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Commission mulls barring private wells

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As water security becomes a growing issue in Pampa and across the state, the commission is considering changing a city ordinance that would otherwise block the drilling of two new wells.

Pampa and other member cities of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority can no longer draw water from Lake Meredith, putting the city in a bind during hot summer months when water

usage is the highest. The city has begun the permitting process to build wells that will alleviate that problem, but obtaining a permit with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District would require the city to have water rights throughout the city limits. Those kinds of rights would affect people's ability to drill their own water wells within the city limits.

According to Donny Hooper, Director of Public Works with the city, the current ordinance already places two restrictions

on private wells. People can't drill wells within 75 feet of a water or sewer line, and wells must be within a certain distance of property lines.

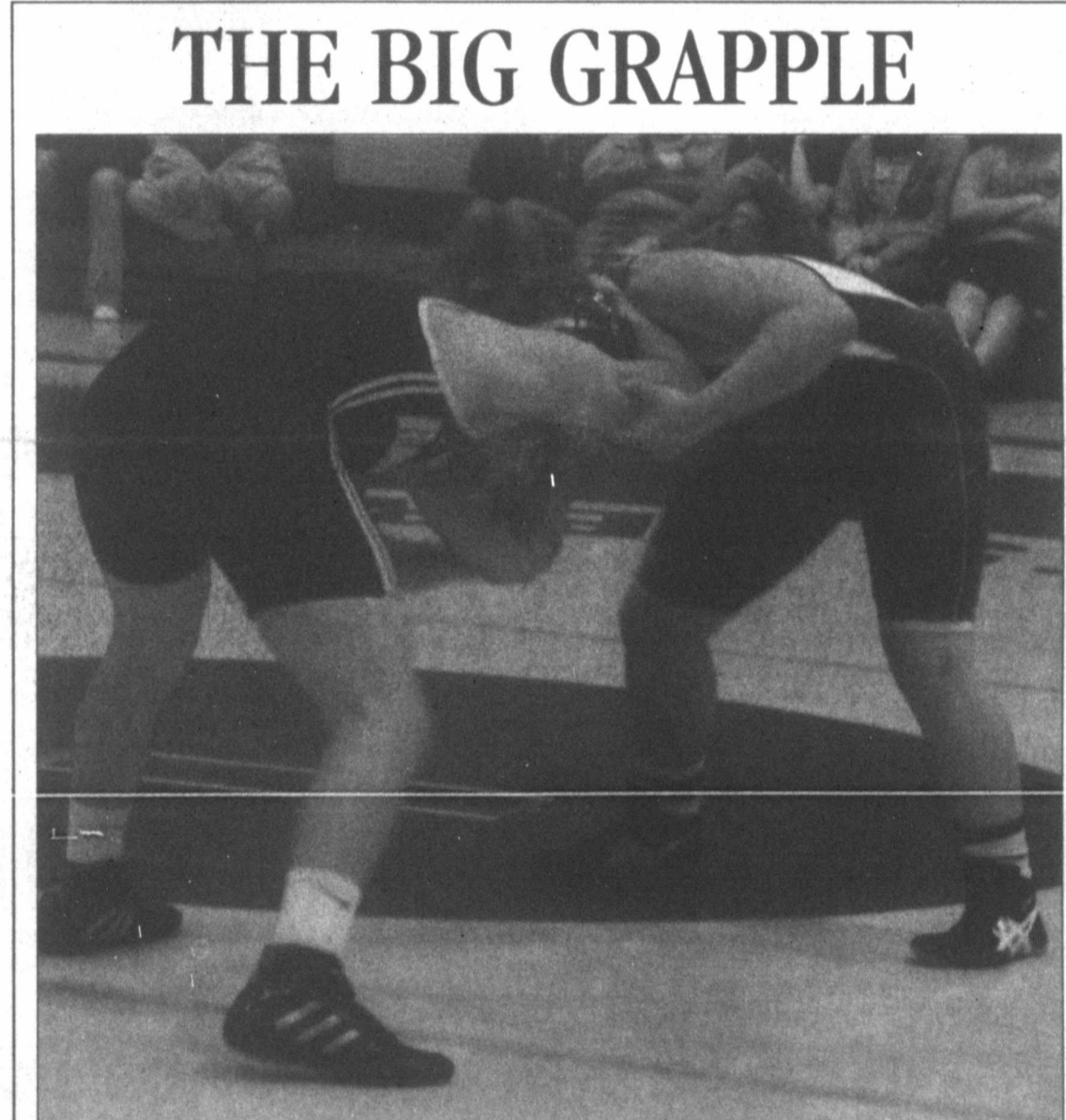
"There's nowhere in town where you can drill a water well as our ordinance is now, except for in the areas that are zoned agricultural between Holly and the country club," said Hooper.

The prospective ordinance that the commission gave preliminary approval on Tuesday would bar people from drilling wells altogether. The ordinance

requires a second favorable vote from the commission before being finalized.

"We thought the ordinance was in a good position to be able to be fair to anybody and everybody here, however, now we're in a situation where we have to have these wells, and we're also in a time crunch, too, because if we don't get through the permit process, and we don't get to bidding and construction soon, they will not be ready to go by the time we reach the peak

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Senior Dylan Hooker battles his opponent against Randall Tuesday. Hooker lost 9-7 in overtime. The Raiders pulled out a 42-39 victory. Full Coverage in **SPORTS**, 2B.
 staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

PEDC grant for airport gets final OK

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The commission gave a final nod to a Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) grant that will go towards rebuilding the Pampa Area Airport Aviation Administrative Building. The \$300,000 grant to Gray County will be cemented after the passing of a 60 day wait period, which began in late October, with construction anticipated to start in March.

In addition to the PEDC funding, the county will receive a matched \$300,000 grant from the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation to build the facility. Gray County intends to absorb the additional costs of removing the current building and relocating electric lines for construction.

Advocates of the project hope that the future terminal will give visitors to the area a more positive impression of Pampa and the county. The facility will be larger than the current building, and architectural designs that have been drafted include a private lounge, conference room and a larger area for flight planning.

DBA project to light up 13 downtown facades

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Each Christmas, the Downtown Business Association (DBA) lights up 48 trees downtown, but this year, they are amping up the holiday spirit with an ambitious project to put lights on nearly all the businesses on downtown Cuyler Street.

Ken Rheams, owner of Rheams Diamond Shop and member of the DBA, said that the project, which will light up 13 downtown storefronts, was made possible with an \$8,000 anonymous donation.

Merchants also helped absorb some of the costs of hanging the lights.

"Most of the lights will be up before Thanksgiving," said Rheams. "The lights downtown will bring people out, and show what we have downtown. It will be a beautiful sight for Pampa, Texas."

The downtown area also is holding a contest as to which business has the best storefront decorations for the season. First and second place winners will be announced in mid December.



Karl Parks installs string after string of Christmas lights onto the storefront of Pampa Custom Framing. Thirteen downtown facades will be lit up this holiday season.
 staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

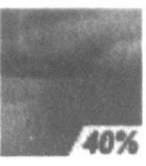

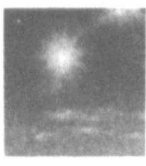
"Country Christmas" Parade
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 Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber office
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PAMPA FORECAST

| Today | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|---|---|
|  40% |  |  |
| High 58 Low 34 | High 41 Low 24 | High 59 Low 32 |

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41. Very windy, with a north northwest wind between 25 and 35 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. West northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

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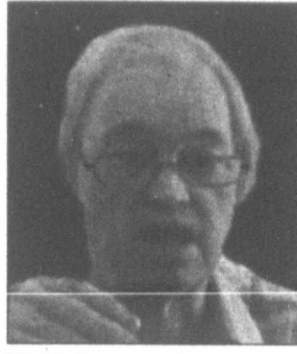
Obituaries

Michael Kent "Mikey" Postma, 58

CARLSBAD, N.M.—Michael Kent "Mikey" Postma, 58, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011 in Carlsbad, N.M.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at the CARC Farm in Carlsbad, N.M. Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 28, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Michael Kent "Mikey" Postma was born July 10, 1953, in Lubbock to loving parents, Lorene and Wilmer "Bill"



Postma

Postma. He was afflicted with Down's Syndrome at birth, but despite this disability, he was able to live a long and happy life due to the nurturing family environment provided by his parents and extended family. As the family moved around with Bill's career as a professional Boy Scout executive, Michael lived in Lubbock, Spokane, Wash., Whittier, Calif., Pampa, and for the last twenty years, he lived at the CARC Farm and Washington Ranch in Carlsbad, N.M. When Michael resided in Pampa, he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three cousins, Gary Frashier and wife Giva of Boerne, David Frashier of San Antonio, and Rosemary Watkins of Dallas. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorene, in 1995, and by his father, Bill, in 1999.

Memorials may be made to CARC Farm, 902 W. Cherry Lane, Carlsbad, NM 88220 or Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P. O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2895.

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Court formally proposes interim map

AUSTIN (AP)—A federal court has issued a proposed interim map for Texas congressional districts ahead of the 2012 elections.

The map released Wednesday will temporarily override plans drawn by the GOP-led Legislature.

Lawmakers redraw districts every 10 years to reflect changes in population growth. Texas this year picked up four additional seats. Experts say three of those new seats would have gone to Republicans under the legisla-

tive map. But minority groups mounted a legal challenge saying the map illegally weakens their voting power.

Republican leaders say they drew the map to benefit their party, not to hurt minorities.

The court's map was drawn with a focus on protecting minority voting strength. That will likely help Democrats, who must net 25 seats nationally to win back the U.S. House.

Perry, others: Don't slash military budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican presidential hopefuls warned in near-unanimity against deep cuts in the nation's defense budget Tuesday night, assailing President Barack Obama in campaign debate but disagreeing over the extent of reductions the Pentagon should absorb to reduce deficits and repair the frail U.S. economy.

The debate ranged widely, from Iran's threat to develop a nuclear weapon to the anti-terror Patriot Act, the war in Afghanistan, U.S.-Pakistan relations and illegal immigrants who have entered the U.S. across the Mexican border. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said some should be allowed to stay, drawing fire from rivals Mitt Romney and Michele Bachman.

On defense spending, former Massachusetts Gov. Romney said nearly \$1 trillion in cuts are on the horizon for the Pentagon over the next decade, noting that is the same as the costs for the nation's new health care law. He blamed Obama for that, adding, "We need to protect America and protect our troops and our military and stop the idea of Obamacare."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry was harshly critical of the magnitude of potential cuts saying the Obama administration's Pentagon chief had called them irresponsible. "If Leon Panetta is an honorable man, he should resign in protest," Perry said.

Neither Perry nor Romney specified if they support any cuts in the Pentagon's accounts, but Gingrich and Jon Huntsman, one-time ambassador to China, both indicated the topic should be on the table as budget-cutters look for savings.

"It's clear that there are some things you can do to defense that are less expensive," said Gingrich.

Only Rep. Ron Paul of Texas sounded unperturbed, saying that despite ominous talk, lawmakers are considering only reductions in future military growth, not actual cuts.

In a race constantly in flux, the former House speaker has recently emerged as Romney's principal rival atop the public opinion polls. As he looked around him, he saw other rivals who once held that position — Bachmann, Perry and businessman Herman Cain among them.

They and the other GOP would-be



Perry



Romney

commanders-in-chief made their points in a national security debate a mere six weeks before the Iowa caucuses begin the formal competition for delegates to next summer's National Republican Convention. The venerable DAR Constitution Hall was the site — a few blocks from the White House and as close as most if not all of the GOP hopefuls are likely to

get. On immigration, Gingrich said that while some who are in the country illegally should be forced to leave the country, that wasn't true for all of them.

"If you've been here 25 years and you got three kids and two grandkids, you've been paying taxes and obeying the law, you belong to a local church, I don't think we're going to separate you from your family, uproot you forcefully and kick you out," he said.

Romney and Minnesota Rep. Bachmann strongly differed.

She said, "I don't agree that you would make 11 million workers legal, because that, in effect is amnesty."

Neither the format nor the moderator permitted all eight candidates to answer any one question, producing a somewhat disjointed event in which there was relatively little back-and-forth among the rivals.

Syria was one exception — Perry saying he supported a no-fly zone over the nation where President Bashar Assad's forces are using force to quell protests, and Romney saying now is not the time.

The focus on defense cuts came one day after Congress' supercommittee failed to reach agreement on a plan to reduce red ink by \$1.2 trillion over the next decade, an outcome that threatens to trigger a similar amount in automatic spending cuts beginning in 2013.

The Pentagon's share of those reductions would be about \$500 billion, an amount that would come on top of Obama's own plan to trim military costs by about \$450 billion.

Romney did not distinguish

between the two categories when he accused Obama of targeting the Pentagon for debilitating reductions.

"They're cutting a trillion out of the defense budget, which just happens to equal the trillion dollars that they're putting into Obamacare," he said. He said such a Pentagon reduction would crimp weapons acquisition and other critical defense needs.

Several Republicans spoke up strongly for the anti-terror Patriot Act, saying it should be extended or perhaps strengthened to help identify and capture those who would attack the United States.

Only Rep. Paul among the eight presidential hopefuls dissented, arguing that the law is "unpatriotic because it undermines our liberties." Gingrich jumped at that. "That's the whole point. Timothy McVeigh killed a lot of Americans," the former House speaker said. "I don't want a law that says after we lose a major American city, we're sure going to come and find you. I want a law that says, you try to take out an American city, we're going to stop you."

Neither Gingrich nor any other Republican mentioned that Obama, like President George W. Bush before him, signed legislation extending the Patriot Act. He did so while traveling in Europe last May, putting him name on a four-year extension of the law that gives the government sweeping powers to search records and conduct wiretaps in pursuit of terrorists.

Asked about the same general topic, Bachmann said Obama has "essentially handed over our investigation of terrorists to the American Civil Liberties Union. Our CIA has no ability to investigate," she said. Bachmann did not cite any examples to buttress either of her claims.

On other issues, Cain seemed to sidestep when asked if he would help Israel attack Iran in the event the Islamic regime acquired nuclear weapons. He said he would want to know what the plan was and have an understanding of its chance of success.

Gingrich said he would bomb Iran only as a last resort and with a goal of bringing about the downfall of the government.

There was disagreement when it came to the war in Afghanistan.

Former Utah Gov. Huntsman said it was time for the United States to withdraw nearly all its troops.

Romney said top generals disagreed with that and asked Huntsman if he was talking about a withdrawal beginning immediately.

"Did you hear what I said?" Huntsman asked across the debate stage, noting that under the Constitution the president is commander in chief. A few moments later, referring to Vietnam, he said a president had listened to the generals in 1967, and the outcome was not in the interests of the United States.

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Biomass facility shut down

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Southern Company spokeswoman Stephanie Kirijan confirms the bomb threat was found Monday evening at the Southern Power biomass plant in Sacul, Texas.

Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss told the *Daily Sentinel* the power company and the onsite construction firm decided to close until after Thanksgiving even though a deadline on the note had passed by several hours when it was found.

Kerss says the threat is taken seriously because a power plant is considered a national security interest.

The company says no fuel load deliveries were scheduled this week because of the holiday.

Kerss says the shutdown will lead to a \$1.1 million loss.

Woman sentenced in base crash

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A Texas woman has been sentenced to five years in prison for a pickup truck crash on a North Dakota military base that killed a passenger.

Thirty-two-year-old Mary Burns of Dayton, Texas, entered an Alford plea to a charge of negligent homicide. That means she does not admit guilt but acknowledges there is enough evidence to convict her. She initially had pleaded not guilty to manslaughter.

Authorities say Burns was driving drunk when she crashed her pickup through a fence and onto the North Dakota Air National Guard base in Fargo on Sept. 14. The crash killed her 55-year-old friend, Harold Pinkney Jr., of Toledo, Ohio.

Defense attorney Laura Reynolds says Burns was "highly intoxicated" and doesn't remember the crash. Attorneys in the case say Burns will undergo alcohol treatment.

Texas suspends doctor's license

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Medical Board has suspended the license of a child psychiatrist being investigated for allegedly sexually abusing mentally ill patients while working at Austin State Hospital.

The board ordered 59-year-old Dr. Charles Fischer on Tuesday to immediately stop practicing. *The Austin American-Statesman* reported that documents filed as part of the board's decision show the doctor has been accused of sexually abusing nine patients, more than previously reported.

Fischer has not been charged with a crime. Fischer's attorney Antonio Cobos did not immediately respond to calls seeking comment on Wednesday. He has previously said Fischer "vehemently" denies the accusations.

The Texas Rangers, the attorney general's office, the Austin Police Department and the Office of Inspector General for the Health and Human Services Commission are jointly investigating the allegations.

Feds find safety issues at Parkland

DALLAS (AP) — Federal regulators have cited a troubled Dallas hospital for an October incident in which they say staff failed to properly monitor and secure a suicidal patient.

The *Dallas Morning News* reported Wednesday that on Oct. 8 a suicidal woman in the psychiatric emergency room in the Parkland Memorial Hospital pulled a lighter out of her pajamas and set her T-shirt on fire. No one was hurt.

Parkland officials say they terminated two employees after an investigation. The *Dallas Morning News* had reported both had previously been involved in violent encounters with ER patients.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services previously told Parkland it no longer qualifies for government funding because of problems that put patients in "immediate jeopardy" but allowed the hospital to remain open under federal oversight.

Two teens shot, one killed

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say one teenager has been killed and a second seriously injured in a drive-by shooting.

Police say 15-year-old Ruben Agostadero was killed in the shooting that occurred at about 8 p.m. Tuesday. They say a second teenager was injured and taken to the hospital.

The Houston Chronicle says Agostadero (<http://bit.ly/rNpA7C>) was walking home from soccer practice when the shooting occurred. His family says he was not the target.

Police say the gunman was inside a white Ford F-150 pickup. They believe five people were inside the truck during the shooting.

Apollo 13 checklist up for bid

DALLAS (AP) — A checklist upon which Apollo 13 commander James Lovell made calculations that helped guide the damaged spacecraft home will be offered on auction Nov. 30.

A Tuesday statement from Dallas-based Heritage Auctions says the item is part of a batch of U.S. space program artifacts being offered as part of a "Space Signature Auction."

Lovell used the checklist to move guidance data from the stricken Command/Service Module to the guidance system of the Lunar Excursion Module. The aim was to use the usually discarded lunar module's system to pilot the command module back to earth after it was crippled by a fuel cell explosion.

Man thrown at train dragged

DALLAS (AP) — Police are looking for three or four men suspected of shoving a 19-year-old man against an accelerating Dallas Area Rapid Transit train at a platform near Fair Park.

DART spokesman Mark Ball says the man was standing on the platform of the Martin Luther King Station about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday when the group jumped him from behind. Ball said the victim was shoved against the train as it pulled out of the station, became lodged between the train and platform and was dragged for a short distance.

He was taken to Baylor University Medical Center nearby, where Ball said he died of a severed femoral artery.

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HOME HOW-TO

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When installing hardwood flooring over a radiant-heated slab, you should follow certain guidelines for a long-lasting, attractive floor. The floor does not get extremely hot, but even small changes in the temperature of the hardwood can affect it.

Hardwood flooring, even though it is finished with urethane, is a hygroscopic material because it is porous. This means that it will expand and shrink as it absorbs and releases moisture. An additional problem is when it swells and then later releases the moisture (during drier winter air), it sometimes warps and curls as it shrinks.

To avoid these potential problems, it is extremely important to make sure the concrete slab is fully cured before progressing with the installation of the flooring. Although concrete technically sets and does not dry to get hard, it still gives off moisture for many days. Leaving the windows open in the room during construction will hasten the drying.

On simple method to test the dry-

ness of a concrete slab is to tape 2-foot-square pieces of plastic film to several locations on the slab. After a day or two, check the pieces of film. If you find no moisture under them, the slab is probably dry enough to proceed with the installation of the hardwood floor.

A vapor barrier should be installed over the slab to block any residual moisture from getting through to the flooring that will be installed on it. On top of this vapor barrier, install plywood underlayment to which the hardwood flooring will be nailed.

When you get to this point, have the hardwood delivered and placed

in the new room with the heat set to a normal temperature. Give the hardwood about a week to stabilize its moisture content with that of the heated room. Make sure to unwrap it so the room air can flow around it.

Select narrow hardwood pieces. Widths in the two-inch range are ideal. If you install wider pieces, each one will shrink and grow more throughout the seasons and there are fewer gaps between them to absorb these size changes.

Certain types of hardwood have more size stability than others. American cherry and red and white oak are some of the more stable species. Finish the hardwood flooring with several coats of high-quality floor urethane.

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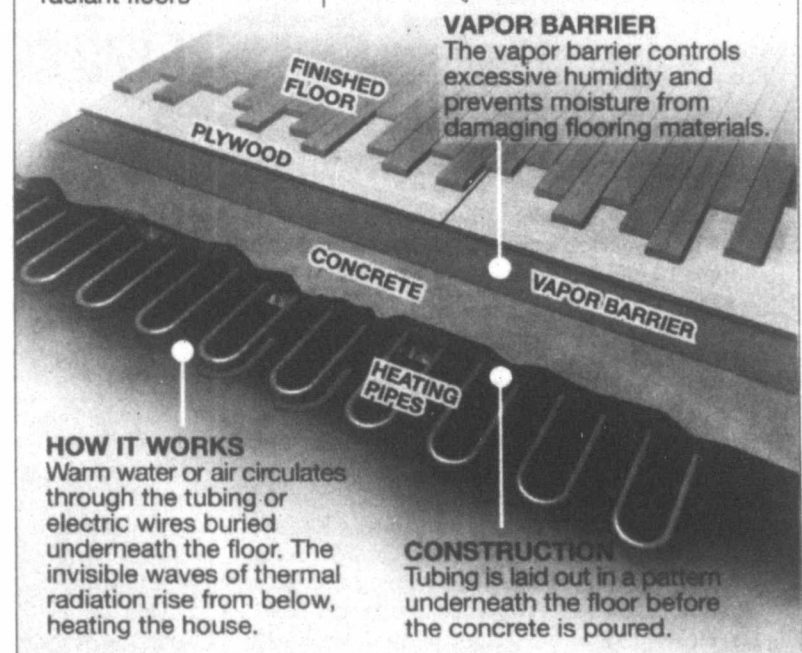
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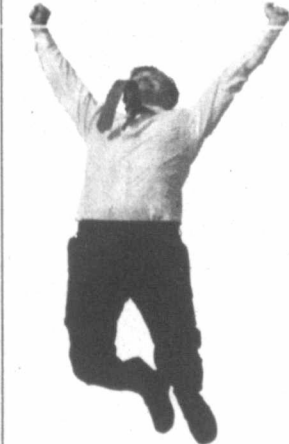
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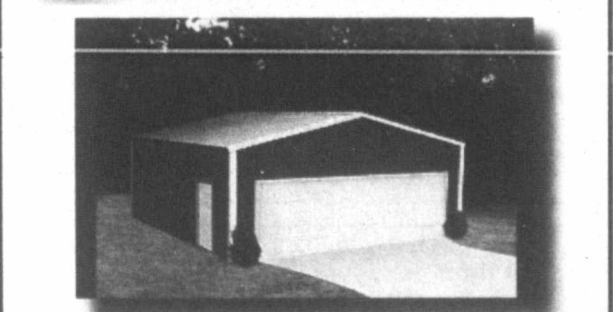
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Today in History

Today is Friday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2011. There are 36 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 25, 1986, the Iran-Contra affair erupted as President Ronald Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese revealed that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels.

