester Lanes, located at 1401 S. Hobart. Call 665-3422 if more information is needed.

Squad times are 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $11 for adults and $7 for youth.

Bowlers are required to bring a new toy unwrapped upon check-in or five dollars will be added to the entry fee.

Adult handicap is 80 percent of 200. Youth handicap is 90 percent of 200.

Scholarship awards will be available for youth bowlers.

GOLF

PAMPA — The PHS golf team will be extending its ticket sales for the 2003 Ford Ranger Edge pickup truck until Dec. 23. Due to the cancellation of the varsity basketball game Dec. 3, the drawing for the truck will be held at halftime of the varsity basketball game Jan. 2.

Tickets are $50 and can be purchased from any golf team member, or by calling David Teichmann at Hidden Hills (669-5866), or Donetta Conn (669-3834).

Ticket purchases are tax-deductible and proceeds will go to the high school golf program.

BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — On his way out of the arena, LeBron James stopped to shake hands with one of his newest — and biggest — fans.

"Congratulations," Hall of Fame center Bill Walton said.

"Thanks for coming," offered James, the nation's most hyped high school player.

"No," Walton said. "Thanks for having me."

A national TV audience, ESPN2, and more than 11,000 fans were grateful, too.

With the world watching Thursday night, America's best prep player showed he's equal to all the incredible hype.

Now everyone knows. LeBron James isn't a myth, glossy magazine cover or urban legend. He's the real deal.

James scored 31 points, made spectacular dunks, no-look and behind-the-back passes and put on a dazzling performance in leading Akron's St. Vincent-St. Mary to a 65-45 upset victory over Oak Hill Academy, the nation's No. 1-ranked high school team.

"I came here with high expectations," said Walton, who asked ESPN2 if he could broadcast the game so he could get an up-close look at James. "I'm leaving more impressed than I could have ever believed. This guy has the complete package.

"What I saw tonight was a special basketball player. It was an eye-opening experience for me."

Walton wasn't alone.

The 17-year-old James, perhaps the most talked about prep player ever, finished 12-of-25 from the floor and had 13 rebounds and six assists in 32 minutes against what may be the toughest team he'll face before going to college or turning pro next season.

Junction residents recall Bryant's football camp

ESPN movie is Saturday

JUNCTION, Texas (AP) — Rob Roy Spiller remembers seeing them early each morning when he arrived for work at the Texaco gas station and bus depot on Main Street.

Beaten-down, nervous and perhaps a bit angry, some alone and others in small groups, the young men waited by the door for Spiller to write them a ticket out of town.

They had come to this Hill Country ranching town a few days earlier as part of the 1954 Texas A&M football team. Now they were desperate to get away from their hard-driving new coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant.

"I said, 'Which way you going?' They said, 'Which is the first bus here? That's the one we want,'" Spiller recalled from brief chats nearly a half-century ago. "They didn't care which way it went."

More than 100 players traveled to Junction with Bryant for late-summer training away from campus distractions. When camp ended 10 days later, fewer than three dozen remained to wear the Aggies' maroon-and-white jerseys.

Those survivors became known as the "Junction Boys," whose harsh trials at Bryant's hands have become part of college football lore, the subject of a best-selling book and a TV movie airing Saturday night on ESPN.

"It was a tough camp," said Elwood Kettler, then a senior quarterback from Brenham. "We got a letter in the summer telling us that we were going to camp. There was supposed to be swimming, nice green grass. I was looking forward to it. ... I thought it was going to be like a vacation."

It wasn't much of a vacation during one of the region's hottest, driest summers.

They ran wind sprints in 100-degree temperatures until they threw up. They were knocked down on a bare, drought-hardened field plagued with sharp rocks, cactus and piercing goathead burrs. There was a steady stream of verbal abuse from the coaches.

And that was just the first day of practice. It got tougher from there.

Spiller, then a 17-year-old high school football player, would swing by the training field to watch the evening scrimmages. He saw plenty of players walk away, never to return.

"The numbers kept getting smaller every time we'd go over there," said Spiller, now president of the Junction National Bank. "I don't see how any of them stood it for 10 days. The heat was brutal."

Several days into the camp, a lineman suffered a near-fatal case of heatstroke, caused in large part by Bryant's refusal to give players water during the long, grueling practices. The stricken player was rushed to the town's only doctor, who packed him in ice to lower his body temperature, but he stayed with the team.

A quarter-century later, Bryant second-guessed his strategy of breaking his players down and then rebuilding them into his image of winners.

"If it had been me, I'd have quit a dozen times, but they never quit," he said in late 1978, about four years before his death at age 69. "I didn't know if I was doing it right or not, but it was the only way I knew how to do it."

Those who didn't take the highway remember the experience as being less cruel than legend has it, and even beneficial despite the depleted Aggies' 1-9 record in 1954. Among those were future NFL head coaches Jack Pardee and Gene Stallings.

"Coach Bryant had a lot to do to get us to be good," said Dee Powell, a sophomore tackle from Lockhart. "He was trying to build one team."

Texas A&M went 7-2-1 in 1955, but the big payoff came the following year, when the Aggies won the Southwest Conference for the first time in 15 years, going 9-0-1 and being ranked third in the nation.

Bryant left College Station after the 1957 season to become coach at Alabama, his alma mater, and won six national championships.

Junction, about 115 miles northwest of San Antonio, is much the same as it was 48 years ago.

