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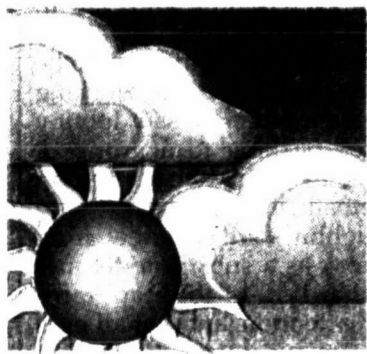
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PAMPA — A quick TASP will be given on Wednesday, May 19 at 8 a.m. at the Pampa Center. Be there at 7:45 a.m. to register. Cost is \$29. Contact the counselor's office for more information.

PAMPA — Over 900 pieces of art work will be displayed at Pampa Middle School's annual end-of-the-year art show tomorrow night from 6 to 8.

QUITAQUE — The state fire marshal's office was Thursday blaming an electrical short for a fire that destroyed part of a local watering hole.

The Sportsman Club caught fire Tuesday night. Officials said the west wing of the restaurant and bar was destroyed. The rest of the building sustained heavy, smoke damage.

Restaurant employees were cleaning up Wednesday night and indicated they would reopen as soon as possible.

Quitaque officials said the old part of the structure which had been an old warehouse was destroyed by the fire. They said it would probably be torn down.

The former owner of The Sportsman, a Quitaque landmark, was Roye Pigg, 48. Pigg was shot to death early in the morning of June 4, 1998.

Johnny Miller "Corkey" Garner, 63, faces first degree murder charges in Pigg's death. Pampa District Attorney John Mann was appointed special prosecutor in the case in February.

There was a fear that the fire might be connected to the upcoming trial, but Deputy State Fire Marshal Allen Neighbors of Lubbock tentatively identified the cause of the fire Wednesday as an over loaded electrical cord.

No winner; \$10 million Wednesday

No ticket(s) correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$7 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 4-7-27-30-41-48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

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County commission rescinds vote

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

County Commissioners reluctantly rescinded a motion to forgive the penalties and interest for delinquent property taxes of the Pampa Industrial Foundation.

The Commission had voted to forgive the penalties after Foundation President Dick Stowers appealed to them that he did not receive notice of the taxes until after the due date.

According to Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris, the original notice was mailed to the right address which is the P.O. Box for the Chamber of Commerce, where the Foundation receives its mail.

She said the notice must have been returned because the notice was next sent to the old Chamber of Commerce address which was in the Hughes building.

A mistyped address and a fourth notice to the Hughes Building followed, which was the one that was finally delivered to Stowers.

Stowers said when he got the notice he immediately went and paid the bill including penalties and interest but wanted those refunded because he did not get a notice in time.

Morris argued that the law states that unless an original notice has an incorrect address on it the tax is due.

At an April meeting the Commission decided that

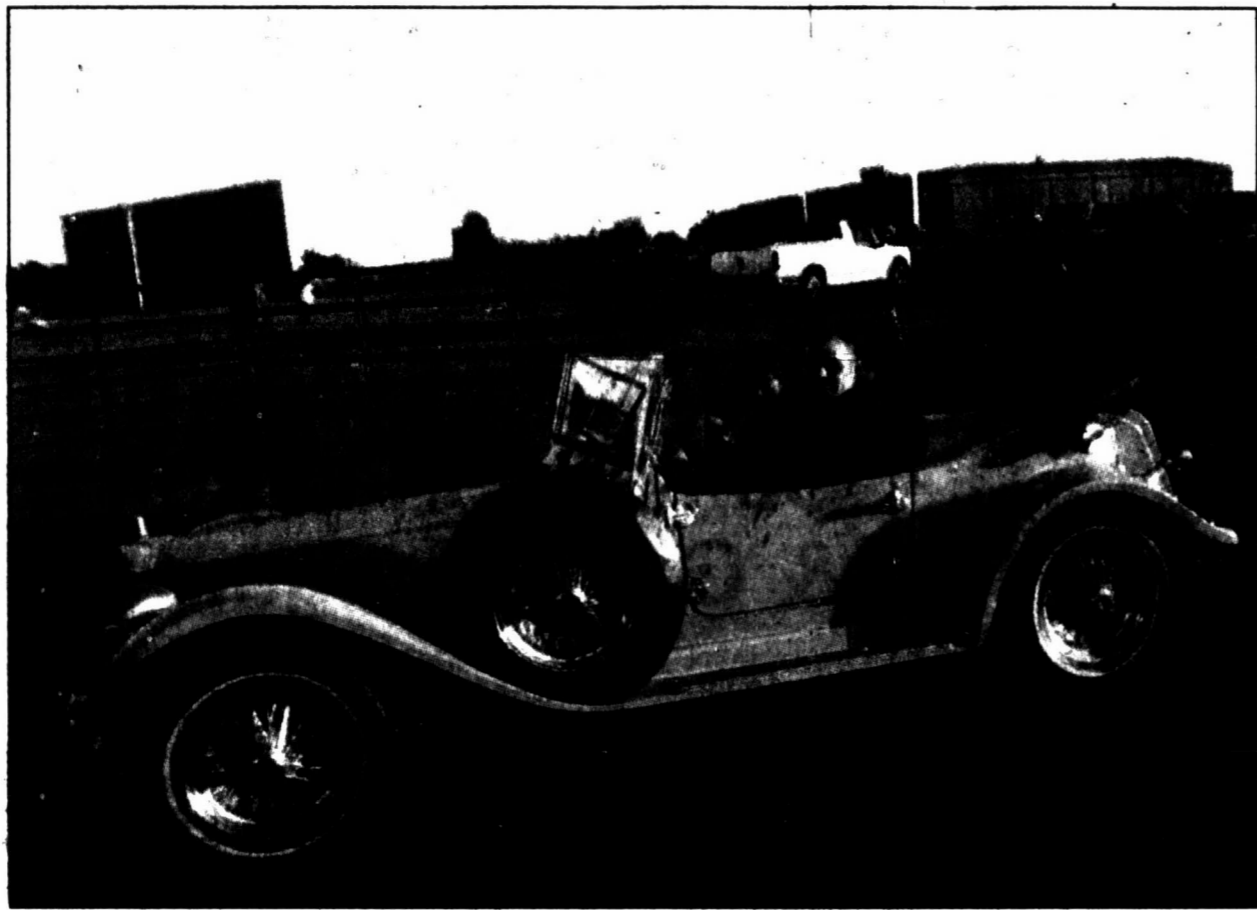
since the notice was sent back, apparently by the post office, that the debt could be forgiven.

When Stowers made the same request to the city and Pampa ISD, the matter was refused on the advice of their attorneys.

Morris said Friday that County Attorney Todd Alvey had since looked into the matter and concurred that the Commission could not forgive the debt.

Even so the vote was 3-1 to rescind the earlier action with Commissioner Jim Greene voting to retain the original forgiveness and Commissioners James Hefley, Joe Wheeley and Gerald Wright voting to rescind.

County Judge Richard Peet was absent attending probate school.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Brian Frels and Candace Cathey find a fun way to get to the Pampa High School Prom over the weekend.

PHS annual Choir Variety Show set for tomorrow night

Pampa high school students will take to the stage Tuesday night for the PHS Choir Variety Show.

Forty acts are scheduled for the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at M.K. Brown Auditorium, according to Jennifer Scoggin, assistant high school choir director.

There will be a two dollar admission charge, Scoggin said. A mixed choir performance will open the show with their rendition of "Stay Tuned."

Also scheduled are perform are Ashley Knipp; JoAnna Wheeley; the Women's Choir; Lindsay Scribner; Ashlee Hunt; Sammie Parsley; Charity Godwin; Scott Monds; Maurey Bell and Jacob Lewis; Rose Fruge and Traci Shelton; Amanda Browning; Maria Rodriguez; Sarah Fraser; Amy Robbins; Chris Lewis and Cory Bigham; Melea Jouett; Tiffany Bruce; Thann Scoggin and Patrick Parsons; Jennifer Mackie and Josh Gibson; Callie, Karen, Chesney, Brittany; and Rebeka Warner.