On this date:

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1908, the first issue of The Christian Science Monitor was published.

In 1940, the cartoon character Woody Woodpecker made his debut in the animated short "Knock Knock."

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a slight stroke.

In 1961, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, was commissioned.

In 1963, the body of President John F. Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery; his widow, Jacqueline, lighted an "eternal flame" at the gravesite.

In 1973, Greek President George Papadopoulos was ousted in a bloodless military coup.

In 1999, five-year-old Elian Gonzalez was rescued by a pair of sport fishermen off the coast of Florida, setting off an international custody battle.

In 2002, President George W. Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, and appointed Tom Ridge to be its head.

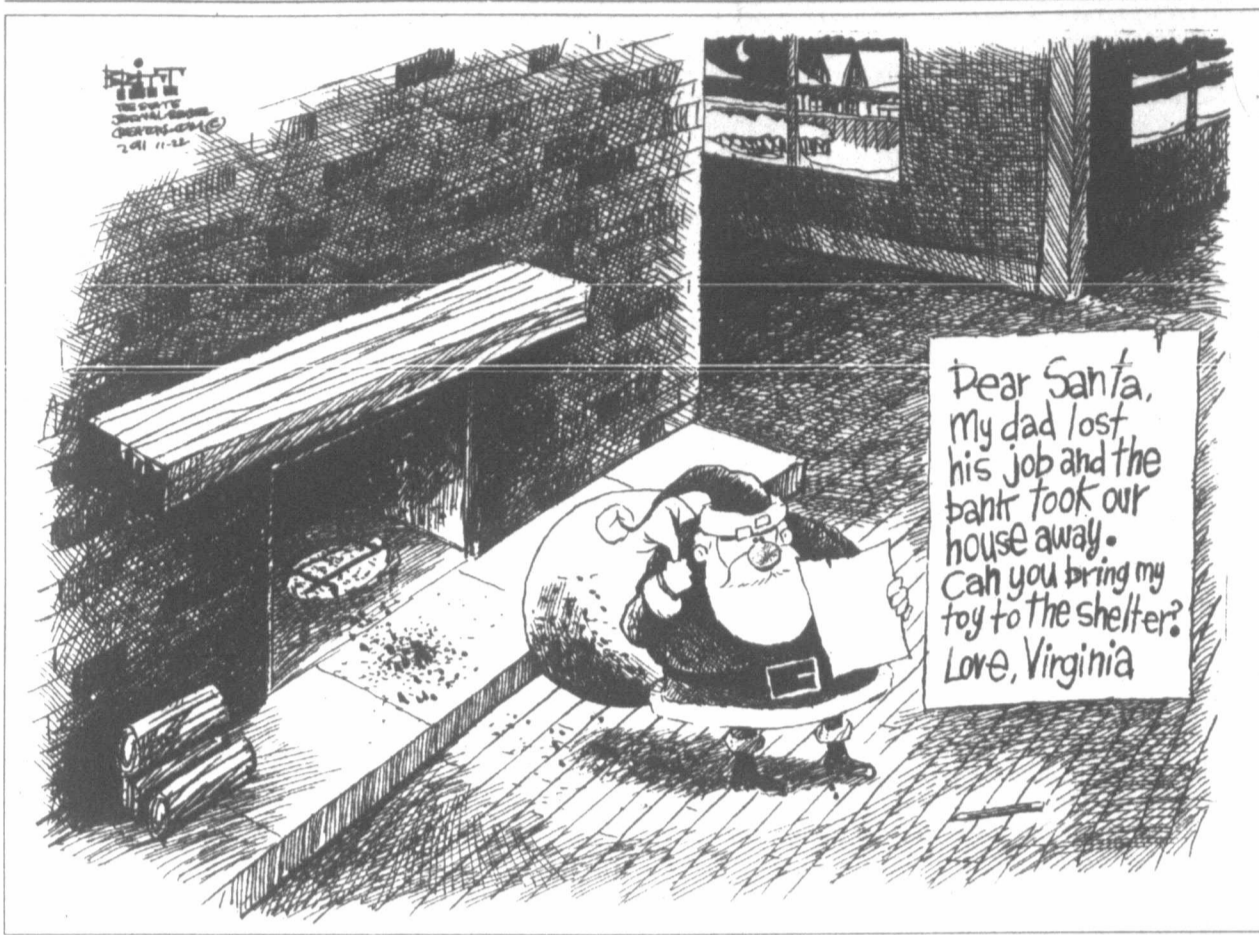
Ten years ago: As the war in Afghanistan entered its eighth week, CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann was killed during a prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif, becoming America's first combat casualty of the conflict.

Five years ago: A police shooting outside a strip club in Queens, N.Y., resulted in the death of Sean Bell hours before his wedding. (Two officers were later indicted for manslaughter while a third faced lesser charges; all three were acquitted at trial.)

One year ago: Incumbent Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki cemented his grip on power, bringing an end to nearly nine months of political deadlock after he was asked to form the next government.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Noel Neill is 91. Playwright Murray Schisgal is 85. Actress Kathryn Crosby is 78. Actor Matt Clark is 75. Actor Christopher Riordan is 74. Singer Percy Sledge is 71. Author, actor and economist Ben Stein is 67. Singer Bob Lind is 67. Actor John Larroquette is 64. Actor Tracy Walter is 64. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 64. Author Charlaime Harris is 60. Singer Amy Grant is 51. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 47. Rock singer Mark Lanegan is 47. Rock singer-musician Tim Armstrong is 46. Actor Steve Harris is 46. Actor Billy Burke is 45. Singer Stacy Lattisaw is 45. Rock musician Rodney Sheppard (Sugar Ray) is 45. Actress Jill Hennessy is 42. Actress Christina Applegate is 40. Actor Eddie Steeples is 38. Actor Joel Kinnaman is 32. Former first daughter Jenna Bush Hager is 30. Former first daughter Barbara Bush is 30. Actress Katie Cassidy is 25.

Thought for Today: "The world is a country which nobody ever yet knew by description; one must travel through it one's self to be acquainted with it." - Philip Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, British statesman (1694-1773).



Lizard needs to be exempted from ESA

Texas is the largest daily producer of oil and natural gas in the nation and one of the top ten producers in the world. Currently, there are 150,199 oil wells and 94,800 gas wells actively producing in the state, supplying 31.2 percent and 35.8 percent, respectively, of the U.S. total.

So when the federal government, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, proposed to list the dunes sagebrush lizard on the Endangered Species List without a defensible scientific base, you can imagine my surprise and bewilderment.

The dunes sagebrush lizard is found in Winkler, Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, Cochran, Ward, and Crane counties, coincidentally home to the state and country's dominant oil producing basin, the Permian Basin.

With the U.S. economy in shreds and the lack of scientific evidence, one can't help but wonder if this most recent federal overreach is just a continuation of the Obama administration's attack on Texas and her abundant oil resources.

Which is why I am calling for the dunes sagebrush lizard to be granted an exemption from the Endangered Species Act.

The Endangered Species Act says that a determination is to be made on the best scientific and commercial data available, but what if only



KEL SELIGER

10 percent of that data specifically relates to Texas? And more interestingly, some reports used to base this determination date back as far as 1972. I am appalled that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Service deems this as scientifically acceptable.

I am in favor of protecting wildlife against human consumption and action, but this is clearly a violent and exorbitant use of the Endangered Species Act. It's also interesting to note that Congress believes that economic impact should be considered while designating the critical habitat for the endangered species once it is listed, but no such consideration is given during the listing process.

Clearly, the Endangered Species Act needs to be overhauled and reworked to adapt to the 21st century.

The original legislation passed Congress in 1973, and while the most recent amendment in 2004 exempted the Department of Defense (DOD), there has not been

a concerted effort to review it in over 20 years.

I understand the need to exempt the DOD on the basis of national security reasons and would call for the same exemption to apply in the case of the dunes sagebrush lizard in West Texas. Fifty-seven percent of all oil consumed in the U.S. is imported, therefore allowing foreign countries to manipulate and hold hostage the American marketplace. This country's energy independence requires us to produce oil and gas from within our own borders and with unsupported listings on the Endangered Species List and the regulations that accompany a listing, companies simply cannot, and will not continue to do business here.

Comptroller Susan Combs, the oil and gas industry, and stakeholders of the Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species are to be commended for their innovative work on the Texas Conservation Plan for the dunes sagebrush lizard. However, once the imminent listing of it occurs, I urge the Texas Congressional delegation to pursue an exemption of the Endangered Species Act.

Kel Seliger is a Republican member of the Texas State Senate representing District 31 in the Panhandle and the Permian Basin.

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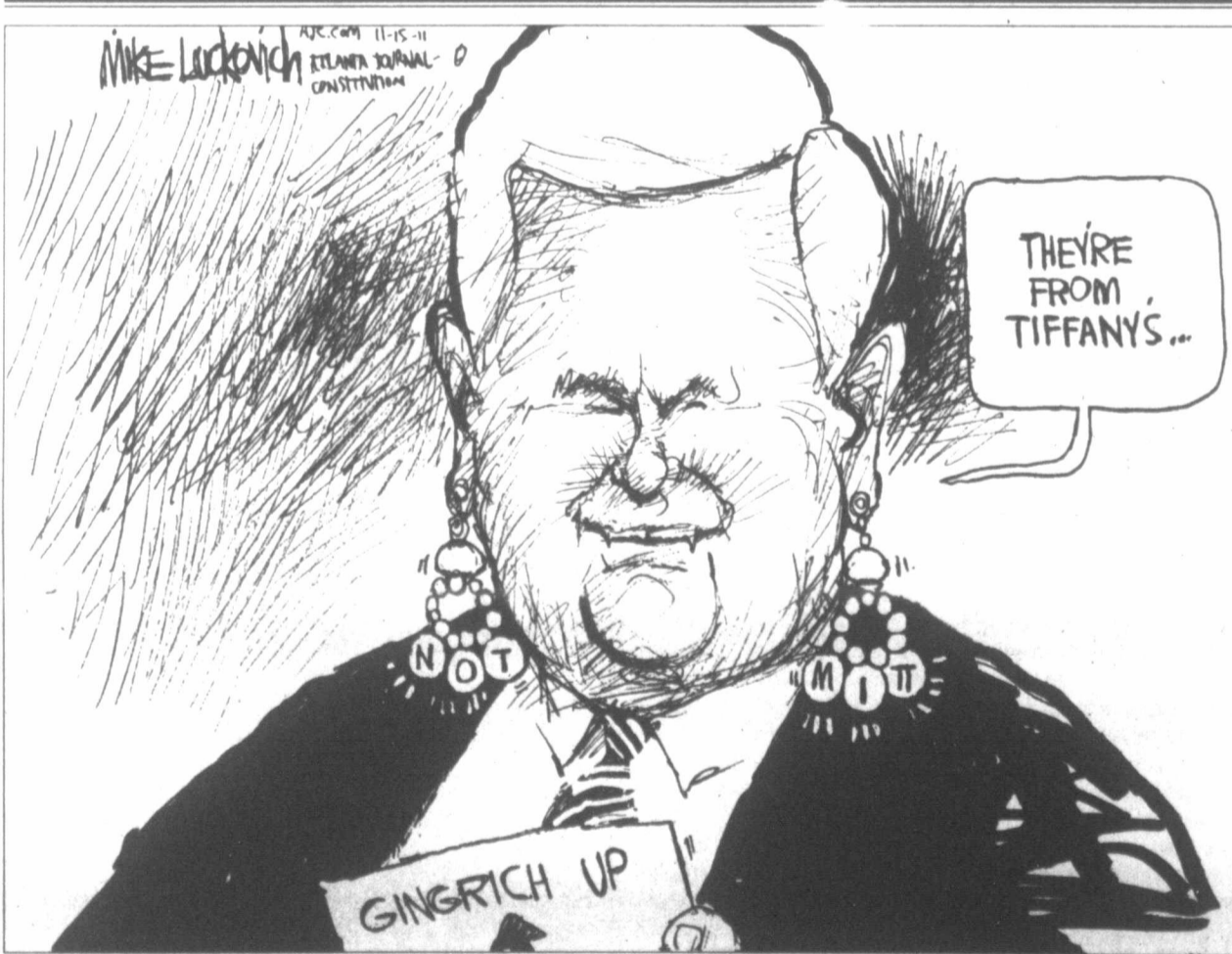
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Saturday in History

On Nov. 28, 1961, President John F. Kennedy dedicated the original permanent today is Saturday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2011. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 26, 1941, U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull delivered a note to Japan's ambassador to the United States, Kichisaburo Nomura, proposing an agreement for "lasting and extensive peace throughout the Pacific area." The same day, a Japanese naval task force consisting of six aircraft carriers left the Kuril Islands, headed toward Hawaii.

On this date:

In 1789, this was a day of thanksgiving set aside by President George Washington to observe the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Society, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1842, the founders of the University of Notre Dame arrived at the school's present-day site near South Bend, Ind.

In 1910, two dozen young women were killed when fire broke out at a muslin factory in Newark, N.J.

In 1933, a judge in New York decided the James Joyce book "Ulysses" was not obscene and could be published in the United States.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed.

In 1950, China entered the Korean War, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the U.S. and South Korea.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she'd accidentally caused part of the 18-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Senator John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush appealed to Congress to outlaw human cloning after scientists in Worcester, Mass., reported they had created the first cloned human embryo. The National Bureau of Economic Research, the recognized arbiter of when recessions begin and end in the United States, declared that the country had entered a downturn in March 2001.

Five years ago: In New York City, an angry crowd demanded to know why police officers killed Sean Bell, an unarmed man, on the day of his wedding by firing dozens of shots that also wounded two of Bell's friends. In Turkey, tens of thousands of protesters denounced Pope Benedict XVI as an enemy of Islam two days before the pontiff's scheduled visit. Rafael Correa won Ecuador's presidential runoff.

One year ago: Nineteen-year-old Somali-born Mohamed Osman Mohamud was arrested by federal agents during a sting in Portland, Ore., accused of planning to detonate van of explosives during Christmas tree lighting ceremony. President Barack Obama received 12 stitches in his upper lip after taking an errant elbow during a pickup basketball game with family and friends visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday. Connecticut beat Howard 86-25 to win its 82nd straight game, setting an NCAA women's basketball record for consecutive victories.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ellen Albertini Dow is 98. Impressionist Rich Little is 73. Singer Tina Turner is 72. Singer Jean Terrell is 67. Pop musician John McVie is 66. Actress Marianne Muellerleile is 63. Actor Scott Jacoby is 55. Actress Jamie Rose is 52. Country singer Linda Davis is 49. Blues singer-musician Bernard Allison is 46. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe is 46. Actress Kristin Bauer is 38. Actor Peter Facinelli is 38. Actress Tammy Lynn Michaels Etheridge is 37. Actress Maia Campbell is 35. Country singer Joe Nichols is 35. Contemporary Christian musicians Anthony and Randy Armstrong (Red) are 33. Actress Jessica Bowman is 31. Pop singer Natasha Bedingfield is 30. Rock musician Ben Wysocki (The Fray) is 27. Singer Lil Fizz is 26. Singer Aubrey Collins is 24.

Thought for Today: "Put something off for one day, and 10 days will pass." - Korean proverb.

Sunday in History

Today is Sunday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2011. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

On this date:

In 1839, the American Statistical Association was founded in Boston.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1911, the stage comedy "The Playboy of the Western World" by J.M. Synge received a hostile reception as it opened in New York because of theatergoers angered over its portrayal of Irish characters. Theatrical producer David Merrick was born in St. Louis.

In 1939, the play "Key Largo," by Maxwell Anderson, opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theater in New York.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

In 2005, doctors in France performed the world's first partial face transplant on a woman disfigured by a dog bite; Isabelle Dinoire received the lips, nose and chin of a brain-dead woman in a 15-hour operation.

Ten years ago: Afghan factions opened power-sharing talks outside Bonn, Germany.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, stopping over in Estonia en route to a NATO summit in Latvia and meetings in Jordan, intensified diplomatic efforts to quell rising violence in Iraq and Afghanistan. Fire burned down a group home for the elderly and mentally ill in Anderson, Mo., killing 10 residents and a caretaker. (Faulty wiring was cited as the likely cause of the blaze.)

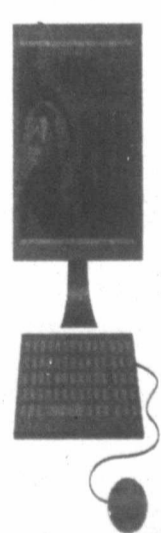
One year ago: The State Department released a letter from its top lawyer to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, warning that an expected imminent release of classified cables would put "countless" lives at risk, threaten global counterterrorism operations and jeopardize U.S. relations with its allies.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Avery is 63. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow is 60. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 56. Actor William Fichtner is 55. Caroline Kennedy is 54. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 52. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 49. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 49. Actor Fisher Stevens is 48. Actress Robin Givens is 47. Actor Michael Vartan is 43. Actor Kirk Acevedo is 40. Actor Jaleel White is 35. Actress Alison Pill is 26.

Thought for Today: "Man's loneliness is but his fear of life." - Eugene O'Neill, American playwright (born 1888, died this date in 1953).

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Experts recommend Texas keep DNA after convictions

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas authorities should keep biological evidence whenever possible — even in criminal cases where defendants plead guilty — since DNA tests could one day exonerate those convicted, experts told a panel of state lawmakers Tuesday.

The Criminal Jurisprudence Committee is studying Texas procedures for performing DNA tests and recommending how to improve them. Members gathered following the case of Michael Morton, who wrongfully spent nearly 25 years behind bars for the 1987 beating death of his wife.

Morton was released Oct. 4 and his conviction was subsequently overturned after tests on a bloody bandana found near his home outside Austin revealed another man's DNA. The techniques used weren't available during Morton's original trial, but once they were, prosecutors spent years arguing the bandana wasn't relevant in the case.

After Morton was exonerated, police arrested a new suspect in his wife's slaying and said that man may be linked to a chillingly similar killing in the area in January 1988.

Rep. Pete Gallego, an Alpine Democrat and the committee's chairman, said the goal is to prevent what happened to Morton from happening again.

"How do you build a system to minimize that risk?" he asked.

Rebecca Bernhardt, policy director for the Texas Forensic Service, said district attorneys sometimes include provisions for DNA evidence to be destroyed as part of guilty plea agreements with defendants. She also said that, because of the sheer volume of evidence already being stored, some is discarded after cases end in convictions with long prison terms.

"We have to be very careful about destroying evidence," said Bernhardt, whose nonprofit represents mostly

indigent defendants in capital murder cases. She even cited examples where defendants have pleaded guilty to get shorter prison sentences, only to be freed later based on DNA evidence.

But committee members also received letters from state district attorneys who complained that nearly all prisoners claim to be innocent and it's impossible to do DNA tests in every case — even if the physical evidence has been stored.

Bernhardt said another problem is many DNA testing labs are located inside police departments, and therefore could feel pressured to produce results favorable to police and prosecutors. Gallego's committee is also mulling the feasibility of accrediting additional DNA testing centers in Texas.

Arthur Eisenberg, a DNA analysis expert from the North Texas Science Center, said in order to get accredited, labs have to meet operating stan-

dards that ensure they aren't unduly influenced by prosecutors or police. He also acknowledged, though, that lab analysts might feel "conscious or unconscious" pressure to aid law enforcement if they share the same office.

Eisenberg agreed with Bernhardt that "retention of samples is paramount," adding that new DNA testing requires less genetic material than ever in many cases, making storage easier. Still, the money and manpower required means officials have to target cases where more tests might have a real impact, he said.

The federal government provides Texas and other states funding to perform additional DNA testing, but expects that for each \$1,000 it provides, a case will be taken care of, Eisenberg said. That standard is easily met in some cases but not others since the level of testing involved varies greatly.

Judge in beating video gets court suspension

McALLEN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court suspended a judge Tuesday whose beating of his teenage daughter in 2004 was viewed millions of times on the Internet.

Aransas County court-at-law Judge William Adams was suspended immediately with pay pending the outcome of the inquiry started earlier this month by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, according to an order signed Tuesday by the clerk of the state's highest court.

The order makes clear that while Adams agreed to the commission's recommended temporary suspension and waived the hearing and notice requirements, he does not admit "guilt, fault or wrongdoing" regarding the allegations. His attorney did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Adams' now 23-year-old daughter Hillary Adams uploaded the secretly-recorded 2004 video of her father beating her repeatedly with a belt for making illegal downloads from the internet.

William Adams has not sat on the bench since the video went viral. It has been viewed more than 6 million times on YouTube.

The public outcry over the video was so great that in a rare move the State Commission on Judicial Conduct announced publicly Nov. 2 that it had opened an investigation. A statement from the commission then said that it had been flooded with calls, emails and faxes regarding the video and Adams.