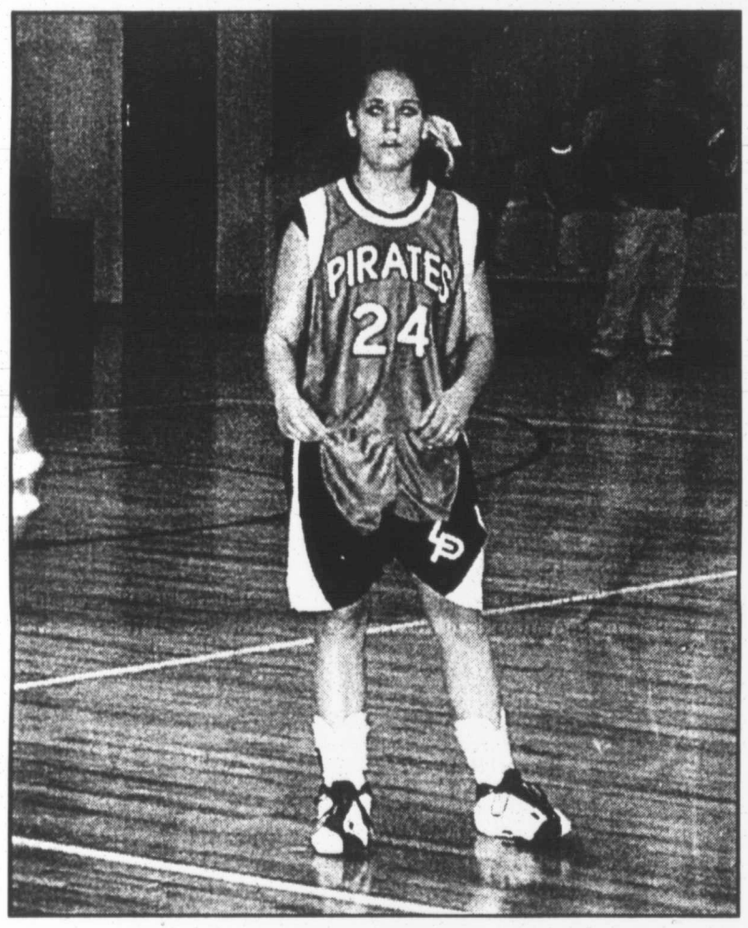
The population is still around 2,500 and ranching is still the foundation of the town's economy, with most money generated by fall deer hunting.

More tourists come each year to enjoy the clear waters of the South Llano River, where the Aggies splashed about to cool down after three-a-day practice sessions. Many of the visitors know about Bryant and the Junction Boys.

"It's one of our little claims to fame," said Mayor Alan Herring. "People on a regular basis stop by to see where it happened. We're more notorious than we used to be, by far."

The notoriety translates into increased activity at cash registers around town. Herring figures the ESPN movie will boost tourism even higher.

"It's publicity that's phenomenal for our little town," he said. "We'll take any publicity we can get."



(Courtesy photo)

Point guard Savanah Smith helped lead Lefors to victory over McLean.

Lady Pirates win over McLean

McLEAN — Lefors raced to a 42-28 win over McLean in girls' basketball action earlier this week.

Katie Barnes and Rachel Stubbs led the Lefors scoring attack with 13 points each. Amanda Daugherty had 9 points, Savanah Smith 5 and Samantha Ceniceros 2.

Both Lefors boys and girls teams are entered in the Sunray Tournament this week.

The Pirates opened against Sunray and lost a 57-25 decision.

Tyson Harper was Sunray's top scorer with 12 points. Josh Garcia had 10 points and Rickey Vaughn 5 for the Lefors.

Alex Purl added 8 for Sunrday.

In the girls division, Lefors fell to Sunray 56-12.

Krista Wilson tossed in 21 points to lead the Sunray' offense.

Janelle Tinney and Katie Barns had 4 points each for Lefors.

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Both Fort Elliott teams had easy wins to open their own tournament yesterday.

In the girls' division, rolled past Higgins 61-26 behind the 29-point performance of Tamera Hartline.

Goff had 8 points for Higgins.

In another game, the Lady Cougars won by a score of 70-29 over McLean.

Casey Zybach had 18 points for Fort Elliott, one more than Danielle Dampier of McLean.

In the boys division, Fort Elliott rolled by Higgins 61-26.

Junior Newman had 13 points for the winners while Jonah Hendrickson led Higgins with 9.

In another game, Fort Elliott posted an 80-29 victory over McLean.

Leading the way for the Cougars was Jason Hathaway with 28 points. Sean Bauer had 7 for McLean.

Wheeler outlasted Miami 54-49 in another tournament boys game.

Wheeler's high scorer was James Chapman with 10 points. Jeff Browning led Miami with 18 points.

Somewhere, a referee is about to miss a call

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

News that NFL referees blew nine calls in one game was never news to the league office. There, it was just another reminder that nobody beats the law of averages.

A day after two Minnesota newspapers reported getting hold of a confidential league memo to the Vikings, NFL officials confirmed the gory details: The officiating crew working Green Bay's 26-22 win Sunday night over Minnesota committed more faux pas than you could spot in back-to-back episodes of "Elimidate."

Vikings officials actually submitted a dozen examples for review, but the league only acknowledged nine mistakes. Included, however, were a staggering, stumbling, bumbling eight in the final quarter, one on the next-to-last play that touched off a melee, and one on the final play probably thrown in for good measure.

Still, it wasn't news to the NFL because the league already knows the first law of refereeing. Anyone who's ever worked a game at any level from Pop Warner to the pros knows it, too: Somewhere on the planet, at every moment, in games big and small, a ref missed a call or is about to.

It might be a Little League game in Florida in late spring, a World Cup soccer match in South Korea in summer, or — as happened in this case — on the semi-frozen tundra of Green Bay last weekend with the Vikings trying to hold off a desperate, late-charging home team.

Blown calls have triggered riots and wars, but most of the time, thankfully, nothing more serious than upset stomachs. The real danger to officiating is when those blown calls come in clusters, piling up like wrecked cars in a chain-collision credibility crash that becomes impossible to ignore.

This weekend the gapers' block ringed the NFL. Two months ago, it was college football, specifically the Big Ten Conference. A handful of close calls against Penn State in a few early games had coach Joe Paterno spitting fire.

