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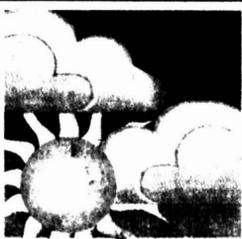
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was an estimated \$10 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 13, 24, 26, 31, 39 and 49. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$13 million.

PAMPA — Clarendon College Pampa Center will offer the Quick TASP on Friday at 900 N. Frost starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$29 and two forms of identification are required. Payment must be by check or money order. No cash will be accepted.

PAMPA — Christmas Crafts for Children will be held at the Lovett Memorial Library at 10 a.m. Saturday. Registration deadline for the one hour program is Wednesday, according to Librarian Anne Stobbe. Registration and additional information may be obtained by contacting 669-5780.

PANHANDLE — Christmas on the Town with Panhandle businesses will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. There will be prizes, Santa, live music and in-store promotions.

- Eleanor I. Baker, 75, retired employee of West Texas A&M.
- Roy Milton 'Hub' Hubbard, 84, retired Phillips Petroleum employee.
- Thelma Stevens, 92, homemaker.

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City chooses phone franchise fee plan

■ Quirk in law forces city to make decision without all the facts

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Normally not the gambling kind, a quirk in the law has forced the Pampa City Commission to roll the dice in picking one of two methods to be used to calculate future telephone franchise fees.

As it is, commissioners won't know for sure if they picked the most lucrative method until March but the law requires the decision be made no later than Dec. 1.

The present franchise agreement with SWBT provides the city with a fixed amount of tax. Pursuant to HB 1777, all telecommunications franchises between a certified telecommunications provider and a municipality will be based on a fee per access line method.

The new law allows Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to do away with traditional franchise fees negotiated for each municipality and Pampa had three choices of fee calculation methods.

First, it could be based upon the calendar year 1998 franchise amount which was \$149,369. Or, the city could use the statewide per line average for SWBT but this figure won't be available until March. Lastly, Pampa could use the revenue received by a similarly-sized city in the

same or an adjacent county but since there are none, this option is not viable.

City Finance Director John Horst, who has been working on the project, recommended last week to City Manager Bob Eskridge and commissioners that the city go with the 1998 franchise amount as its base.

"The safest base rate would be the 1998 amount, although this is less than our current amount," Horst said. "If we knew the statewide average this would not be a difficult decision to make. However, if the guess on the statewide average is off 20 cents that would affect our compensation by about \$25,000."

"What you are being asked to do today is make a decision without having all the information," Eskridge told commission-

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— City Manager Bob Eskridge

ers. After some discussion, including the fact cell phone numbers don't count, the commission opted to follow the recommendation of Horst and Eskridge.

Horst explained the decision is "forever" even if it turns out in March the statewide per-line average would have generated more money. The only adjustments to be made starting in 2002 are if the number of lines in town go up or down thus increasing or reducing the \$149,369.

But can she shift gears?



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

No, she doesn't have a driver's license. Missy, a part pit bull, and part Rottweiler, thinks she's human, according to her owner, Nancy Bruce. "She has to go every where," Bruce said. Missy was sitting behind the wheel of the big white pickup waiting for Bruce outside The Pampa News.

Youngest pupils get reading help

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

If parents ask what the answer is to students succeeding in school, most likely they will be told — read, read, read.

Developing an interest in reading and a desire for knowledge are two factors which most likely will cause a child to want to keep on learning. Education specialists agree that reading is the foundation for all learning.

Reading to young children before they are old enough to read to themselves is one of the best ways to get interested and keep them interested.

Wanting to keep students involved and interested in school, Pampa teachers have begun a new program for their students in kindergarten, first and second grades.

Local teachers are implementing a framework with eight essential elements for reading and writing during the 1999-2000 school year. These elements coordinate completely with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which is the state designed curriculum for all districts.

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Dry conditions fuel grass fire

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

No recent significant moisture and the consistently blowing Panhandle winds are creating a strong potential for fire danger in the area. With these conditions, anything can set off a fire, say fire officials.

Approximately 300 acres burned in a Saturday afternoon fire north of Skellytown.

The fire began on the Myers Ranch and burned through the Mendata Ranch, according to Skellytown Fire Chief Guy McKissick.

McKissick said while the fire burned in an area with a "real high fuel load", no structures were in the path of the fire located near Farm to Market 280 located in Hutchinson County.

Cause of Saturday's fire was uncertain, said McKissick. He said it was very possible that a cutting torch being used at the point of origin of the blaze was the culprit.

McKissick said a grass fire south of a greenhouse in the same area three weeks ago was caused by an exhaust stack on a diesel truck. He urged motorists and anyone in the area to be very cautious in the rural areas where the tinder box conditions exist.

Skellytown volunteer firefighters were assisted by Crutch Ranch, Hutchinson County and Berger Fire Department.

Santacruz venue change sought

The defense attorney for a man accused in a Christmas Eve slaying has filed for a change of venue.

Gene Thompson, attorney for Jesus Manuel Santacruz, 36, accused in the 1996 Christmas Eve slaying of a Pampa High School student, said today he has filed for a change of venue in the murder trial. A hearing date for the motion is expected to be set after the first of the year.