Also performing will be Celeste Stowers; Chris Crow; Hayle Garrison, Andy Fernuik; Holly Brooks; Clay Britton; Dillon Hill; Courtney Lang; and Meredith Hendricks and Kristen Stephens. The PHS Show Choir will close with "Journey."

All in a day's work ...

Officer's keen observation lands three in county jail

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Three arrests were the result of the good observation skills of a Pampa Police officer over the weekend.

While Officer Corey Powell was on patrol Sunday afternoon, he saw a man he believed to have outstanding warrants riding in a car on north Hobart. He stopped the vehicle and found Spencer Ray Boyd, 46, 445 S. Graham, was wanted on city warrants.

Soon officer Keith Morris and Officer Beverly Chace arrived for back up

During Boyd's arrest, drug paraphernalia was found. The white pickup he was in was being driven by Lauren Heath Holtman, 19, 445 S. Graham. She and another passenger in the car, Zenobia Kay Dean, 17, Lefors, were both patted down for officer safety, and drug paraphernalia was also found on them.

All three were taken into custody and booked into Gray County Jail. Bond for Boyd has been set at \$1,000, while bond for the others had not been set at press time.

Town crime drops in April

Police report 53 major crimes, down from 78 in March

Crime in Pampa dropped in April.

The Pampa Police Department reported 53 major crimes the fourth month of the year, down from 78 in March. Total crimes were down from 476 reported in March to 417 in April.

Police reported crimes in only three of the eight categories that make up the major crimes list that are reported nationally for the criminal activity crime index.

There were 36 thefts reported, 14 burglaries and three aggravated assaults in April. March figures recorded 52 thefts, 17 burglaries, seven stolen cars and two aggravated assaults.

The fewer number of crimes allowed officers more time investigating those that were reported. The average time spent investigating a theft in April was about 27.4 minutes as opposed to 20.1 minutes in March. An average of 30 minutes was spent investigating each burglary in April while in March, it was 25.7 minutes.

There were 36 thefts reported, 14 burglaries and three aggravated assaults in April. March figures recorded 52 thefts, 17 burglaries, seven stolen cars and two aggravated assaults.

Some 39 minutes was spent investigating each aggravated assault in April. In March, officers spent an average of 15 minutes on each aggravated assault.

The largest number of offenses recorded by the Pampa Police Department in April was disorderly conduct with 68 individual reports, an increase over March. Disorderly conduct was also the most reported criminal activity in March. Pampa police recorded 59 instances of disorderly conduct in March.

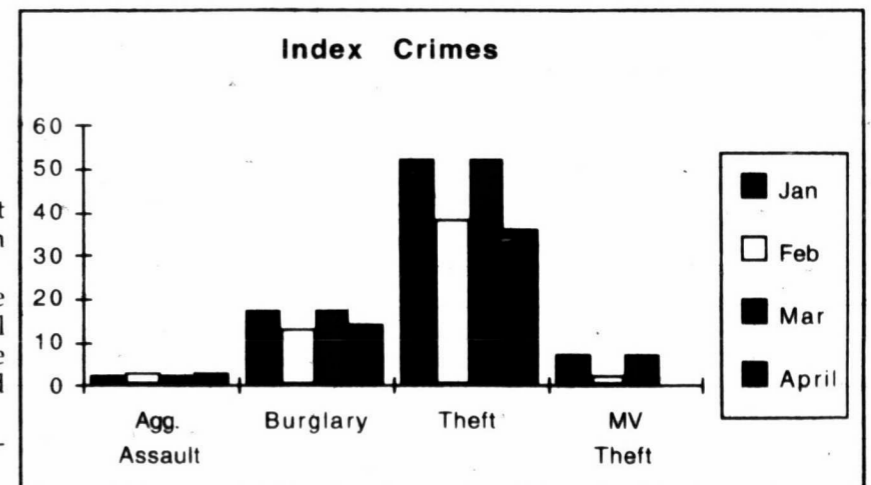
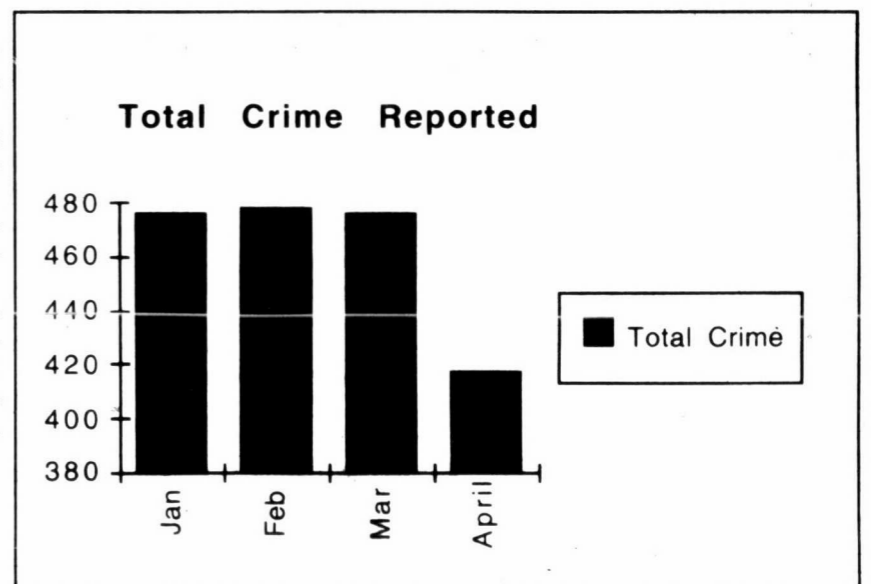
Theft was again the second-ranked offense, although the number of theft reports dropped from 52 in March to 36 in April.

Vandalism was the third most frequent crime reported in Pampa in April, as it was in March. Police had 20 reports of vandalism in March and 21 in April.

Although there was a decrease in assaults in April, the category moved up to number four. Pampa had 15 assaults reported in March and 14 in April.

Drunkenness ranked fifth in offenses in April, up from 10th in March. Officers reported five drunkenness offenses in the fourth month of the year, but only two in March.

Aggravated assaults were in sixth place for criminal activity in



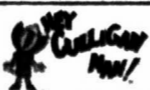
Pampa for April with three reports. In March, aggravated assaults shared 10th place with drunkenness with only two reports.

Completing April's criminal activity report was forgery, sex offenses and offenses against family and children with two in each category.

Forgery also ranked seventh in March. There were no reports in March of any sex offenses and only one report of an offense against family and children.

There was one liquor law violation listed on April's reports, while there were four in March.

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Daily Record

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 15

James Glen Miller, 38, 916 S. Banks, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury to family member.

Billy B. Jernigan, 28, 421 Lowery, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and failure to furnish proof of insurance.

Marco Antonio Alvarado, 24, 314 N. Wynne, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, May 16

Tammy N. McDonald, 29, Shamrock, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and speeding.

Rocky Carl Bynum, 38, 426 N. Cuyler, was arrested on charges of simple assault and injury to a child.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, May 14

No charges were listed when a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Lewis Marshall Martin, 66, 624 E. Foster, collided with a 1997 Dodge pickup driven by Milton R. Tice, 65, 847 Malone, who apparently suffered a heart attack and swerved into the wrong lane in the 300 block of Cuyler. Tice was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center where he is listed in stable condition in the ICU.

