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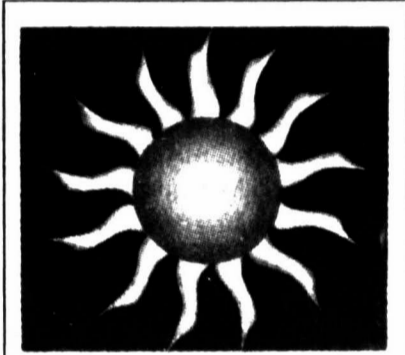
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Salvation Army needs sponsors

PAMPA — The Salvation Army is urging everyone — businesses, churches, school clubs and community organizations — to sponsor an "angel" on the Angel Tree this holiday season. Help put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas. The annual Salvation Army Angel Tree campaign will get under way Friday, Nov. 24 and will conclude Monday, Dec. 18.

Woman can't recall brick attack

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman whose head was smashed with a 6-pound brick while she walked down 42nd Street a year ago told jurors she has no memory of being hit or of even being on that street before the attack. Nicole Barrett, 28, who needed two brain operations after the attack, was the prosecution's first witness Monday at the attempted murder trial of Paris Drake, 36, an ex-convict and admitted crack user. Barrett was on the way to work at a temp agency when she was struck from behind on Nov. 16, 1999, in the middle of the day near busy Grand Central Terminal. Barrett returned home to Athens, Texas, to recover from her injuries.

- Betty Reid, 76, homemaker.
- Dorothy Mae Sorensen, 69, long-time Sunday School teacher.
- Alice Virginia Stevens, 80, homemaker.
- Wayne Stribling, 50, owner Wayne's Western Wear.
- LaRosa Beatrice Fleming Walker, 75, homemaker.
- Julia 'Aunt Jute' Williams, 90, homemaker, farmer.

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New United store to open in summer

Dirt work is under way for a new 44,828-square-foot United Supermarkets store that will go up directly behind its present location at 1420 N. Hobart.

The new store is expected to open in mid-summer 2001, according to an announcement by Michael Molina, director of store planning and construction for the company. General contractor for the project is Wiley Hicks of Amarillo and the architectural firm is MWM Architects of Lubbock.

Once open, the old store will be torn down to make room for parking.

The store will feature a new exterior architectural design that will be the first of its kind for the company's conventional format stores.

The exterior will include brick and stucco wall finishes and a turn-of-the-century awning design.

Plans for the new store include a four-pump fuel station, drive-thru pharmacy, expanded beer and wine department, bakery, deli with 44-seat dining area, fresh produce

department, cut-to-order meat market, floral shoppe, customer service center and extensive grocery, frozen and dairy selection. The store will include 10 check-

out lanes and 268 parking spaces.

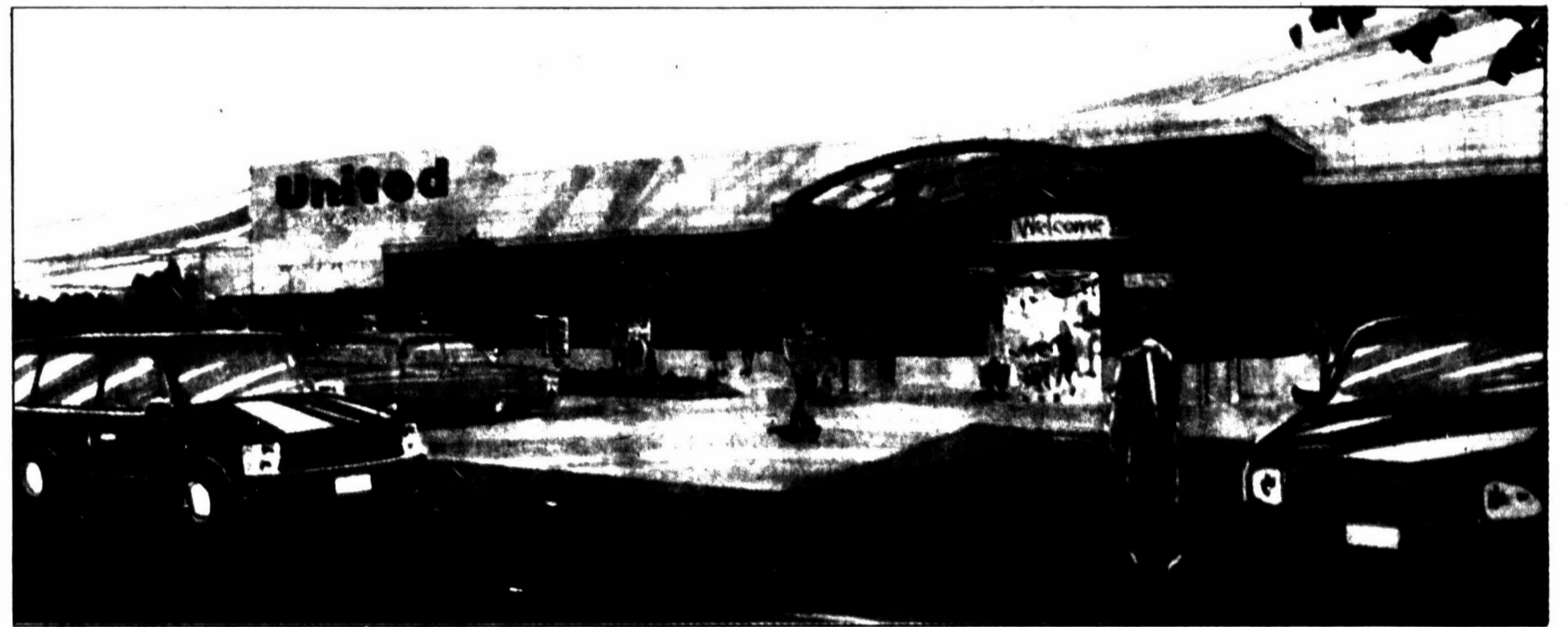
The east fencing will feature masonry construction enhanced with landscaping as it faces an

adjacent neighborhood.

"We are tremendously excited about the opportunity to better serve our customers," said Troy Newton, Pampa store director

for United. "We have been warmly received by the community since our opening in February 1999 and are glad to be:

(See UNITED, Page 2)



The store will feature a new exterior architectural design that will be the first of its kind for United Supermarkets' conventional format stores.