Santacruz remained in Gray

County jail today after being returned to Pampa from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following the reversal of his conviction on the murder charge by the Seventh Court of Criminal Appeals in Amarillo earlier this year. The appeals court in June ruled that the trial court allowed extraneous evidence to be presented and sent the case back to Pampa for retrial.

Richard Lamont Proctor, 18,

was shot as he got in a car in southeast Pampa on Christmas Eve, 1996.

During the initial trial, Richard Delcon, who had been arrested with Santacruz and charged with murder in Proctor's death, testified that Santacruz fired the bullet that killed the Pampa High School senior.

It took the five-woman, seven-man all white jury about six hours to find Santacruz guilty of manslaughter in the first trial.

Computers on agenda

Gray County Commissioners will consider a request from Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman to purchase a computer when the commission meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

County Clerk Susan Winborne will also request to purchase office equipment, while appointments to the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board will be considered.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of a new lessee at Perry Letors Field, approval of the 1999 tax roll, intrabudget transfer requests, budget amendments as recommended by the county auditor and bills and salaries as approved by the auditor.

The meeting will be in the county courtroom of the courthouse.

City tables vehicle bids

The acceptance of bids to lease four new police cars and the purchase of several trucks for city departments has been tabled until sometime in December.

The action came during last week's Pampa City Commission meeting. It's expected the bids will be accepted at a meeting during December.

Mayor Bob Neslage expressed concern over the purchases noting the 15-month slide in city sales tax collections.

"I'm sure these purchases are necessary but with the revenue down we need to look at everything two or three times before we buy," the mayor said. "We need to cut everything we can ... I'm afraid things are going to get rougher for us in the future."

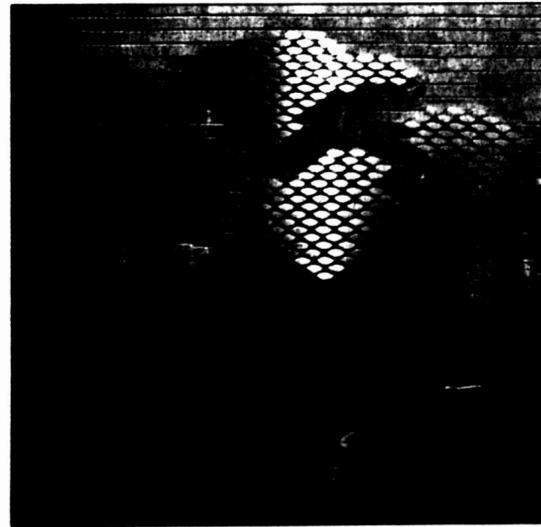
Heritage Tree bought for museum

The White Deer Land Museum has purchased a bronze Heritage Tree to be placed in the museum.

The tree features engraveable brass leaves of two sizes which presents a unique and enduring way to remember special people and events.

The tree was funded by a grant from the M.K. Brown Foundation of Pampa and Memorial Funds held by the museum. The proceeds from the sales of leaves and rocks will go toward improving, enlarging and enhancing the museum buildings and collection.

The Heritage Tree will be delivered in late December. For more information call 669-8041 or stop by the museum.



The museum's Heritage Tree will resemble this one and will measure eight feet by nine feet.

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Services tomorrow

STEVENS, Thelma — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

Obituaries

ELEANOR I. BAKER

CANYON — Eleanor I. Baker, 75, a former Skellytown resident, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Texline Cemetery at Texline. Burial will be under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Baker was born at Plainview and attended West Texas State Demonstration High School and West Texas Normal College. She married Walter Alex Gray in 1944 at Amarillo; he died in 1963. She later married Ellery A. Baker in 1973 at Canyon. She returned to Canyon in 1964 and formerly resided at Skellytown and at Texline.

She worked for the Dean of Women at West Texas State University and for Dr. Dudley Moore Jr. prior to retiring.

She belonged to First United Methodist Church at both Texline and Canyon.

Survivors include her husband, Ellery; a daughter, Jolyn Baker of Woodville, Wash.; a son, Richard Gray of Tontitown, Ark.; two sisters, Dorris Louder Chollar of Fort Worth and Lela Louder Harding of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother, Dick Louder of Smyer; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society in care of Joyce Wooten, Randall Unit Memorial chair, 2500 12th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015.

ROY MILTON 'HUB' HUBBARD

WHITE DEER — Roy Milton 'Hub' Hubbard, 84, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in First Baptist Church of White Deer with the Rev. John Collis officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hubbard was born Nov. 30, 1914, at Prescott, Ark. He married Hattie Lois Smith on Feb. 14, 1936, at Wheeler; she died in 1986. He later married Nola Dalton on April 30, 1993, at White Deer. He had been a White Deer resident since 1950. He worked for Phillips Petroleum for about 35 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a 50-year member of White Deer Lions Club and belonged to First Baptist Church of White Deer.

Survivors include his wife, Nola, of the home; two daughters, Lavanda Mankins of Marble Falls and Cindy Wegman of Fleetwood, Pa.; a stepson, Jim Dalton of White Deer; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund or to BSA Hospice of Amarillo.