Ignoring all the calls that had gone his way over the years, JoePa questioned not just the competence of some league officials, but their integrity. After a tough overtime loss to Michigan, Paterno said, "You try not to be paranoid," then turned around and repeated hearsay that officiating crew members who lived in Michigan were meeting in secret like some kind of cabal.

Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany finally addressed those allegations on Oct. 17, but only after first ordering gags for all conference officials and supervisors. That same day, NFL director of officiating Mike Pereira, a former college official, agreed to stand in for his beleaguered brothers during a telephone interview.

"I know how they feel," he said. "I got the daylights beaten out of me last weekend."

On a typical weekend, Pereira examines videotape from every game and typically culls a half-dozen or so calls most likely to cause controversy. He previews them for NFL officials by noon Monday, so nobody in the front office gets blindsided when teams request reviews of specific calls later that day.

"Officiating is a part of the game and the guys in stripes are just like the guys in uniforms," he said. "Guys fumble balls and throw away passes and, frankly, guys in stripes have bad games, too.

"It's hard enough to explain when they happen one at a time, but every once in a while, they come in a cluster. And that," Pereira said, "is when the going gets tough."

In that sense, it's always a numbers game. There's about 1,500 plays in an average NFL week and most experts agree between four and five dicey calls per game. Pereira believes instant replay has cut significantly into that total. But he also concedes his crew is no more likely to be perfect than the players whose performances they're supposed to be dissecting.

"In a 17-week regular season, we might see three times where the calls cluster. That's a problem. But have a couple weeks like that in a row and now what you've got," he said, "is a disaster."

Like the Cincinnati Bengals, say. Unlike the Bengals, though, Pereira's crew of 119 can't afford three bad weeks in a row, let alone an entire season.

"That's what it comes down to," he said. "The levels of accountability are worlds apart. You rarely see the blame for a loss get hung on one player because of one play. But let a ref blow a call late in a game and that's the only thing anybody wants to talk about."

Pereira sometimes gets through tough times by recalling something a smart coach once said.

"He told me the best teams learn to play through mistakes. And not just their own, but his and mine, too," he said with a laugh.

Team Canada warms up in Mexico to lead World Cup

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico (AP) — The other lefty and his partner stole the spotlight in the opening round of the World Cup.

Mike Weir had an eagle and five birdies, and teamed up with right-hander Ian Leggatt to shoot a 13-under-par 59 Thursday as Canada took the lead in the two-man team event.

Much of the focus going into the tournament was on the top-seeded American team of left-hander Phil Mickelson and David Toms, but it was Weir and Leggatt who for the second year in a row sat atop the leaderboard after the opening round.

Mickelson and Toms struggled with their putting most of the day and shot 65. The Americans made only one birdie in the first five holes and never mounted a charge.

Mickelson, the No. 2 ranked player in the world, couldn't shake his recent slump. He drove the ball into fairway bunkers, missed short birdie putts and had to hit his second shot on the par-4 18th from his knees after his drive ended up in the hazard that splits the fairway and runs along the left side of the hole.

Mickelson didn't get a birdie until No. 6, where his 15-foot putt caught the right side of the hole, rolled around and went in. He sighed and smiled, one of his few on opening day.

The Americans looked like they might make a run when Mickelson birdied at Nos. 10 and 11, but the only other birdie came from Toms at the par-4 13th.

"We made a lot of good shots, we just didn't make any putts," Toms said. "It was frustrating. The greens were tough to read and we started second-guessing our reads and didn't make good putts."

Toms said there was still plenty of time and holes left for a rally.

"We pair well together," Toms said. "There are three days left, we have some ground to make up, and I think we'll do it."

The same hazard that brought Mickelson to his knees cost the French team of Thomas Levet and Raphael Jacquelin at least a share of the lead.

The French were 13 under when they arrived at the 18th hole.

Johnson wins Maxwell, Doak Walker football awards

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Penn State's Larry Johnson ran away with the Maxwell and Doak Walker awards Thursday night during the college football awards show.

The senior tailback won the Maxwell as the nation's best all-around player and the Doak Walker as the nation's top running back. Johnson, a Heisman Trophy finalist, ran for 2,015 yards to become the ninth major college player to run for 2,000 yards in a season.

The 6-foot-2, 222-pound Johnson beat out fellow Heisman finalists Ken Dorsey of Miami and Brad Banks of Iowa for the Maxwell. Dorsey, who led Miami to a second straight perfect regular season and a spot in the BCS national title game, was last year's winner.

The Heisman, college football's top individual award, will be presented Saturday night in New York. Southern California's Carson Palmer and Miami's Willis McGahee are the other finalists.

"It's really great to be player of the year, but somehow I feel like I've been fattened up for New York," Johnson said. "I think I've won all the awards I'm going to win. I think the Heisman is going to go to somebody else, but I still feel great about everything I won tonight."

Johnson won the Doak Walker over McGahee and Colorado's Chris Brown.

"It's hard to narrow down who's the greatest running back in the country right now," Johnson said. "All those guys are great. Give them two or three more games and they're right there with me. My trophy case is mostly footballs. This will be the first big trophy for me."

Before the awards show, Johnson received the Walter Camp Award as the nation's top college player.

Whether winning all the honors makes Johnson the favorite for the Heisman remains to be seen. Banks was the only other Heisman finalist to pick up an award Thursday, winning the Davey O'Brien quarterback award over Dorsey and Palmer.

Banks, who didn't start a Division I-A game until this season, was the nation's pass efficiency leader, throwing for 2,369 yards with 25 touchdowns and just four interceptions. He also ran for 387 yards and five scores.

The last two O'Brien winners went on to win the Heisman — Nebraska's Eric Crouch last year, and Florida State's Chris Weinke in 2000.