William Adams appeared in court Monday for a day-long hearing regarding the custody of his 10-year-old daughter. His wife had sought a change in their joint custody agreement, and another judge imposed a temporary restraining order effectively keeping William Adams from being alone with his younger daughter until he reached a decision. An order was expected in that dispute Wednesday.

As Aransas County's top judge, William Adams has dealt with at least 349 family law cases in the past year alone, nearly 50 of which involved state caseworkers seeking determine whether parents were fit to raise their children. A visiting judge has been handling his caseload.

After reviewing the investigation conducted by local police, the Aransas County district attorney said too much time had passed to bring charges against William Adams.

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of our summer," said Hooper. "Without having lake water, we can only pump so much from the well system. We're going to be fine if we get this well system in place. If we have the type of summer that we had this last summer, I would venture to say that we're going to be in a critical stage for a few months there."

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Marijuana-laden plane left at Texas airstrip was sold

HOUSTON (AP) — A small plane abandoned with about 100 pounds of marijuana onboard after skidding off the runway at a small private airstrip was recently sold at auction or in an estate sale following the death of its registered owner, authorities said Tuesday.

John Kremmer, chief sheriff's deputy in Waller County, said federal investigators determined the twin-engine plane abandoned Monday at Houston Executive Airport was purchased some months ago, but its new owner apparently didn't reregister it.

The previous owner was from La Vernia, about 23 miles southeast of San Antonio.

"I believe with their assistance we'll be able to track down who purchased this thing at auction," Kremmer said.

The aircraft had not been reported stolen.

"All of this is part of a criminal investigation," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford told The Associated Press. "We are conducting an investigation into the accident as well as assisting law enforcement in determining where the aircraft came from."

Lunsford said when a plane is purchased, the bill of sale includes a new registration form that serves as a temporary registration. It's supposed to be filled out and mailed "before you even leave the ground."

"If not, you're illegally flying the airplane," he said.

Authorities on Tuesday were trying to determine who

was flying the plane and whether anyone else was onboard.

Witnesses said they saw at least one man run off into the darkness after the plane made a hard landing at the rural airstrip about 35 miles west of Houston. Officers found the marijuana inside the abandoned aircraft.

Authorities said broken or missing nose gear caused the plane to slide onto the grass.

Lunsford said it appeared the pilot made a landing with the wind behind him.

"That's not good," he said. "What generally happens with a tailwind is you have trouble stopping and can run off the end of a runway, which is exactly what happened. I think the fact he made a downwind landing could indicate he's not the world's best pilot."

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Police honor man who led them to Lee Harvey Oswald

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police honored a man on Tuesday whose "keen observation skills and strong sense of civic duty" led them to Lee Harvey Oswald, who had crept into the back of a darkened movie theater to hide on Nov. 22, 1963, shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Police Chief David Brown presented Johnny Calvin Brewer with the department's Citizen's Certificate of Merit and praised his selfless act and "exemplary conduct" 48 years ago during a ceremony at the Texas Theatre — the same place where Oswald was captured about 80 minutes after Kennedy was killed.

"I'm just so overwhelmed," Brewer, 70, said after receiving the award and watching a video of his 22-year-old self recounting the events of that day.

Brewer, a manager at a shoe store located about 90 steps from the Oak Cliff neighborhood theater, was listening to news reports about the president's assassination when he heard reports that a Dallas police officer, J.D. Tippit, had just been killed a few blocks away.

A man whose behavior seemed suspicious then walked into the foyer of the shoe store. Brewer said the man stared at the display in the window and acted scared as police cars with blaring sirens raced by.

After the last squad car passed in one direction, the man stepped out of the store and walked in the opposite direction toward the movie theater.

Brewer saw him go into the theater without buying a ticket. He followed him, alerting the woman in the box office to call police. Brewer then shared his suspicions with the concessions operator and the two searched the theater and stood by the emergency exits.

Hearing noise behind his alley-exit door, Brewer opened it only to have police guns aimed at him. The movie theater lights went on and Brewer pointed out

the suspicious man seated in the theater. Oswald was arrested after a brief scuffle, during which he punched an officer and pulled a gun.

As Oswald was taken from the theater he hollered: "I am not resisting arrest," according to testimony Brewer gave the Warren Commission that investigated the president's death.

Since then, Brewer said he served in the Navy and then moved to Austin, where he still lives, having retired from a career in sales.

Beaming family members, including two grandchildren, and friends who called him a humble man, were on hand for Tuesday's ceremony.

"Mr. Brewer made a difference in the history of the United States," Deputy Police Chief Randy Blankenbaker said. "You not only helped us capture the man who shot the president of the United States but you also helped us capture a man who killed one of our police officers."

Tippit's widow expressed her gratitude to Brewer, as did retired Dallas police officer Ray Hawkins.

"I think it's a little late, but I'm glad he's finally getting recognition. He's deserving," said Hawkins, who said he handcuffed Oswald that day.

Brown speculated that the tribute did not occur sooner because Dallas has been trying to move away from the tragedy it's been associated with for so long that "many of the details of the actions by citizens like Mr. Brewer have been left behind."

But Brown, who became chief last year, said as the department began trying to revisit its legacy and history, Brewer's story just "jumped out."

Last year, Farris Rookstool III, a former FBI analyst and JFK historian, brought their attention to Temple F. Bowley, who climbed in to Tippit's squad car moments after he was slain and used the police radio to call for help. After Bowley was issued a commendation, the chief asked Rookstool if there was anyone else who was missed and research revealed Brewer.

Brown made a point of correcting that oversight "as quickly as possible," saying, "Thank God we were able to find him and he's still with us."

The chief said the department will keep looking for those "whose extraordinary actions helped bring closure to one of the more tragic" events for the city and the nation.

New Mexico mulling district compromise

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Republican Gov. Susana Martinez along with some Democrats and minority voters are working on a possible compromise on a congressional redistricting proposal to offer to a state district court that will determine district boundaries for the rest of the decade.

Lawyers for the governor and a group that includes Rep. Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe, along with Hispanic, African American and Native American voters outlined their negotiations Tuesday to District Judge James Hall at a hearing to prepare for a trial that starts Dec. 5 on congressional redistricting.

The lawyers are working on what they described as a "least change" plan, which will make as few revisions as possible to New Mexico's three congressional seats and won't substantially alter the current political tilt of the districts.

Currently, the 3rd District of northern New Mexico is heavily Democratic and the 2nd District of southern New Mexico has been reliably Republican. The Albuquerque-area 1st District has been the most politically competitive seat although Republicans held it for decades until a Democrat won in 2008 and in 2010.

The goal of redistricting is to adjust boundaries for population changes during the past decade and equalize district populations as much as possible to comply with legal requirements for one-person, one vote.

"We are optimistic we can come to a reasonable settlement," Paul Kennedy, a lawyer for the governor, said after the hearing.

He said the governor wants to resolve the congressional redistricting dispute and potentially lessen the state's legal expenses.

He and Joseph Goldberg, a lawyer for the minority and Democratic group of voters, said there's a tentative agreement on a proposal but a few details remain unresolved. Kennedy said talks continue over a couple of precincts in Valencia and Bernalillo counties, including Native American areas.

However, not all Democrats in the redistricting court fight are


backing the potential compromise.

A separate group of Democrats, including Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas of Albuquerque, continue to push a different plan, which would consolidate most of Bernalillo and Valencia counties into the 1st District and make it slightly more Democratic in its voting.

Even if an agreement is reached between Republicans and some Democrats, it still will be up to the judge to decide congressional district boundaries.

Kennedy said lawyers in the negotiations are optimistic the judge will accept a plan that makes few changes to district boundaries if the proposal is backed by most of the parties in the redistricting dispute.


The redistricting fight shifted to the courts after the Democratic-controlled Legislature failed to approve a congressional redistricting plan and the governor vetoed Democratic-backed proposals for drawing new boundaries for the state House, state Senate and Public Regulation Commission. Hall has scheduled trials on legislative and PRC redistricting later in December and in January.



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Frequent mover Burnett adjusting to Pampa's system

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Sophomore Hayley Burnett said she has been a journeywoman lately.

"I've moved three times in the last year and a half," Burnett said.

In her latest move, Burnett joins the Lady Harvesters after spending her freshman year in McLean.

Burnett said her moves were due to family issues.

"I moved to Panhandle because my mom got married," Burnett said. "(Her husband) was from Panhandle. We didn't like McLean then we moved back because my grandparents were sick. I moved in with my dad here."

Burnett moved to Pampa in the summer. Before living in McLean she lived in Panhandle. Burnett said the biggest thing she had to get used to is the style of play.

"In McLean we fast broke all the time," Burnett said. "Here in Pampa we set up on offense. It's very tough but I'm getting better, I hope. It's a big change from transitioning to just setting your offense up. Here we don't shoot layups all night. We dribble and shoot a jumper."

This season, Burnett has received minutes off the bench and said getting used to a coaches' terminology hasn't been new for her.

"I've had to get used to new coaches and what they teach you," Burnett said. "I



Burnett

just have to get used to that. I've moved every year.

Head coach Gene Valentine said Burnett is starting to pick up the system.

"She is getting more comfortable," Valentine said. "You can still tell she is a little hesitant with

what's going on. She is a hard player. She is an aggressive player. That always helps."

Burnett has scored in double digits in two of the last three games. Against Bushland, she was co-leading scorer along with Kirsten Kuhn. Burnett said she is getting better but still has room to improve.

"I'm getting used to it but I still have a lot to work on," Burnett said. "It's just going to take time."

Burnett said she likes going to a bigger school.

"I hated McLean," Burnett said. "Panhandle wasn't small but it wasn't big. I liked Panhandle. I have a lot more friends here. I just like bigger schools."

Along with living in a new place, Burnett has a new uniform number.

"I used to be number 12," Burnett said. "Since Latigo (Collins) is number five, I decided to be number five too."

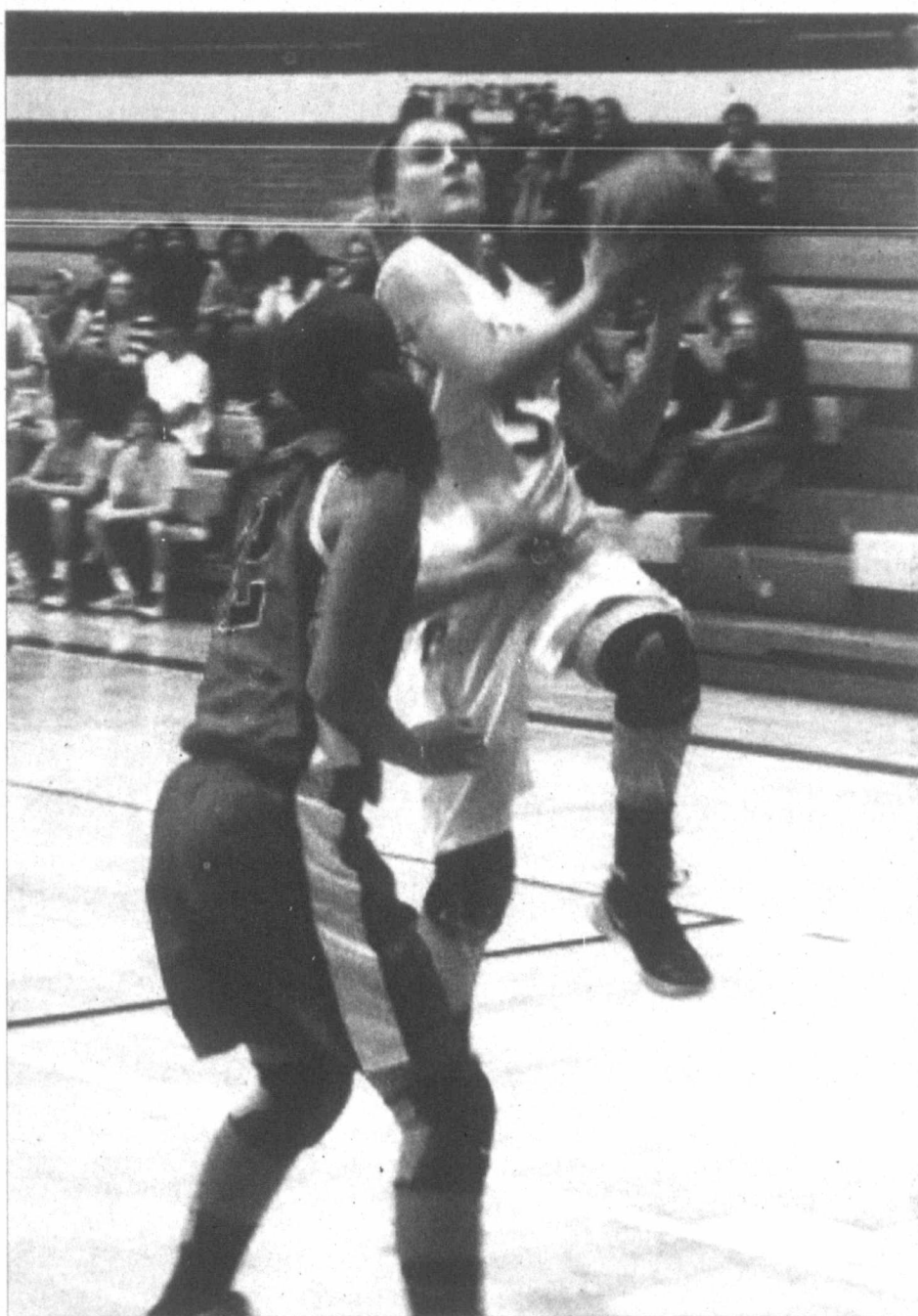


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Sophomore Hayley Burnett attempts a layup against Wellington Nov. 18. Pampa is the third move for Burnett in the last year and a half.

This Week in Sports

Monday, November 28

• 9th grade girls basketball vs. Palo Duro, 6 p.m., Dennis Cavalier Activity Center.

• 9th grade boys basketball at Borger, 6 p.m.

Tuesday November 29

• Varsity and JV Girls Basketball at Gruver, games start at 6 p.m.

• McLean Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Miami, games start at 6 p.m., McLean

Wednesday November 30

• Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, 8 a.m.

Thursday December 1

• Pampa Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at River Road Tournament

• Lefors, McLean boys and girls, and Pampa JV boys and girls basketball at

Miami Tournament

Friday December 2

• Pampa Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at River Road Tournament

• Lefors, McLean boys and girls, and Pampa JV boys and girls basketball at Miami Tournament

Saturday December 3

• Pampa Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at River Road Tournament

• Lefors, McLean boys and girls, and Pampa JV boys and girls basketball at Miami Tournament

• Pampa Swimming Tascosa Dual, Pampa Youth Center, 9 a.m.

• Pampa JV and Varsity Girls wrestling Bushland Tournament

• Pampa Varsity Boys wrestling Randall Duals.

OU, OSU battle for Big 12 title

No matter what championship is on the line, Bedlam is still a big deal.

The stakes of the Dec. 3 game were lowered over the weekend when Baylor and Iowa State — historically the Big 12's two weakest teams — took down Oklahoma State and Oklahoma on consecutive nights to diminish what was shaping up to be a national semifinal.

Instead, it will be the Big 12 championship and a likely trip to the Fiesta Bowl on the line in Stillwater, as long as the Sooners can avoid another upset this weekend. It would take similar chaos in the SEC over the next two weeks to get Oklahoma State — now fourth in the BCS standings — back into the national championship race.

"What it comes down to, they've got an opportunity to play for the Big 12 championship against Oklahoma," Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said Monday. "So, they shouldn't need much more motivation than that. ... They know what's going on out there. They read it, they see it all the time, so I'm sure they're aware of it."

Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) was ranked second before its 37-31 loss at Iowa State on Friday night. The Sooners (9-2, 6-2) were No. 5 before losing 45-38 at Baylor the next night.

Heading into the season, the Bears and Cyclones had the fewest conference wins in the first 15 years of the Big 12's existence. Iowa State moved past Kansas with its upset, part of an uprising that might have eliminated the

league's chances of winning it all this season.

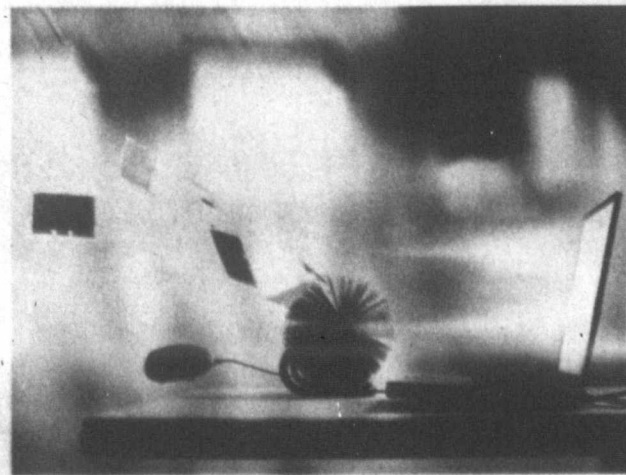
Both teams are reshaping their goals this week, with Oklahoma hosting Iowa State on Saturday while Oklahoma State has an open date.

"To be honest with you, that's something I talk

about from the beginning of the season — to have just your one goal as only to be the national champion isn't always very realistic and percentages of that for everybody are pretty difficult," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said.

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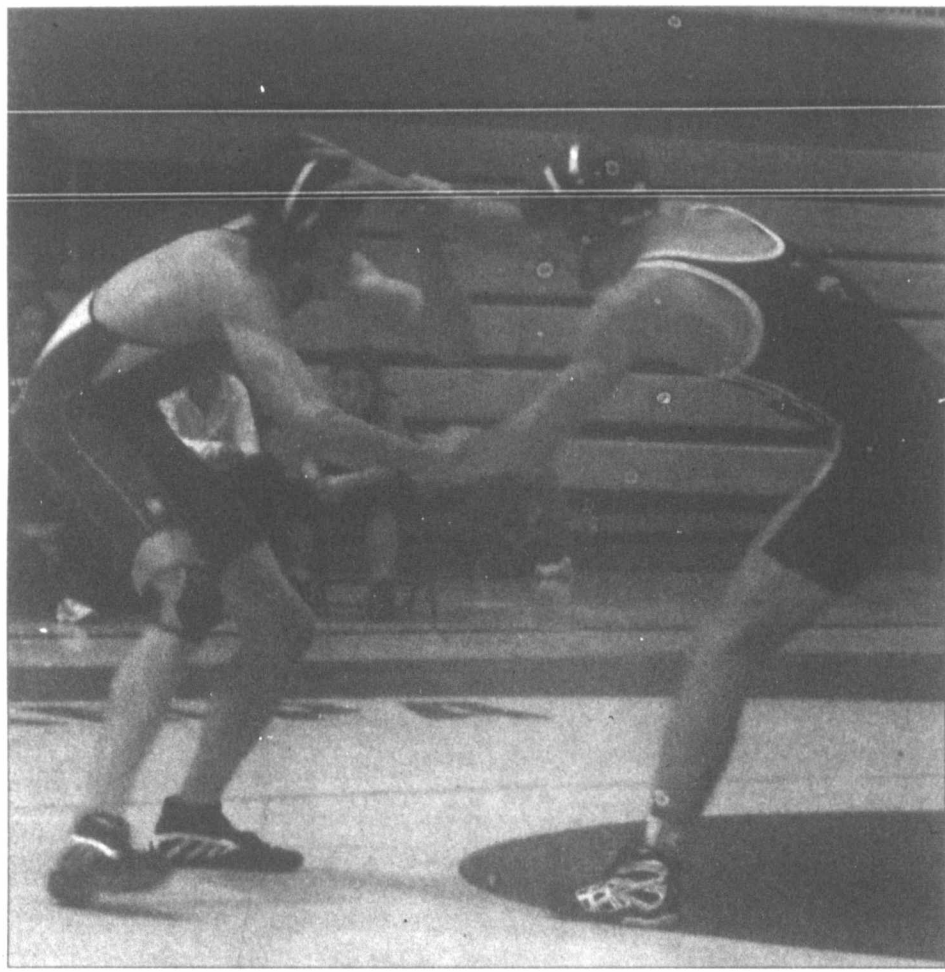
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Sports

Harvesters down Roughriders, fall against Raiders



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Senior Robert Radke spars with Randall's Corey Cameron Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Radke won the match 8-4 but Pampa came up short 42-39.

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Last season, the Randall Raiders' wrestling team finished third at the state tournament while the Pampa Harvesters looked to be finished with wrestling.

Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse, Pampa may have been the underdog, but was holding a lead entering the final match. Unfortunately the Raiders struck the final blow and left with a 42-39 victory.

The Harvesters trailed the Raiders 24-9 after the sixth match. Pampa rallied with sophomores Isidro Estrada and Alan Stovall scoring pins. Those pins gave Pampa a 39-36 lead. Arthur Garcia was pinned three and a half minutes into the second period to give Randall the win.

Head coach Michael Stovall said he was excited about his team's performance.

"It doesn't matter until district, regionals and state," Stovall said. "If these kids keep doing what they are doing now, they are going to go far. They are doing exactly what I ask."

Junior Quaid Chennault scored a pin in eight seconds. Chennault said he just stuck to his strategy.

"I didn't want the match to last," Chennault said. "I wanted to get in and get out."

Chennault said the team is improving from meet to meet.

"We are getting a lot better every day," Chennault said. "We are accepting challenges and beating people."

The coach said he wants his team going against the best because it wants to be

the best.

"There's a method to my madness," Stovall said. "That's how we are going to do it. I got them believing in me right now. We are going to keep doing it."

Pampa also went against the Boys Ranch Roughriders, winning 39-32. The Harvesters jumped out to a 27-13 lead. Seniors Robert Radke and Trent McAnear pinned their opponents to increase Pampa's lead. The Roughriders rallied with a pair of pins, cutting the lead to two. Trailing 33-25, Boys Ranch won two matches by decision to force a deciding match. Senior Ryan Pearson pinned Boys Ranch Matt Bell at the end of the first period clinching the dual for Pampa.

Radke, who also won his match 8-4 against Randall, said he felt good about his matches.

"I felt like I had control," Radke said.

Radke said he was happy to get a win against a high-ranked team like Randall.