THELMA STEVENS

McLEAN — Thelma Stevens, 92, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Martindale officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Stevens was born Feb. 26, 1907, in Collin County. She married James Stevens on Aug. 30, 1927; he died April 30, 1994. She was a McLean resident for 70 years.

She was a homemaker and belonged to the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Lee Turner of Pampa and Evelyn Blaylock and Jo Ann Sherrod, both of Amarillo; a son, Jim Stevens of Bedford; a brother, Melvin McCabe of McLean; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Fires

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

Sunday, Nov. 28

5:54 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a wheat field fire at Hwy 152 and FM 758.

Police report

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

Sunday, Nov. 28

Jerry Eugene Barnett, 39, 508 Doyle, was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Stacy Earl Lamm, 32, 214 W. Sumner, was arrested on outstanding warrants.

Theft of service was reported at 1915 N. Banks. Forgery was reported at 1233 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported at 2634 Navajo.

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, Nov. 27

Joe Marcos Conch, 45, Borger, was arrested on charges of hunting from a motor vehicle on a public road.

Brandon Lee Baxter, 21, 417 N. West, was arrested on charges of failure to stop and an outstanding warrant.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Jerry Eugene Barnett, 39, 508 N. Doyle, was arrested by the Pampa PD on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Keith Haggard, 22, Borger, was arrested by DPS on charges of speeding and no liability insurance.

Michelle Wallace, 21, Borger, was arrested by DPS on charges of speeding and an outstanding warrant.

Jason Wallace, 17, Borger, was arrested by DPS on charges of seat belt violation and an outstanding warrant.

Steyen Dale Hoeton, 32, Burkburnett, was arrested on charges of speeding and outstanding warrants.

Stacy Earl Lamm, 32, 214 N. Sumner, was arrested by the Pampa PD on charges of no driver's license and outstanding warrants.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 27

11:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

2:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on lifting assistance.

Sunday, Nov. 28

12:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Murphy and transported one to PRMC.

9:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.10	Coca-Cola	.67	up 5/8
Milo	2.59	Columbia/HCA	.26	3/4
Maize	1.80	Enron	.38	up 3/8
Corn	3.06	Halliburton	.38	1/2
Soybeans	3.86	KMI	.41	1/4
		KRI	.41	1/4
		KMI	.18	1/2
		Ken McGee	.54	5/16
		Limited	.40	3/4
		McDonald's	.44	15/16
		Pioneer Nat	.91	1/16
		SLB	.60	3/16
		New Atmos	.22	1/4
		NEC	.31	NC
		Occidental	.22	1/8
		Phillips	.47	11/16
		Pioneer Nat	.91	1/16
		SLB	.60	3/16
		Tenneco	.71	1/8
		Texas	.61	1/16
		Ultram	.24	3/8
		Wal-Mart	.58	11/16
		Williams	.31	1/4
		Amoco	.61	7/16
		Arco	.95	5/8
		Cabot	.18	3/16
		Cabot O&G	.15	1/2
		Chevron	.89	1/16

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

Occidental	22 1/8	dn 5/16
Fidelity Magell	134 87	dn 1/16
Puritan	19 19	dn 2 1/4

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

Amoco	.61	7/16	up 3/8
Arco	.95	5/8	up 7/16
Cabot	.18	3/16	dn 3/8
Cabot O&G	.15	1/2	dn 1/16
Chevron	.89	1/16	up 1/16

Emergency numbers

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

Report lists biggest threats dangers to U.S. children

Teen pregnancy, abuse and neglect at home, inadequate child care, poor schools and lack of health care are among the biggest dangers threatening America's children, according to a new report.

The report, "Ten Critical Threats to America's Children: Warning Signs for the Next Millennium," also lists such threats as substance abuse, poverty, absent parents, crime and dangers in the environment.

The study is the work of the National School Boards Association, the National League of Cities, Hollywood, Fla.-based Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Youth Crime Watch of America. It was released today at a news conference in Washington, D.C.

"The problems confronting our children truly are challenges to all of America," said Mary Ellen Maxwell, president of the National School Boards Association. "Either we meet these challenges or they will

become obstacles to our future." Dr. Arnold Tanis, a fellow with the American Academy of Pediatrics, said, "We want to see these issues addressed, and one way to do it is make people aware of them and begin a national dialogue."

The threats, which are not ranked, were compiled through research and interviews with experts, child advocacy organizations and government agencies.

Some of the statistics were stunning. According to the report, 14.5 million children experience poverty. During 1997, 3.2 million children were reported to authorities as abused and neglected. Last year, 11.1 million children younger than 18 had no health insurance. And each year, 3 million American teens are infected with AIDS, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Each of the 10 threats is listed with possible solutions — like raising the minimum wage and universal health care.

Participants said they hoped the issues would begin debate among presidential candidates and local communities.

"This is America's challenge," said Clarence Anthony, president of the National League of Cities and mayor of South Bay, Fla. "It's an agenda for action."

Ron Sachs, spokesman for the coalition which put together the report, said its purpose was to raise awareness of the problems, not to advance specific legislation.

"What these groups have done is to say there needs to be a national agenda on children's issues," Sachs said. "These problems are not new. They are chronic; they are pervasive."

Anthony said the report includes common sense solutions to problems.