Murder case may go to jurors today

AMARILLO — The capital murder case of Leland Ray Milburn is expected to go to the jury this afternoon.

Milburn, 24, is accused of the beating death of Brendan Tyler Brown, the 2-year-old son of Milburn's girlfriend, Caryn Brown, 19, at Milburn's house in Canadian on May 25, 1999.

Lawyers for the opposing sides met with Judge Steven Emmert at 8 a.m. today to go over the charge that will be given the jury.

Closing arguments were to be given by District Attorney John Mann and defense attorney Bill McKinney this morning in the visiting courtroom of the Potter County courthouse. The trial was moved from Canadian to Amarillo on a change of venue.

In closing testimony Monday, the defense put Dr. George Isaac, a forensic dentist from El Paso, on the stand. He testified that bite marks on Brendan Brown's right arm were too diffuse to be used to identify the person who made them. Isaac also said that, using dental molds, the widths of the dental arches of Milburn, Caryn Brown, Robi Simpson and Danielle Ishmael were all almost the same size. Simpson is Brown's cousin, and Ishmael is a friend of hers. The two women cared for the baby the night before he died.

(See MURDER, Page 2)

Lunch cost on agenda

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District board of education is to meet in regular session at 7 tonight in the elementary school library, 160 Sixth St.

Items to be considered at the meeting Tuesday include setting cafeteria prices and a substitute teacher list. Financial matters to be discussed include current billings, the district's cash position and tax collection report.

School board members plan to discuss personnel matters and hear the superintendent's report also.

The meeting is open to the public. An open forum for the public to speak is listed on the agenda.

Agencies get mini-grants

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Four Pampa agencies were among 22 Panhandle nonprofit organizations receiving mini-grants from the Amarillo Area Foundation's (AAF) Children's Fund to benefit area children.

"You (Pampa) were one of our biggest recipients!" said Tammy Shaklee Board, AAF representative.

Local organizations receiving mini-grants in a special presentation in Amarillo last week included CASA of the High Plains, Inc., Pampa Community Youth Services, Pampa Optimist Youth Club Inc., and Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa.

Children, ages 3 and 4, from Family Support Services Center City Childcare of Amarillo handed out the 22 checks, ranging from 500 to \$1,000, rolled up in tiny tennis shoes, said Pat Farmer, president of the Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Board.

"The kids were so well-behaved. They were precious," Farmer said.

The Children's Fund was established at Amarillo Area (See AGENCIES, Page 2)



Maxine Menefield, right, director of Shining Star Daycare for Pampa Youth Community Services, explains how a mini-grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation will be used to buy Christmas presents for the 25 children in the day care at a recent presentation ceremony in Amarillo. With her is Mariah Fletcher, 2, and an unidentified child from the day-care center. At left is Jim Allisor, AAF president and CEO, and Ron McVean, AAF chair.

Quite frankly... What's your opinion of the Presidential election situation?



"It's not very high, but I do think it's all very crazy."

-- Joseph Summers



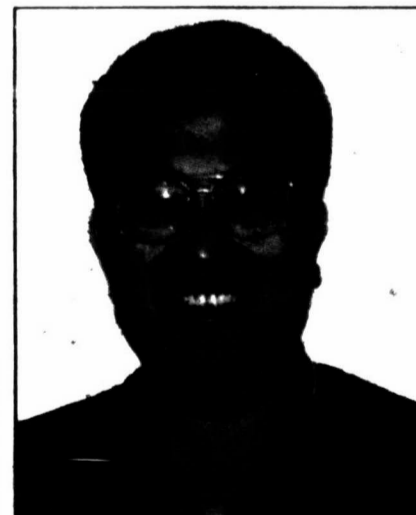
"I don't like the recount because I want Bush to win."

-- Joe Cox



"If this continues for any length of time, who is going to pay for it all and how costly will it be?"

-- Tracy Washington



"It makes no difference who wins because the common people will be the ones that pay for it anyway."

-- William Ma



"Regardless of who wins they aren't going to be in control ... only God is in control."

-- Bertha Carter



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Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride all Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

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

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Ministerial Alliance will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m., Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd. Over 10 churches are involved in presenting the annual event which is free and open to the public.

AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE

The November regular meeting of the Panhandle

chapter of the American Petroleum Institute will be held at the Pampa Country Club, Thursday, Nov. 16 beginning with social hour at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Wayne Hughes with Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association. The topic of the presentation will be legislative issues regarding the oil and gas industry. The turkey and dressing buffet will cost \$15 per person. Door prizes are being donated by King Well Service and Black Gold Supply, both of Canadian.

SQUARE HOUSE MUSEUM

Author Dean Downey will perform at 2 p.m., Nov. 18 at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. Downey has published two cowboy poetry books and a children's book, "A Horse Named Lightening." The children's book will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

WHEELER OPEN HOUSE

The annual Wheeler Open House, sponsored by Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, and from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19. Participating downtown merchants will be open these special hours for pre-Christmas shopping. The event will also feature booths and crafts and information from local businesses.

HOLIDAY HAPPENING

First Baptist Church Women's Fellowship Ministry will present a "Holiday Happening" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the church, 203 N. West. A meal of baked chicken and wild rice will be served and Jenna Edwards will perform in testimony and song. The guest speaker will be Nancy Rose of Amarillo. Her topic will be "Home for the Holidays." Cost is \$4 per plate. Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 10. For more information or to sign-up, call 669-1155.

MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

Vets exposed to herbicide may qualify for diabetes benefits

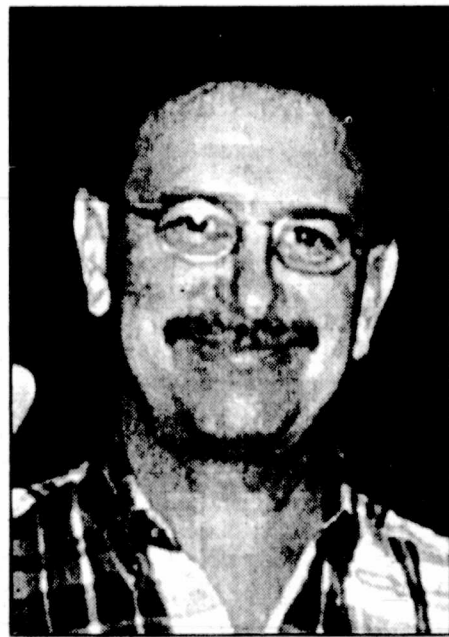
WASHINGTON — Vietnam veterans suffering from diabetes are now eligible for compensation and health care for presumptive exposure to Agent Orange, according to a Department of Veterans Affairs decision fought for by American Legion.