"I'm so happy, I beat Randall," Radke said. "It was a tough win."

The Lady Harvesters defeated Boys Ranch 18-6. Miranda Foreman, Cheyanne Young and Bella Wilson each pinned their opponents.

The girls will wrestle in the Bushland wrestling tournament and the boys will wrestle in the Randall dual. Stovall said it will be a good challenge for the guys.

"It's the toughest dual tournament in the state," Stovall said. "You got El Paso teams, Kansas teams and Oklahoma teams. This is where these boys want to be. They are going to show up and do exactly what I ask."

Lady Harvesters can't shoot early, fall to Lady Horns

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters struggle early and can't escape an early hole in a 47-27 loss to the Caprock Lady Longhorns Tuesday at Amarillo.

Head coach Gene Valentine said his team couldn't hit a shot in the first quarter.

"First half, (Caprock) shot 53 percent," Valentine said. "We shot 18 percent. It wasn't all contested stuff either. We just couldn't get the ball in the hole."

Senior guard Kirsten Kuhn said the team was exhausted.

"Some of us performed in the musical," Kuhn said. "It's been a big week for us. Trying to separate your energy is tough. We just didn't play well."

The Lady Harvesters (3-4) fell behind



Valentine

14-2 in the first quarter. Things didn't improve much in the second as the Lady Longhorns held a 28-9 lead.

Valentine said his team played better in the second half.

"We had a chance to cut (the lead) to single figures at the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth," Valentine said. "We never could get back. We played even with them in the second half."

Pampa doesn't play until Tuesday when it visits Gruver, which is ranked eighth in 1A Division 1. Valentine said his team needs a rest.

"We are going to take a few days off," Valentine said. "We will start getting ready for Gruver."

Kuhn said the break should help the team regroup.

"We can focus on our shots," Kuhn said. "It will let us get re-energized."



Kuhn

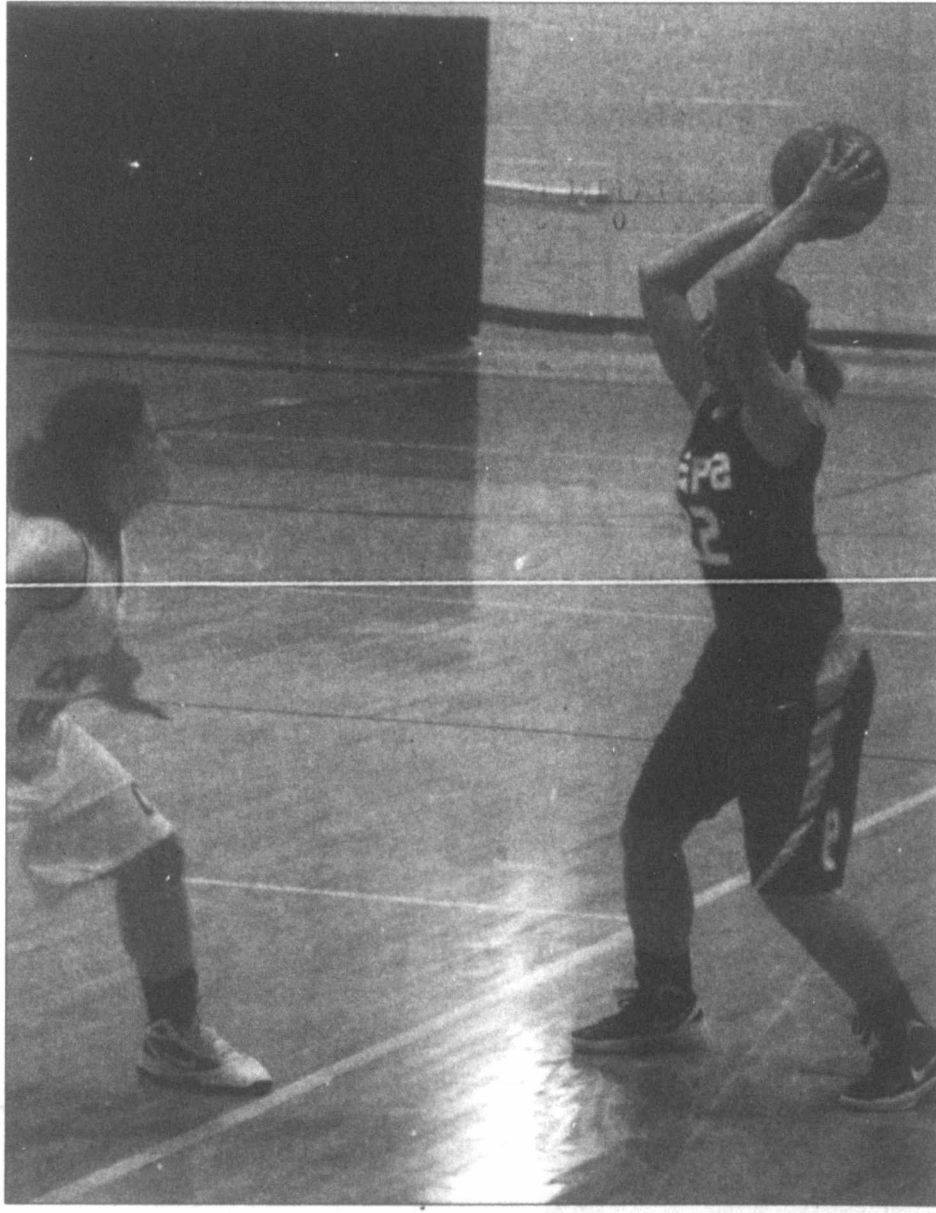


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Junior Allison Ceyanes looks for a teammate to pass to with a Caprock defender closing in Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters lost 47-27 for its second consecutive and third in the last four games. Pampa faces 1A Division 1 No. 8 Gruver Tuesday in Gruver.

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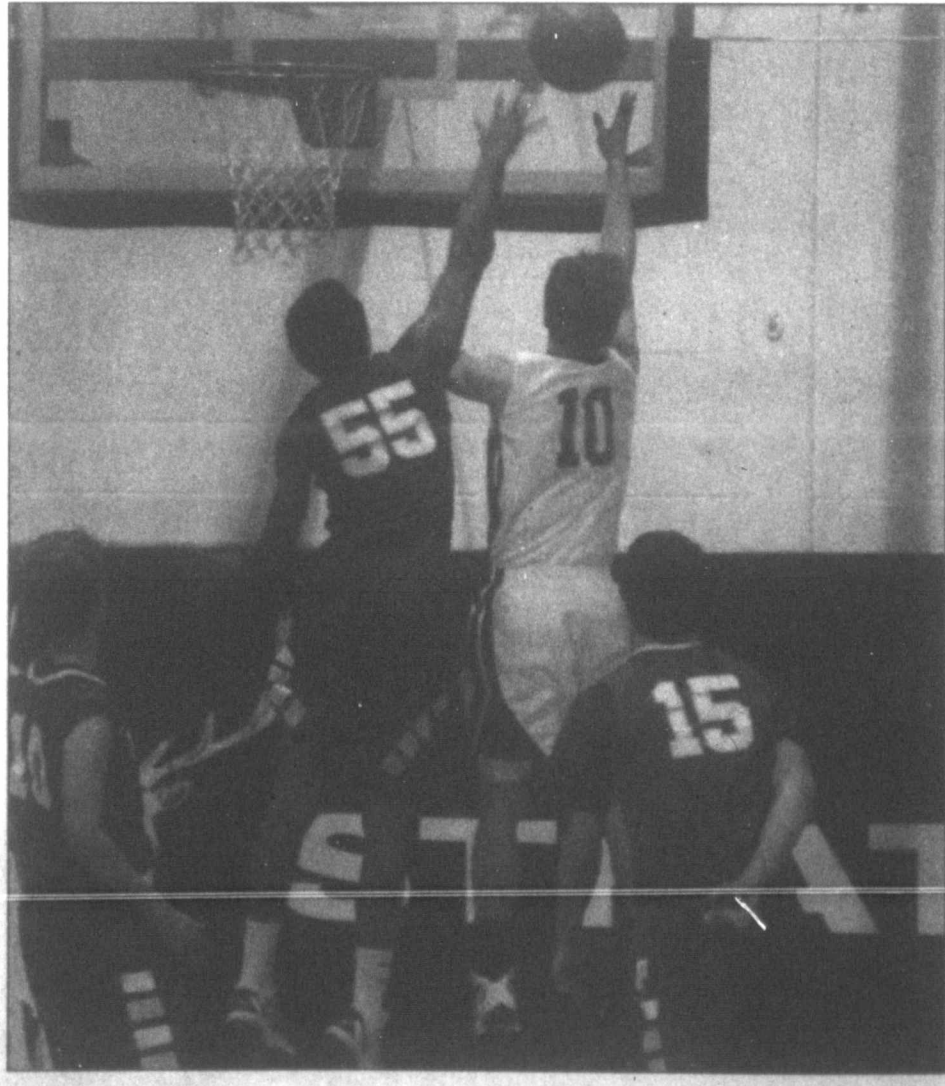


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Junior Derrek Pollard blocks a shot from a Stratford player Monday in Stratford. The Harvesters won 64-49 and improve to 2-0 on the season.

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Sports

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Varsity Girls Basketball

| FRIDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
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| McLean | 15 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 43 |
| Ft. Elliott | 2 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 31 |

| MCLEAN | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| M. McMordie | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| S. Bohlar | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| J. Ketcherside | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Rodriguez | 7 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 18 |
| C. Webb | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S. Acuna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Russell | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| J. Tate | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| C. Richardson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Montoya | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Justice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K. Richardson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 14 | 2 | 20 | 9 | 43 |

| FT. ELLIOTT | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Boydston | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Gibson | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Childress | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Lancaster | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Moore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Meadows | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kiker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 10 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 31 |

Other Score

Darrouzett 60 Lefors 31

Varsity Boys Basketball

| FRIDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|------------|----|----|---|----|-------|
| Lefors | 8 | 12 | 4 | 16 | 40 |
| Darrouzett | 13 | 15 | 9 | 15 | 52 |

| LEFORS | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| B. McBee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S. Nicholson | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| A. Tapp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E. Boaz | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S. Scully | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A. DeLeon | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| T. Swires | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| G. Reagan | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| L. Stegall | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| T. Ray | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| L. Cox | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Sprouse | 5 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 12 |
| Totals | 10 | 4 | 19 | 8 | 40 |

| DARROUZETT | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| J. Meir | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. Van Hooser | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 29 |
| B. Millen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. McCaslin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Mendoza | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Duke | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Devers | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Meier | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Duke | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| T. Harrington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E. Zepeda | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Bentley | 4 | 0 | 15 | 7 | 15 |
| Totals | 14 | 4 | 27 | 12 | 52 |

| MCLEAN | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
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| Z. Sargent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. Hambricht | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| T. Hamel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. West | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| E. Mendoza | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. Laroe | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| D. Hutchinson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Herring | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 23 |
| K. Kinsey | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| B. Cooper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 13 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 37 |

| MONDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Pampa | 11 | 16 | 20 | 19 | 66 |
| Stratford | 6 | 13 | 10 | 22 | 51 |

| PAMPA | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| L. Collins | 5 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 20 |
| T. Kennedy | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| C. Engle | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| R. Miller | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| T. Hutto | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| L. Harris | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Cabrales | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Powell | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| J. Cox | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| D. Pollard | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| Totals | 20 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 66 |

| STRAITFORD | FG | 3pt | FTA | FTM | TP |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Munga | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Audrian | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Schoonover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guerrero | 8 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 17 |
| Haitnino | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Garza | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Melton | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Tarango | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Lantime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 20 | 0 | 20 | 11 | 51 |

Freshman Girls Basketball

| SATURDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|----------|----|---|---|---|-------|
| Dumas | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Pampa | 12 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 25 |

| DUMAS | FG | 3pt | FT | TP |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| J. Boggs | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| N. Intharuch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Y. Carbajal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Rosgado | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Felder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| P. Figarda | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Totals | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |

| PAMPA | FG | 3pt | FT | TP |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| M. Martinez | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| T. Johnson | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| C. Niccum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Thomas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Thomas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Neal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Brown | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| R. Rodriguez | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| G. Brown | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| G. Delatorro | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K. Daniels | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 12 | 0 | 1 | 25 |

| TUESDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|---------|----|----|---|----|-------|
| Pampa | 10 | 11 | 7 | 16 | 44 |
| Caprock | 6 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 23 |

PAMPA

| FG | 3pt | FT | TP | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| M. Martinez | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| T. Johnson | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| C. Niccum | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| M. Thomas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Neal | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| M. Brown | 9 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| R. Rodriguez | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| G. Brown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| G. Delatorro | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K. Daniels | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 21 | 0 | 2 | 44 |

CAPROCK

| FG | 3pt | FT | TP | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Dominguez | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Perez | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bustos | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Branch | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Ruiz | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wallace | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hurd | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Hariss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sceaice | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Fuentes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Heain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delgado | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 11 | 0 | 1 | 23 |

Freshman Boys Basketball

| MONDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|-----------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Pampa | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 14 |
| Panhandle | 4 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 26 |

PAMPA

| FG | 3pt | FT | TP | |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| J. Allen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. Webb | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| J. Miner | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| C. Hampton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Botello | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. Fuentes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| T. Hooper | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| S. Krause | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. Trimble | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Stevens | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Avila | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 2 | 2 | 4 | 14 |

PANHANDLE

| FG | 3pt | FT | TP | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| D. Yarger | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. Sims | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| S. Wood | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| L. Lamberson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| B. Brown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| A. Stamps | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. McCoid | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| J. Gonzales | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| E. Tompkins | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| C. Perkins | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Totals | 11 | 0 | 4 | 26 |

Junior High Girls Basketball

| THURSDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Dalhart 8th Grade A 43 | | | | | Pampa 8th Grade A 20 |
| M. Brock 6 points, 1 rebound, 4 steals | | | | | R. Collins 6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal |
| K. Cummins 3 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals | | | | | C. Schaub 3 points, 5 steals |
| | | | | | K. Duree 2 points, 1 steal |
| | | | | | K. McIntyre 1 rebound, 1 steal |
| | | | | | J. Studebaker 1 rebound, 4 steals |
| | | | | | S. Regalado one each. |
| | | | | | Dalhart 8th Grade B 37 |
| | | | | | Pampa 7th Grade B 15 |
| | | | | | S. Dennis 6 points, 2 rebounds |
| | | | | | I. Cabrales 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals |

M. Dull 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals
K. Jerome 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
A. Norris 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
A. Brumfield 3 steals
A. Cabrales 2 steals

MONDAY

Borger 8th Grade A 41 Pampa 8th Grade A 18
R. Collins 10 points, 6 rebounds
J. Studebaker 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal
K. Cummins 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals
M. Brock 1 point, 4 rebounds, 3 steals
K. McIntyre 2 rebounds
M. Dull 1 rebound
S. Regalado 1 rebound, 2 steals
C. Schaub 1 steal
Borger 8th Grade B 18 Pampa 8th Grade B 16
A. Norris 8 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals
K. Duree 5 points, 2 steals
S. Dennis 2 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals
K. Jerome 1 point, 4 rebounds, 2 steals

Lefors Junior High

Hedley 25 Lefors 13

Junior High Boys Basketball

| THURSDAY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Final |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|
| Pampa 8th Grade A 52 | | | | | Dalhart 8th Grade A 46 |

Leading scorers: C. Engle 31 points; K. Scott 8 points.
Dalhart 8th Grade B 24 Pampa 8th Grade B 19
Leading scorer: A. McClendon 10 points
Pampa 7th Grade A 43 Dalhart 7th Grade A 21
Leading scorers: N. Stevens 9 points; B. Paronto 7 points.
Dalhart 7th Grade B 37 Pampa 7th Grade B 26
Leading scorer: G. Wilson 8 points.

MONDAY

Borger 8th Grade A 42 Pampa 8th Grade A 32
Leading scorers: C. Engle 15; M. Calderon 11
Pampa 8th Grade B 34 Borger 8th Grade B 22
Leading scorers: C. Harris 13, A. McClendon 8 points
Pampa 7th Grade A 37 Borger 7th Grade A 29

Leading scorers: B. Sieck 12; E. Villanueva 9
Pampa 7th Grade B 27 Borger 7th Grade B 18
Leading scorer: N. Dodd 9 points

Lefors Junior High

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Varsity Girls Wrestling

TUESDAY
Pampa 18 Boys Ranch 6
116 lb. M. Foreman, Pampa defeated Julie Hopkins, Boys Ranch by pin 1:49 1st.
138 lb. C. Young, Pampa defeated K. Bailey, Boys Ranch by pin :35 1st.
148 lb. B. Molenedo, Boys Ranch defeated H. Guerra, Pampa by pin 1:01 1st.
215 lb. B. Wilson, Pampa defeated S. Younger, Boys Ranch by pin 3:02 2nd.

Varsity Boys Wrestling

TUESDAY
Pampa 39 Boys Ranch 32
106 lb. A. Stovall, Pampa wins by default
113 lb. A. Garcia, Pampa pins S. Mendoza, Boys Ranch :32 1st.
120 lb. D. Terrell, Boys Ranch defeats H. Hall, Pampa 7-4.
126 lb. K. Mansell, Boys Ranch pins J. Slatten, Pampa 3:16 2nd
132 lb. S. Smith, Pampa defeats C. Serrano, Boys Ranch 12-5.
138 lb. J. Luna, Boys Ranch defeats D. Whinery, Pampa 12-1.
145 lb. R. Radke, Pampa pins J. Myers, Boys Ranch 1:06 1st.
152 lb. T. McAnear, Pampa pins M. Ochocki, Boys Ranch 3:03 2nd.
160 lb. C. Hunsaker, Boys Ranch pins A. Garcia, Pampa 1:10 1st.
170 lb. Razo wins by default.
182 lb. Q. Chennault, Pampa pins K. Sutherland, Boys Ranch 3:31 2nd
195 lb. A. Killan, Boys Ranch defeats D. Hooker, Pampa in 9-7 OT.
220 lb. S. Choate, Boys Ranch defeated C. Regalado, Pampa 14-0.
285 lb. R. Pearson, Pampa pins M. Bell, Boys Ranch 3:03 2nd.
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HGH tests, restraints on amateur bonuses in MLB labor deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig and union head Michael Weiner smiled and exchanged handshakes while others in the room dug into knishes and pigs in a blanket.

Not exactly the kind of scene that played out in sports labor talks this year.

Baseball ensured itself of 21 consecutive years of peace at a time the NBA season might be canceled because of a lockout and the NFL still is recovering from its CBA negotiations.

"We've learned," Selig said Tuesday after players and owners signed an agreement for a five-year contract running until December 2016. "Nobody back in the '70s, '80s and the early '90s, 1994, would ever believe that we would have 21 years of labor peace."

The agreement makes MLB the first pro major league in North America to conduct blood tests for human growth hormone, allowing it during spring training and future offseasons but for now only studying whether it will be implemented during the regular season.

"MLB and the players union should be applauded for taking the strong step to implement the HGH test at the major league level to protect clean athletes," said Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. "This is great progress in MLB's effort to protect the integrity of baseball at every level."

The deal, which must be ratified by both sides and drafted into a formal contract, expands the playoffs from eight to 10 teams by 2013, lessens draft-pick compensation for free agents, expands salary arbitration by a few players and for the first time allows teams to trade some draft selections.

It also adds unprecedented restraints on signing bonuses for amateur players coming to the major leagues from high school, college and overseas, perhaps hurting MLB as it competes with the NFL and NBA for multisport talent.

"If I've got a great athlete, why am I going to go to baseball? I'm going to focus on the other sports," said agent Scott Boras, who has negotiated baseball's highest signing bonuses.

Following eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball reached its third consecutive agreement without an interruption of play. The agreement was signed three weeks before the current deal was to expire Dec. 11, the second straight time the sides reached a deal early.

Baseball seems to have learned the lessons of the 1994-95 strike, which wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades.

"I think our history is more important than what's happening in other sports," said Michael Weiner, who took over from Donald Fehr as union head last year. "It

took a while for the owners to appreciate that the union is not only here to stay, but that the union and its members can contribute positively to a discussion about the game — about its economics, about the nature of the competition, about how it's marketed in every way."

Owners hope the changes will lessen the difference in spending by high- and low-revenue teams, such as the payroll luxury tax that began after the 2002 season.

"We feel that competitive balance is crucial to the product that we put on the field," said Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president for labor relations. "Every time I took a proposal back to the commissioner, his bellwether on whether that proposal was good, bad or indifferent is what it did for competitive balance."

As players Andrew Bailey, Andrew Miller, Carlos Villanueva and David Bush sat alongside the officials, the sides described other highlights that included: requiring players to play in the All-Star game unless injured or excused; expanding instant replay to include decisions on foul lines and traps, subject to an agreement with umpires; banning smokeless tobacco products during televised interviews by players, managers and coaches; requiring players arrested for DWI to undergo mandatory evaluation; and wearing improved batting helmets manufactured by Rawlings by 2013.

An initial positive test for HGH would result in a 50-game suspension, the same as a first positive urine test for a performance-enhancing substance. HGH testing in the minor leagues started late in the 2010 season.

"It meant a great deal to me personally, and a great deal to our sport," Selig said.

Random testing for HGH will take place during spring training and the offseason, but there is no agreement yet on random testing in-season. There can be testing at any time for cause.

Although the NFL has wanted to start HGH blood tests, its players' union has thus far resisted.

"The agreement to begin testing puts baseball ahead of other American professional sports leagues and is a credit to their leadership," Rep. Henry Waxman said. "It will be important that the testing be extended to the regular season to avoid creating a loophole in the new policy."

Weiner said scientists told MLB that the HGH test can detect the substance in the blood for 48-to-72 hours.

"We are sufficiently comfortable with the science to go ahead with testing, but we have preserved the right if there is a positive test for there to be a challenge — if that's appropriate — to the science at that point in time," he said.

Former union head Marvin Miller, who

spoke to Weiner on Tuesday, praised much of the agreement but was critical of the HGH testing.

"It's the same as steroids. There's not a single test worldwide (proving) that it improves athletic performance, not one," he said. "I don't know if it does, and neither does anyone else."