No charges were listed when a 1991 GMC pickup driven by Michael Andrew Schroeder, 16, outside Pampa, collided with a 1988 Olds 98 driven by Mary Carver, 57, at the intersection of Starkweather and Foster as both vehicles attempted to make left turns. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, May 15

Eric Randall King, 18, 821 Brunow, was cited for running a red light when his 1987 Toyota collided with a 1992 Grand Am owned by Kristen Lee Stephens, 16, 720 E. 16th, at Hobart and Kentucky. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, May 16

Michael Leroy Shaw, 18, 1401 W. Harvester, was cited for failure to control speed when his 1984 Ford pickup collided with a parked 1999 Ford pickup and a parked 1987 Chevrolet Suburban about 9:45 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of North Sierra. Shaw told officers he was reaching for compact discs on the floor board of his pickup when the accident occurred. No injuries were reported.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire (emergency).....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 15

Brandon Andrew Wolfe, 21, 413 N. Zimmers, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, May 15

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center. No one was transported.

12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of banks and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, May 16

1:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie. No one was transported.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 15

12:30 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Recreation Park on a medical assist.

4:41 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the Pampa Mall on a false alarm.

6:40 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to M.K. Brown Auditorium and did a walk through.

Sunday, May 16

10:19 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of Sierra on an automobile accident.

1:13 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a false alarm.

2:14 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a false alarm.

Monday, May 17

6:25 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Aft and Buckler on a downed power line.

Stocks

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

Wheat.....	2.27	Coca-Cola.....	65 13/16	up 9/16
Milo.....	3.12	Columbia/FCA.....	25 1/8	up 1/16
Corn.....	3.50	Enron.....	72 5/16	dn 7/16
Soybeans.....	3.79	Halliburton.....	40 9/16	dn 9/16
		IRI.....	5	dn 1/8
		KNE.....	21 1/4	up 1/16
		Kerr McGee.....	46 5/16	up 5/16
		LinnCorp.....	46 3/4	dn 5/8
		McDonald's.....	39 5/8	dn 3/4
		Mobil.....	98 5/16	up 5/16
		New Atmos.....	24 13/16	dn 1/4
		NCE.....	38 5/8	up 3/16
		Phillips.....	45 5/8	up 1/2
		Phillips.....	49 11/16	up 1/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.....	12 7/16	up 1/16
		SLB.....	61 11/16	dn 3/16
		Tenneco.....	24 3/16	dn 5/8
		Texasco.....	67 1/8	dn 9/16
		Ultramar.....	23 5/8	up 1/2
		Wal-Mart.....	45 5/8	dn 3/4
		Williams.....	48 3/8	up 9/16
		New York Gold.....	275 9/5	up 9/16
		Silver.....	5.39	up 9/16
		West Texas Crude.....	17.90	up 9/16

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

Occidental.....	20 3/4	up 1/16
Magellan.....	125.08	up 1/16
Puritan.....	20.75	up 1/16

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

Amoco.....	106 7/16	dn 5/16
Arco.....	81 15/16	dn 1/2
Cabot.....	26 1/16	up 1/16
Cabot O&G.....	17 7/8	dn 3/16
Chevron.....	95 5/16	up 7/8

Couple helps youth get fresh vision of future

By REBECCA THATCHER Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — As an employee of the Texas attorney general's child support division, Clem Clarke sees a depressing number of teen-agers whose lack of dreams of their future prompted them to have babies before their own childhood was over.

Probably no one would blame her if she spent her evenings on the hike and bike trail or with a good murder mystery.

But Mrs. Clarke and her husband, Johnny Clarke, decided two years ago to devote their evenings and weekends to helping teens develop a new vision of their future. Their organization, Vision Tour, gets struggling youths involved in volunteerism and takes them on a weeklong summertime tour to Washington, D.C., and New York City.

The 85 teen-agers visit the Capitol, the White House, the Statue of Liberty and other symbols of freedom. They also study Harriet Tubman and the underground railroad, and they're challenged to think about how they can apply the lessons to their own lives, Mrs. Clarke said.

The Clarks and nine other Texas volunteers and volunteer organizations were presented the Governor's Volunteer Award on Monday at the Governor's Mansion.

"Throughout the Lone Star

State, volunteers are teaching the illiterate, feeding the homeless, helping the ill and elderly and working to improve their communities," Gov. George W. Bush said in announcing the awards. "Recognizing outstanding Texas volunteers... is a small way to say 'thank you.'"

Clem Clarke is a community outreach coordinator for the child support division of the attorney general's office. She has been a volunteer in Austin ever since she moved here in 1993, but she was inspired to begin Vision Tour when a 24-year-old mother of a pregnant 13-year-old girl came to her office for help.

Mrs. Clarke said she grew up poor and did not think much of herself as an overweight teenager. But her father and a teacher pushed her to fulfill her dreams, she said. She holds an undergraduate degree from Mississippi Valley State University and a master's in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Southern Illinois University.

"My father always told me, 'Clem, if you don't have goals, if you don't have dreams, you have nothing,'" she said.

Johnny Clarke, who holds an undergraduate degree in marketing from the University of Texas in San Antonio, takes responsibility for counseling many of the young men on the Vision Tour.

He said many of them lack role male role models, and he enjoys showing them the proper way for grown men to talk and act.

"My wife and I are a great team," he said. "I don't make any big observations or assumptions. I just practice the golden rule as much as I can."

Clarke works for Looksmart, an Internet company.

Sam Loughlin, a lawyer with Vinson & Elkins who gives the Clarks free legal advice, said he became interested in working with them when he saw Johnny Clarke speaking to a group of youths at the Michael Jordan basketball clinic last year.

Loughlin said he knew from his work as a substitute teacher how hard it is to keep teenagers' attention, and yet all eyes and ears were tuned to what Johnny Clarke was saying.

"I was really impressed with their dedication and obvious love for these kids," he said.

The summer tour is more than just a vacation for the youngsters, Loughlin said.

"It's not just travel, it's exposure, exposure to a way of thinking and a type of life that is unimaginable to them," he said.

Monae Hutton, a sophomore at LBJ High School, was part of the Vision Tour last year and said the experience had a lasting effect on her.

"It made me want to be a part of my community," Hutton said.

Houston judge dismisses Satanism lawsuit by Procter & Gamble against Amway

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawsuit alleging that Amway distributors revived false rumors linking Procter & Gamble with satanic cults was thrown out Saturday by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore dismissed the lawsuit two weeks into its trial. The lawsuit is one of several that Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble brought after rumors began circulating in 1981 that the company's logo — a bearded, crescent man-in-the-moon looking over a field of 13 stars — was a symbol of Satanism.

The company alleged that Amway distributors, including several from the Houston area, revived the rumors in 1995, using a voice mail system to tell thousands of customers that part of Procter & Gamble's profits go to satanic cults.

Elaine Plummer, a spokeswoman for Procter & Gamble, said Saturday night that the company plans to appeal the decision.

She said the judge threw out the lawsuit because a federal judge in Utah had dismissed a similar case in March against Amway. The Utah judge ruled the rumors were not defamatory and

that Procter & Gamble hadn't made a case for specific damages.

"We have been advised this is an error because the cases are different legally and factually," Plummer said. "The (Houston) judge had already ruled that we had presented sufficient evidence of Amway's liability and that our case could go to the jury. We look forward to a retrial of our case as soon as possible."

But Amway Corp., based in Ada, Mich., said its distributors never spread the rumors.

"For years, Amway tried to work with Procter and Gamble to squelch this tall tale," said Michael Mohr, vice president and deputy general counsel for Amway. "When the rumor refused to die, Procter and Gamble embarked on a corporate strategy to blame one of its competitors for a silly story that has been widely told among many groups throughout the country."

The Procter & Gamble trademark originated in the mid-1800s, Plummer said. The 13 stars represent the 13 original colonies and the man-in-the-moon was a popular decorative symbol of the period.

Judge weighs justice with a little sleight of hand

By MARK BABINECK Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Judge Frank Price is prone to a little deception when he's on the bench.