"This report is not about gloom and doom — it's about the obstacles our children face and embracing a national agenda that will benefit them in the next millennium," Anthony said.

READING

The local school district received a \$200,000 grant to aid in the implementation of a balanced literacy program in grades prekindergarten through fourth grade. This program will provide the foundation for all children to be able to read on grade level by the end of third grade.

All teachers of kindergarten through third grades in Pampa schools signed an agreement to participate in the program.

Betty Beyer of the PISD Curriculum Department told school trustees recently the program has gone very smoothly. She said it is working very well with the English as a Second Language students also.

The local teachers are working very closely to involve parents in the program to ensure its success with the Pampa students.

The program has been implemented locally by a Academics 2000 grant, and was designed as a learning initiative by Ohio State University.

A committee of fifteen teachers determined student needs and developed a five year program designed to produce lifelong readers and writers. The program is based on the Ohio State University framework which includes eight critical elements.

Many teachers have already implemented many of the elements in their classrooms. The additional funds will allow the expansion of existing programs in order to reach more students who are experiencing difficulties learning to read.

The first element in the program is reading aloud. The teacher may read to the entire class or to small groups from a carefully selected body of children's literature. Favorite texts are reread many times. Some of the values of this element of instruction include children reading for enjoyment; reading for a purpose; demonstrating phrased, fluent reading; developing knowledge of written language syntax and increasing vocabulary.

Oral reading also promotes oral language development which is so critical for young readers. Parents can read to children of all ages at home to promote success of their students in school.

Shared reading, usually from a big book with enlarged text, involves children in reading together following a pointer. This element also involves the children in an enjoyable and purposeful reading experience, and it provides opportunity for children to participate and behave like readers.

Guided reading provides the opportunity for children to read many texts and a wide variety of

texts. The teacher works with a small group of children who have similar reading processes. The teacher selects and introduces new books and supports children reading the whole text to themselves, making teaching points during and after the reading.

During independent reading, children read on their own or with partners from a wide range of materials. This provides an opportunity to apply reading strategies independently and to sustain reading behavior.

Children are challenged to solve words independently while reading books within their reading levels and they can support each other while reading.

During shared writing both the teacher and the children work to compose messages and stories. The teacher is the scribe to demonstrate how writing works. This is a wonderful opportunity to draw attention to letters, words and sounds.

The children's ideas can be recorded and written language resources are created for the classroom.

The sixth element is interactive writing. As in shared writing, the teacher and the children compose the messages and stories that are written using a "shared pen" technique that involves children in the writing. This process demonstrates concepts of print, early strategies, and how words work.

Children also are able to hear sounds in words and connect those sounds with the letters. Spelling knowledge increases, and children produce texts that they can read independently.

Guided writing, which is also referred to as writing workshop, engages children in writing a variety of texts. The teacher guides the process and provides instruction through mini lessons and conferences with students. This element provides an opportunity for children to learn to be writers.

It helps children to write words and sentences and use punctuation as it fosters creativity and the ability to compose.

In independent writing the children write their own pieces, including (in addition to stories and informational pieces) retellings, labeling, speech balloons, and lists. This allows children to produce independently written text and for different purposes across the curriculum.

As a result of the award, many teachers, including some from three private schools, have engaged in staff development workshops during this past summer. These teachers will continue to work together throughout the year to develop and improve strategies in order to meet changing student needs.

Coke pulls advertising from WWF after conservative group complains

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola has stopped spending its advertising money on the World Wrestling Federation's telecasts, citing often lewd language and story lines.

Coke's action follows a campaign against the WWF by the conservative Parents Television Council, but a company spokesman said today that was not the only reason it pulled the advertising.

The Atlanta-based company continues to advertise with WWF's main rival, World Championship Wrestling, a subsidiary of Time Warner's Turner Broadcasting System, also based in Atlanta.

Coke ended its two-year advertising relationship with the WWF the week of Oct. 18.

"It crossed the line in terms of content, particularly in terms of language and story lines," Coke spokesman Bob Bertini said today, refusing to discuss any specifics. "It's not about wrestling. Specifically, it's about the WWF's programming content."

WWF Chairman Vince McMahon blasted Coke's decision as "discriminatory, hypocritical, and an

affront to free speech." The WWF said the commercial time dropped by Coke "was immediately replaced by advertisers at premium rates."

Bertini would not say how much Coke spent on its wrestling marketing.

The Parents Television Council, based in Los Angeles, has been pressuring advertisers to drop support of WWF programs, which are seen in 120 countries in nine languages.

Bertini said Coke had received letters from people affiliated with the council but that those did not solely influence the decision on the WWF.

And he said Coke did "not have the same content issues with the WCW."

The WWF's Monday night cable television program "RAW IS WAR" draws about 6 million viewers each week.

In August, the Stamford, Conn., company listed profits of \$56 million and revenues of \$251.5 million in fiscal year 1999. The WWF said 5 million households purchased its pay-per-view programs this year, bringing in revenues of \$150 million.

Supreme Court refuses to kill teachers' lawsuit against Victoria school district

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to kill a lawsuit in which two Texas high school teachers say they unlawfully were disciplined and transferred after speaking out against the school's principal.