The victory was won 27 days after American Legion Commander Ray G. Smith petitioned the Veterans Administration to add Type 2 diabetes to a host of illnesses presumed to be service-connected due to Agent Orange exposure. Acting VA

Secretary Hershel Gober announced approval of the benefits.

The VA's decision was based on a National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine report that suggested an association between adult-onset diabetes and exposure to dioxin, a by-product contained in herbicides used in Vietnam.

"This is the American way! This change in the treatment of veterans suffering from Agent Orange-related diabetes is consistent with the highest traditions of Veterans Day," Smith said.



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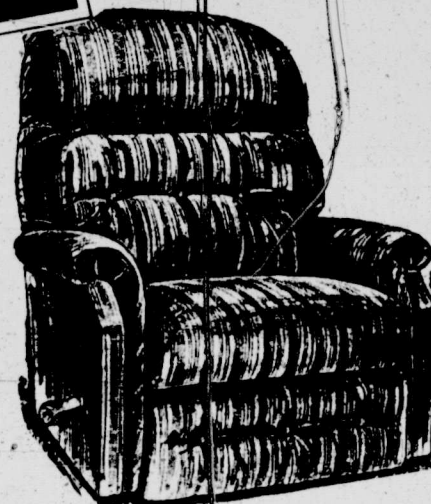
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Bush camp makes deadline proposal; Demos say it's no plan

By DAVID ESPO
AP Political Writer

George W. Bush's campaign floated a compromise plan to bring an end to the contested presidential election on Tuesday, but a top aide to Al Gore swiftly brushed it aside. The two White House rivals sweated out the uncertainty of Florida court rulings and slow-moving hand recounts in the campaign that refused to die.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Republicans would agree to accept the results of any hand recounts completed by a 5 p.m. deadline set by the secretary of state if the Democrats would drop their insistence on prolonging the counts. At the same time, he envisioned the two sides agreeing to drop dueling lawsuits.

Otherwise, he said, "When is it going to end? I ask you, when is it going to end?"

Within an hour, Gore campaign chairman William Daley spoke dismissively of Baker's suggestion. "It truly was not a proposal. It was strictly, in my opinion, an inaccurate description of the laws of Florida," he said at the Capitol, where he met with Democratic leaders of the House and Senate.

"I think we've got to not try to usurp the courts of Florida," he added.

The rejection swiveled the focus of the controversy to a state courtroom in Tallahassee, where Florida judge Terry Lewis was preparing a ruling on a lawsuit challenging the 5 p.m. deadline for vote certification set by Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

As important as that loomed, it was only one of a mushrooming series of events popping up around the state that stands to pick the next president. Bush held a 388-vote in an unofficial tally by the Associated Press, although the vote totals will change with the recounts as well as with the tally of overseas absentee ballots set for Friday night.

Florida offers 25 electoral vote and the candidate who wins them stands to become the nation's 43rd president after one of the closest elections in history.

Top state officials issued conflicting legal opinions. Lawsuits proliferated as the post-election campaign neared the end of its first week.

Baker said his offer also envisioned the state counting overseas absentee ballots as planned on Friday night.

He committed the Bush cam-

aign to abandoning its opposition to the continuation of the hand recounts it has consistently sought to block — but only if the Gore campaign agreed not to seek to extend the recounting beyond the deadline set by the Florida secretary of state.

That represented at least a modest change in the Bush position, which had been that no recounts were proper.

"If you are suggesting that we take no risk by this proposal. I would argue with that rather strongly," Baker told one questioner. He noted that Bush's narrow 388-vote could yet evaporate and that either side could carry the overseas ballots.

Baker stepped to the microphones in the Florida Capitol shortly after officials in Volusia County said that despite efforts to wrap up a recount by 5 p.m., "we need an extension" that county lawyers were already seeking in court.

Harris has already said she won't grant one, and it was up to Circuit Judge Terry Lewis to rule on whether to stay her hand and permit the counting to continue.

In Miami-Dade County, officials voted at midmorning to begin a manual recount of three precincts, a possible prelude to a countywide canvass.

There was confusion in Palm

Beach County, where local officials voted 2-1 to stop a hand recount.

In the presidential campaign that refused to die, local officials said they would ask the Florida Supreme Court to clarify which opinion they should follow — that of the Democratic attorney general or Republican election officials — on whether hand counts of ballots could continue.

A senior Gore strategist said the Palm Beach canvassing board's decision to delay the recount would be challenged immediately in Circuit Court, along with the Florida secretary of state's ruling on which the board's decision was based.

The two candidates remained out of public view, Bush in Texas, Gore in Washington, while a phalanx of lawyers and spinmeisters did their bidding.

One week after the nation voted, neither presidential contender had an Electoral College majority, and both needed the 25 electoral votes offered by Florida to fashion one.

Appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," on Tuesday, former Secretary of State Warren Christopher said talk of a statewide recount was "news to me." Still, he added, "If the suggestion was made ... it's certainly

something we'd want to look at." Several other senior Gore strategists said the idea had not been discussed internally.

And Bush campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said, "This is not something under consideration."

The rhetorical exchanges had grown more barbed on Monday.

"The vice president essentially said we should ignore the law so that he can overturn the results of this election," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes asserted.

Representing Gore, Christopher said that Harris — a Bush activist — took an apparent "move in the direction of partisan politics" by sticking with the deadline of 5 p.m. Tuesday for certifying the county-by-county results.

In the area around Fort Lauderdale, a check of a few precincts turned up only a few changes, and local officials voted 2-1 against the recount of all of Broward County that Gore had sought. The partial recount, covering 3,892 votes in three precincts, turned up four additional votes for Gore. Democrats appealed the decision to stop. Miami-Dade County were deciding Tuesday whether to take the same step.

Gore went briefly before cam-

eras outside the White House on Monday and attempted to strike a statesmanlike tone. "I would not want to win the presidency by a few votes cast in error or misinterpreted or not counted, and I don't think Governor Bush wants that either," he said.

The contested election played out in far-flung portions of the state on Monday.

County workers sifted through thousands of ballots in Volusia County, where a complete Gore-requested hand recount was in progress.