Price, who has held one Houston-area judgeship or another for 25 years, remains among the highest-rated jurists in the annual bar poll. Yet most who appear before him don't know he's practicing skullduggery right before their eyes.

The sleight of hand Price undertakes during the day helps him after hours when he exchanges his robe for a tuxedo, the uniform of a nightclub magician.

"It's fun. It's a nice diversion from the legal profession," said Price, 60. "I enjoy making people laugh, have a good time and enjoy themselves. It puts happiness in people's lives, and I feel good when I can do that."

By day, Price runs a mediation practice with a colleague and fills in as a retired judge in both district court and the 1st Court of Appeals. Many weeknights, the prestidigitator performs at Magic Island, a two-story office building that was converted into a Sphinx-exteriors club 15 years ago.

Price practices constantly, whether riding in a car, watching a Rockets game on television or presiding over a courtroom.

"Once I was listening to a witness on the stand and I've got a deck of cards," Price said. "Apparently I was listening so

intently that what I was doing with the cards were making too much noise. The witness looks at me and says, 'What are you doing?'

"I said, 'Just answer the question.' Really, I was paying so much attention I didn't hear the cards."

Fiddling with magic tricks

"When I first saw his act, it caught me off-guard," said Judge Eric Andell, who also sits on the 1st Court. "You don't know whether to believe what you're seeing. There's a judge, and he's doing magic tricks, and you say, 'What's this?'"

Price got into magic while at

With rolled-up sleeves, he folds a dollar bill into a tiny square, only to unfold a \$100 bill. Then comes another dose of dry wit: "The Secret Service tells me I have to turn it back into a dollar or I'll go to jail."

helps him concentrate on courtroom proceedings, which rarely are as gripping as they're portrayed in movies. Also, Price says, practice makes perfect.

"They way you become proficient at anything is by doing it over and over," Price said. "I've found that I could do things under the bench, maybe practice a certain sleight. You don't think about what you're doing because it's got to be natural."

His club act consists of up-close tricks with everyday items. Patrons look on from a bank of 32 theater-style seats in a cozy room — the front row is arm's length from his table.

Houston Lamar High School, where he and a swim teammate began performing at birthday parties and such. Price's affinity for magic lasted through college, law school and his entire legal career.

After short stints as a prosecutor and in private practice, Price was appointed to a district bench in 1973 and quickly was assigned one of his biggest cases, the murder trial of Lilla Paulus, convicted of killing a socially prominent Dr. John Hill.

He later condemned Ronald Clark O'Bryan, convicted and eventually executed for killing his son with poisoned candy on Halloween night in a case

that shocked the nation.

After serving as a district judge during the 1970s, Price was appointed to the 1st Court of Appeals by Gov. Bill Clements. Voters swept him out along with most other GOP candidates in the 1982 elections, and he's served as a fill-in ever since.

Price has dabbled in different types of magic but long has settled on the close-up variety, one of the most difficult. He doesn't tell his audiences he's a judge, only that his day job has made him experienced at lying, cheating and stealing.

"I'm a lawyer," he confides. "I was kidding about the stealing, though."

With rolled-up sleeves, he folds a dollar bill into a tiny square, only to unfold a \$100 bill. Then comes another dose of dry wit: "The Secret Service tells me I have to turn it back into a dollar or I'll go to jail."

Price then reveals some rubber balls, confounding the audience as balls that should be in his pocket appear in his hand, balls supposedly in his hand show up in a box, etc. Afterward, he seamlessly shuffles silver coins across his table, revealing them under his left hand when they appeared under his right seconds before.

"The trick is not in the coins, just the result of a misspent youth," he says.

He wraps up the short set by seemingly "printing" the image of playing cards onto blank cards by pressing them together. He goes on to "print"

all sorts of combinations, including creating a black card by pressing it against his tux.

The befuddled customers applaud and file out, only to be followed by another small group a few minutes later who watch the same show. At Magic Island, patrons relax before dinner in a parlor, eat, then take in short, informal shows like Price's before seeing a headline magic act in the larger theater.

By 11 p.m. or midnight, it's been a long day.

"If I didn't want to do it I wouldn't, but I enjoy it," said Price, currently single with two grown sons and three grandchildren. "There are times when I get bored with my act and threaten to change it, then I get an audience who gets real pumped up. Or sometimes people come back and want to see a particular thing I do."

Price acknowledges he doesn't need the money from these gigs. But fellow Magic Island close-up magician Scott Hollingsworth is a full-time

employee, booking acts and filling other functions at the club.

"I also cut up the carrots. Monday, I'm moving up to cucumbers," Hollingsworth jokes.

Both men say their performances rely on audience feedback. Their acts might elicit a few polite ho-hums from one group, then dazzle the next.

"We thoroughly enjoy it. It's a passion for me and Frank," said Hollingsworth, who also has tricked patrons since the club opened.

Unlike Andell, a self-described "goofball" in the courtroom, Price is rather soft-spoken and admittedly shy. While Andell said it's still hard to believe Judge Frank Price also is professional magician Frank Price, Andell said the careers could be complementary.

"He could make all our hard cases disappear," Andell said. "We'd just say, 'Frank, do a little magic.'"

City Briefs

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PAMPA MIDDEL School Spring Pop Concert, 6:30 p.m. tonight, Pampa Middle School, 6, 7, & 8th grade.

HIDDEN HILLS Junior Golf Clinic June 2, 3, 4th. Kids 6-10 yrs. old, 8-10 a.m. all 3 days. Kids 11-16 yrs. old 10-12 noon, all 3 days. Cost \$20 per child, every boy and girl welcome, clubs provided. Call 669-5866 to sign up.

Gymnastic recital



(Special photo)

Gymnastics of Pampa will present its gymnastic recital "The Stars at Night" with performances at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at the gymnastic facility on Loop 171 North. The public is invited to attend free of charge. Above are: (back row, left-right) Kelli Willson, Kristen Dunn, K'Lyn Holmes, Meagan Crawford, Jode Skinner; (kneeling, l-r) Patience Ball and Katie Beth Reyna.

Weddington: Additional funds should benefit state taxpayers

AUSTIN — Susan Weddington, Republican Party of Texas chairman, recently called for the bulk of the additional funds found in the Comptrollers updated revenue estimate to go toward tax relief. "The additional funds in the Comptrollers revised budget estimate should go directly toward tax cuts. The people of Texas recognize the fact that a budget surplus means that state government has too much of their money," said Weddington. "This additional money should immediately go toward Governor Bush's tax relief initiatives including property and sales tax cuts."

Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander issued a revised revenue estimate for the State of Texas for the 2000-2001 biennium in the amount of \$807 million. This estimate is in addition to Texas' current \$5.6 billion budget surplus. As a result of the revised estimate, state legislators now have a total \$6.4 billion budget surplus in which to appropriate for the 2000-2001 budget cycle.

"Republicans believe that additional budget surplus revenue makes it possible to reach all the legislative priorities set by Governor Bush, including property tax cuts. Republicans in the Texas House and Senate have already passed initiatives to protect our children's health, improve education standards, and are working to provide a substantial pay raise to Texas teachers," said Weddington. "Now is the time to use these additional funds to help keep our economy strong by providing responsible tax relief for the hard-working men and women of Texas."

Econometric simulations of tax cut proposals conducted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation show that each \$1 billion in sales tax cuts creates over 27,000 new jobs and \$2.25 billion in new capital formation. Additionally, each \$1 billion in property tax cuts creates over 17,000 new jobs and \$2.17 billion in new capital formation.



(Special photo)

Current Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Brandy Kempf as seen here recently with Pokey the Clown (alias Doug Smith).

Deadline for Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas, Teen approaching

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is now accepting entries for their Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen pageants. Young ladies from 13- to 23-years-old are eligible to enter. Entry forms, rules, and general information can be obtained by contacting the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard, in Pampa, or by calling (806) 669-0434.