The sides will explore in-season testing, but the union wants to make sure it's done in a way that doesn't interfere with players' health and safety.

"The players want to get out and be leaders on this issue, and they want there to be a level playing field," Weiner said. "The realities, though, are that baseball players play virtually every single day from Feb. 20 through October. And that's unlike any other athlete — professional or amateur — who's subject to drug testing. We want to make sure that we're doing everything we can on the HGH issue, but that it be consistent with not interfering with competition and not interfering with players health and safety."

In addition, the number of offseason urine tests will increase gradually from 125 currently to 250 before the 2015 season.

As for the playoffs, there will be an additional two teams that will give baseball 10 of 30 clubs in the postseason. In the NFL, 12 of 32 teams make the playoffs. In the NBA and NHL, 16 of 30 advance.

The wild-card teams in each league — the non-first place teams with the best records — will meet in a one-game playoff, with the winners advancing to the division series. Manfred said a decision on whether the expanded playoffs would start next year likely will be made by the January owners' meeting.

"I think having a second wild-card team is great for the game," said NL MVP Ryan Braun of the Milwaukee Brewers. "I think it adds intrigue, it adds excitement. If you look at what the wild card, the first wild card, has done for baseball over the last few years, it's made games late in the season relevant for everybody."

This agreement also calls for the Houston Astros to switch from the NL Central to the AL West in 2013, leaving each league with three five-team divisions and a new schedule format that's still being determined. It's baseball's first realignment since the Brewers went to the NL after the 1997 season.

Teams will be allowed to have 26 active players for day-night doubleheaders, provided they are scheduled with a day's notice in order to give clubs time to bring up someone from the minor leagues.

On the economics, the threshold for the luxury tax on payrolls will be left at \$178 million in each of the next two seasons, putting pressure on high-spending teams such as the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox

and Philadelphia Phillies not to raise their spending even more. The threshold rises to \$189 million for 2014-16.

And there is a new market disqualification test as an incentive for clubs to increase revenue, preventing teams from large markets from receiving revenue-sharing proceeds.

Both teams from New York, Los Angeles and Chicago will be ineligible to receive revenue sharing by 2016 along with Atlanta, Boston, Houston, Oakland, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Texas, Toronto and Washington, a person familiar with the agreement said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the teams were not announced. The proceeds will be given back to the teams paying in revenue-sharing, as long as they stay under the luxury-tax payroll threshold. A provision says Oakland will remain eligible as long as its ballpark situation remains unresolved.

The minimum salary reaches the \$500,000 mark in 2014, and then there will be cost-of-living increases in both of the following two years. There also will be a new "competitive balance lottery" that gives small-market and low-revenue teams 12 extra selections in the amateur draft.

Major league free agent compensation will be completely revised in 2013, with a team having to offer its former players who became free agents the average of the top 125 contracts — currently about \$12.4 million — to receive draft-pick compensation if a player signs with a new team. It eliminates the statistical formula that had been in place since the 1981 strike settlement.

In addition, the portion of players with 2-3 years of major league service who are eligible for salary arbitration will rise from 17 percent to 22 percent starting in 2013.

Owners achieved their goal of reining in spending on amateur players coming to the major leagues. For high school and college players taken in the June amateur draft, there will be four bands of penalties and major league contracts will be prohibited.

Boras, who negotiated Stephen Strasburg's record \$15.1 million deal with Washington two years ago, praised the union for what it achieved but was critical of the draft changes.

"If I'm a person interested in buying a major league team, I believe I'm going to not be as anxious to provide an aggressive price because my ability to improve myself through scouting and development has been severely restrained," he said.

For international amateur signings from nations such as the Dominican Republic and Venezuela, a luxury tax will begin with the July 2012-June 2013 signing season on amounts over \$2.9 million. A study committee was established to study whether there should be an international draft starting in 2014.

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Each winter from December through early March, Texas Parks and Wildlife's Inland Fisheries Division, in cooperation with participating cities and agencies, stocks more than 260,000 catchable-size rainbow trout in more than 100 locations across Texas.

This trout stocking program is designed to provide increased wintertime fishing opportunities for Texas' more than 2.3 million anglers. As a part of this program, Pampa's Recreation Park Lake is scheduled to receive 1,000 rainbow trout during the week of December 5 and an additional 1,000 during the week of February 13. All stocking dates are subject to change due to weather and availability of trout.

Rainbow trout are a very popular coldwater game fish that offers a great winter fishing opportunity for anglers of all ages. These fish are prized for both their fight and their quality as fine table fare. While rainbow trout can best be caught in early morning and late evening periods, any time of day can produce excellent results.

Fishing gear for these hungry trout can be as simple as a cane pole or as sophisticated as a fly rod. Trout often display selective feeding habits, and sometimes prefer a wide variety of lures and baits. Ultra-light spinning tackle using 4- to 6-pound test-line and 1/32

to 1/8 ounce spinners works well. Dry or wet flies, small spoons, and bucktail or feather jigs are also productive. There are many methods which will catch trout, but baits such as whole kernel corn, cheese, and salmon eggs on a long-shank hook (No. 8 or smaller) are very effective for the hatchery-reared fish. It is also a good idea to carry a pair of needle-nosed pliers to aid in removing hooks.

Anglers are reminded that community fishing lakes do have special regulations for rainbow trout: The daily bag limit is five trout per day per person, and there is no minimum length regulation on these small lakes. A valid Texas freshwater fishing license is required for anyone that is 17 years of age or older or does not meet other state exemption guidelines. Only fishing by pole and line is permitted in Community Fishing Lakes.

For more information on statewide and community fishing regulations consult a 2011-2012 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual available at any license retailer or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

For more information on the trout stocking program, and for a complete list of locations stocked in Texas visit the website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fishmanagement/stocking/trout_stocking.phtml or visit the TPW's Facebook page at "Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries - Texas High Plains".



The Pampa News file photo

The lake at Recreation Park is scheduled to receive 1,000 rainbow trout in December, with another 1,000 due in February.

Parched town wants pipes through park

HOUSTON (AP) — A Central Texas town that the mayor says is two weeks away from running out of water has been given emergency approval to run three miles of pipeline through a state park to draw water from a rock quarry, town and state officials said Tuesday.

Groesbeck Mayor Jackie Livingston said the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department told town officials at a City Council meeting late Monday they could run the line through Fort Parker State Park. But she said construction on the line would not begin until the written contract is received, which should take less than a week.

Towns throughout Texas have

been struggling with dwindling reservoirs and water resources as a historic drought parches the state.

Livingston said the town of 6,500 people about 100 miles south of Dallas normally draws water from a nearby river. The river, however, has run dry and the town has purchased a four-month supply of water from a rock quarry seven miles away. The pipeline would bring the quarry water to the town's water treatment facility.

Contractors have promised they could have the pipeline built within four days, Livingston said. Groesbeck also supplies water to a 1,000-bed federal penitentiary.

Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department regional director Rodney Franklin confirmed the agency had given Groesbeck the green light for the project. He said he is not aware of any other water pipelines running through state parks in Texas. The parks department gave approval for the project after ensuring wildlife and native plants would not be harmed.

"This was a special circumstance where we definitely wanted to help our neighbors out," Franklin said, noting that agency officials changed schedules and rushed through the procedure to get emergency approval for the project. "This drought is affecting a lot of folks."

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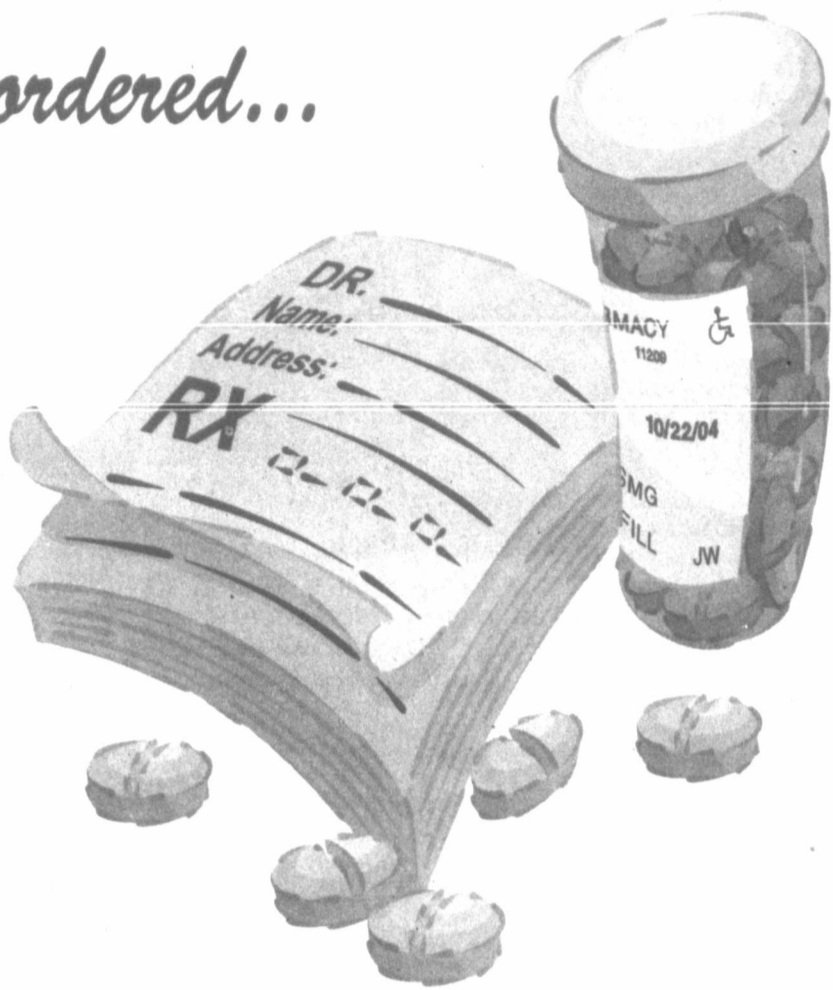
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Nebraska's governor signs oil pipeline regulation bills

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Fresh off a major victory in Nebraska, opponents of the Keystone XL oil pipeline promised a renewed effort Tuesday to kill the contentious project that would pump Canadian crude from tar sands deposits in Alberta to Texas Gulf Coast refineries.

Pipeline critics hailed two new state laws as a win for landowners, environmentalists and Nebraskans who had worried about potential risks to an environmentally sensitive area that was on the original route proposed by Canadian developer TransCanada. But several opponents said they still opposed the entire project.

"The more we learn about TransCanada, and the type of oil they would have put in that pipeline, the more we know we have to stop it," said Jane Kleeb, executive director of Bold Nebraska, an anti-pipeline group that helped organize in-state opponents. "We'll continue to fight on the state level, but we'll continue to bring this message to President Obama as well."

The U.S. State Department announced earlier this month that it will delay its decision on the transnational pipeline until at least 2013. TransCanada subsequently agreed to divert its proposed route for the Keystone XL pipeline so that it wouldn't pass through the Nebraska Sandhills, a region of porous hills that includes a high concentration of wetlands and the Ogallala aquifer that provides water to huge swaths of U.S. cropland.

On Tuesday, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman signed two bills into law aimed at major oil pipelines, shortly before lawmakers ended their special session to confront concerns about the multibillion-dollar Keystone XL.

One law authorizes the state Department of Environmental Quality to conduct an environmental review of pipeline projects, including the Keystone XL. The governor would review the findings and submit an opinion to the U.S. State Department. The second law asserts Nebraska's authority over future oil pipeline projects, with public meetings and a mandatory review by the state Public Service Commission, which oversees utilities, telecommunications and mass transit.

TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said the company would begin talks with the Department of Environmental Quality right away. He said the company plans to simultaneously consult with State Department officials about the 2013 time-

line, and TransCanada officials still believe they could have a new Nebraska route approved in six to nine months.

"Continued and prolonged delays do put this project in serious doubt," Howard said. "There is a risk there."

Heineman called the special session last month amid a public outcry over the project, which had an estimated \$7 billion price tag before the delays. The 1,700-mile pipeline would carry crude oil from Canada through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma on its way to Texas refineries.

Lawmakers credited outspoken constituents for the two laws that emerged from the session.

"At times, leaders lead," said Sen. Annette Dubas, who sponsored one of the bills. "But other times, the people lead. And I think especially on this issue, the people led."

Sen. Chris Langemeier, who chaired the committee that examined both bills, also noted Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature, an officially non-partisan one-house body created to be more transparent and responsive to citizen concerns.

The Keystone XL pipeline would carry as much as 700,000 barrels of oil a day, doubling the capacity of an existing pipeline operated by TransCanada in the upper Midwest. Supporters say the pipeline to Texas could significantly reduce U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern oil while providing thousands of jobs.

The contentious project had threatened to become a political trap for President Barack Obama, who risked angering environmental supporters if he approved the pipeline. Some liberal donors also threatened to cut off contributions to Obama's re-election campaign if the pipeline was approved. Had he rejected it, labor and business groups likely would have accused him of thwarting job creation.

Environmentalists and some Nebraska landowners fear the pipeline would disrupt the region's loose soil for decades, harm wildlife, and contaminate the aquifer. Business and labor groups that support the project say the environmental criticism is overblown. They say the project will create thousands of construction jobs, although opponents say the estimates are inflated.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said he made it clear to Obama that the nation will step up its efforts to sell oil to Asia since the decision was delayed, and would keep pushing the U.S. to approve the project.

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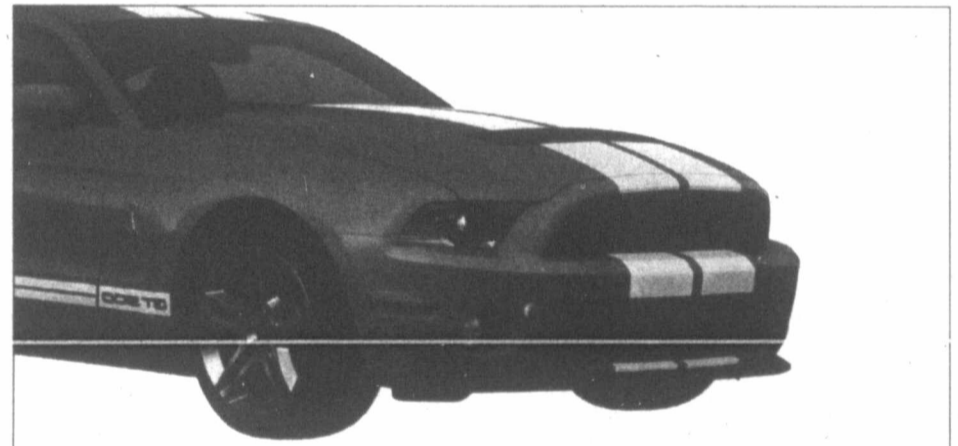
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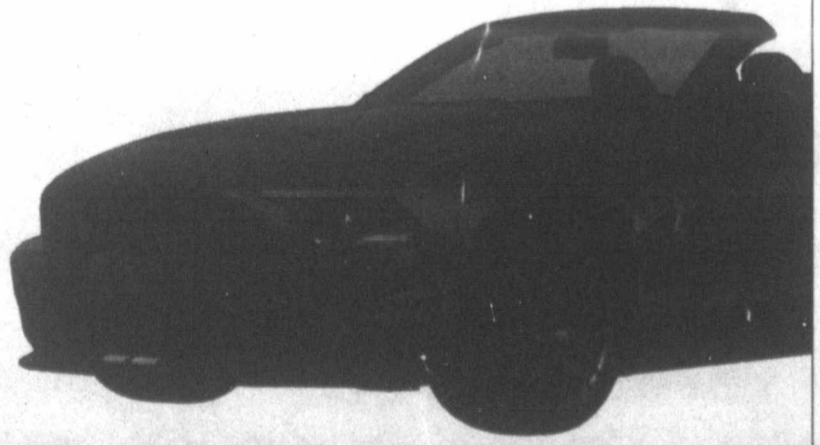
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An estimated 8 inches of rain has been recorded since Sunday in Le Flore County, along the Arkansas border, where flash flooding was reported Monday night and early Tuesday, National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Plate said.

Flooding closed several roads, and although no injuries were reported, the water was so powerful that some sport utility vehicles were washed away "and there were some water rescues," Plate said.

The storm also dropped a couple inches of rain in southwestern Oklahoma. Both regions were rated in extreme to exceptional drought in the U.S. Drought Monitor's latest survey, released each Thursday, and the rain eases the arid conditions, associate state climatolo-

gist Gary McManus said. "We're liable to see some areas come out of drought in eastern and southeastern Oklahoma with the additional rainfall amounts," McManus said.

"We had cold front that had dropped south through the area and stalled," Plate said.

"At the same time we had an upper level storm system that came up from the southwestern U.S. and that interaction caused the rain."

The weather service issued a flood warning through Wednesday afternoon for the Kiamichi River at Antlers in neighboring Pushmataha County.

The river had reached 27 feet by Tuesday, two feet above flood stage, and was expected to crest at about 29 feet Wednesday morning before receding and any flooding was expected to be minor, Plate said.

No injuries or property damage was reported in the area, Pushmataha County Emergency Management Director Robert Bowman said.

The system also brought rain to parched

areas of southwestern Oklahoma, though not as much as to the east.

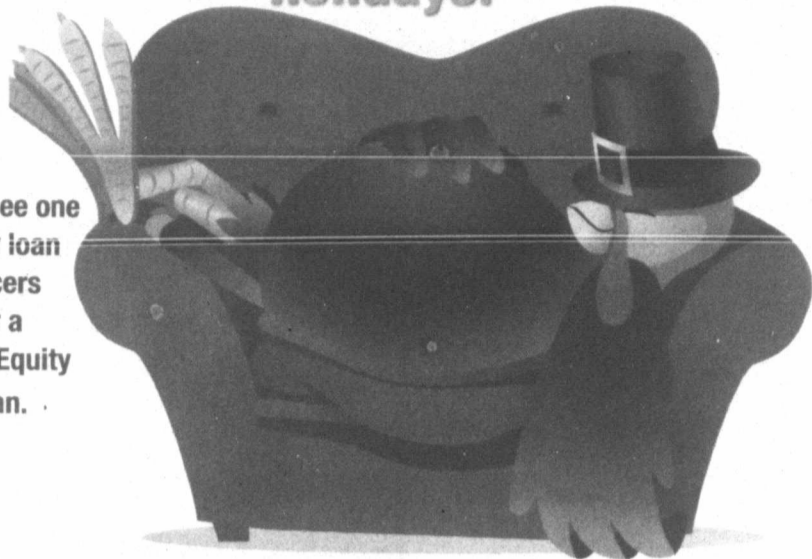
"It was a pretty heavy rainmaker," said meteorologist John Pike, with the weather service in Norman. "Probably the heaviest was in far southwestern Oklahoma, near Mangum, where they got a little over 2 inches."

Western Oklahoma also got as much as 2 inches of rain, "but the northwestern corner and the Panhandle were left pretty much dry with about a half inch or less," McManus said.

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1) Resist the temptation to let your dog indulge as if he were another guest at your Thanksgiving table. You may not mind him pawing a path across the tabletop or sharing food from your plate, but your guests' reactions will range from bewildered to mortified.

2) Alert guests that your dog is not to receive treats from the table. You may not mind him receiving a little turkey, but what about a little turkey and a dollop of gravy from eight different people? A spoonful of candied yams? A forkful of chocolate pie?

3) If you've raised a furry little beggar, consider crating him for the duration of the meal, or set up a baby gate to keep him away from the table without sequestering him from the camaraderie. Offer your special canine a special peanut-butter-filled Kong to chew on.

4) Guard the countertops, the table and the trash as if they were your retirement accounts. Since you can't be everywhere at once, consider using that same baby gate to keep your dog out of the kitchen while you are preparing the food. Then, once the food is on the buffet or on the table, relocate the gate and the dog. Discard bones, skins, fat and anything else that is bad for your dog in trash containers with secure lids, and keep those containers behind a closed door.

5) Know without hesitation which foods comprise the good, the bad and the ugly in terms of your dog's well-being. Poultry bones, including turkey bones, splinter easily and are therefore not safe for your dog to ingest. Fatty foods such as turkey skins and gravy can induce gastric distress or even pancreatitis, which is a serious inflammation of the pancreas that causes vomiting, diarrhea and extreme discomfort. Chocolate, candies, raisins and grapes are highly toxic to dogs and can be fatal. If you want your dog to enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal, prepare something deliciously appropriate for him in advance.