The justices, without comment, let stand a federal appeals court ruling that forces the Victoria Independent School District and its officials to defend themselves at trial against allegations that they violated the free-speech rights of teachers Dwight Harris and Gene Martin.

The two were teachers at Victoria High School at the beginning of the 1995-96 school year when conflict over the school's rating performance and its principal, Melissa Porche, escalated.

Teachers at the school selected Harris and Martin as faculty representatives to a decision-making committee that included parents, community members and business representatives.

At a December 1995 meeting with the schools superintendent, the two complained about Porche and urged that she be replaced. Their lawsuit said the two teachers warned that the high school faculty would revolt

if something were not done.

As a result of that meeting, both were officially reprimanded and transferred to other schools at no loss of pay, seniority or benefits.

They sued, contending that the retaliatory action taken against them violated their freedom of speech.

Past rulings have established that public employees have a First Amendment right to speak out on matters of public concern. But speech focusing on employment matters of personal concern have been deemed unprotected.

A federal trial judge threw out the lawsuit filed by Harris and Martin, ruling that they had spoken in their roles as employees, and that their speech was mere criticism. The judge said such

speech is protected only when it involves the report of corruption or wrongdoing to higher authorities.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that ruling and reinstated the lawsuit last March.

The appeals court noted that Harris and Martin spoke as elected representatives of the faculty, and that they communicated others' views to the superintendent.

Also noted in the March decision was the fact that the high school's low performance ratings had been reported by the local newspaper.

"In light of the above considerations, we hold that (Harris and Martin) did speak on a matter of public concern," the appeals court said in sending the case back to the trial court.

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Gray County 4-Hers receive Gold Star Award

Gray County 4-Hers Sean O'Neal and Cassie Hamilton, both of Pampa, recently received Gold Star Awards — the highest honor possible in 4-H at the county level — during the District Gold Star Banquet in Canyon recently. To be eligible for the award, a 4-Her must be 15-years-old, must submit a 4-H Recordbook for judging and must be interviewed.

O'Neal, 16, is the son of Terry and Diane O'Neal. He has been an active 4-H member for eight years, holding numerous offices in his club including 4-H Council officer for the past two. He has completed projects in horse, beef, sheep, swine, agriculture, meats and vet science and has qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show and State 4-H Roundup with method demonstrations. Highlights of his 4-H career include qualifying for state in livestock judging and attending the Wonders of Washington trip to Washington, D.C.

Cassie Hamilton, 17, is the daughter of Shonda Rucker of Pampa and Bobby and Trish Hamilton of Sapulpa, Okla. She has participated in 4-H for eight years and has been actively involved in projects such as beef, swine, foods, consumer, meats, sheep and vet science. Highlights of her 4-H career have been placing second at Houston with her Simmental steer and participating in the Wonders of Washington trip. Hamilton has served her local club through leadership and community service projects.



(Special photo) Gray County 4-Hers Sean O'Neal and Cassie Hamilton recently received the Gold Star Award.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA moving toward direct lender status

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association will consider changing to a Federal Land Credit Association this winter. The board of directors has approved management's proposal to move the association to direct lender status. At this time, the association is an agent for Farm Credit Bank of Texas, headquartered in Austin. Loans made by the association are owned by Farm Credit Bank and its operators are largely under the bank's control at this time. As a direct lender, the association will maintain ownership of its loans. This change will also provide for significant independence from the bank and new responsibilities on the local level.

"This change is underway in most Federal Land Bank Associations across the 10th Farm Credit District," according to CEO Robert Williams, Jr.

Council to meet at Clarendon

North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council in Pampa will hold its annual membership meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 at Bar-H Dude Ranch in Clarendon. Alvin Lynn of Amarillo, steward with the Texas Historical Commission, will present the program on current findings from the ongoing archeological study of the area's Red River War battle sites.

Jamie Johnson, civil engineer of Wellington, will address the meeting on the topic of small town life during lunch.

For more information or to RSVP for lunch, call (806) 669-0312.

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"We are responding to changes from within the Farm Credit System, and being proactive to keep the association competitive in today's agricultural economy."

The timetable for conversion to FLCA status began this fall. "With board approval, the necessary documents will be sent to our regulator, The Farm Credit Administration ... We expect a positive response to our request for transfer," Williams said. "Around Nov. 25, a letter and disclosure packet will be sent to each stockholder, followed up by a special stockholder meeting on Dec. 8. With stockholder approval, the process will continue with a conversion date targeted for April 1, 2000."

In addition to increased local control, the change will allow the association more flexibility in pricing loans. This change will impact Panhandle-Plains stockholders significantly. The board is considering an across-the-board reduction of its interest rates for all loans that reprice after Jan. 1, 2000. This reduction, coupled with the fourth annual patronage refund, will reduce the majority of our stockholders' interest rate by approximately 1.0 percent. Based on current rates, this reduction will bring the variable rates down to a range of 6.75-7.10 percent.

Stockholders will see no change in the association staff. Existing offices in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview will continue operations and will remain fully capable of meeting the long-term credit needs of area producers.