"This is so wild, I feel like I'm in a dream," said Banks, who was chosen The Associated Press College Player of the Year on Monday. "It's like I came out from under a rock or something."

Maryland linebacker E.J. Henderson, the Terrapins' leading tackler for a third straight season, won the Chuck Bednarik Trophy as the nation's best defensive player.

Henderson, who helped Maryland to a second straight 10-win season with 163 tackles, won the trophy over ends Terrell Suggs of Arizona State and Tommie Harris of Oklahoma.

"This is really a great honor to beat out some of the great defensive players in the country," Henderson said. "To beat guys like Terrell Suggs and Tommie Harris is really something."

Washington State defensive tackle Rien Long, who helped the Cougars earn a spot in the Rose Bowl, won the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman on Thursday night.

Long, a 6-foot-6, 286-pound junior, had 13 sacks this season and won the award over Miami center Brett Romberg and Utah offensive tackle Jordan Gross.

"I'm still waiting for my legs to come back," Long said. "I'm kind of blown away. I try not to think about awards, but when you win a lot of games, it's one of the products of winning. You hear a lot about the East Coast-West Coast bias. I guess my production was judged by the unbiased people as being pretty good."

Michigan State's Charles Rogers won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver.

Rogers, who caught a school-record 68 passes for 1,351 yards and 13 touchdowns, won the award over Nevada's Nate Burleson and Arizona State's Shaun McDonald. The 6-foot-4, 205-pound junior, will skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

"To start the season as a favorite for an award and win it is really amazing," Rogers said. "It was hard, really hard, because everybody knows you're up for awards and so they're playing hard against you and you have to work that much harder."

Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman won the Thorpe Award given to the nation's top defensive back over Ohio State's Mike Doss and Southern California's Troy Polamalu.

"Our team finished really strong, and I did, too," Newman said. "You never go into a season expecting to win an award, so to be recognized as the best is really incredible."

Colorado's Mark Mariscal won the Ray Guy Award as the nation's top punter over Tennessee's Dustin Colquitt and Kentucky's Glenn Pakulak.

Iowa's Nate Kaeding won the Lou Groza Award given annually to the nation's top kicker over Mike Nugent of Ohio State and Jared Siegel of Oregon.

2002-03 Bowl Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Tuesday, Dec. 17
New Orleans Bowl
$750,000
North Texas (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-6), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Dec. 18
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
$750,000
Marshall (10-2) vs. Louisville (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 23
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla. $750,000
Clemson (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (8-5), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Las Vegas Bowl
$800,000
UCLA (7-5) vs. New Mexico (7-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
$750,000
Tulane (7-5) vs. Hawaii (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Detroit
$780,000
Toledo (9-4) vs. Boston College (8-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight Bowl
At Phoenix
$750,000
Oregon State (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 27
Houston Bowl
$750,000
Southern Mississippi (7-5) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
$1.2 million
Nebraska (7-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
$2 million
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arizona State (8-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
$1.35 million
Colorado (9-4) vs. Wisconsin (7-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Continental Tire Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
$750,000
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Virginia (8-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
Monday, Dec. 30
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
$750,000
Minnesota (7-5) vs. Arkansas (9-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Seattle Bowl
$1 million
Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Oregon (7-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
$750,000
Iowa State (7-6) vs. Boise State (11-1), Noon (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
$1.35 million
Washington (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
$1.3 million
Colorado State (10-3) vs. TCU (9-2), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
$750,000
Fresno State (8-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
$1.6 million
Maryland (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
San Francisco Bowl
$800,000
Air Force (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
$2 million
Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
$3 million
LSU (8-4) vs. Texas (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
$1.6 million
Notre Dame (10-2) vs. North Carolina State (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$5.125 million
Penn State (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
$11-13 million
Washington State (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 5 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
$11-13 million
Georgia (12-1) vs. Florida State (9-4), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
$11-13 million
Southern California (10-2) vs. Iowa (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
$11-13 million
Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Vincent: If Rose gets into Baseball Hall, ban should be on his plaque

NEW YORK (AP) — Former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent has an idea for a plaque should old nemesis Pete Rose get into the Hall of Fame: Put "Banned for Gambling" right on it.

Baseball's career hits leader would become eligible for the Hall ballot if commissioner Bud Selig agrees to end the ban. Vincent discussed the issue of Rose's potential plaque this week with commentator George Will, a former director of the Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres.

"He called me the other day and said it should be on the plaque," Vincent said Thursday. "I agree with that. That's what the Hall of Fame should do."

If Rose is ever elected, the Hall of Fame would decide the wording of his plaque and would not reveal it until the day of the induction, Hall spokesman Jeff Idelson said.

The Hall has taken more control in recent years, announcing that it would decide which team a player would be identified with when inducted. In recent years, some inductees had appeared to be negotiating with different club managements over which hat would be portrayed on their plaque.

After negotiations between Rose and Selig — and their Nov. 25 meeting — became public this week, the Hall staff notified its board of directors that it was not commenting on the issue of Rose's possible reinstatement. Former AL president Lee MacPhail and former commissioner Bowie Kuhn both declined comment Thursday, and MacPhail said he was instructed not to talk.

Selig got a call Thursday from Ohio Sen. Mike DeWine, a Reds season ticketholder and a big Rose fan.

DeWine remarked that Rose should be in the Hall during a speaking appearance during the day before an economic development group in Dayton. The senator's press secretary, Mike Dawson, would not give details about the conversation between DeWine and Selig.

Vincent said John Dowd, who headed baseball's investigation of Rose in 1989, never mentioned any evidence that Rose bet against the Cincinnati Reds.

Expos talk dominates winter meetings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Money dominated the winter meetings in the late 1990s. The lack of it, for many teams, hovers over this year's session, and pouncing on the Montreal Expos' top stars is the objective for some.