Officials in Miami-Dade County were considering whether to yield to a Gore campaign request and conduct a manual recount in their area.

Officials in Palm Beach County said workers would not be able to finish counting more than 400,000 ballots until Sunday, well past Secretary of State Katherine Harris' deadline. Separately, a hearing was set in state court in Palm Beach County on several citizen lawsuits seeking a new county vote.

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In rare operation, woman's heart removed for tumor repair

HOUSTON (AP) — A 57-year-old woman underwent a surgical gamble Tuesday in which doctors temporarily removed her heart, cut out three rapidly growing tumors and returned the repaired organ.

Only one other patient has survived the operation.

The team of cardiac surgeons at the Methodist DeBakey Heart Center had just six hours, the length of time a heart can survive out of the body. A heart-lung machine took over the function of Joanne Minnich's diseased heart for the approximately 45 minutes it was out of her body.

Minnich's heart rested in a silver bowl while doctors worked on it.

Doctors said the malignant growths, one as large as a lemon, were on the wall of her heart's left atrium, restricting blood flow, and could have killed Minnich in as little as two weeks if left unchecked.

Surgeon Michael Reardon said a smaller tumor was behind Minnich's aorta but did not involve the vital artery, which he called "good news" as he spoke to reporters observing the operation.

Doctors had repaired the damaged organ with tissue from a cow's heart and returned it to her body when Reardon discovered a third, even smaller tumor. Surgeons had been aware of only two tumors.

The team again pulled out the heart, removed the

last tumor, repaired the atrium and again reinstalled the organ and began concluding the operation.

Reardon performed the procedure, called an autotransplant, successfully in 1999. Two other patients died, in 1983 and 1998.

"Can I remove the tumor and rebuild the heart? I don't know," Reardon said Monday. "I don't know how much of the heart the tumor has invaded. The possibility exists that when I cut the tumors out, the heart will be so badly damaged I will not be able to reconstruct it."

"The patient knows that," Minnich, of Mahopac, N.Y., said the surgery was the only way she had a chance at life. A business manager who has three children, she said she learned about Reardon and his procedure on the Internet as she searched desperately for a way to defeat her illness.

"Of course it's scary, but I have no other choice," Minnich said. "I don't have time to wait for a heart transplant."

Finding a donor heart would likely take five or six months, Reardon said. In addition, Minnich would have to take drugs to suppress her immune system so her body would not reject a new heart, and that would allow the tumors to grow.

She had an operation to remove a tumor in April but the malignancy recurred.

Officer: Former Pampan dies of exposure

PIERRE, S.D. — Although the official autopsy results are not yet available, a 29-year-old former Pampa man appears to have died of exposure in the frigid South Dakota night, law enforcement officials said Monday.

A motorist discovered the body of Billy Brian Jernigan, 29, in his older model Bronco about 4:50 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3. The vehicle was parked in a ditch beside U.S. Highway 14, about 14 miles from Jernigan's home in Highmore, S.D. Jernigan had moved from Pampa a few months earlier.

"We're still waiting for the official autopsy report, but the preliminary report indicates there was no apparent cause of death," said Deputy Kendall Light of the Hyde County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Light explained that the autopsy

revealed no signs of a heart attack, medical condition or trauma that might have led to the man's death.

"We're still waiting for toxicology tests from the blood and urine," he said.

"It appears (Jernigan) died of exposure or something similar to that complicated by alcohol," the deputy said. "There doesn't appear to be any foul play involved."

Investigators said that temperatures had been in the mid- to upper 20s during the night Jernigan is believed to have died. No snow was in the area at that time, however.

Jernigan attended Pampa High School and worked for Leonard Hudson Drilling for seven years. He was a diesel mechanic.

Robert Trout, CBS radio pioneer, dies at 91

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Trout, a radio news pioneer whose stamina and skill at ad-libbing informed listeners for seven decades for CBS and NPR, died Tuesday. He was 91.

Trout died of congestive heart failure at Lenox Hill Hospital, said John McDonough, a producer for the National Public Radio program "All Things Considered."

"He was the last remaining link to the beginning of broadcast journalism," said McDonough, who last worked with Trout three weeks ago on the NPR program.

Trout began his career in 1931 as a news announcer for independent radio station WJSV in Virginia.

The next year CBS bought WJSV and retained Trout. Among the events he covered were John Philip Sousa's last public performance, campaign speeches by Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the repeal of Prohibition.

During Roosevelt's presidency, Trout was the broadcaster who first used the term "fireside chat" to describe the radio addresses Roosevelt gave to the nation.



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Amid election confusion, Congress decides to go home

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has given up trying to resolve its remaining tax and spending issues for at least three weeks as it waits for the dust to settle in the still undecided presidential election.

Lawmakers, who began returning to Washington on Monday for the ninth lame-duck session of the past half-century, prepared for a quick turnaround with the decision to take a break until Dec. 5.

The House on Tuesday is to vote on a tax measure affecting U.S. exporters and House Republicans are to re-elect Speaker Dennis Hastert and others in their leadership. But any serious attempt to reach finality on outstanding budget differences with the White House will wait until after Dec. 5.

"The feeling was there was just too much uncertainty swirling around Washington and the presidential campaign to conclude anything this week," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

The House on Monday for the 16th time approved a temporary spending measure, this time running through Dec. 5, to keep government programs running while it struggles to complete its work for the year.

The stopgap measure includes \$1 million for

Congress and nearly \$6 million for the District of Columbia to cover presidential inauguration expenses, and \$200,000 for White House moving and transition costs.

Before the election, the White House was agreeing to only one-day extensions in an effort to force Congress into session-ending negotiations.

But White House budget director Jack Lew said the three-week extension "had a kind of inevitability to it" after the delay in completing the presidential election and lawmakers' reaction to it.

With the next occupant of the White House uncertain, neither party knows how much leverage they have in pushing for their priorities in the last days of this session. "Knowing what's going to happen next year is going to be helpful in coming to a conclusion this year," said Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., a member of the GOP leadership.

Congress and the White House have yet to agree on five of the 13 spending bills to run the federal government in fiscal 2001, which started Oct. 1. Also left hanging is a 10-year, \$240 billion tax relief package that includes a \$1 increase in the hourly minimum wage and higher Medicare reimbursements for health care providers.