CINEMA

1st Run

Toy Story II (G)
Fri. & Sat. 7:15 & 9:20
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15
Fri., Sat. & Sun. Matinee 2:00

2nd Week • #1 Movie

The World Is Not Enough (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:25
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
Fri., Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

3rd Week

Sleepy Hollow (R)
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:15
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
Fri., Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

4th Week

Pokemon (G)
Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:00
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10
Fri., Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:55

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distribute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 10-Dec. 10. Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo children under the care of social services agency Child Protective Services. For more information, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206.

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FPC SAFETY TRAINING
The Panhandle Safety Training Center at Frank Phillips College will offer customized safety training beginning Dec. 1 to area companies with employees who operate powered industrial trucks. These companies are required to have such workers trained and evaluated per OSHA regulations. For more information on the forklift training class or other safety training class, contact Dennis Thomas, coordinator of Safety Training, at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 701 or Jennifer Deaver, secretary for Workforce Development/Continuing Education at ext. 789.

BIRD WATCHING
Panhandle Bird Club will hold its monthly bird-watching field trip Dec. 10 at Palo Duro Canyon. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the park entrance. Bird enthusiasts are invited to participate and learn about bird identification, habitat and more. Binoculars are strongly recommended. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.



(Special photo) Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 28th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: Glennette Goode as Drosselmeyer.

The Pampa News & Pampa Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Contest

Two Categories

- 1. Business.** This category is for Pampa businesses. The winner receives a free 1/4 page from The Pampa News
- 2. Residential.** This category is for the residents of Pampa. A winner will be chosen from four different areas of town. Each of those winners receives \$50 in Pampa Bucks from the Chamber of Commerce.

Contest Rules

- Contest is open to all residents of Pampa (within the city limits). All entries must be received in the office of the Pampa News by noon Friday, December 10, 1999 to be eligible. No display will be considered eligible unless an entry form is on file by the above date.
- Lights must be on between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on December 12 thru December 18 for judging.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age to enter. Employees and family members of the Pampa News and Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce are not eligible to enter.
- The decision of the judges will be final.



Christmas Decorating Contest Entry Form

Please fill out the following and drop it by our office at 403 W. Atchison or mail it to P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066

Hurry! Deadline to enter is noon Friday, Dec. 10

Name

Address

Phone

Note: By entering this contest, I hereby authorize The Pampa News to use my name and photographs of my decorated residence in promotional materials concerning the Christmas Decorating Contest.

Irritated Mammographer Needs To Stand in Patient's Place

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Frustrated and Unappreciated," the mammographer who found it irritating to be asked, "Is this all you do, all day long?" was right on the mark. However, "Frustrated" also needs to gain a deeper understanding of her patients, as well as sensitivity toward them.

Has it not occurred to her that perhaps that question was an attempt at "small talk" by women who felt uncomfortable having a mammogram? Because of my medical and family history, I have had mammograms yearly since I was 35. After 10 years, I still do not find the procedure of having the mammographer touch me to lift, pull and smash a personal part of my body between two plates of plastic something I look forward to or feel comfortable with. Usually the mammographer is a different health-care professional from the prior year, therefore, a stranger. I have had mammographers who made me feel as much at ease as possible, but I have also experienced a few who treated my breast as if a woman was not attached to it.

"Frustrated" needs to understand and empathize. It's important she remember that her job in performing mammographies is more routine for her than it is for her patients. Perhaps understanding this will help her to focus on her patients' feelings, and not become frustrated over a question.

DOES IT, BUT DOESN'T LIKE IT,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR DOES IT: I suspect that the reason the majority of women "do it but don't like it" has something to do with modesty, and also the fact that it's like stepping up to a slot machine that reminds us of our potential mortality. In fairness to the majority of mammographers, I have found them to be efficient, gentle and caring. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Frustrated and Unappreciated Mammographer".

Please, do not think for a minute that you are unappreciated. Without your dedication and professionalism, I and many others would be a statistic instead of a survivor. Breast cancer, which has no symptoms, would go undetected without you.

I thank God every day that you are a part of my life. We may not have a chance to thank each of you personally, but for me and all of those others, I say, "Thank you! We need

you." Each day you go to work, another lucky woman may be saved. Together, we will someday wipe out this disease. I am forever in your debt.

JOY HOPKINS,
MARCO ISLAND, FLA.

DEAR JOY: (You are aptly named!) When people are stressed out or ill, they're often unable to express their gratitude to the caring individuals who go the extra mile on their behalf. Your letter is sure to be appreciated not only by mammographers nationwide, but by every health-care professional who reads it.

DEAR ABBY: In reference to "Uncorked in Hudson, Ohio": I agree that the host was not rude. I always play by the following rules when someone brings wine to the house. If it's wrapped, it is a gift and meant to be saved or added to my "collection." If it is not wrapped, it is meant to be served for that meal. This simple rule seems to work well for me.

CORKED IN ORINDA, CALIF.

DEAR CORKED: If it works for you, it has my blessing. But there is no formal rule of etiquette that dictates that a bottle of wine brought to an informal dinner party as a housegift must be served that evening. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as he or she chooses.