When executives gathered in Boston this time last year, it was unclear whether the Expos would even exist in 2002. When they got together Friday in Nashville, they knew there will be a team in Montreal, but it may not include Vladimir Guerrero, Bartolo Colon or Javier Vazquez.

"We had to be creative last year in putting our team together. We're going to have to be more creative this year in putting our team together," Expos general manager Omar Minaya said.

Larry Walker, Sean Casey, Rondell White, Erubiel Durazo, Denny Neagle, Sterling Hitchcock and Rey Ordonez are among those whose names have been in trade talks of late, and several big-name free agents are still on the market, including Greg Maddux, Jeff Kent, Ivan Rodriguez, Cliff Floyd and Hideki Matsui.

"I think there's about 11 teams, 12 teams that need a No. 3 starter or above and there are about six starters of that caliber who are free agents and one or two who are available for trade," said Scott Boras, who represents Maddux and Kenny Rogers. "I think it will be pretty active for the pitchers."

When baseball last gathered in Nashville, after the 1998 season, Boras negotiated the sport's first $100 million contract — a record $105 million, seven-year deal between Kevin Brown and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He more than doubled it two years ago in Dallas when Alex Rodriguez agreed to a $252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

At the 2001 meetings in Boston, there were just six free-agent signings announced, for a total of just over $40 million, down from $739 million given to 25 players in Dallas. There were 10 trades involving 37 players last year.

The market has slowed even more this fall, prices dropping because of the lack of big-name free agents in their prime, a sluggish economy that has slowed revenue and the new labor contract, which forces the big spenders to give up more of their money.

"We're working under an environment now that is different than what we're used to operating under," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "The only priority I have is to evaluate all the opportunities that present themselves to the Yankees and see if it fits our current direction, which is reducing payroll and getting our club back to where we want it to be."

Still, New York is interested in Matsui, a three-time MVP of Japan's Central League, and possibly Jose Contreras, a Cuban pitcher who defected.

Other teams will be trying to add bits and pieces instead of big stars.

"We are going to be very careful, we are going to stick with the plan. We will not overspend," Rangers president Michael Cramer said. "We've proven you can spend a lot of money and not win. I think we'd like to try it the other way."

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002:
Dig into your imagination when you run into problems. You'll find many of your answers within. Trust yourself to come up with solutions. You often see others as unpredictable. You cannot always make associates and friends agree. Give others space and let them come to their own conclusions. You'll find this approach most successful. You will gain because of your willingness to put in many hard, long hours, especially professionally. In fall 2003 you will witness a peak in your career. If you are single, you will meet many desirable people. Pick and choose your significant other carefully. You won't want a lot of uproar. If you are attached, share more of your playfulness. Let happiness become a daily event. TAURUS works well with you.

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)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to further a key cause or to handle some major events. Loosen up with a friend as well as those around you. You frequently jump to conclusions. Make an additional effort toward someone close. Understand what someone is really saying. Tonight: Your treat.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the daylight hours for errands or clearing out a problem. You might want to take a stab at completing holiday errands. If possible, find time for a nap or something else you really want to do. Stick to your budget. Tonight: You feel renewed.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Others seek you out, though you might not want to play. Actually, you could have plans that involve just you. You might not know how to say that to someone close. Pick and choose your words carefully, unless you want to spend a few days alone. Tonight: Do your thing.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Handle a responsibility early on, which might be going in to work early or visiting with an older friend or loved one. Understand that you have limited energy. Take a nap if you need one. You won't be any good to anyone otherwise. Tonight: Where the parties are.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Head out the door, especially if you have a large amount of errands to complete or a special plan for the day. Meet someone halfway, which is the fairer thing to do. Realize what someone key means to you. Tonight: A must show.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Work with others, especially someone you put on a pedestal. A discussion surrounding a loved one or partner could make life easier. Understanding helps you move past what you consider an unnerving situation. Tonight: Do something that takes little effort.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You get feedback from many different people, some of which you might not care to hear. Avoid heavy uproar with a child or loved one. Use your ingenuity and creativity to avoid a problem. Schedule some quality time with a loved one. Tonight: Togetherness works.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Dig into work, and you'll get the job done. The amount you can accomplish might awe someone. You have a lot more dynamic energy than many. Save people happenings for later in the day. Tonight: Toss yourself into the social whirlwind.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to express your innate playfulness and happiness. Your ability to understand someone else could make a big difference. The unpredictability of a close person in your life delights you. Tonight: For once, slow down.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Hang at home and get some holiday must-do's done. You find that someone close will share a great deal quite suddenly. Take your time making decisions that involve this person. Schedule more people-type events later on. Tonight: Let the good times in.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Make an effort toward others. Check in with a neighbor. Do something special for a sibling. Be spontaneous yet caring. A child might need some help understanding a recent event. You're in a position to facilitate this process. Tonight: Head home early, if possible.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Carefully scan your budget and what remains to be done. You don't want any sudden surprises. Others respond to your efforts, though a family member could have a case of the bah humbugs. Don't push someone. Tonight: Make that extra effort.

BORN TODAY
Politician Margaret Chase Smith (1897), French astrologer and physician Nostradamus (1503), actress Patty Duke (1946)

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District: Amarillo
Contract 6086-27-001 for LOOP DETECTOR REPAIR AND / OR REPLACE in GRAY County will be opened on January 29, 2003 at 2:00 pm at the District Office. for an estimate of $172,190.00.

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B-70 Dec. 13, 15, 2002

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Date of Sale 12-16-02
Place-210 E. Brown, Pampa Tx.
Time 10:30 am-5:00 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 3:00 p.m., January 7, 2003, for Refinishing of Elementary Gymnasium Floors.
A pre-bid meeting will be held December 19, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., in the Lamar Elementary Gym located at 1234 South Nelson, Pampa, Texas.
For specifications or additional information please call Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, or Tim Powers, Assistant Superintendent, at (806)669-4700.