The GOP leadership has also resisted Democratic efforts to make it easier for some Central American

immigrants and illegal aliens to apply for permanent residence.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Monday brought to a head another highly divisive issue when it issued new rules aimed at protecting some 100 million workers who perform repetitive functions such as typing, lifting heavy loads or working on assembly lines.

The business community has lobbied hard against the rules, saying they will add billions of dollars in costs, and Republicans have pressed for a compromise under which the next president would have the authority to withdraw the regulations before they go into effect.

Before the election, the workplace safety issue held up an agreement on a \$350 billion bill to finance labor, health and education programs that provided new money for hiring teachers and school repair eagerly sought by the White House.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said OSHA's issuing of the rules "pretty well blows up everything" on the labor-health-education talks. But Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said there was still room for negotiations. Businesses have until next October to comply with the new rules.

The tax cut for exporters, costing \$4.5 billion over 10 years, was separated from the \$240 billion tax

package because the European Union is threatening to impose tariffs on U.S. goods if Congress does not act this week. The new measure would replace the current U.S. Foreign Sales Corporation tax system that the World Trade Organization ruled was an illegal subsidy.

The House on Monday also removed from an intelligence agency authorization bill language that would have criminalized the leaking of some government secrets. President Clinton had vetoed the bill, which provides an estimated \$30 billion for the CIA and other intelligence agencies, because he said the provision went too far in stifling the legitimate flow of information to the public.

The House on Monday for the 16th time approved a temporary spending measure, this time running through Dec. 5, to keep government programs running while it struggles to complete its work for the year.

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Think Sun Loan for the holidays ...

Sun Loan Company has been in business in Pampa since 1996. The business, located at 1534 N. Hobart, offers small loans to Pampa-area residents. The local business specializes in small signature loans ranging from \$100 to \$470, said Linda Alfaro, branch manager. The loans are not secured by anything

other than the person's signature, she said, and no collateral is required.

Pampa's Sun Loan staff is ready to provide any help to local residents. The local office handles more than 600 accounts, said Susie Perez, assistant manager.

Extra money is always helpful to customers during the Christmas holidays, and the Pampa Sun Loan office is available to help local residents. Alfaro said the local business will be open from 9 a.m.-12 noon Saturdays prior to the holidays to provide more assistance to their customers. Increasing the hours during the holidays will provide additional time for customers to conduct business.

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credit policy, she said. The business is licensed by the State of Texas.

In business for four years in Pampa, Sun Loan's local office opened Sept. 16, 1996, at its present location in the 1500 block of North Hobart. It has remained there since its opening.

Sun Loan is one of 128 company branches in seven states. Besides Texas, the other six states are Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico, Illinois, Utah and Nevada.

The small loan company is a division of Brundage Management Corporation headquartered in San

Antonio.

Loans are available between Sun Loan from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m.-12 noon, said Alfaro.

She and Perez want to assist Pampa and area residents to have a great Christmas holiday season. They welcome customers to come in for Christmas loans during the busy holidays in Pampa.

The local business is located at 1534 N. Hobart in Pampa. Additional information may be obtained by calling the local staff at 665-6442.



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Three Different Weddings Let In-Laws' Dreams Come True

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I devised a wedding plan that pleased both our families. He is the youngest child; I am an only child. We've always been especially close to each of our moms. We wanted to make their wedding dreams for us come true, as well as our own.

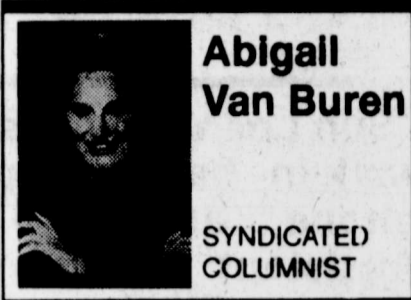
The solution? We had three celebrations! One for us, and one for each mom. Sound crazy? It's not.

My fiancé and I eloped to Santa Fe, N.M., for a private ceremony with only my best friend and my fiancé's brother in attendance. We hired a professional photographer to capture every moment for our families. It was a beautiful ceremony in a church with a minister.

Three months later, my mom arranged a 200-person sit-down wedding reception in my hometown. She asked our long-time Presbyterian minister to "bless" our marriage with a small ceremony, invited the guests, ordered the food and hired the band. In short, she gave the party she had always dreamed of for her only child.

Three months after that, my mother-in-law hosted a Catholic validation at a church in my husband's hometown. She was overjoyed to provide the Mass and party she had always hoped for her son.

All in all, we had three weddings, and celebrated our marriage for a year. It was perfect. Both sets of parents attended each other's events, and everyone got to eat, drink and invite whomever they wanted. I didn't get stressed-out



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like some brides do — I just enjoyed myself.

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DEAR WE DID IT: Providing all the in-laws can afford it, your solution seems amicable for everyone. It's an original. My congratulations to all of you.

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Mediation provides people a place to talk about issues in a safe environment, conducive to working together, rather than in a courtroom (which is much more expensive and adversarial).

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** What you thought was clear communication suddenly becomes murky. You might wonder how to deal with others. Explore options with a friend and you might see a situation differently. Tonight: Work long and hard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You might not have an easy time reading another, and you might not care. Partners do express themselves, but they don't always see things as you do. Confusion surrounds a key relationship. Laugh, rather than fuss. Clarity will come soon enough. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Expenses could add up if you're not careful. Another's opinion of what is workable or amenable changes after a discussion. News from a distance could impact your work. Try not to make an adjustment just yet. Get more information. Tonight: Balance your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You are personality plus. Discuss what is happening with others. You could be full of ideas and solutions. Carefully review a decision that involves a partnership and its stability. What you thought was a stable relationship might not be, any longer. Test the waters.