Winners will receive many outstanding prizes including saddles sponsored by JLB Ranch and Ace Transportation, buckles sponsored by The Clark Carr & Sons Memorial, Carla & Randy Norris, and Nortex Operating — authorized agent of Cellular One. Tiaras are being donated by Bob Clements, Inc., and Uniglobe Complete Travel and many others. Other prizes totaling over \$2,000 will be presented to the winners of the Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship and Ticket Sales categories. A scholarship will also be presented to Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

Past winners of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contests have gone on to participate and win on the state and national level. Hopefully, this year's winners will be working to achieve these prestigious titles.

Entry forms are due in the rodeo office by June 1 so young ladies are encouraged to enter early. For more information or to receive info packets, contact the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard or call the rodeo office (806) 669-0434.

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Study: Night lights may harm children's vision

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP Science Writer

Children who sleep with a night light until age 2 may be as much as five times more likely to suffer from nearsightedness as they grow older than other youngsters, researchers reported today in the journal *Nature*.

Genetic and environmental factors, such as nutrition and strain from television and computer screens, are thought to hurt people's vision.

But the study by scientists at the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia raises the possibility that too much light prompts the eyes to grow excessively and skews their natural focus during the first two years of life, when the eyes develop most rapidly.

"Just as the body needs to rest, this suggests that the eyes need a period of darkness," said ophthalmologist Dr. Graham Quinn, the study's lead author.

However, other experts dismissed the study as premature and incomplete, saying the researchers had failed to take into account obvious risk factors, such as heredity.

"There are other factors involved in childhood myopia, the most important of which is whether the parents are nearsighted or not," said myopia researcher Donald Mutti of the University of California at Berkeley.

They also said the study is flawed because the researchers relied on information supplied by parents of nearsighted children after several years. Nor did they account for other, stronger sources of light that parents cannot control, such as a streetlight shining through a bedroom window.

A more reliable approach would be to conduct controlled experiments in the illuminated and darkened bedrooms of children, then check their vision several years later, the experts said.

"I don't think a retrospective study based on a questionnaire is valid," said Dr. Robert Cykiert, an ophthalmologist at the New York University School of Medicine. "They're grasping at straws." Nearsightedness results when the eye grows excessively and its shape is too long rather than perfectly round. This causes incoming light to converge in front of the retina instead of on it, making things blurry.

About one in four Americans is myopic. Children usually discover they are nearsighted when they have trouble seeing the blackboard. In most cases, myopia is corrected with glasses.

Later in life, nearsighted people are more likely to develop macular degeneration, detached retinas and other disorders that can lead to blindness.

The Philadelphia researchers asked the parents of 479 children who had been patients at the doctors' eye clinic to recall the lighting conditions in the youngsters' bedrooms between birth and age 2.

A total of 172 of the children slept in darkness; 10 percent developed nearsightedness. A total of 232 slept with a night light; 34 percent had become nearsighted. An additional 75 slept with a lamp on; 55 percent developed myopia.

Quinn acknowledged the study does not conclusively demonstrate that low light cause myopia, but he urged parents to provide sleeping infants and toddlers with a dark bedroom — within reason.

"We don't want parents to overreact and start putting up blackout shades," he said. "We don't want to think they have to change a diaper in the dark, and drop their baby because they can't see what they're doing."

Other researchers said parents should wait for the results of follow-up research before tossing their night lights in the trash. Mutti said: "Do what is comfortable for your children in order to get them to sleep."

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Health briefs

Comparing DNA of AIDS viruses to determine source of infection

HOUSTON — A special type of genetic analysis can help trace the AIDS virus (HIV) from one person to another.

This is no easy feat, because viral samples from an HIV-positive person and from someone infected by that individual will not match completely, said Dr. Michael Metzker, who conducted research on HIV analysis during his graduate studies in molecular genetics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. HIV changes its genetic makeup constantly, often the result of drug therapy and the immune system's efforts to protect itself.

Using a technique called phylogenetic analysis, Metzker and other scientists at the Baylor Human Genome Sequencing Center analyzed large sections of DNA from two HIV specimens for a court case trying to prove that one person infected another. Though the DNA sequences were not identical, the researchers found that the genetic material of HIV from the two individuals was closely related. Moreover, the researchers found that the DNA was not closely related to a sampling of HIV from other people in the local population nor to HIV from a reference database.

This combination of factors made the close relationship between the two HIV samples to be highly significant, and the judge ruled that this type of genetic analysis can be used as evidence in court.

Spring is in the air and so is pollen

DALLAS — An abundance of tree and grass pollen can deter many allergy sufferers from engaging in outdoor activities in the spring. But you don't have to be a prisoner of pollen. By adhering to simple precautions, allergy sufferers can minimize their exposure to allergens.

"Stay indoors in the early morning when tree and grass pollens are at their peak," says Dr. David Khan, assistant professor of internal medicine and an allergist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Also, wash your hair after being outdoors for an extended period of time." Hair acts as a pollen magnet. Going to bed with pollen in your hair can coat your pillow with pollen and you will inhale it all night.

He also advises driving with the windows rolled up and wearing a mask while doing yard work. If allergies persist, talk to your doctor about possible prescription medications.

Supervision can prevent drownings

DALLAS — It can take months to plan a successful company picnic or family reunion. But if the event is lakeside or at the local pool, don't forget to plan for safety. Most drownings occur because of a lack of supervision, and the children most at risk are toddlers between the ages of 1 and 4.

"Vigilant adult supervision is absolutely irreplaceable," says Dr. Donna Persaud, an assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Accidents often occur at group picnics near a body of water. And just like planning a menu, adults must plan for the safety of children at these events."

A few commonsense rules can prevent drownings and ensure that kids stay safe. Never allow children to swim unsupervised, enroll a child in swimming lessons at age 3, maintain designated diving areas, enclose pools with a lockable fence and call it quits when the thunder clouds roll in.

Protective lenses prevent serious eye injury

DALLAS — The average 12-year-old can throw a baseball 70 miles an hour. A racquetball can travel up to 140 miles an hour. Ordinary eye glasses — prescription or not — simply do not provide adequate protection against potential eye injuries.

"An eye injury cannot only take you out of play, it can have a severe impact on your life," says Dr. James McCulley, chairman of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "We encourage people of all ages to wear safety equipment when playing certain sports to prevent eye injuries."

Ophthalmologists recommend wearing polycarbonate lenses with side shields, which are available at most sports stores. There were 100,000 sports-related eye injuries last year according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Ninety percent of those injuries could have been prevented if the player had worn eye protection, McCulley says.

Gynecological checkup should include a pelvic exam

DALLAS — Ladies, are you receiving a proper pelvic exam yearly? Most women are familiar with the bi-manual pelvic exam, in which the physician inserts one or two fingers into the vagina and with the other hand gently presses on the abdomen. This procedure permits examination of the ovaries, uterus and bladder. But a separate exam, the rectovaginal exam, checks the back of the organs and the bottom part of the pelvis.

In many women, either the uterus tilts backward or the ovaries fall behind the uterus, so combining both exams ensures that all the anatomy in front, to the side and behind the uterus, cervix and bladder are felt, says Dr. Carolyn Muller, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Gravity will cause endometriosis or cancer cells from some forms of cancer to migrate to the bottom-most part of the pelvis. The physician can often detect the resulting irregularity in a rectovaginal exam," she says.

In a rectovaginal exam the physician inserts one finger in the rectum and one in the vagina; the other hand is on the abdomen with gentle pressure so that the tissues behind the uterus and cervix can be examined.

"Your internist would never fully evaluate your heart and lungs by just placing the stethoscope on the front of your chest in just one spot — so why should the pelvic exam be any different?" Muller says.

Heart attack early warning system

DALLAS — If you heard a fire alarm, would you evacuate? What if it was a warning bell from your heart? Most people have as much as two to three days advanced warning that they will suffer a heart attack. By heeding the signals, they can avert serious cardiac damage.