B-71 Dec. 13, 15, 2002

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12-13 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Baby's First Christmas 2002

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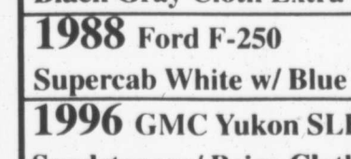
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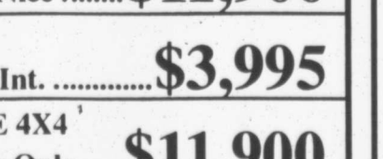
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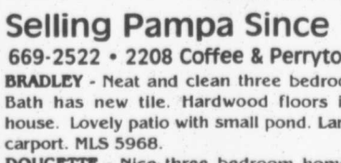
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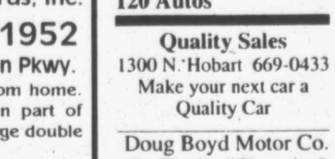
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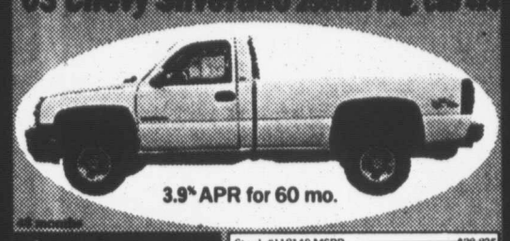
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Rebate	-2,000
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'03 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Reg. Cab 4x4



3.9% APR for 60 mo.

$347.00 Per Month

Stock #118140 MSRP	$28,835
Suna Discount	-2,262
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$24,573

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W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $26,000

'03 Chevy C1500 Reg. Cab



3.9% APR for 60 mo.

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Stock #182316 MSRP	$20,580
Suna Discount	-1,585
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$16,995

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W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $19,500

'02 GMC Sierra 1500 4-Door 4x4



0.0% APR for 60 mo.

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Stock #181461 MSRP	$29,798
Suna Discount	-3,363
Rebate	-2,000
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+ TT&L.

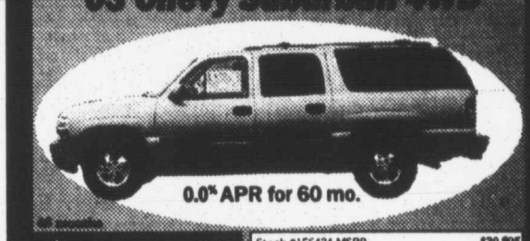
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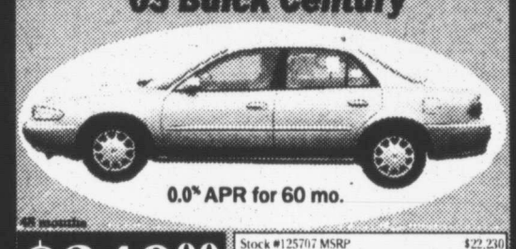
0.0% APR for 60 mo.

$460.00 Per Month

Stock #156424 MSRP	$39,895
Suna Discount	-4,498
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$33,397

48 month SmartBuy @ 7.5% APR w/ $2,500 Cash down + TT&L.
W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $35,600

'03 Buick Century



0.0% APR for 60 mo.

$249.00 Per Month

Stock #125707 MSRP	$22,230
Suna Discount	-1,580
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$18,650

48 month SmartBuy @ 4.5% APR w/ $2,500 Cash down + TT&L.
W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $20,650

'03 Chevy Z71 Tahoe 4x4



0.0% APR for 60 mo.

$495.00 Per Month

Stock #161384 MSRP	$42,809
Suna Discount	-3,814
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$36,995

48 month SmartBuy @ 7.5% APR w/ $2,500 Cash down + TT&L.
W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $38,195

'02 Buick Park Avenue



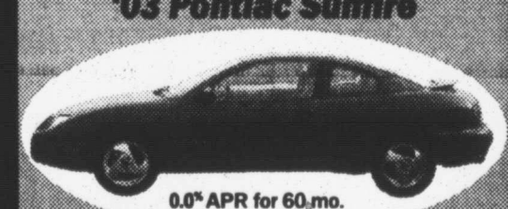
0.0% APR for 60 mo.

YEAR-END BLOWOUT!

Stock #210920 MSRP	$36,202
Suna Discount	-3,000
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$31,202

+ TT&L.

'03 Pontiac Sunfire



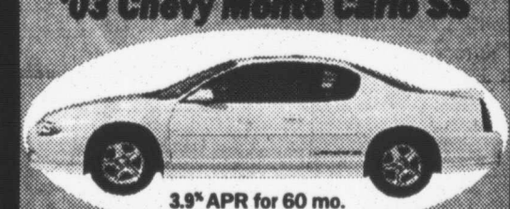
0.0% APR for 60 mo.

$210.00 Per Month

Stock #196964 MSRP	$18,520
Suna Discount	-750
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$15,770

48 month SmartBuy @ 4.5% APR w/ $2,500 Cash down + TT&L.
W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $17,500

'03 Chevy Monte Carlo SS



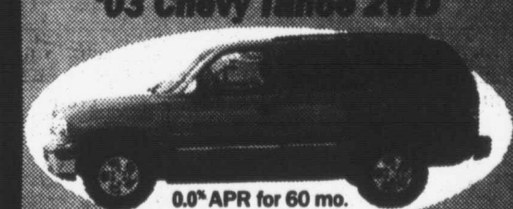
3.9% APR for 60 mo.

$355.00 Per Month

Stock #225832 MSRP	$29,235
Suna Discount	-1,240
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$25,995

48 month SmartBuy @ 4.5% APR w/ $2,500 Cash down + TT&L.
W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $27,995

'03 Chevy Tahoe 2WD



0.0% APR for 60 mo.