Tonight: Smile and create what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Don't make demands. Another feels strongly about what is happening. Stay loose and easy with a loved one, even though you simply might not agree. One thing you can be sure of is that you aren't getting the whole story. Tonight: Do for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Listen carefully to another. You might not see eye to eye with someone at work. Keep asking questions to get more information. Stay focused on the goal and success. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Take a stand because you feel it is important. Discuss money with someone. You might not have all the facts. For that matter, this person might not have presented all the facts, either. Say no to a risk. A new friendship takes an interesting twist. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your sense of possibility comes out in a discussion. Communicating where you are coming from might be a whole different issue. Understanding grows with a discussion. Tonight: Express your caring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Deal with others on a one-on-one level. You might not like everything you hear, but good news does surround discussions. Sometimes you worry too much about a situation. Clear the air and discuss what you are feeling. Though normally intuitive, you could be misreading a situation. Tonight: Go along with

another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** What another explains might not make financial sense. Watch out! Mistakes are easily made in the present environment. Use care when dealing with others, and be effective in your communication. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Tap into another's ideas. You give this person a lot of authority and power. Understand what you are doing here. Spin your creativity into work, where you come up with unusual ideas. Work as a team and allow others to do some reality-testing. Not all answers come easily. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Of all signs, you can be one of the most creative. When information or gossip comes your way, you might feel like it is off — it is. Do research and ask important questions. Not everyone has to agree with you. In fact, you are likely to respond to a different drummer. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

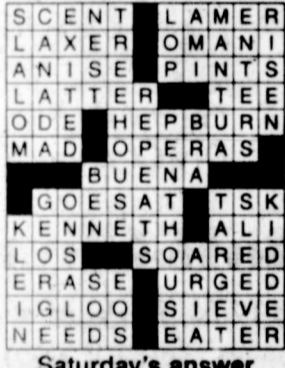
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- 6 Not now
- 11 Must
- 12 Green shade
- 13 Test ore
- 14 Heredity units
- 15 Silver-tongued
- 17 Tiny worker
- 18 Citrus hybrids
- 22 Fencing sword
- 23 Poet Amy
- 27 The Jetsons' dog
- 29 Hummer's instrument
- 30 Take offense at
- 32 Get larger
- 33 Convention attendee
- 35 Computer language
- 36 Pinnacle
- 38 Purple arbutus
- 41 Furious
- 46 Out of bed
- 48 Tea additive
- 47 Coast
- 49 Fibes copy
- DOWN
- 1 Cry of inight



Saturday's answer

- 2 Used to be
- 3 Ninny
- 4 Walked unsteadily
- 5 Game expert
- 6 Captain's record
- 7 Pub brew
- 8 Singer Turner
- 9 Flat
- 10 Take it easy
- 16 Under the weather
- 18 Rip
- 19 Church area
- 20 NBA team
- 21 Walked pompously
- 24 Poet Pound
- 25 Pirat's haul
- 26 Rob of "The West Wing"
- 28 It's equal to 43,560 square feet
- 31 RN's forte
- 34 Writer Zola
- 35 Sighed word
- 36 Bowl singer
- 40 Broadcast to 43,560 square feet
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SPORTS

Cowboys face tough teams down the stretch

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The next defense the Dallas Cowboys face is the best in the NFL. The worst defense left on their schedule is ranked 15th.

So much for the "easy" part of the season, which Dallas came out of at 4-6.

"We're not a team that can start trying to envision where we're going to be at the end of December," quarterback Troy Aikman said Monday. "We really just have to go out, play and see what happens."

Aikman gave Cowboys fans reason to be slightly optimistic by leading Dallas to a 23-6 victory over Cincinnati on Sunday, a week after missing a game because of back pain.

The quarterback felt pretty good Monday, good enough to say he doesn't want to talk about his back any more unless something goes wrong.

Instead, he preferred to talk

about what the Cowboys will have to do down the stretch, when they play six teams likely to make the playoffs: Baltimore, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Washington, the New York Giants and Tennessee.

"We've got to be balanced — be able to throw the football and make plays, and running the football — and we've got to eliminate the mistakes," he said. "If we can do those things, then we've got a chance."

Aikman's 308 yards passing against the Bengals were his most since the 1999 opener. However, the balance was out of whack as Emmitt Smith ran for 16 yards on 17 carries. Dallas had 97 yards rushing overall, but clearly will need more from Smith to be successful.

"We've been very inconsistent throughout the whole year," said Smith, who had run for 100 yards the previous three

games. "We've consistently turned the ball over quite a bit and we make a lot of mistakes. Those are the things we've been trying to iron out since Day 1."

Against the Bengals, the Cowboys' defense continued the improvement its shown since Game 4.

After allowing 35 points the first four games, Dallas has

averaged 14 over the last six games. Cincinnati managed just two field goals and 195 total yards, although those aren't atypical for the stumbling Bengals.

Those were encouraging results for Dallas because the defense was playing for the first time without three injured starters — Chad Hennings,

Leon Lett and George Teague — all of whom are out for the year.

"We've been moving up in the rankings. This week, we cracked the top 20 — we're 18th," said first-year coach Dave Campo, who had been Dallas' defensive coordinator. "I think we're steadily improving."

For the season, Finsterwald has rushed for 15 touchdowns and 1,288 yards.

Nazareth also possesses an explosive offense. Tailback Matty McLain has scored 22 touchdowns and has rushed for close to 1,000 yards this season.

Wheeler once again has another explosive running attack, led this year by tailback

Wheeler has a 6-4 record

while Nazareth is 9-1. All four of Wheeler's losses came during the non-district schedule, but the Mustangs went 5-0 against 1-1A teams.

Nazareth was unbeaten until meeting up with Stratford for the District 2-1A title in the last game of the season. Undefeated Stratford (10-0) came out on top 30-16.

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Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club continues its basketball signups today through Thursday from 6 to 8 at Topographic's, located at 2225 North Perryton Parkway between Dollar General and Western Auto.

The signups are for boys and girls kindergarten through the 12th grade. Scholarships are available.

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HOCKEY

TORONTO (AP) — Joe Mullen knew all about toughness. He was a street hockey player who grew up in a Manhattan neighborhood known as Hell's Kitchen.

But it didn't prepare him for the rigors of a career on ice in the NHL.

"I remember looking at the other team out of the corner of my eye, and thinking, 'What am I doing here?'" Mullen said Monday night, when he was one of four people inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

"Mullen credited former NHL coach and executive Emile Francis for paving the way.

"Every once in a while in a lifetime a person comes along who changes your life," Mullen said. "Mr. Francis started the ice hockey league in New York City."

"The thing Mr. Francis did for all us city kids was get us off the street, get us interested in college and give us a dream."

He thanked Francis personally. The longtime executive of the New York Rangers was in the audience.

Denis Savard, the other player inducted, has a suggestion to improve play in the NHL — make the rinks smaller.

He believes that would bring more goals, with shooters on top of goalies and more shots flying at the net.

"I think it would help, I really do," Savard said Monday after putting on his Hall of Fame blazer and ring.

Savard and Mullen were two of the best offensive sparkplugs in the NHL the last 20 years.