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| 1812 E Harvester on an acre | 280,000 | 4/2 | 2246 |
| 2369 Beech- SOLD | 235,000 | 3/2.5 | 3327 |
| 2724 Duncan & 900 sf. apt. | 220,000 | 4/3.5 | 3137 |
| 1816 Dogwood..... | 215,000 | 3/2.5 | 2623 |
| 1438 N. Dwight..... | 215,000 | 4/3 | 3228 |
| 2617 Evergreen - SOLD | 162,500 | 4/2 | 2259 |
| 2333 Fir..... | 152,000 | 4/2 | 2023 |
| 1701 Evergreen..... | 149,900 | 3/1.75 | 2104 |
| 2011 Mary Ellen..... | 149,500 | 3/2.5 | 2730 |
| 1437&1439 N. Wells..... | 149,000 | (2) 2/1 | 1510/1475 |
| 1531 N. Wells..... | 140,000 | 3/2 | 1840 |
| 2527 Mary Ellen -SOLD | 139,900 | 4/2 | 1847 |
| 2501 Mary Ellen..... | 135,000 | 3/3 | 2028 |
| 2015 Duncan..... | 124,900 | 3/2 | 2508 |
| 1722 Aspen..... | 120,000 | 3/2 | 2070 |
| 2501 Christine - SOLD | 119,900 | 3/2 | 2070 |
| 1048/1050 N. Dwight..... | 118,900 | 2/1.5 | 2407 |
| 1212 W. 21st..... | 118,000 | 3/1.75 | 1608 |
| 1309 Starkweather..... | 99,900 | 3/1.75 | 1868 |
| 2140 Chestnut..... | 98,000 | 3/1.5 | 1766 |
| 1904 N. Banks..... | 89,900 | 2/1.75 | 1698 |
| 1912 N. Sumner -SOLD | 89,900 | 3/2.5 | 1732 |
| 414 Willow -SOLD | 86,000 | 3/2 | 1440 |
| 410 Red Deer..... | 85,000 | 2/1.75 | 1488 |
| 965 Cinderella..... | 79,900 | 3/2 | 1270 |
| 2143 Faulkner..... | 67,500 | 3/1 | 1126 |
| 2235 Williston..... | 67,500 | 3/1 | 1056 |
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| 2113 N. Nelson..... | 53,000 | 3/1 | 1010 |
| 2301 Rosewood..... | 53,000 | 3/1 | 1108 |
| 600 Somerville -SOLD | 45,000 | 3/1 | 1344 |
| 336 Jean..... | 42,500 | 3/1 | 1170 |
| 2404 Rosewood -SOLD | 40,000 | 3.1 | 1081 |
| 1101 Garland..... | 37,500 | 3/1 | 1216 |
| 1006 E. Fisher..... | 28,000 | 2/1 | 930 |
| 708 E. Francis..... | 23,000 | 2/1 | 720 |

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-25 CRYPTOQUOTE

T P Q E Q F A S F F L V I S Z H C T Q H X .
H D Q S P O L U V F F S H X H D V H
T P H Q F Q X H K Q V F Q H D Q .
P Z K I Q F L S Z Y Q H T P V
C T V K S P C . — K V Q A Q X H
Yesterday's Cryptquote: A FAMILY IS A PLACE WHERE PRINCIPLES ARE HAMMERED AND HONED ON THE ANVIL OF EVERYDAY LIVING. — CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

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| 1 Cyress Point Rd..... | \$235,000 | 3/2/2 | 1849 SF/GCAD |
| 2200 Dogwood Ln..... | \$192,500 | 4/2/2 | 2629 SF/GCAD |
| 2701 Duncan St..... | \$189,900 | 3/1.75/2 | 2364 SF/GCAD |
| 1915 Holly Ln..... | \$162,500 | 4/2.5/2 | 2179 SF/GCAD |
| 1130 Williston St..... | \$147,900 | 4/2/2 | 2711 SF/GCAD |
| 2541 Christine St..... | \$129,500 | 3/1.75/2 | 2050 SF/GCAD |
| 1901 Fir..... | \$110,000 | 3/1.75/2 | 2102 SF/GCAD |
| 1612 Evergreen St..... | \$99,900 | 4/1.5/0 | 2320 SF/GCAD |
| 1100 Russell St..... | \$98,000 | 3/1.5/3 | 1288 SF/GCAD |
| 1307 Charles St..... | \$38,000 | 2/1/0 | 1132 SF/GCAD |

TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT West and Northwest

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| 8463 Western St. + 6.33 acres..... | \$225,000 | 2/1/2 | 1225 SF/GCAD |
| 919 Sierra Dr..... | \$160,000 | 4/2/2 | 1761 SF/GCAD |
| 916 Crane Rd..... | \$150,000 | 3/2/2 | 1710 SF/GCAD |
| 2113 Lynn St..... | \$122,995 | 4/2/2 | 2077 SF/GCAD |
| 1829 Zimmers St..... | \$95,000 | 3/2/2 | 1511 SF/GCAD |
| 1609 Dwight St..... | \$91,000 | 3/1.75/2 | 1550 SF/GCAD |
| 1824 Christy St..... | \$89,900 | 3/1.75/1 | 1870 SF/GCAD |
| 2125 Lynn St..... | \$84,000 | 3/1.75/2 | 1521 SF/GCAD |
| 977 Cinderella Dr..... | \$82,000 | 4/1.75/2 | 1553 SF/GCAD |
| 1916 Zimmers St..... | \$75,000 | 3/1.5/1 | 1244 SF/GCAD |
| 1612 Sumner St..... | \$67,900 | 3/2/2 | 1073 SF/GCAD |

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT Southeast Pampa

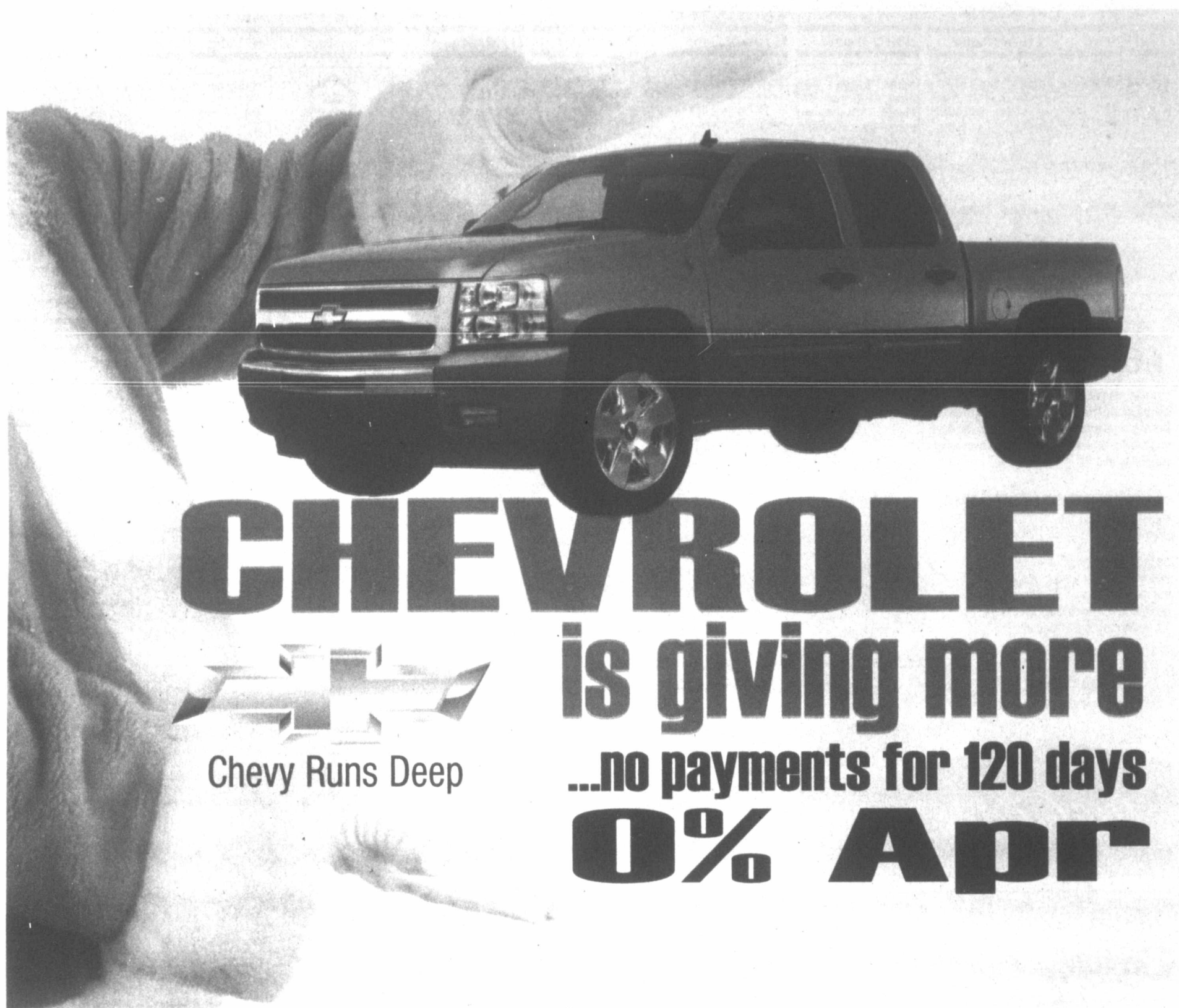
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| 533 Powell St..... | \$69,900 | 3/1/2 | 1372 SF/GCAD |
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| 614 Magnolia St..... | \$35,000 | 3/1/1 | 1436 SF/GCAD |

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|
| 804-805 W. Jackson Ave, WD..... | \$140,000 | 4/2/2 | 2536 SF/CCAD duplex |
| 503 Ware Av, Groom..... | \$128,000 | 4/2.75/1 | 2828 SF/CCAD |
| 400 S. Popham, WD..... | \$67,900 | 3/1/0 | 1494 SF/CCAD |
| 600 W 3rd Av, WD..... | \$67,500 | 3/1/1 | 1100 F/CCAD |
| 609 Gulf, Lefors..... | \$34,995 | 2/1/1 | 898 SF/GCAD |

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| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 9.58 Acres east hosp..... | \$2,503,828 | 9.58 acres east of hospital |
| 120 S. Gillespie St..... | \$4,100/mo | For Lease - 7,372 SF/GCAD |
| 11756 Hwy 152..... | \$2,500,000 | 12 acres, 2 bldgs 25,000 SF each |
| 30th & Charles St..... | \$1,400,000 | 45.9 acres of land N of Walmart |
| FM 14 Rd, Lefors..... | \$530,000 | 530 acres w/water well |
| 30th & Charles..... | \$435,600 | 5 acres in city limits |
| 220 N Ballard..... | \$395,000 | Lt. Comm. 4 bath 6,782 SF/GCAD |
| 500 W Harvester Av..... | \$350,000 | Lots south of United |
| 748 S Price Rd..... | \$350,000 | 3 Ac. + 14,400 warehouse offices |
| 302-308 W Foster | | |



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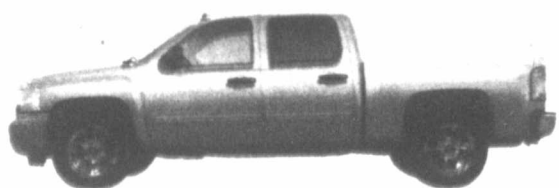


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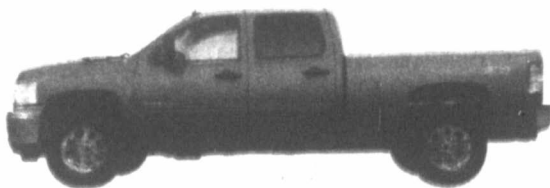
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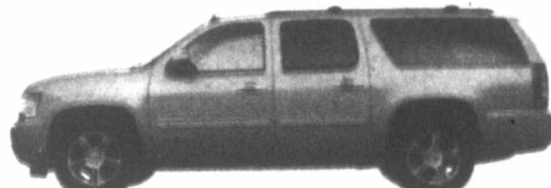
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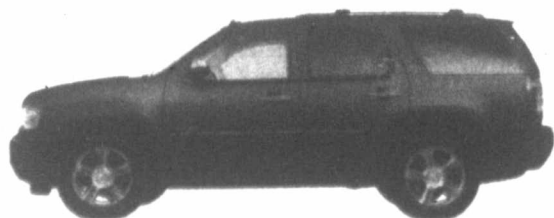
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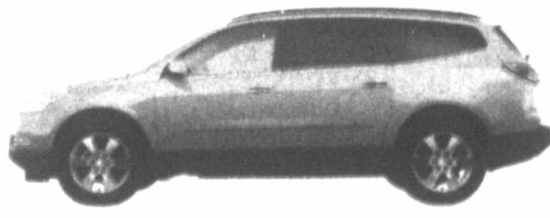
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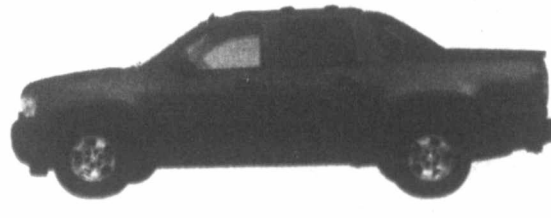
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2011 Tahoe



2011 Traverse

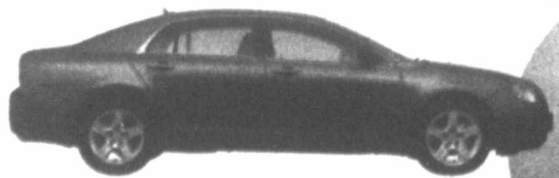


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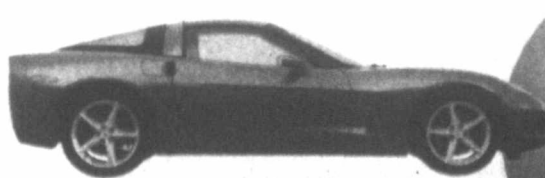
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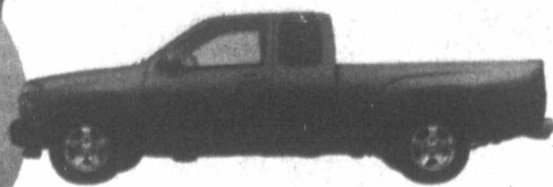
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2011 Corvette

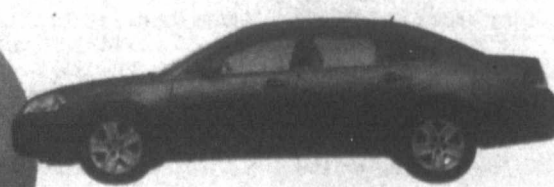
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The PAMPANEWS

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Section D
November 25-27, 2011

Honor Society service project aids mission trip to Africa

Matthew Foreman, 13, of Pampa, an eighth grade student at Pampa Junior High, has recently been inducted to the National Junior Honor Society for a second year.

As members of NJHS, students are encouraged to participate in service projects and Matthew's idea was to collect small items to be given to hospitalized children in Malawi, Africa.

Cindy Caldwell, who attends church at Lighthouse Covenant

Fellowship in Pampa, and her son, Caleb have been raising funds and gathering donated materials in preparation for a mission trip to Malawi, Africa.

Cindy and Caleb arrived in Africa on Thursday, Nov. 17. As part of their trip, they will be spending at least one full day at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, which is the largest hospital in Malawi.

Matthew's service

project has provided an assortment of pacifiers, hand held rattles, teething rings and other small toys to be given to the sick children there.

Caleb Caldwell (from left), Matthew Foreman, and Cindy Caldwell display items collected for a mission trip to Malawi, Africa.

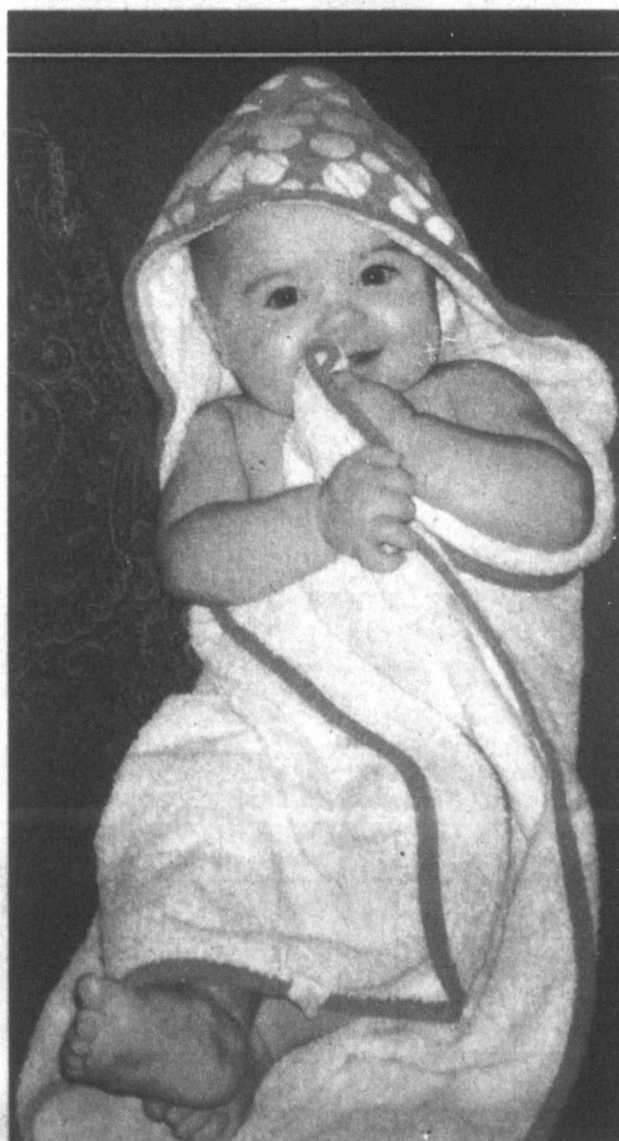


CLUB NEWS



Altrusans Mattie Norton (left) and Roxane Funderburk receive food donations at United Supermarket for Tralee Crisis Center. The Tralee Pantry Drive is one of the many community service projects sponsored by Altrusa.

BUNDLES OF JOY



Ellison Cate Wesbrooks

Daughter for Wesbrooks

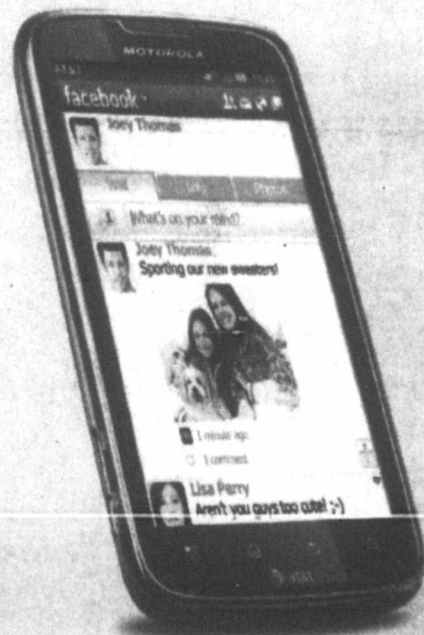
Ellison Cate Wesbrooks was born Jan. 5, 2011 in Amarillo, to Jason and Rebecca Wesbrooks of Canyon. She weighed 5 1/2 lbs and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Ellison is welcomed by her brothers Jackson and

Grayson. Her grandparents are Mike and Alice Wesbrooks, Pampa and Rhonda Heller of Plainview. Her great-grandmother is Margaret-Helen Hayes, also of Plainview.

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THANKSGIVING DONATION



Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. (from left) and Nathan Martin of Ford Family Chiropractic In Pampa, Salvation Army Captain Laura Martin and Cyndy Tomaschik of Ford Family Chiropractic were on hand to make donation of 13 complete Thanksgiving dinners to the Salvation Army. The donation was from patients and FFC Team Members.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, Nov. 28
Pig in a blanket or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, English peas, pineapple tidbits, pudding. **Breakfast** - Breakfast pizza
TUESDAY, Nov. 29
Popcorn shrimp, or soft taco, blackeyed peas, lettuce and tomato, fresh fruit **Breakfast** - Donut, sausage patty
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30
Spaghetti or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, garlic toast. **Breakfast** - Waffle sticks
THURSDAY, Dec. 1
Egg rolls, or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, applesauce, rice pilaf. **Breakfast** - Biscuit, sausage patty
FRIDAY, Dec. 2
Chicken fajitas, or hamburger, French fries, burger salad, bell peppers and onion, spiced apple, rice. **Breakfast** - Cereal

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, Nov. 28
Chicken fried steak or chicken & ham tetrazini, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello, red velvet cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
TUESDAY, Nov. 29
Chicken salad or meat-loaf, flame roasted potatoes/veggies, green beans corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello, pineapple

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, Nov. 28
Chicken sandwich, tater tots, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce
TUESDAY, Nov. 29
Chicken chow mein, egg roll, rice/oriental vegetable
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30
Roast, mashed potatoes, corn, banana bread
THURSDAY, Dec. 1
Stew, cornbread, peaches
FRIDAY, Dec. 2
Batter fish, pinto beans, cole slaw, mixed fruit

Southside Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, Nov. 28
Chicken sandwich, tater tots, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce
TUESDAY, Nov. 29
Fried chicken, red beans, cornbread, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, tea, dessert

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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| 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
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Level: Advanced

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an **N** and then rearrange the letters to spell a word related to water.

LEVEL

GRIMACE

BONKERS

UNSAID

Yesterday's Answer: ALPACA PASTIFY



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have recently found out that I'm pregnant. My problem is my husband doesn't believe the baby is his. He says he and his ex tried for 13 years to have a baby and couldn't.

I don't know what to say to him. I can't explain his past with that other woman. My doctor has ordered rest and no stress, but this is taking a toll on me. When the subject comes up, I just walk away and my husband explodes. What do I do? — **EXPECTING IN GUAM**

DEAR EXPECTING: Your husband is "exploding" because you are walking away and won't discuss this with him. Tell him that you are scheduling an appointment for BOTH of you with your OB/GYN. Let the doctor offer to refer him to a urologist who can test his sperm count, which may be low. It would explain why he and his ex were unable to conceive. The problem could also have been hers.

DEAR ABBY: My 78-year-old mother opens her mouth for only three reasons — to tell me what to do, complain about other people and to remind me that when my older sister died, it left a void in her life no one can fill, including me and my other sister.

Several months ago, I

visited Mom and she wasn't feeling well. She has a heart condition and osteoporosis, which makes her unsteady on her feet. A few weeks later, I called to check on her but couldn't reach her by phone. Because I live 150 miles away, I asked my uncle to check on her. He went to her house several times and rang her bell, but got no answer at the door. I called other family members and friends, fearful that she had fallen — or worse.

Finally, that night at 10 p.m. I called the local police department. When the officers knocked on the door, Mom finally answered and told them that where she was or what she was doing was no one else's business! She later told my uncle the same thing.

This is a cautionary tale to the elderly or infirm who tell us to leave them alone. **WE WILL DO SO.** But do not complain when you don't hear from us, because you can't have it both ways. — **FED UP IN TEXAS**

DEAR FED UP: OK, you have now vented. Your mother is a difficult woman and you have my sympathy. And now that the dear lady has made clear how she feels, follow your mother's wishes with a clear conscience.

P.S. If you know any

of her neighbors, consider asking them to let you know if her newspapers start piling up.

DEAR ABBY: My dear friend "Katie" doesn't share the same religious or political beliefs I do. She enjoys discussing these topics and assumes that everyone agrees with her. If someone tries to disagree, she becomes highly offended and angry.