$380.00 Per Month

Stock #121598 MSRP	$34,511
Suna Discount	-3,011
Rebate	-2,000
Suna AutoMall SALE PRICE	$29,500

48 month SmartBuy @ 7.5% APR w/ $2,500 Cash down + TT&L.
W.A.C. SmartBuy Price: $30,500

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'99 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4 - 87k	$16,495	'01 BUICK LESABRE - Beige	$13,995	'01 CHEVY ½ TON EXT CAB - 23,210 mi., 2WD, LS Pkg	$20,995	'02 GMC SONOMA ZR2 4X4 - 7k, Grt Sprt Trk	save $8000 off MSRP	'02 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE - 7k, Wht, 4Dr	$18,500
'02 S-10 BLAZER 4X4 - 10k, Pewter, Super Nice	$18,995	'99 SATURN SCID - 33k, Great School Car	under $10,000	'96 CHEVY CAMERO CONV. - Loaded, V6	reduced to $9,995	'02 GMC ENVOY - 20k, All-Pwr, $10,000 off MSRP	$24,900	'02 BUICK CENTURY - 15k, Loaded, $9000 off MSRP	$15,299
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Smart Buyers Come To Suna Auto Mall

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REPORT

President of the PEDC and Andra Canaday, an employee of the PEDC. The Grand Jury determined that these expenditures were for a legitimate purpose of the PEDC given the involvement of the PEDC in attracting dairies to the Pampa area. NO ACTION NECESSARY

19. Who was the contractor that did the modification to the old Bra Factory for U.S. Bus that cost $200,000.00?

The Grand Jury was unable to determine if U.S. Bus had any involvement with the "old bra factory" or that the PEDC was involved in the improvement, if any, of such factor. NO ACTION NECESSARY

20. Was Susan Tripplehorn renting to the workers of the dairies? Was she taking rent directly from their checks?

The Grand Jury determined that Susan Tripplehorn, the PEDC economic development director, leased a rent house she owned to Top-O-Texas Dairy for an approximate 4-month period in early 2001. The rent house was used by the dairy to house some employees during the start-up phase of the dairy. It was further determined that, inasmuch as she was an employee of the PEDC and could exercise no discretion (she was not a board member and had no vote) with respect to any contract between Top-O-Texas and the PEDC, the transaction between Tripplehorn and Top-O-Texas Dairy was legal. NO ACTION NECESSARY

21. Pampa Building ... Is any member of the PEDC's families using the building in Pampa for any personal use? What kind of rent are they paying? (i.e. rod iron work ... Tripplehorn and partner)

The Grand Jury determined that no property owned or associated with the PEDC was known by the name "Pampa Building" and this allegation was therefore outside of the scope of its inquiry. NO ACTION NECESSARY

22. How were the newspaper ads, radio ads, TV commercials paid for ... Tax dollars ?

The Grand Jury determined that the expenditure of funds by the PEDC for promotional ads of any nature dealing with the activities of the PEDC are consistent with the legitimate purposes of the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

23. Was there actually bids on Susan's vehicle from other dealerships in Pampa?

The Grand Jury determined that (to the extent the allegation is referring to EDC director Susan Tripplehorn) no vehicle was leased or purchased for such individual, but that a personally owned vehicle was used by such individual for PEDC activities. NO ACTION NECESSARY

24. Of the businesses the PEDC have brought in, or created ... are any of the owners related to any members of the PEDC in any way?

The Grand Jury determined that of the businesses "brought in" by the PEDC, there were no illegal associations or relationships between any of the owners of such businesses and any person associated with the PEDC board. NO ACTION NECESSARY

25. Who does the accounting for the new business?

The Grand Jury was unable to investigate this allegation as being too vague. NO ACTION NECESSARY

26. Is there an accountant on the PEDC board?

The Grand Jury determined that there is no law prohibiting an accountant from serving on the PEDC board. NO ACTION NECESSARY

The Grand Jury finds that, with one exception, all allegations presented to the District Attorney are totally unfounded and groundless. Further, no actions of the PEDC board or its employees have been found to be in any manner inappropriate or illegal.

27. Did tax dollars buy memberships to the Country Club for the board members?

The Grand Jury determined that a single membership was purchased for use by the initial EDC director John Ippel in 1994 and that the same was transferred to Lew Mollenkamp in 1997 when he assumed that position. No further transfers of such membership were made to subsequent EDC directors. The membership was cancelled in December 2001. All charges made at the country club were paid by such individuals and not the PEDC. No memberships were ever purchased for any board member? It was further determined that this is a common employment incentive and was a legitimate expenditure of the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

28. Were new Buicks purchased from Stowers by any new business owners? (Dairies?)

The Grand Jury determined that no vehicles were purchased by any new business associated with the PEDC from Culberson-Stowers. NO ACTION NECESSARY

29. Why was the PEDC still giving the trailer co. money after buying his loans and he still was not paying back or making trailers?

The Grand Jury determined that no grants were made to any business after any such business became insolvent or after any guaranteed loan was purchased by the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

30. Same allegation as No. 20. NO ACTION NECESSARY

31. Refer to Balance Sheet under Liabilities, July and August 2001. Why is the indebtedness of "Promised Land Park Model," in the amount of $60,793.38 shown on the July report, but does not appear on the August report?

The Grand Jury determined that the referenced debt was removed from the financial statements when the debt became non-performing and the PEDC purchased the first lien position of the lending institution. The debt was being serviced monthly by the PEDC as a result of a loan guarantee given by the PEDC to the lending institution to induce it make the loan to Promised Land Park Model so that it could start its business. Upon purchase of the lien, the interest payments ceased and resulted in savings to the PEDC to the extent of such interest payments. It was determined that this was a legitimate function of the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

32. Refer to PROJECT GRANTS on accountants' July statement of $51,540.00 and $2,805,674.01 over a period of nine years. What are these?