Horoscope

TUESDAY, NOV. 30, 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)

***** Talk about financial needs before signing off on a project. You tend to be overly responsible, and others know they can count on you. Communicating on a one-on-one level with another brings positive, lasting results. Tonight: Bring extra work home. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

***** You naturally put your whole self into your work. You might feel undermined by another, however. Flow with the moment. Discussions purge negativity and allow true feelings to come out. Go with your intuition. Another presents his point clearly. Tonight: The fun begins.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Build on established knowledge; you don't need to break into new territory. Let co-workers have greater say, and really listen to their points of view. Remember, they experience similar situations. Work as a team. Eliminate negativity. Tonight: Browse some home-decorating magazines.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Ask questions, and you'll get interesting feedback. Not everyone sees a particular venture as you do. Though you

are determined, you could be making something more complicated than it needs to be. A child or new friend has interesting insights. Tonight: Talk about your ideas over dinner. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Discussions remind you that there is another financial alternative. Someone in charge comes down on you quite hard. Don't buckle under pressure; go for what you want and need. Family members keep you busy with news and requests. Tonight: Clear out a key errand. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You might not see everything you need to see, but others are happy to point out alternatives and different solutions. You could be bogged down by a demand from an in-law. Don't feed office gossip — just ignore it! Beam in high energy instead. Tonight: Use your charisma. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** A partner is inordinately tight and straight-laced. You might not be able to establish the kind of dialogue you need. Question what you want to do about this. What seems to cost a lot of money could actually free your soul. What's more important? Tonight: Do some hard thinking. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Put your two cents in when discussing a common goal. Partners don't mean to be uptight; nevertheless, they are. Loosen up; make a must meeting; network all you need to. Your sense of humor comes through with a friend. Tonight: Plan a holiday get-together. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You can subdue a difficult boss as you discuss work problems. What he

may have been blaming on you is actually a problem within the structure. Ask for help. Don't allow everything to fall in your lap. Recognize your limitations here. Tonight: Call an older relative. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Reach out for another; make calls. Someone you dearly care about could be a bit incapacitated emotionally and may need your help. Be sensitive to this person. A meeting charges you with enthusiasm and ideas. Follow through. Tonight: Surf the Net. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Associates have great ideas for work, but it is you who must determine just how feasible they are. You might be weighed down by a sense of depression. Try to reverse this trend by talking to trusted friends. You don't have to carry this burden. Tonight: Togetherness counts. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You rarely have a hard time with discussions, yet talks presently appear stymied. You'll need to force yourself beyond the immediate problem and take an overview. Others appear on the horizon with different ideas. Listen. Tonight: Socialize with friends.

BORN TODAY
TV host Dick Clark (1929), singer Des'ree (1970), actor Mandy Patinkin (1952)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

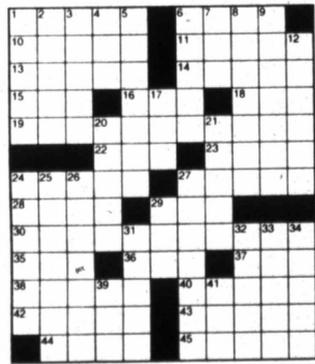
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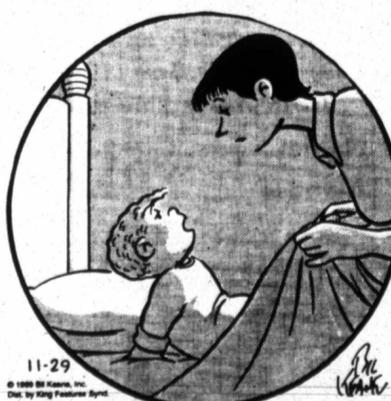
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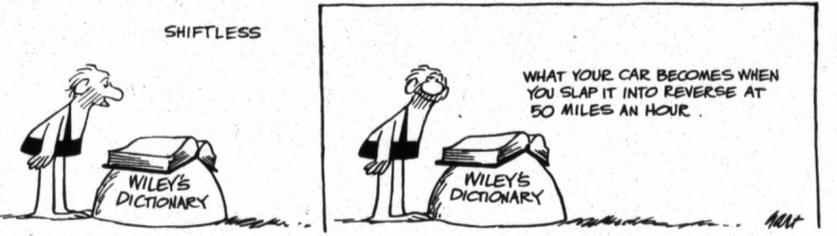
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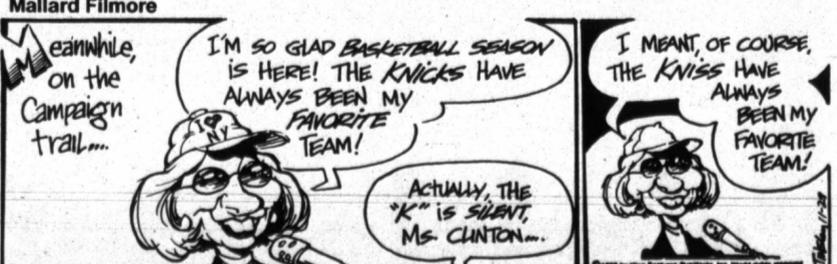
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SPORTS

New blood hits the college bowl circuit

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BASKETBALL

STILLWATER, Okla. — The 2000 Adidas Shootouts will be held on January 15th in Stillwater, OK and on January 22nd in Woodward, Ok.

These events are for girls and boys grades 2-8 that wish to play against other top players in their age groups to learn what they need to do to get better.