Also entering the hall were Walter Bush Jr., an executive who spurred hockey development in the United States; Jim Matheson, the Edmonton Journal writer who chronicled the exploits of the Oilers since their founding; and Bob Miller, the voice of the Los Angeles Kings.

The 39-year-old Savard had 473 goals and 865 assists in a 17-year NHL career that included 10 years in Chicago and a championship season in Montreal in 1993. He retired in 1997 and is now an assistant with the Blackhawks.

Savard excelled at maneuvering in close quarters. He cringes at the thought of players being bounced off the stiff boards and seamless glass used in most arenas today.

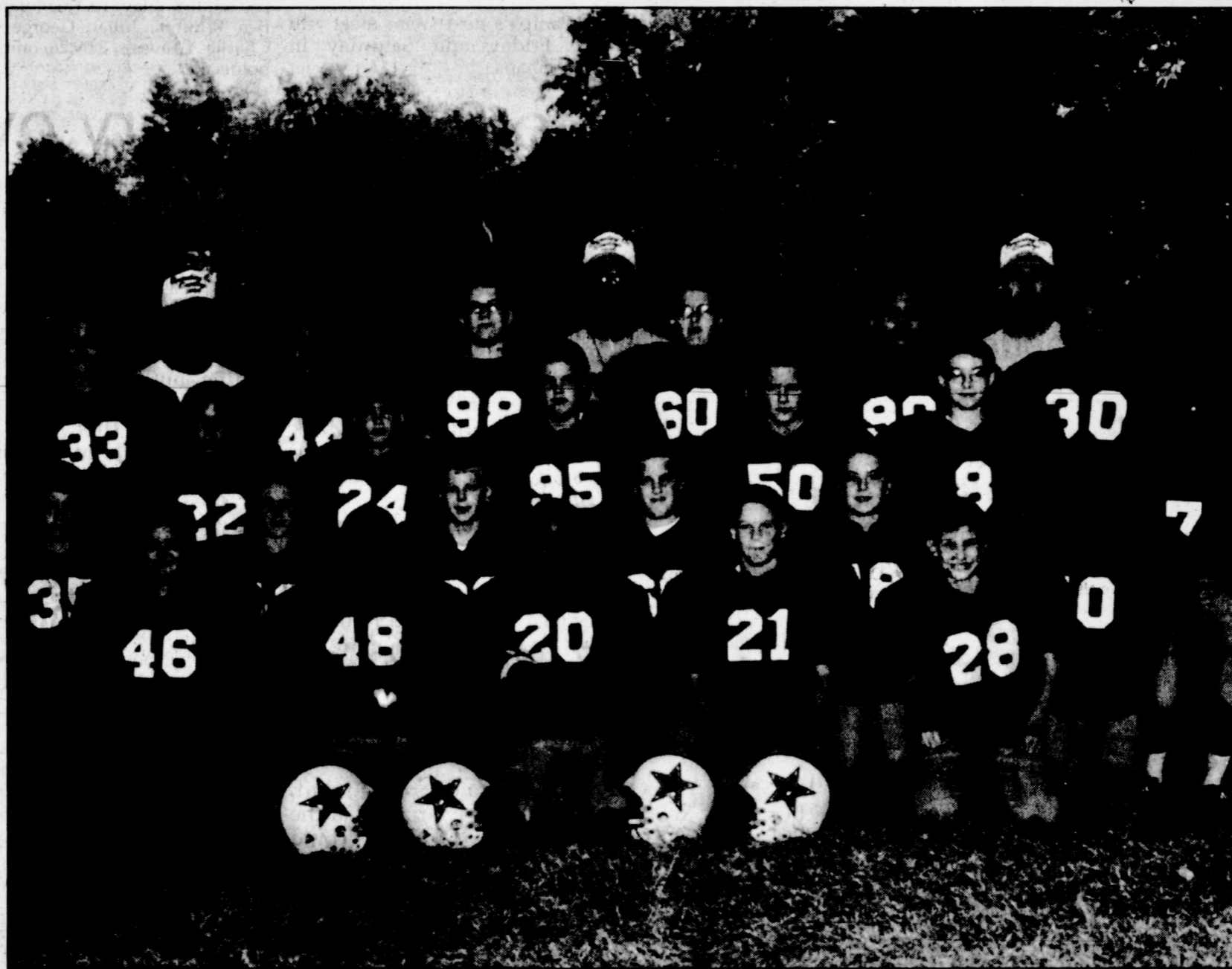
"It's like hitting a cement wall when you get hit," he said during a news conference before his induction. "Our game is a physical game. And when you know you're going to get pushed into a brick wall, it's pretty tough to go in there."

Mullen had 502 goals and 561 assists, and was the first U.S.-born player to reach the 1,000-point mark. He spent 16 years in the league, winning a title in Calgary in 1989 and two more in Pittsburgh in 1991 and 1992.

He also retired in 1997, and, like Savard, was chosen for the hall after the minimum three-year wait.

Mullen, 43, was 10 before he played his first hockey game. His father worked on the ice crew at the old Madison Square Garden.

Tiger League champs



(Special photo)

The Operating Company Cowboys won the the Tiger League championship this season with a perfect 6-0 record. Team members are (front row, from left) Drew Williams, Christopher Smith, Chase Harris, Chris Peoples and Tyler Dodson; (second row, from left) Kevin Horst, Tyler Hall, Jacob Davis, Taylor Smith, Jerrod Bivins, and Michael Robinson; (third row, from left) Jeremy Martinez, Jad Mcquire, Skylar James, Tyler Rhoades, Joshua Mulkey and LeKeith Towles; (fourth row, from left) Colby Greenhouse, Oscar Figueroa, Levi Cave, Ray McIntyre, Kenneth Hawthorne Jr. and Marcos Campos; (back row, from left) head coach Mando Ramirez, assistant coach Ty Greenhouse and assistant coach Benny Martinez.

Hot Shot Contest Saturday

PAMPA — The annual Lamar Hot Shot Contest will be held Saturday in the MPAC Building at Pampa High School.

The entry fee, which is three dollars, will be accepted the remainder of this week at Lamar Elementary School. Call 669-4800 if more information is needed. Interested youngsters are urged to sign up before Saturday because the entry fee will be four dollars the day of the contest. Entry forms can be picked up at Lamar.

The contest starts at 9 a.m. and ends around 2:30 p.m. Boys will shoot against boys and girls will shoot against girls.

