

# Youth, 16, Admits Slaying Of Conrad

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## Subscription-Type Television To Be Ready In Two Months

Television service, like subscribing to the utilities of a telephone or power service, will be established at Lewiston and Clark-

\$50,000 by Paul H. Wise, William Brenner and Jerry V. Smith, all of Lewiston, according to the Associated Press. Smith is attorney for the firm Brenner &

## Brazil Becomes A True 'Brinker'

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