Whenever she brings these issues up, I just stop talking. I have found that no matter how much one argues with someone over controversial issues, no one changes their opinions and only hurt feelings remain. How would you go about tactfully changing the subject? — **DIFFERING FRIEND IN LARAMIE, WYO.**

DEAR DIFFERING FRIEND: I wouldn't do it once someone has started proselytizing. I'd do it BEFORE. At a time when you and your friend are involved in some mutually enjoyable activity, mention that certain topics, such as politics and religion, make you uncomfortable and that you'd appreciate it if they weren't brought up with you. And if she "forgets," smile sweetly and say, "Who do you think will be playing in the Super Bowl?"

Eagle Scouts invited to ride on parade float

During the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m., there will be a float honoring Eagle Scouts, and Eagle Scouts of all ages, 17 to 99, are encouraged to participate. Anyone interested in joining the float should contact Krickett Olivera at 663-1682 to reserve a spot.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Grill waste
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 - 12 Tag info
 - 13 Real bargain
 - 14 Green sauce
 - 15 Suffers
 - 17 They may clash
 - 18 Cry like a baby
 - 20 Toenail treatment, for short
 - 22 Not working
 - 23 Humor
 - 26 Psychologist
 - 28 Acrylic fiber
 - 29 Wise king
 - 31 Make tempura
 - 32 Eliot Ness, for one
 - 33 "Jurassic Park" beast
 - 34 TV's Hatcher
 - 36 Superfood berry
 - 38 What singers carry
 - 40 Catkin-bearing tree
 - 43 Billing info
 - 44 Heat setting
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 - 2 Play part
 - 3 Cary Grant movie
 - 4 Hike route
 - 5 Holler
 - 6 Smart-phone program
 - 7 Stud farm owner
 - 8 Cary Grant movie
 - 9 Numerical prefix
 - 10 Antique autos
 - 16 Mud bath site
 - 18 Short hairdos
 - 19 Bushy hairdo
 - 21 British school
 - 23 Deep sleep
 - 24 Went fast
 - 25 Cameo stone
 - 27 Oscar hopeful
 - 30 — tear
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★ ★ ★ **sunday horoscope**

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today, Nov. 27, 2011, has a Moon in Capricorn and a Sun in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011:

This year, focus on making your life more secure. You will see your efforts come back in multiples. A parent or older friend tends to be difficult. Try to understand what is really ailing him or her. Let go of a need to be so self-disciplined. If you are single, know that this status is your choice. If you are attached, you don't always have to wear the pants. CAPRICORN naturally is stern.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take charge, and remain on top of plans. Others will appreciate your effort. If you're bringing a group together, you actually might need to play driver as well. Good feelings naturally will flow as a result. Tonight: Enjoying the moment and those around you.

This Week: You like being respected. Know that others are envious of your aplomb.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Let your mind wander as you decide how to proceed. If you have formed plans, you might note that your mind wanders to other areas.

If you can, go to a concert or a movie. You can drift as much as you like. Tonight: Go for some exotic cuisine.

This Week: What your mind cannot seem to break through, your imagination can. You find a solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Relating to a key person might take greater skill than you think. This person is in the midst of a major transformation. You might be energized enough to pitch in on a project. Use your high energy constructively. Tonight: A conversation could light up your day.

This Week: You always work best with an audience. Right now you are happiest with one other person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, as they seem to be more changeable than even you. They dream up a different game plan. Go along for the fun; try not to be critical. Once an argument flares, peace could be difficult to reach. Tonight: With friends.

This Week: Touch base with others to find out their expectations. Then you can make plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You want to enjoy what is happening; however, what is happening could dramatically change. You could be stunned, but your sense of adventure loves spontaneity. Whether you are helping someone move or playing Santa, your efforts count. Tonight: Good feelings become contagious.

This Week: Midweek, the urge to be the ever-social Lion takes over. Pack Monday and Tuesday with must-dos.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Once more,

your creativity prevents a dull moment. A child could throw a tantrum, and a new friend could grumble. Not everyone can be on the same page. Honor your feelings, and at the same time honor the feelings of others. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live now.

This Week: You have energy, charisma and ideas. Use them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense. Know what is happening on a deep level with a family member or yourself. Take a walk to think, sort and center. Use frustration or anger as motivation to transform a situation. Tonight: Happy to be home.

This Week: Tossing yourself into the same old routine simply isn't appealing. Rather than make excuses (why you can't), look to change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Friends try to have you join them, even if only over the phone or in thought. Independent, you decide to call your own shots. Your thinking changes quickly. Don't try to hold on to what needs to be free or let go of. Tonight: Talk away.

This Week: Your power of communication defines the week. Expect a hurdle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might be staging a mini-revolution with your checkbook. The approach you use in the next few months could be very different, creating more financial ease. Responsibilities call, yet you still will have time with a special person. Tonight: Visit with a friend who's about to leave town.

This Week: Look to stabilizing a situation, thus freeing yourself up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to handle a personal matter early in the day, opening up many possibilities. A venture to somewhere unexplored could whet your appetite for more. You gain a perspective as you rarely do. Tonight: All smiles. The world seems perfect.

This Week: Your smile defines the next few days. You have no reason to complain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Once more, you have a little extra free time. Knowing that you won't have much more in the next few weeks, make decisions accordingly. Once in a while you need to indulge. Why not today? Good feelings flow between you and a roommate or family member. Tonight: Just for you.

This Week: Wednesday, you start feeling more like yourself. On Thursday, no one had better cross you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Throw a last-minute "leftovers party." Many people still could be shuffling around who are not normally available. You, a sign who cares so much for people, delights in seeing everyone together on your turf. Tonight: Zero in on what you desire.

This Week: Meetings, people, mutual support and brainstorming make for a successful few days.

BORN TODAY
Musician Jimi Hendrix (1942), "American royalty" Caroline Kennedy (1957), actor Michael Vartan (1968)

BANANAGRAMS!

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Brings up

- 1 Kilt
- 6 Some hits
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- 12 Minor, in law
- 13 Sports spot
- 14 Egypt's Sadat
- 15 Edit
- 17 Wallet bill
- 18 Luggage ID
- 19 Suffer humiliation
- 22 Pub supply
- 23 Inflicts
- 24 Rock unit
- 25 Allah worshipper
- 27 Porch sight
- 30 Part of a baseball count
- 31 Enzyme ending
- 32 Table part
- 33 Meager
- 35 On — (ram-paging)
- 38 Starry hunter
- 39 Boring movie

DOWN

- 1 Rival of Athens
- 2 Breakfast choice
- 3 Anxious
- 4 Casserole staple
- 5 Shuttle outing
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- 10 Scatter
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 14 and I'm terrified that I won't know what to do once I'm in college and have to decide on a long-term job. I have a lot of interests, but none that would lead me toward a career. My teachers and the books I read say I should find my passion and follow it for the rest of my life. My problem is, I don't have a stand-out passion I love intensely.

I have an amazing family who would support me in any direction I choose, but I don't know what that would be. I get good grades and work hard, and I believe I could achieve anything I choose. The problem is, I don't know what I want to do.

I know I'm young, but I worry all the time about my future and being stuck in a job I hate. I'm involved in lots of activities — student government, piano lessons, sports, service clubs and more — and I enjoy all of them. But none of them inspire a burning passion. Do you have any suggestions on how to find my passion? — NEEDS A DIRECTION, ATLANTA

DEAR NEEDS A DIRECTION: Yes. And the first one is to relax and quit worrying about not having found your "passion" at 14. This isn't the Middle Ages, when young people would apprentice themselves to a guild in which they would spend the rest of their lives. You are intelligent and only

beginning to explore your various talents.

You may excel in several different areas, which is good, because workers no longer necessarily stay in one kind of job for a lifetime. People are usually good at the things they enjoy, so slow down. Give yourself time to see where you excel. I am positive that if you do, you'll find your passion(s) in a field you enjoy.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for more than 10 years. It has been rocky over the past few years, and I recently had an affair with a married man. I have fallen madly in love with him, and every night I dream about being with him instead of with my husband. We're both in unhappy marriages and both have children. He's worried that if he gets divorced he won't be able to see his kids as often as he wants. Should I forget him and try to fall back in love with my husband?

Everyone I talk to about this says my lover has been what I needed to recognize that I wasn't happy in my marriage and that I deserve better. I know I deserve better because I worshipped the ground my husband walked on for many years and got treated like crud. What do I do? — DOWNTRODDEN WIFE IN OKLAHOMA.

DEAR DOWNTROD-

DEN: Since you're collecting advice, I don't mind throwing in my two-cents' worth.

Your lover doesn't appear eager to leave his family, so do the best thing for both of you and end the affair. As to whether you should try to fall back in love with a man who "treated you like crud," sometimes divorce can be therapeutic. And from the description you gave me of your marriage, you could benefit from seeking one and swearing off men for a while.

DEAR ABBY: Four years ago my best friend's mother lost her husband after a battle with cancer. She joined a grief support group and met a man who had lost his wife to cancer, too. Love blossomed and they will be married soon. Everyone is thrilled they have found each other.

Along with a wedding gift, would it be appropriate to make a donation to a cancer charity in memory of their deceased spouses? I would like to honor the struggle that led the couple to each other, but don't want to offend. What do you think? — DEVOTED FRIEND IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DEVOTED FRIEND: I think you have come up with a beautiful idea that will be deeply appreciated, and you should do it.

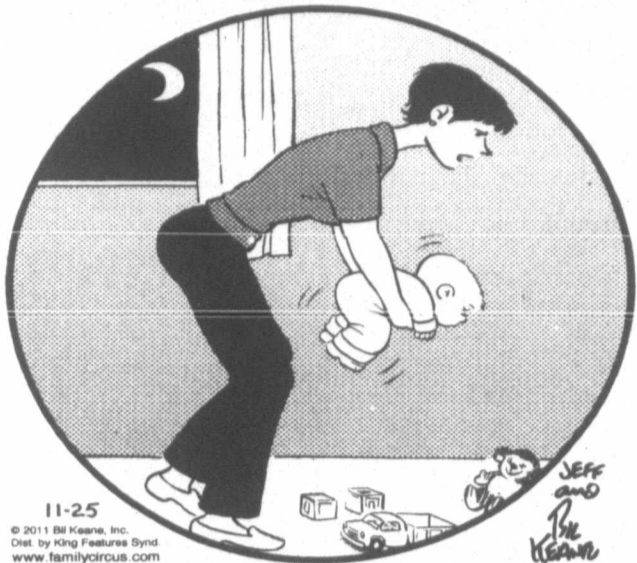


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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 "Oh my, it must be late. You're a lot heavier than you were this morning."

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I HAVE THE RESULTS OF YOUR STRESS TEST, AND TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, I WANT YOU TO STOP LOOKING AT YOUR HOIK

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Nest Heads



SO LONG, SON. HAVE A SAFE TRIP. SEE IF YOU CAN GET THOSE GRADES UP THIS SEMESTER.
 I'LL TRY, DAD, BUT ISN'T THE REAL GOAL OF COLLEGE JUST A GOOD EDUCATION?
 BUT GRADES ARE THE SCOREBOARD.
 YOU'RE RIGHT. EDUCATION IS THE GOAL...
 I SHOULD NEVER GIVE YOU AN OPENING FOR A SPORTS ANALOGY.

daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 25, 2011:
 This year feel free to carry your own weight, knowing full well what you desire. Listen to what is happening behind the scenes. Try to avoid getting angry at abusive people; simply state your boundaries. If you are single, you could meet someone through the sheer force of your charisma and charm. Your energy sometimes could be overwhelming to others. If you are attached, the two of you often disagree when you go out or about how much time you spend out. A fellow SAGITTARIUS could be a fun playmate.
 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)
 ★★★★★ Consider your alternatives. You could be looking at breaking a pattern, which might involve the holidays. Be prepared to travel a little more often or farther than you anticipated. You could be tired, but you also want to run an errand. Tonight: Exercise your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Make it a point of letting another person know how important it is to you to have a talk. You could struggle or disagree trying to make it so. A child could be very difficult, no matter what you do. Tonight: A special talk with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You could defer to someone else. You have a lot going on, and just to clear it all takes talent. Recognize when you have had enough, and let others know. A roommate or family member could be touchy at best. Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ You might have a preordained ritual that you do on this weekend. Quite clearly, someone tries to waylay you into doing something else. Stay centered. You really do have a lot to do, even with the onset of the holiday season. Tonight: Make it early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Your imagination seems to know no limits. You have pushed very hard to achieve certain results. You could be touchy. Make a gift and card list before going shopping. Try not to risk so much. Take a more conservative approach. Tonight:

Make this Friday night special!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You are extremely feisty and know exactly what you want. Do a better job of listening to a family member or roommate. If you relax, you will understand much more and not feel as irate. Drop your judgments for now. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Put your best foot forward. Take time to visit with key people to see how their holiday went. You might feel frustrated and angry about a personal matter. Try to clear up this situation ASAP. Drop your judgments. Tonight: Eggnog with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Look at the costs of the holidays. You also might be spending more money than you want in order to make someone happy. Be willing to say no, even if a huge fight starts up. Sooner or later, you will need to establish boundaries. Know what works. Tonight: You are treating, too.

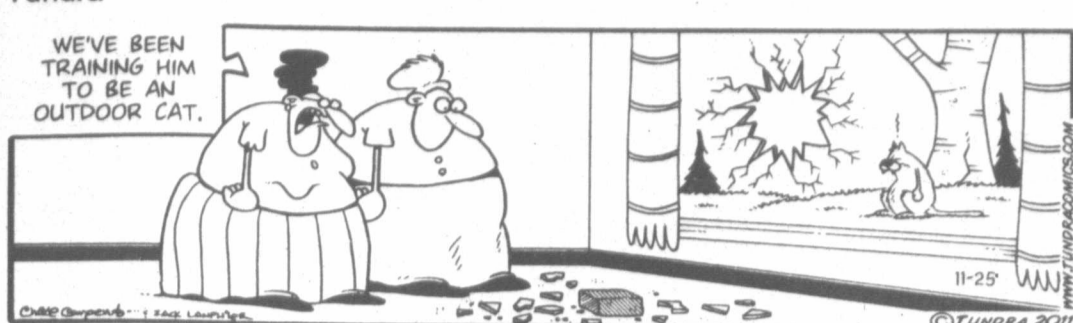
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might want to back off when a boss, older friend and/or parent makes demands. You won't be able to short-circuit this situation no matter what you do. Note that you don't always have the control you want. Tonight: Now make plans for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ A lot is going on behind the scenes. Detach and don't work off of hunches. Watch situations prove themselves. You will know when you have the facts. Say little; listen much. Ask appropriate questions. Don't feel intimidated. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ A new beginning with a friendship could delight you far more than you think. Because of your awareness of this person and the depth of your caring, you are at least 60 percent responsible. Let go of grudges. Everyone handles situations differently. Tonight: Where people are.

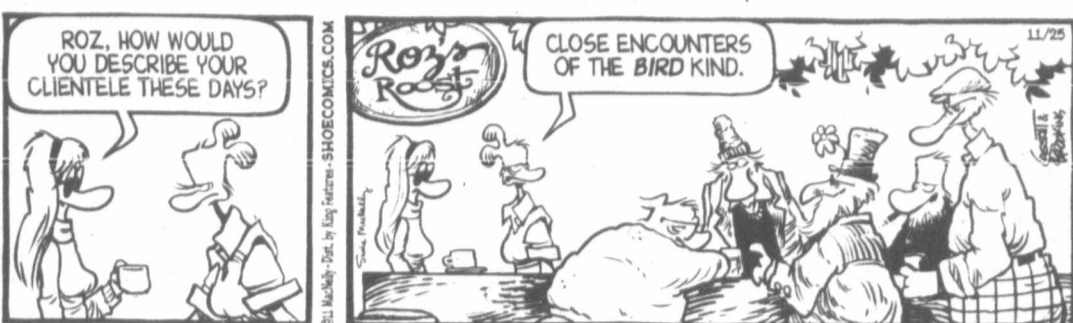
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★ Take charge of a situation. You don't want to hesitate to do what you think is necessary. Someone appreciates your take-charge attitude. Still, your abilities could be tested by a boss. Don't worry so much — you won't, if you give 100 percent. Tonight: The lead player.

Tundra



WE'VE BEEN TRAINING HIM TO BE AN OUTDOOR CAT.
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Shoe



ROZ, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CLIENTELE THESE DAYS?
 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE BIRD KIND.
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Mother Goose and Grim



SHOULD A GOVERNOR PARDON A PRISONER BEFORE HE LEAVES OFFICE?
 SURE, IF IT WAS COFFEE.
 WHAT? IF HE SPILLS COFFEE ON A PRISONER WHILE HE'S LEAVING THE OFFICE, HE SHOULD SAY "PARDON!"
 YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
 HEY, I'M NOT THE ONE WHO SPILLED THE COFFEE.

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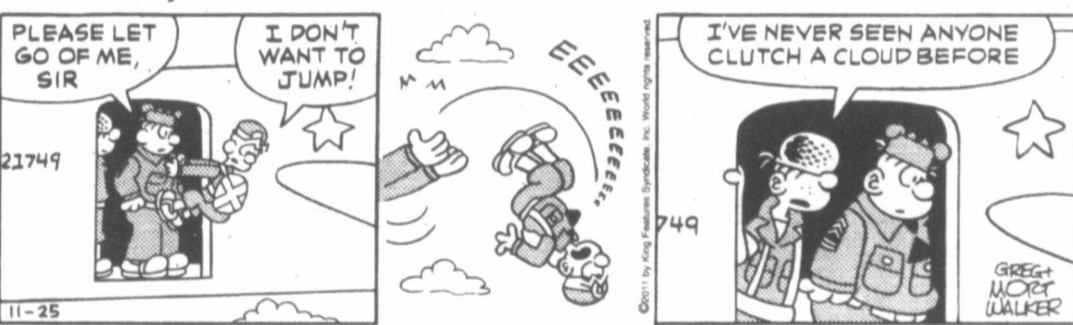
PIERCE, WHERE DID YOU GET A POOL TABLE FOR YOUR LOCKER?
 THERE'S A WEB SITE FOR LOCKER FURNISHINGS.
 LOCKERS AREN'T JUST A PLACE TO STASH YOUR BOOKS ANYMORE, JEREMY.
 THEY'RE PERSONAL REFERENCE RESPIRE ENVIRONMENTS.
 MINE IS DECORATED IN EARLY GYM SOCK.

Garfield



LIKE I'D FORGET YOUR SHOPPING LIST
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Beetle Bailey



PLEASE LET GO OF ME, SIR.
 I DON'T WANT TO JUMP!
 EEEEEEE
 I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE CLUTCH A CLOUD BEFORE
 11-25
 GREEN HOPKIN WALKER

Marvin



ANYBODY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A PIZZA WITH KIBBLES AND BITS TOPPINGS?
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Hagar The Horrible



AN EFFECTIVE LEADER SHOULD BE SCHOOLED IN THE SOCIAL GRACES
 BUT WHERE TO BEGIN WHERE TO BEGIN
 slup! slup! slup!
 CRUNCH!
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Peanuts



WHAT'S SANTA CLAUS DOING HERE SO EARLY?
 THAT ISN'T REALLY SANTA CLAUS. IT'S A DOG DRESSED UP LIKE SANTA CLAUS.
 HE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE. HE SHOULD BE OUT CHASING RABBITS...
 I'LL GO TELL HIM.
 HEY, YOU! YOU SHOULD BE OUT CHASING RABBITS!
 NEXT TIME YOU TELL HIM...

Blondie



HI, MR. BUMSTEAD. I'M JASON! ALEXANDER TELLS ME YOU'RE QUITE A NATURAL ATHLETE.
 HE DID? WELL, I SUPPOSE I WAS KIND OF A NATURAL.
 SWEET! MAN, I'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT SOME OF YOUR GLORY DAYS.
 WELL, SURE, I'M READY, JASON! LET'S GO!
 PLEASE TELL ME YOU WEREN'T MESSING WITH MY DAD JUST NOW.
 BUT, DUDE, HE WAS REALLY GETTING INTO IT!
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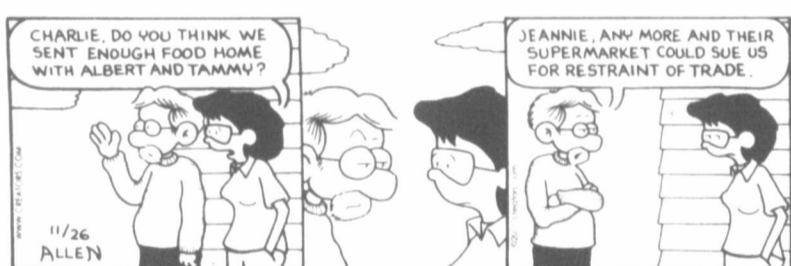
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WHEN BENNY LEARNED THAT THE LANGUAGE OF MUSICAL THEATER DOESN'T TRANSLATE WELL IN REAL LIFE...



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This year you share more easily. You have a great deal of presence. Your creativity emerges, and others respond to you. If you are single, determine the type of tie you want. Then you will know what to do or whom to choose. If you are attached, the caring soars this year. **CAPRICORN** might be more fun than you think.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take off for a day trip, or follow through on a yearly event. Break from your routine. A change of scenery, a visit to the museum or just visiting with an out-of-town pal revives you. You feel better. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A partner makes an appealing offer. If you don't accept, you wonder what you are really doing here and why. You might surprise yourself with your decision. Don't hesitate to try a new restaurant or new type of cuisine. Tonight: Go exotic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out. You feel more connected and happier than you have in a while. You make choices that work for you. Be more imaginative and open. Relate on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Whether finishing up shopping or just getting started, you are into the holiday season. A family member is in a bah-humbug mood. You cannot change this person's attitude, but you can choose not to allow this person to drag you down. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your easy style marks your actions. Others join in on a suggestion. Still, it seems as if you are on the social circuit for at least a day. The unexpected occurs. New beginnings become possible. Tonight: Do only what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Spend time close to home. You have a lot to get done, and you need to accomplish just that before you can relax. Late afternoon, you are ready to socialize

or have some unexpected fun with a child or loved one. Tonight: Once you start partying, you might not be able to stop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You make a difference. Just your phone call puts a smile on someone's face. Sometimes you forget just how happy you can make others. Meet a friend for a late lunch, a movie or to get tickets to a Christmas festivity. The pace can be easy. Tonight: Happily make it an early night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take a hard look at your budget before you do any purchasing or juggling of finances. You might not be comfortable with the decisions you have to make. Keep conversations open and flowing. Honor what is happening with a child or loved one, and remain responsive. Tonight: Let go of concerns; enjoy the one you are with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use the daytime to the max. If you are shopping, you could be delighted by what you turn over. It might not be for someone else, but for you! This "skill" seems multidimensional right now. No matter what you do, you find the right item for the right person! Tonight: Enjoying the good life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Feel free to follow your own pace. If you want to play it low-key, make that OK. This could be the last day for a while that you will be able to free up extra time. By late afternoon, you become whimsical and ready to socialize. Tonight: Remember, it is your day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Join friends. You need to let go and really be with them. Whether it is comparing your Thanksgivings or just swapping gift ideas, talk revolves around the holidays. The unexpected occurs with communication; clear out a problem before it gets bigger. Tonight: Play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You feel off, like you simply cannot be present in whatever you do. Don't worry about it; listen to your inner voice, and take care of yourself. You will perk up very quickly. Others will be delighted and feel good. Share more of what is going on. Tonight: Doing your thing.