The Grand Jury determined that grants made to businesses moving to the Pampa area typically were made with monies acquired by the PEDC through loans from banks. For instance, a loan in the amount of $1,000,000.00 was made to the PEDC for the grant to Moody Dairy in the same amount. It was determined that grants are inducements to move existing businesses to the Pampa area and are legitimate expenditures of the PEDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

33. Prospect Development is shown as costing $13,146.82 over nine months and $252,328.47 over a period of nine years. Please explain.

The Grand Jury determined that these are a broad category of expenditures made with the intent of further the goal of the PEDC, that is, attracting businesses to the Pampa area. This category of expenses is a catch-all and would include expenses to EDC conventions, dairy conventions, the cost of constructing and maintaining an internet web site, essentially all expenses incurred by an EDC in the pursuing the purpose of the EDC. It was determined that these are necessary expenses of any EDC. NO ACTION NECESSARY

34. Please refer to accountant's reports for July and August: INTEREST EXPENSE is shown as $130,966.84 as of July 2001 for nine months and again as of August, 2001 for ten months as $148,944.60. Over a period of nine years, we have the figure of $485,122.03. What is this interest for, how was it incurred, and to whom is it payable?

The Grand Jury determined that these expenses are legitimate and are recurring. They are interest payments pertinent to loans taken out by the PEDC for the Moody Dairy grant ($1,000,000.00); U.S. Bus grant ($350,000.00); purchase of Price Road property and improvements ($425,000.00); Top-O-Texas Dairy grant ($500,000.00); Top-O-Texas Fertilizer Plant ($250,000); Parkland Mobile ($75,000.00); U.S. Bus Building Improvements ($275,000.00). It was determined that of all of these debts, the principal balance remaining as of 12/31/02 is estimated to be $2,151,528.90.50 and that the interest payments for 2002 are estimated to be $156,275.48. NO ACTION NECESSARY

35. Can you itemize the Visa card of $1,048.66 in July 2001 and $775.17 in August 2001?

The Grand Jury determined that all expenditure reflected on the referenced statements were legitimate expenditures of the PEDC. Those expenses included the following:

a. Car wash - $6.00
b. Fuel - $44.06
c. Cattle Baron Restaurant - Ruidosa, N.M. Dairy Show - $82.35
d. Hawthorne Suites - lodging (N.M. Dairy Show) - $579.24
e. Radio Shack - tape recorder - $60.15
f. Oil change - $22.95
g. Dyers Bar-B-Q - National Pig Development - $144.93
h. Fuel - $25.00
i. Albertson's - NPD meeting - $48.99
j. Fuel - $37.54
k. Fuel - $9.49
l. Magazine subscription (Inside Economic Dev.) - $75.00
m. Southwest Airlines (Wisconsin Dairy show) - $298.00
n. Southwest Airlines (IEFP Conv.-Las Vegas) - $244.25
o. Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas (IEFP Convention) - $92.65
p. Cafe Marizon, Amarillo - $7.34

NO ACTION NECESSARY

36. Bill Scribner Welding made the comment that he was charged $80,000.00 for income tax by Lewis Meers. Mr. Meers was on the PEDC board at that time. Mr. Scribner ended up paying $75,000.00 for this service.

The Grand Jury determined that at a point in time Lewis Meers was on the PEDC board, he solicited personal benefit from Bill Scribner Welding through Meers wunting business by offering to sell to Scribner accounting software, computer equipment and by arranging factoring services for such business. It was further determined that at such time Bill Scribner was pecuniarily involved with the PEDC and that Meers exercised discretion with respect to the pecuniary relationship of Scribner with the PEDC. It was further determined that such conduct probably constituted a violation of Section 36.08 (d) of the Penal Code, a Class A misdemeanor.

ACTION TAKEN: The pertinent Statute of Limitations for a misdemeanor crime in the State of Texas is two (2) years. The law states that a grand jury cannot return an indictment if the offense occurred outside of the respective limitation period. The asserted violations occurred in 1998 and 1999, clearly outside of the limitation period. Accordingly, the Grand Jury has returned a "no bill" with respect to such individual because of the running of the Statute of Limitations.

37. Moody Dairy received a $1,000,000.00 grant from the PEDC, they bought new Buicks from Culberson-Stowers and built a $650,000.00 house (see Gray County tax statements, the price as stated by one of Moody employees.)

The Grand Jury determined that such allegations are totally untrue. NO ACTION NECESSARY

38. Same allegation as No. 31. NO ACTION NECESSARY

The Grand Jury finds that, with one exception, all allegations presented to the District Attorney are totally unfounded and groundless. Further, no actions of the PEDC board or its employees have been found to be in any manner inappropriate or illegal.

Signed this 12th day of December, AD, 2002. GRAY COUNTY GRAND JURY
July Term, 2002

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1112 Carr 'P', 1880' from South & 1960' from West line, Sec. 12,4,AB&M, 15.5 miles south from Canadian, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #7012 Carr 'P', 1980' from North & 1760' from East line, Sec. 12,4,AB&M, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1646 Graham 'P', 700' from South & 630' from East line, Sec. 46,A-2,H&GN, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILD & SOUTH FELDMAN Tonkawa) Questar Exploration & Production Co., #3013 Immel, 1100' from North & 1250' from West line, Sec. 13,1,G&M, PD 8100'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #2022 Jones Estate, 660' from S/South line & 2640' from East line, Sec. 22,1,G&M, PD 7550'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BIG TIMBER Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Cleveland, 660' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 88,41,H&TC, PD 8400'.

ROBERTS (Shreikey Brown Dolomite) J.M. Huber Corp., #2 Bob McCoy 'B', 467' from North & East line, Sec. 14,M-2,H&GN, PD 11298'.

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