"As many as two-thirds of all people who have a heart attack have early symptoms, as much as several days before," says Dr. Robert Meidell, a cardiologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

There are several signs that decreased blood supply is about to damage the heart, including continuous or intermittent pain in one or more of the following places: the center of the chest, neck, jaw, arms and upper abdomen. Other symptoms are dizziness, shortness of breath, sweating, chills, nausea and fainting.

"Seeking prompt medical attention can usually prevent irreversible heart injury," Meidell says. Avoidance of permanent damage reduces the likelihood of a more serious subsequent heart attack and other heart disorders, such as aneurysms.

Adding vitamin to flour has made folic acid deficiency drop, according to researchers

BOSTON (AP) — Folic acid deficiency has all but vanished in the United States since the government ordered food manufacturers to add the vitamin to flour, rice and other grain products, researchers reported today.

Folic acid is found naturally in green leafy vegetables and some other foods. If women eat too little of it when they become pregnant, they risk having babies with spina bifida and other neural tube defects.

To help protect against these birth defects, the Food and Drug Administration ordered manufacturers to begin fortifying foods with folic acid in January 1998.

The latest study, reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, is the first major effort to see what effect this has had. The researchers studied a group of mostly white, middle-aged residents of one Massachusetts town and looked at their blood levels of folic acid before and after the food fortification began.

They found that average blood levels of folic acid doubled. Just under 2 percent still had folic acid deficiency, compared with 22 percent before the vitamin was added to food.

"What this shows is that there's really been quite a dramatic impact in this middle-

aged population," said a co-author of the study, Dr. Irwin Rosenberg of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston.

The study hints that the extra folic acid could do more than reduce birth defects. Folic acid lowers levels of homocysteine, an amino acid that results naturally from the breakdown of protein. The study found average homocysteine levels fell about 7 percent.

Some studies have found that people with high homocysteine levels have an elevated risk of heart trouble. However, there is no evidence that bringing down homocysteine will keep the heart healthy.

Still, Rosenberg said the latest findings could be good news for

the heart if lowering homocysteine does turn out to be beneficial.

The prevalence of unusually high homocysteine levels fell from 19 percent to 10 percent of the volunteers. Rosenberg said this large a drop could "have a substantial effect on the calculated risk of heart disease and stroke."

The March of Dimes and some other health organizations had urged the FDA to require higher levels of folic acid in food. Dr. Donald Mattison, the group's medical director, said the latest study "suggests to us that we should see some health benefits" from the additive.

Rosenberg said he believes the data mean that folic acid levels have increased substantially for everyone, not just middle-aged whites, but Mattison said this remains to be proved.

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Choice of Wife's Obstetrician Sparks Stressful Family Feud

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for a year to a wonderful man whom I dated for several years before we married. We have just decided to start a family. Here's the problem:

My husband insists I use his father's practice as my obstetrical team. He thinks I should see one of his father's partners during the pregnancy and have his father assist during the delivery.

To give you a little background, his father works in a practice with other doctors. Only one of the other doctors takes "call," and this is done only part time. That means my father-in-law is on call about 50 percent of the time and is the person contacted if an emergency arises or labor starts. Also, other family members work in his office and have access to all the medical records.

I feel extremely uncomfortable that my husband is trying to dictate what doctor (or practice) I use, especially since these are the most private examinations performed. I feel as though I should be able to use a doctor with whom I'm 100 percent comfortable. I feel very uncomfortable using his father's practice for numerous reasons:

1. I really need privacy and to be 100 percent honest with my practitioner, and I know I couldn't be in that office, as everyone will probably read the records.
2. My father-in-law has asked me questions about pap smears in front of other family members and

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

wholeheartedly want him (or her) there. Childbirth is stressful enough without having someone present who makes you uncomfortable.

*** If you are confronted about your choice of obstetricians, I urge you to speak your mind and make no apologies for your feelings. They are personal preferences to which you are entitled.**

brought a blood test of mine home from his office and laid it on the kitchen table for all to see.

3. I want to be able to make the decision about who I use as my obstetrician.

This is causing a lot of stress in my marriage. My husband says if I don't go to his father's practice, his family will be "crushed." I then asked him what was more important, my feeling comfortable with my practitioner throughout my pregnancy or his need to please his parents. I got no response.

This whole topic is really creepy, if you ask me. Abby, what are your thoughts on this?

UNCOMFORTABLE

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: I don't blame you for feeling uncomfortable, since your father-in-law has already breached your confidentiality. Your reasons for wanting a doctor who can protect your privacy seem logical and sensible to me. No one should be with you in the delivery room unless you

DEAR ABBY: "Beauty Secrets" — the wonderful poem in your March 18 column — was written by the late humorist Sam Levenson, whose writings continue to entertain and inspire many people. The poem can be found in his book, "In One Era & Out the Other."
WEST HEMPSTEAD, N.Y., READER

DEAR READER: Thank you for the input. Barry Paris included the poem in the biography he wrote titled "Audrey Hepburn." This poem described so aptly the way she led her life that it could have been written expressly for her.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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) *** Be direct about money with others. Build a stronger relationship with those in your daily life, especially domestic relationships. Recognize that you don't always communicate your sense of caring and dedication. Tonight: Mellow out with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Self-expression shines. You have a solid way of conveying your concerns. Understand what is needed and be willing to make that extra effort. Establish your limits clearly; some may see your helpfulness as infinite and may take liberties. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Intuition plays out in discussions with others, especially concerning money, talents and possessions. You might feel like overindulging and perhaps buying a special something for another. That gesture can make all the difference in your relationship. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Aim high. Though you might have to make an additional effort, you will meet your goals. Patience is a gift; with it, you'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Understand a friend and his expectations. Schedule time for talks. Tonight: Whatever

puts a smile on your face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Go within for answers. Though you could find another to be somewhat testy and difficult, you have an intrinsic sense of what he needs. You can work with this person, if you so choose. You might be feeling sensitive right now. Guard against emotional extremes and overreactions. Tonight: Take a break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Getting past rigidity is the key to your success. In some ways, you might be preventing yourself from seeing all the facts. Remove these barriers. Emphasize your goals and your long-term desires. Another helps you by pitching in. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Accept that others tend to push responsibilities onto you. You might not always understand what is going on with a partner. Close relating is important in attaining the results you want. You draw others; popularity is high. Ask for what you really want! Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Others could be stern and testy with you. You might be used to this attitude, but how much comes from you? Look within and detach. Success comes from communication and willingness to gain an overview. Listen to someone you respect. Tonight: Choose a different type of movie or restaurant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Mobilize your energy; ask for help if you need it. Somehow, you feel like another simply doesn't grasp the nature of your intentions. A co-worker could be a bit stiff and staid. Your softer side comes out with a key partner. What you feel is mutual.

Tonight: Opt for togetherness.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Others seek you out as your popularity grows. Your vision changes substantially as you gather more information. Creativity is temporarily stilted; a decision may not be possible right now. An important person in your life gives you a lot of leeway. Tonight: Good vibes flow.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Get into work. You lighten up considerably when you concentrate. Discomfort surrounds a domestic issue. You might feel like you have too many irons in the fire, or that another has placed additional responsibility on you. Be nurturing and remain positive. Tonight: Ask for that back rub.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Listen to what another is sharing. Creativity soars as good feelings merge. Communication could initially be overwhelming. Handle a situation in a more direct way. A flirtation could become a lot more. Be considerate of another who may be reactive. Tonight: Let it happen.

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Marmaduke



"I wish you wouldn't bring the neighbors' trash cans home for me to pry off the lids."

The Family Circus



"Gee, Dolly, can't you play with Barbie someplace besides the computer?"