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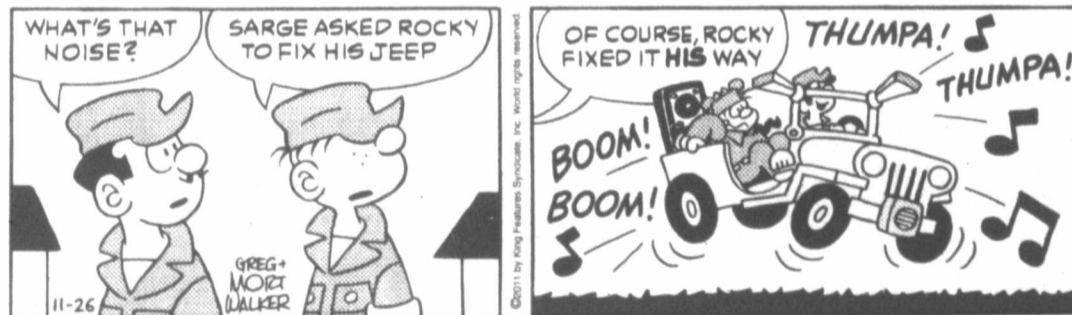
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Sprint Cup 2012
Daytona 500,
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Nationwide Series 2012
DRIVE4COPD 300,
Feb. 25, Time, TV TBA

Truck Series 2012
Yet-to-be-named race,
Feb. 24, Time TBA



BURNING ISSUES

► For the first time in NASCAR history, two drivers ended up at season's end with the same number of points. Tony Stewart won five times to Carl Edwards' one, so his 2,403 points were worth more than Edwards', which is the way tiebreakers work.

► It almost happened in 1992, when Bill Elliott could have won the championship had he led one more lap in the season finale at Atlanta. He didn't, and as such, Alan Kulwicki won the championship by 10 points.

► Edwards finished second in each of the final three races. Stewart finished first, third and first.

► Overlooked a bit: Stewart also was the season's biggest winner, his five victories eclipsing the four of Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch.

► Eighteen drivers won races in 2011, one shy of the all-time record. Stewart became the first Cup champion to win the final race in 13 years.

► Stewart a bookend? Why, yes. He won before Jimmie Johnson (2005) and after Johnson's 6th straight. Kurt Busch was the last champion not named Johnson or Stewart.

► Stewart's three championships have been titled Winston Cup (2002), Nextel Cup (2005) and Sprint Cup (2011).

► The 40-year-old Columbus, Ind., native is the only champion to win under both the Chase (2005, 2011) and previous, season-long format (2002). He was the last driver to win the title in a Pontiac (2002).

► Edwards has lost a position via tiebreaker before. In 2005, teammate Greg Biffle was credited with second behind Stewart by virtue of more victories, and Edwards settled for third.

2011 STANDINGS

| Sprint Cup Series | Pts. |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Tony Stewart* | 2,403 |
| 2. Carl Edwards | 2,403 |
| 3. Kevin Harvick | -58 |
| 4. Matt Kenseth | -73 |
| 5. Brad Keselowski | -84 |
| 6. Jimmie Johnson | -99 |
| 7. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | -113 |
| 8. Jeff Gordon | -116 |
| 9. Denny Hamlin | -119 |
| 10. Ryan Newman | -119 |
| 11. Kurt Busch | -141 |
| 12. Kyle Busch | -157 |

*takes tiebreaker based on wins.

Nationwide Series

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. | 1,222 |
| 2. Elliott Sadler | -45 |
| 3. Justin Allgaier | -117 |
| 4. Aric Almirola | -127 |
| 5. Reed Sorenson | -160 |
| 6. Jason Leffler | -194 |
| 7. Kenny Wallace | -259 |
| 8. Brian Scott | -275 |
| 9. Michael Annett | -278 |
| 10. Steve Wallace | -301 |

Camping World Truck Series

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Austin Dillon | 888 |
| 2. Johnny Sauter | -6 |
| 3. Jason Speck | -26 |
| 4. Ron Hornaday Jr. | -50 |
| 5. Timothy Peters | -56 |
| 6. Todd Bodine | -85 |
| 7. Joey Coulter | -92 |
| 8. Matt Crafton | -103 |
| 9. Cole Whit | -124 |
| 10. Nelson Piquet Jr. | -138 |



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► **Who's hot:** Tony Stewart won his third championship and had to win a record five Chase races to do so. Carl Edwards had the best average finish, 4.9, in Chase history.



► **Who's not:** The Busch brothers brought up the rear in the Chase. Kurt finished 11th, and Kyle, who had to sit out one of the 10 races at NASCAR's best, wound up 12th.



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IT'S A WRAP



Ford 400

In what was likely the most memorable championship battle in NASCAR history, Tony Stewart and Carl Edwards finished first and second at Homestead-Miami Speedway in both the Chase ... and the race. Stewart, 40, won the Ford 400 by slightly over a second. Edwards, however, led the most laps. As a result, both completed the 36-race season with 2,403 points. Stewart was declared champion — for the third time, by the way — by virtue of the tie-breaker. He won five times, while Edwards won only once. Edwards, however, compiled the best average finish, 4.9, in the eight-year history of the Chase format. All five of Stewart's victories occurred in the 10-race Chase. Edwards finished second in each of the final three races.



Ford 300

Brad Keselowski, in a Dodge, picked up his fifth win of the season in the Ford 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. It was Keselowski's 17th career victory. Meanwhile, Ford driver Ricky Stenhouse Jr. wrapped up the series championship. Keselowski started on the pole but had to fend off the Fords of Stenhouse and Carl Edwards in the final 25 laps. Another Penske Racing driver, Sam Hornish Jr., finished seventh. Roger Penske-owned cars have won 350 races all-time in a wide variety of racing series. Keselowski, the 2010 series champion, was ineligible for the title this year by virtue of his full-time participation in the Sprint Cup Series.

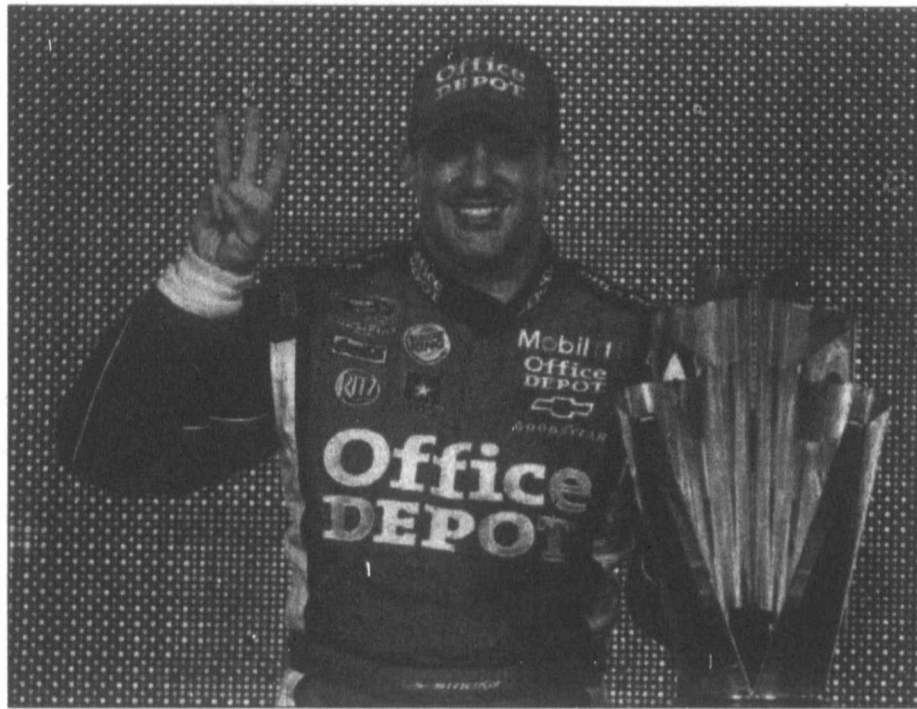


Ford 200

Johnny Sauter, driving a Chevy, captured the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway and finished second in the point standings. The series champion, Austin Dillon, finished 10th but held on to a six-point edge over Sauter in the final standings. Dillon, the grandson of owner Richard Childress, drove a Silverado carrying the No. 3 once made popular in Cup by the late Dale Earnhardt. "I remember my first championship with Dale Earnhardt," Childress said. "I had the same feeling watching my grandson." Rain shortened the race by 15 laps. Dillon became the youngest-ever series champion at age 21.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TONY STEWART: 2002, 2005, 2011 NASCAR CUP CHAMPION



Andrew Copley/CIA Photography

Three-time Cup champion Tony Stewart holds up three fingers after winning Sunday's Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. After suffering some damage to his car, Stewart worked his way back, defeating Carl Edwards to win. Stewart won the tiebreaker, finishing with more wins than Edwards.

In All His Glory

For Stewart, who says having all the points means the title?

By Monte Duffon
NASCAR This Week

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — One isn't actually the loneliest number. It's zero.

Zero was Tony Stewart's margin in the closest championship battle in NASCAR history. Zero was no margin at all.

Try to tell Carl Edwards that. Edwards finished second for the third week in a row, and as a result, he finished second for the season. Two isn't supposed to be lonely, but on Sunday night at Homestead-Miami Speedway, it was. Two was the position of the first loser. The gentlemanly Edwards lost to the aggressive Stewart in the on-again, off-again rain of Homestead-Miami Speedway.

During the latter of two rain delays, Stewart did exactly what he had been doing for a month. He talked smack. Then he delivered the smack he talked about.

"We are fixing to wear him (Edwards) out," Stewart said. "We get up there and get some more track position, and we've got a pretty good Chevy. We've been able to match his lap times, and we just have to hang in there with him. We're going to make this interesting

before it's over if we haven't already."

Edwards led 119 laps, nearly twice as many as Stewart. Stewart, however, led the final 36. Stewart didn't pit when the race resumed under a yellow flag, and Stewart stayed on the track for track position he never relinquished. For 33 of those final 36 laps Stewart led. Edwards was in second, but he could never get much closer than a second behind and crossed the finish line trailing by 1.306, which may not be much but was, yes, infinitely greater than Stewart's wacky and extraordinary Chase margin of, uh, zero points.

"At least we know we can compete with any of these people," Edwards said. "We know we can compete with a three-time champion (Stewart) who wins five races in the Chase and still wind up with the same number of points as he got."

In the end, it was small consolation. No, it was cold consolation. Ruthless consolation.

Stewart won the race. Edwards, who began the twice-rain-delayed Ford 400 three points ahead, finished second. They each finished with 2,403 points. Stewart won the championship by tiebreaker. He won five races. Edwards won only one.

Economic uncertainties still abound for teams

By Monte Duffon
NASCAR This Week

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Most expected the end of the season to bring with it a rash of layoffs as many NASCAR teams attempted to cope with economic hardships.

Some predicted as many as 300 jobs might be lost after the season's final race came to its exciting conclusion.

Among the uncertainties: Team Red Bull is shutting down, at least in its present form. The team is owned by its primary sponsor, which is pulling out at season's end. An attempt to find some form of investment to keep the two-Toyota team active in some form has thus far been unsuccessful. One of the team's drivers, Kasey Kahne, is moving to Hendrick Motorsports, and the other, Brian Vickers, is looking for work.

Matt Kenseth doesn't yet have sponsorship secured for next year, though owner Jack Roush has said he will run the 2008 champion without sponsorship, if necessary. Roush Fenway Racing may consist of three, not four, teams next year.

Childress' team may not field four Chevys, either. Clint Bowyer is moving on

NUTS AND BOLTS

to Waltrip Racing, leaving Harvick, Burton and Paul Menard with stable rides.

David Ragan, at Roush Fenway, and David Reutimann, being replaced by Mark Martin (part-time) at MWR, are looking for rides.

Encouraging words — Among NASCAR chairman Brian France's Homestead-Miami Speedway remarks was an admission that the tag-team drafting at Daytona and Talladega is detrimental to the sport and a priority for NASCAR to end. The term used by France was "turn back the clock."

"I'm glad to hear that, and I'm all for helping to make that happen," said Dale Earnhardt Jr. "I think it's going to be as hard as we think it will be and as hard as we imagine after testing a little bit at Daytona.

It sort of reiterated everybody's fears that it would be a little bit more difficult than just flipping a few switches.

"There are a lot of variables. These race cars have a bunch of pieces on

them, and the race track is part of the deal and the tire is part of the deal."

Regarding the possible champ — The late-night surprise following Tony Stewart's claiming of the championship is that his crew chief, Darrian Grubb, may be out of a job.

A good bit of talk leading up to the Ford 400 dwelled on Grubb's possible reassignment, but, as it turned out, the championship crew chief revealed that he had been told before the Oct. 15 race at Charlotte Motor Speedway that he would be replaced at season's end.

Whether that changes remains to be seen. Grubb's replacement may be Steve Addington, who has worked for the past two years with Kurt Busch at Penske Racing.

Secret squirrels — The Lords of Daytona are up to it again. Upset that Brad Keselowski criticized the impending move to fuel-injection engines, NASCAR officials apparently fined \$25,000 in one of those secret fines that seldom remains secret long.

NASCAR chairman Brian France, all self-righteous and all, said, "In the last couple of years we've taken the position that drivers are going to be able to speak their mind and criticize the sport way

FEUD OF THE WEEK



TONY STEWART VS. CARL EDWARDS

Who else? They tied for the championship, though Stewart won it by virtue of his five Chase victories. Stewart played mind games; Edwards took the high road. Neither yielded. One just had to win, and, gloriously as it turned out, it was Stewart.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Duffon gives his take: "Edwards was classy in defeat, but it gnaws at him. The main topic of his remarks was how determined he was to get back in the fray, preferably with Stewart."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

'Dega Was A Downer

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Questions can also be sent by email, Facebook and Twitter (see directions at the top of this page).

Dear NASCAR This Week,

... Many fans were disgusted after (the) race at Talladega. I cannot imagine any other sport where "professional" athletes would decide to play in the last inning, or last few minutes of a game.

NASCAR has some issues with attendance and this certainly won't help. Carl Edwards may now win the title, but he is no champion. The fans expect and deserve better. I'm about done.

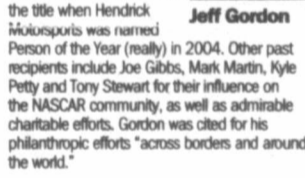
Rick Jones
Atlanta, Ga.

All sports use strategy that is within the rules. Long-distance runners, for instance, pace themselves. Golfers "play it safe" to protect a lead. We don't like it either, but it's hard to force drivers to do what they perceive to be against their long-range interests.

FAN TIPS

Top Honor For Jeff Gordon

Four-time champion Jeff Gordon is the 2011 NASCAR Illustrated Person of the Year. Gordon is the first three-time recipient of the award, but this marks the first time he is the sole recipient. Gordon and Darrin Waltrip were named co-persons of the year in 1997. Gordon also shared the title when Hendrick Motorsports was named Person of the Year (really) in 2004. Other past recipients include Joe Gibbs, Mark Martin, Kyle Petty and Tony Stewart for their influence on the NASCAR community, as well as admirable charitable efforts. Gordon was cited for his philanthropic efforts "across borders and around the world."



Jeff Gordon

LEGENDS AND LORE

More Jeff For Your Fancy

On Nov. 8, 1998, Jeff Gordon wrapped up his third Winston Cup championship with a victory in the season's final race, the NAPA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. Until Tony Stewart wrapped up his third championship on Sunday in Homestead, Fla., Gordon was the most recent champion to win the final race of a season. Dale Jarrett and Mark Martin finished second and third, respectively, in the race, and third and second in the season-long points battle, which wasn't much of one. At season's end, Gordon led Martin by 364 points and Jarrett by 709.

more than any other sport would allow." "Hah! When a reporter followed up, France said, in part, "We've never been more transparent."

The modern, politicized definition of that word is "open" and "visible." By that definition, NASCAR has never been "transparent." Until recently, calling someone or something transparent meant you "could see right through them." Bingo.

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Rain good Thanksgiving gift for winter pasture growers

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very poor condition, with most counties reporting very poor. Some stock-



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Steers graze annual ryegrass in East Texas. Rain was a Thanksgiving gift for many winter pastures.

COLLEGE STATION — Rain came to large parts of Texas, an early Thanksgiving feast for already planted winter pastures, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Though welcome, the rain came too late for drought-hammered summer pastures, many of which are in sad shape, according to AgriLife Extension county agent reports.

For example, before the rain, Pasquale Swaner, AgriLife Extension agent for Falls County, near Waco, reported that while "driving throughout the county, pastures are the worse than anyone can imagine. A large portion are just grazed to dirt."

However, the rain will certainly help winter pastures, and eventually it will be good for warm-season pastures too, said Dr. Vanessa Corriher, AgriLife Extension forage specialist in East Texas.

"For pastures that have been grazed down, it's going to take them a long time to recover," Corriher said. "Most of those forages, our warm-season perennials, are going into dormancy as we get cooler temperatures. We're not going to see any recovery until we get into spring."

But for many of those producers who planted winter pastures earlier, the rains came just in time, she said.

"Whether it's a cool-season annual ryegrass, or some small grains or any cool-season legume, the moisture will help those forages to potentially provide some grazing," she said.

Though it's highly recommended to fertilize winter pastures, the timing is a bit off, Corriher said. Her standard recommendation is to wait until around the middle of November, but after the first freeze to ensure all warm-season pastures have entered dormancy. East Texas hasn't had any frosts yet.

"And it's a better idea to get the nitrogen out before we've had a rain, but of course, sometimes we can't anticipate that next rainfall," she said. "But if you have some winter pasture that's coming up, and you are anticipating some more rain, fertilization would be a great idea for optimal production."

Some producers were holding off planting because of lack of moisture, but it's a bit too late to plant now. For East Texas, Corriher doesn't recommend planting any winter forages past about Nov. 15.

"There are some producers, who I've visited with recently, who are looking at planting winter pastures, primarily annual ryegrass," she said. "Realize, though, that planting at a later date will result in (forage) production later in the season, and not necessarily when it's needed."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries on Nov. 21:

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were near-average with high winds during most of the reporting period. Most counties continued to report soil moisture levels as being very short. The cotton harvest and planting of wheat were ongoing. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to

er cattle were being placed on wheat. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle, with some herds being liquidated.

ROLLING PLAINS: Temperatures cooled down and the region received its first hard freeze. Trees seemed to drop their leaves overnight. With high winds and no row crops, dust filled the air. Some of winter wheat fields were blown out last week and replanted, but with the continuing winds, producers were worried fields may get blown out a second time. Wheat that made it up was in fair to good condition but needed more moisture. Peanut growers were nearly finished harvesting, but reported lower grading nuts and lighter yields. Livestock were in poor to fair condition as ranchers continue to provide supplement feed.

SOUTH PLAINS: The region remained dry for the most part. High temperatures ranged from upper 50s to low 70s with lows in the 30s and 40s. There was a hard freeze Nov. 17 as temperatures dipped

down to 22 degrees in Lubbock County. The freeze helped further dry down remaining cotton. Most farmers were wrapping up harvest and most gins were keeping up with the harvest. Ginning this year was predicted to be completed by early December. Farmers continued to plant winter wheat. The sorghum harvest was nearly completed. Pasture and rangeland remained very dry, and producers were still providing supplement feed to cattle.

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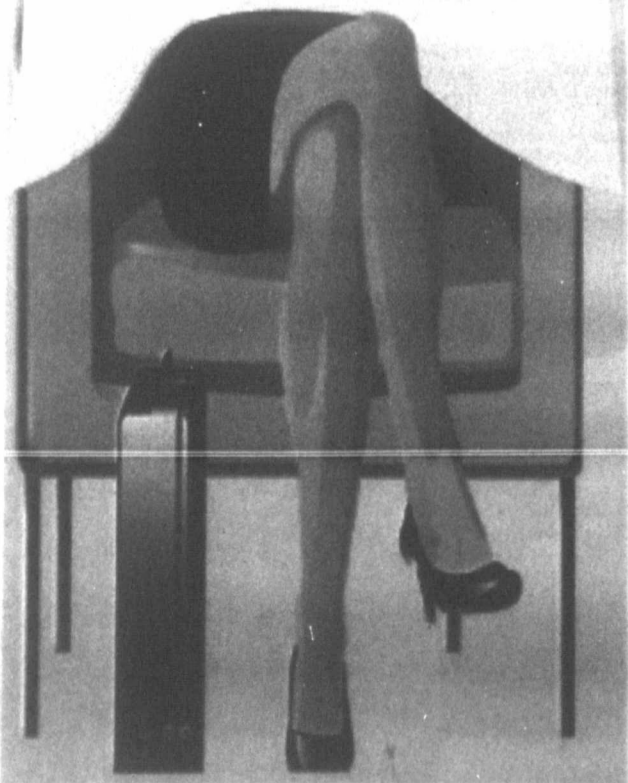
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