Hot Shot schedule is as follows:

9:30-10:15: Second girls and fifth grade girls.

10:15-11: Second grade boys and fifth grade boys.

11-12: Finals for second grade and fifth grade.

12-12:45: Third grade girls and fourth grade girls.

12:45-1:30: Third grade boys and fourth grade boys.

1:30-2:30: Finals for third grade and fourth grade.

Note: Second grade will shoot against second grade; third grade vs. third grade; fourth grade vs. fourth grade; fifth grade vs. fifth grade.

T-Shirts prizes will be awarded to the first places in each grade level.

A concession stand will be open all day and Lamar School will be selling Hot Shot t-shirts and beanie babies.

Each contestant will receive a coupon from the Sonic Drive In for a Wacky Pack.

UConn, Tennessee still 1-2; Duke up to No. 3

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Women's College Basketball

Connecticut and Tennessee are accustomed to where they sit in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

Duke, on the other hand, is breaking new ground.

Connecticut and Tennessee remained 1-2 Monday in the voting by a national media panel, with UConn again a unanimous choice for the top spot after its season-opening rout of then-No. 3 Georgia.

Duke is the new No. 3 team, the highest ranking for the Blue Devils (2-0). Their best previously had been fourth in the 1998-99 preseason poll. They started this season ranked fifth.

With a talented recruiting class joining veterans Georgia Schweitzer, Rochelle Parent and Missy West, Duke opened the season with victories over UCLA and No. 9 LSU.

Freshman Alana Beard made an impressive debut with 35 points in the two games.

Even more impressive was Connecticut's 99-70 rout of Georgia in the Tip-Off Classic. The defending national champions looked to be in midseason

form while overwhelming a veteran Georgia team with their depth and talent.

UConn held Georgia to 31 percent shooting.

"Our defense really sets the tone for us," Connecticut's Shea Ralph said. "We really work in synch and we work really, really hard on our defense in practice."

"We know that if we are going to have any success in our fast break or our offense, what we need to do is get the ball and get running. The best way to do that is play tough defense."

Connecticut received all 41 first-places and had 1,025 points in leading the poll for the 21st straight time. Tennessee, which does not play until Saturday, had 982 points and Duke 900.

Only nine teams in the Top 25 played during the opening weekend of the season, so there were few changes in the poll.

Purdue (2-0) remained fourth and Georgia dropped to fifth. They were followed by Notre Dame, Rutgers, Louisiana Tech, LSU and Iowa State.

LSU (1-1) slipped two spots and Louisiana Tech moved up one after winning its first two games in the preseason NIT. Notre Dame, Rutgers and Iowa State did not play.

Penn State went from 13th to 11th after a 27-point victory over Old Dominion in the opening game of the Tip-Off Classic.

Southwest Missouri State,

Then it was Stanford, Virginia, Oklahoma and Texas Tech, followed by Wisconsin, Mississippi State, Old Dominion, North Carolina State and Vanderbilt.

Old Dominion fell six places to 18th and lost star center Lucienne Berthieu for the season with a torn knee ligament.

Virginia climbed two places after two victories in the NIT.

Southwest Missouri State,

North Carolina, Auburn, Oregon and Illinois held the final five spots.

Illinois, which has yet to play, is the only team that was not in the preseason Top 25. The Illini slipped in ahead of UC Santa Barbara, which also has not played yet.

Illinois was ranked most of last season and was as high as 10th. The Illini fell out the week of Feb. 7 and did not return.

Big 12 honors Texas running back

DALLAS (AP) — Hodges Mitchell of Texas, who ran for 264 yards and three touchdowns in the Longhorns' 51-16 win at Kansas on Saturday, has been named Big 12 offensive player of the week.

Oklahoma linebacker Torrance Marshall, who had a game-winning 41-yard interception return against Texas A&M, and Missouri defensive end Justin Smith were co-defensive players of the week.

Smith recorded four quarterback sacks in the Tigers' win over Baylor.

Texas Tech's Lawrence Flugence returned a blocked Oklahoma State field goal, earning him recognition as the special teams player of the week.

The selections were made by a media

panel covering Big 12 games. Mitchell carried the ball 37 times and had the second-highest rushing total for a Longhorn on the road in Texas' 51-16 win at Kansas.

He also had a Big 12 and Texas record 375 all-purpose yards.

Smith's sacks tied a school single-game record in Missouri's 47-22 win over Baylor.

Along with the crucial touchdown, Marshall had seven stops in No. 1 Oklahoma's 35-31 win over the upset-minded Aggies.

Flugence, a linebacker, picked up the ball after a blocked field goal and returned it 79 yards for a touchdown to help the Red Raiders defeat the Cowboys 58-0.

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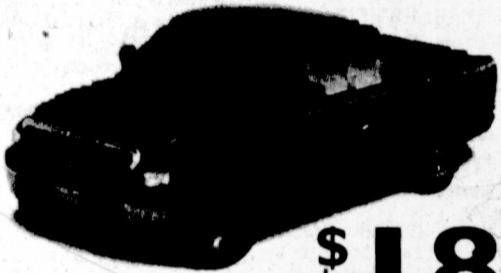
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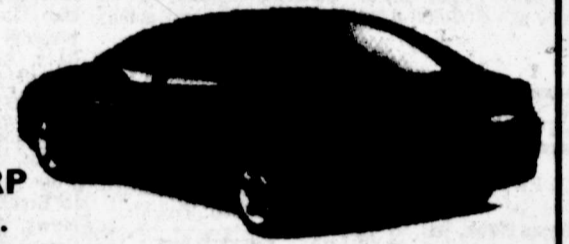
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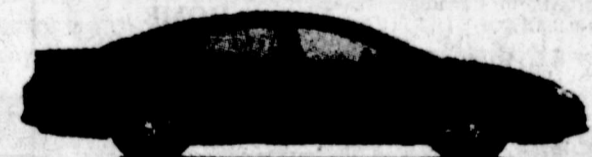


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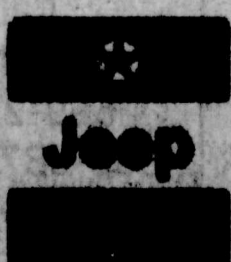
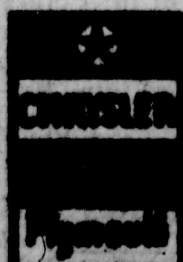


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