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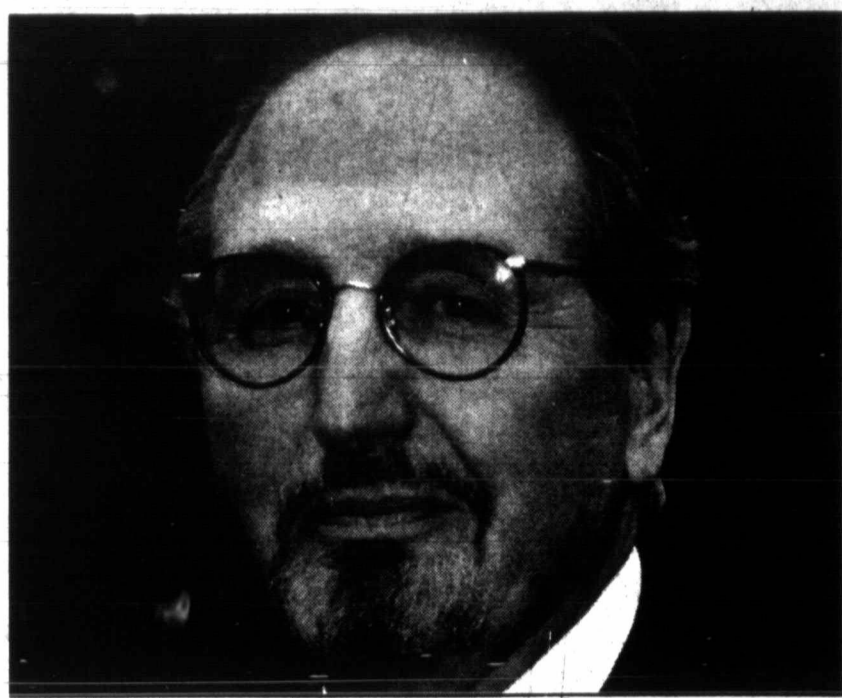
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Clarence Eugene "Gene" Anderson was born at the Combs Worley Hospital in Pampa in 1938 to Faye (Carey) and Clarence L. Anderson who, at the time, were farmers near Groom. His Anderson grandparents, Doshia (Osborne) and Henry Anderson, were some of the first settlers in Pampa. His parents and a brother now reside in Amarillo.

Eugene Anderson attended primary schools in Amarillo and Lefors before attending junior high and high school in Pampa. His moral instruction was received at his parents' dining table and at the First Baptist Church in Pampa where he was taken every time the church house door swung open. He got a strong dose of work ethic by working on his father's farm and at part-time jobs while going to school. He knew most of the street in Pampa as a paperboy for "The Amarillo Daily News" and "The Amarillo Globe Times." Although it might be an exaggeration to say that his admiration of the opposite sex was stimulated by his job at Gilbert's Ladies Ready to Wear Shop on Cuyler Street, his love of flowers and plants was definitely stimulated by work at Parker's Flower Shop in Pampa. Summer jobs sent him into the oil fields to do everything from digging ditches to being an engineer's helper.

He graduated from Pampa High School in 1956. He has always been very grateful for the quality of education and academics stimulation that he received there. Inspired by his



Clarence Eugene Anderson

chemistry teachers, Mrs. Elaine Ledbetter, he went on to the University of Texas at Austin. While continuing to work part-time, he was elected to two scholastic honorary societies, was an officer in his social fraternity, and was active in various campus organizations at the University of Texas. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in January 1961.

He worked briefly in New Orleans for Tenneco Oil Company before going to Harvard University to get his Masters in Business Administration degree. His thesis at Harvard involved the stimulation of the Tenneco refinery using linear program-

ing techniques. This was some of the first work in the field. Anderson received his MBA degree from Harvard in 1963.

He then rejoined Tenneco in Houston. During the next 18 years, he held numerous positions as he climbed up the proverbial corporate ladder. The most exciting took him abroad. In 1966, he was made Managing Director of Globe Petroleum Sales Ltd. in England where he remained until 1969. While there, he merged and revived two defunct oil marketing companies. In 1973, he returned to London, England as Executive Director of Albright and Wilson Ltd., the second largest publicly

traded chemical company in the United Kingdom. Starting with Albright and Wilson, he began investing in the companies which he was trying to revive. In essence, he put "his money where his mouth was." It proved to be a very satisfactory strategy which he followed for the rest of his business career. It earned him the appellation of "Company Doctor."

In 1975, he returned to Houston to become vice president for Corporate Development and Planning for Tenneco Inc. In that position, he was responsible for coordinating the planning activities of all Tenneco divisions. In addition, he negotiated an agricultural agreement with the government of Sudan and represented the company's interests in negotiations for Norwegian oil licenses. Anderson's final assignment with Tenneco was Chief Operating Officer for Albright and Wilson in London in 1979.

Anderson held two jobs with Celanese Corp. The first, as a school boy, was to chop weeds at the Pampa plant. The second in 1981, was to be president of Celanese International Co. in New York City. He was responsible for all non-U.S. business of this multinational chemicals and fibers company. During his tenure the operations were rationalized, generating substantial funds from asset sales, and made profitable.

In 1985, through Anderson's contacts at the Bank of England, he learned of a major British company which was in difficulty. In May of that year, he became Chief Executive of

Johnson Matthey plc., an international materials technology and precious metals company of Johnson Matthey Bankers, one of the original founders of the London gold market. He was able to totally extinguish Johnson Matthey's burdensome debts and make the company profitable again.

He recognized that the chemicals and fledging electronics businesses were the future for the company. One major untapped market was for pollution control catalysts for automobiles. Today Johnson Matthey has the largest market share for these devices in the United States and the world.

In 1989, Ferranti International plc., Britain's largest defense electronics and system firm, was brought down by the purchase of a company which was subsequently found to be fraudulent. In 1990, in the wake of the fraud, Anderson was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive. Debts of over \$1 billion were reduced radically through asset disposals, downsizing, and contract renegotiation. In 1994, Ferranti was broken into several pieces which were sold or closed down. Through this process, the lenders received all of their monies and employee's pensions were safeguarded. Thousands of jobs were preserved that would have otherwise been lost, but for Anderson's aggressive management.

Anderson is married to the former Daniela Proche, a native of Czechoslovakia. They have a daughter, Claressinka, and Anderson has three children

from a previous marriage: Amy, Andy, and Melissa. All of his children are college graduates except Claressinka, who has attended Barnard College at Columbia University, New York City, and is presently studying at the University of London.

During his career, he has been active in various community activities and clubs. He is listed in "Who's Who in Britain." Since 1995, he has acted as a business consultant and private investor. He says that he has no desire to go back to the stressful existence he led for 35 years while trying to save struggling companies. Doing the things, like reading for pleasure, that he never had enough time to do while working full time, have loomed progressively more important.

Having completely rebuilt and modernized a London house originally built in 1935, Anderson and his wife now divide their time equally between London and Port La Galere near Cannes in the South of France. Moreover, the family residence in France offers a different lifestyle to that in London. Sailing, swimming and skiing in France compete with theater, opera, and concert going in London.

He and his wife have spent the first two months of 1999 studying French in London and in Paris. He hopes to sail to Greece in the summer and then be in New Zealand for the start of the millennium and the America's Cup Yacht races. Anderson says the old cliché, "Now that I'm retired, I don't know how I had time to work," fits today's situation perfectly.

Texas House Committee approves competition for electric service

AUSTIN — "The 13-2 vote by the Texas House State Affairs Committee in support of Committee Substitute Senate Bill (CSSB 7), which would bring retail competition to Texas' electricity customers, sends a strong, positive message about the benefits this legislation can bring to all Texans," John Fainter, president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, said recently.

"We urge the House to adopt this bill. We are encouraged about the prospect of competing in a new electric service market," said Fainter following the House Committee's overwhelming vote approving CSSB 7.

"Chairman Wolens should be commended for his leadership on this issue to bring competition to the electric industry. This bill is an important step in moving this complex issue forward," Fainter added.

AECT supports the adoption of legislation to open the electric utility industry to competition this session so long as the measure meets the four principles the group says must be included in any electric utility restructuring plan. AECT will continue to work diligently with members of the Legislature, regulators, and all interested stakeholders to support the develop-

ment of a plan that works best for all Texans. Among the provisions included in the bill are:

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—Consumer choice of electricity providers. Customers may choose a provider of electricity or aggregate together with other customers to choose a provider. It also requires all new competitors to serve residential customers if they serve a minimum of 300 mega watts in Texas.

—Rate freeze prior to deregulation would freeze existing rates for electricity until competition starts. After competition begins, the bill would reduce the rates of residential and small commercial customers of most investor-owned utilities to six percent below existing rates.

—Ensures reliability of electric system.
—Ensures improvements in air quality.
—Ensures consumer protections will be in place such as safeguards against slamming and cramming as well as providing consumers with information concerning rates and maintaining privacy of credit information.
—Requires retail electric providers be certified by the Public Utility Commission.

The bill has been referred to the House Calendars Committee which will determine the schedule for consideration by the full House.

FPC hosting Women's Emphasis Week

BORGER — Beginning today, FPC will host a Special Emphasis Week with free noon and evening seminars through Thursday.

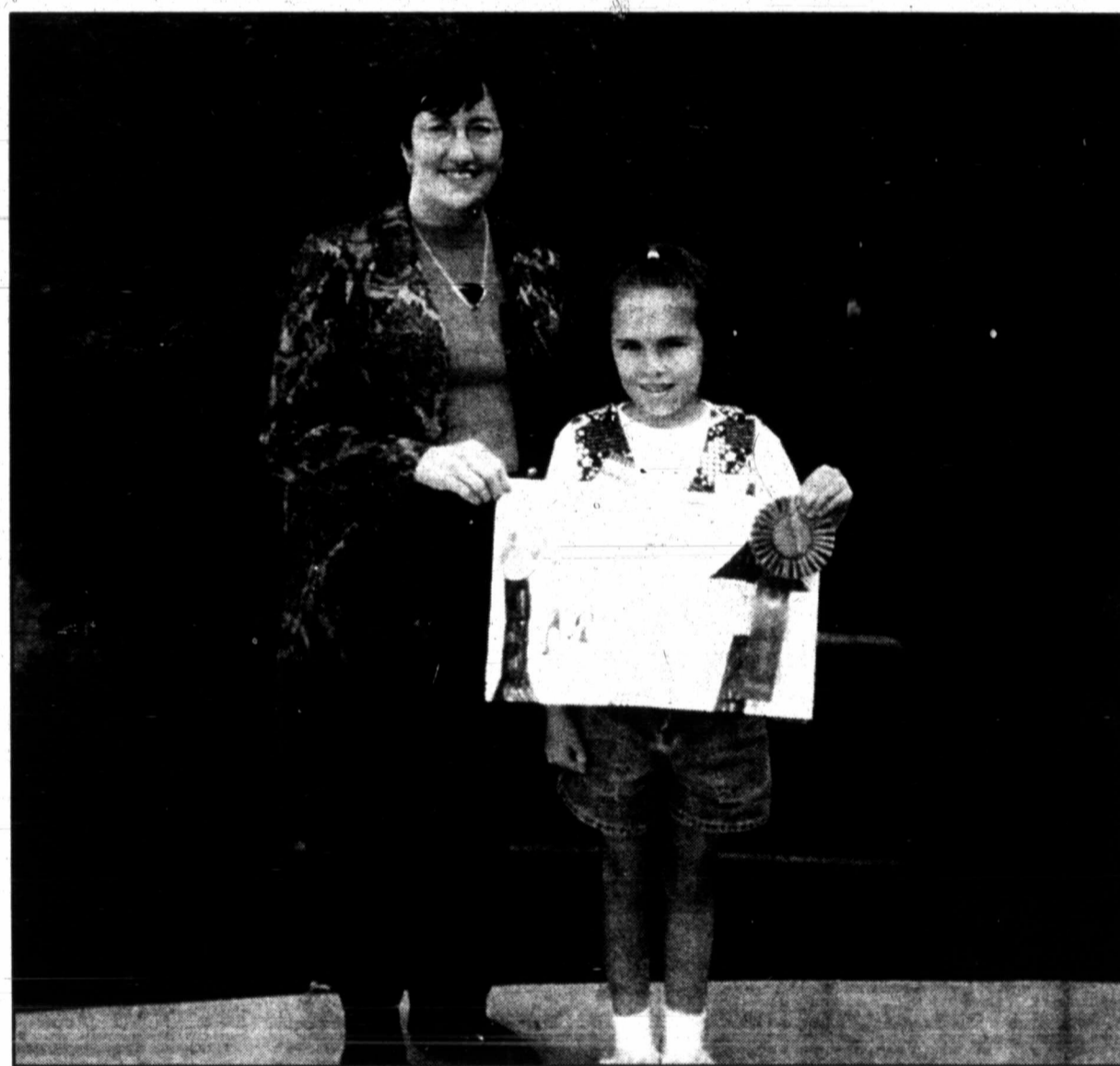
The seminars include:
—Tuesday, May 18 — Pam Sessions, owner-operator of Anzel's in Borger, will present "How to Build a Wardrobe" at 12:15 p.m. in the Gallery Room of the FPC Fine Arts Building; Jim Minton, owner-operator of

Minton's Flowers and Gifts will present a brown bag seminar on flower arranging at 7 p.m. in the Plainsmen Room.

—Wednesday, May 19 — Clay Cooke, certified massage therapist, will present a brown bag seminar on stress-relieving techniques at 12:15 p.m. in the Gallery Room; Natasha Toillion, of Creative Memories, will present "Scrapbook Creating" at 5:30

p.m. in the Plainsmen Room.
—Thursday, May 20 — Mary Ann Holt, owner-operator of Mary Ann's, will present the workshop "How to Accessorize Your Wardrobe" at 6 p.m. in the Plainsmen Room.

National Nursing Home poster contest



(Special photo)

Terri Witt, Admission's coordinator at Pampa Nursing Center, presents Kayla Mendoza of Travis Elementary with the first place award as winner of the National Nursing Home Week Poster Contest "Friends Come In All Ages." All entries are currently on display at the center through May 18.

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Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:15
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:55
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Fri. & Sat. 7:15 & 9:05
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 2:00
2nd Week - **Life** (R)
Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:10
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:45
Starts Wednesday, May 19th
Star Wars: Episode I (PG-13)
2 Shows Nightly 7:00 & 9:30
Special Midnight Show Wed. 12:01 a.m.
Doors Open 11:30 p.m.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.
PAMPA CHESS CLUB
The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.
CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold

weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN
Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.
PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
The Lovett Memorial Library is presenting a Pre-School Story Hour every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This story hour is for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. If you have any questions, call Shanla Brookshire at 669-5780. This schedule will be subject to change pending the move of the library back to 111 N. Houston.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Gray Co. Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, May 24 at the St. Matthew's Episcopal Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call Dale Roth at 665-0280.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES
Pampa Area Singles will have a dance at the M.K. Brown Auditorium on May 22. Pot luck at 7 p.m. and dance from 8-11 p.m. featuring Mike Voss. For more information call 665-0219. No smoking and no alcohol.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. May 20. The program will be Gerry Kelly's presentation "How to Get a Good Night's Sleep." Kelly is director of Supportive Care at Harrington Cancer Center and is advisor to PACSG. Refreshments will be served at 8 p.m. For a ride to the meeting, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of bad weather, call Pampa Regional Medical Center at 665-3721. In addition, PACSG will show the video "The Natural Way of Prayer-Being Free to Express What You Feel Deep Within" June 17.

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