For more information, check out the Midwest Basketball website—www.midwestbasketball.com or call (405) 377-4667 before the available slots are filled.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It's not as if Nebraska doesn't have enough reason to beat Texas for the Big 12 Conference title.

A Cornhuskers' victory would snap a three-game losing streak to the Longhorns and would give No. 3 Nebraska (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) its first league title since 1997.

But most importantly, a big victory Saturday in San Antonio could vault Nebraska past No. 2 Virginia Tech in the complicated BCS ratings and into the Sugar Bowl to play top-ranked Florida State.

Nebraska will not only try to win, but win big, Texas coach Mack Brown said Sunday.

"They're trying to get into the national championship, so I'm sure they'll try to beat us by 100," Brown said Sunday.

There were other times when Nebraska was supposed to win big only to get stopped cold by Texas (9-3, 6-2).

The Longhorns are the only team to beat Nebraska three times in the 1990s.

The first time was in the 1996 Big 12 title game, when Texas upended the two-time defending national champions 37-27.

The Longhorns followed that with a 20-16 win in 1998, Brown's first season at Texas, to snap the Huskers' 47-game home winning streak.

Nebraska came to Austin this year looking for revenge but watched a 13-3 lead evaporate into a 24-20 Texas victory.

Brown, who has never coached a rematch in the same season, said too much is on the line for the teams to get caught up in recent history.

"Both teams will be ready to play because it's a one-game shot at the conference championship," Brown said. "The coaches already know each other, the players already know each other, and all the pre-game talk has been used up."

Texas, which three times this season rallied to victory on its way to the Big 12 South Division title, watched Texas A&M come from behind last Friday for a 20-16 Aggie win.

Texas took a 16-6 lead behind freshman quarterback Chris Simms, only to watch A&M score the winning touchdown with 5:02 left on a 14-yard TD catch by Matt Bumgardner.

Simms — starting in place of starter Major Applewhite, who was battling stomach flu — finished 10-of-21 for 130 yards and played better than Brown expected. The rest of the team didn't do enough to win, the coach said.

"He was devastated after the game because he thought his performance hurt us," Brown said. "On the contrary, I thought Chris gave us a chance to hang in there and a chance to win the game."

Brown said Applewhite is expected to start against Nebraska. Applewhite threw for two second-half touchdowns against the Cornhuskers in their last meeting.

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

What a season! Arizona, which lost just one game last season, couldn't even qualify for a bowl game in 1999.

Hawaii, which lost all its games last season, is going to the O'ahu Bowl on Dec. 25 to play Oregon State, which ended its Division I record 28 straight losing seasons.

Notre Dame and Ohio State are finished; Minnesota and Wake Forest aren't.

A little nutty, yes? With No. 1 Florida State (11-0) and No. 2 Virginia Tech (11-0) waiting for the Bowl Championship Series to finalize its Sugar Bowl matchup — the final BCS standings will be released Dec. 5 — let's call time out to look at the minor bowls, which are missing a bunch of major teams.

Arizona, ranked No. 4 in the preseason after going 12-1 in '98, finished 6-6 after a 42-27 loss to Arizona State. The Sun Devils (6-5) got the Aloha bid that went to the winner. The opponent will be Wake Forest (6-5), bowling for the first time in seven years.

Notre Dame (5-7) completed its worst season since 1963 with a

last-play, 40-37 defeat to Rose Bowl-bound Stanford (8-3). Since '87, the Irish have played in four Cotton bowls, three Orange bowls, two Fiesta bowls and one Sugar, Independence and Gator bowl.

Ohio State (6-6), ranked No. 9 in the preseason poll, is out of the bowl scene for the first time in 13 seasons, its bowl fate sealed on Nov. 20 after a 24-17 loss to Michigan.

Don't forget UCLA, which opened 10-0 in '98, and has fallen apart since. The Bruins then lost to Miami and Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl, and followed up with a 4-7 record in '99 — good for ninth place in the Pac-10. The Bruins played in five bowls in the 1990s.

Hawaii (8-4), despite a 22-14 loss to Washington State on Saturday night, still had one of the great turnaround seasons in history.

Hawaii, co-WAC champs with Fresno State in coach June Jones' first year, set an NCAA record for biggest single-season improvement for a team that went winless the previous year. Hawaii was 0-12 in '98.

The Beavers (7-4), in their first season under coach Dennis

Erickson, are in a bowl for the first time since the 1965 Rose Bowl.

Minnesota is off to its first bowl game in 13 years after finishing 8-3 — its best record in 32 seasons. The Golden Gophers, set to play Oregon in the Sun Bowl, closed with wins against previously unbeaten Penn State, Indiana and Iowa.

A few bowl adjustments involving Southeastern Conference teams could create these matchups:

— Arkansas (7-4), despite a 35-10 loss to LSU, might still end up in the Cotton Bowl against Saturday's Big 12 title game loser (Nebraska or Texas).

— Georgia (7-4), a 51-48 loser to Georgia Tech on Saturday, looks headed to the Peach Bowl for a game against Clemson.

— Mississippi (7-4) looks like it's off to the Independence Bowl, with Colorado its likely opponent.

The SEC title game winner is set to play Michigan in the Orange Bowl; Tennessee is set to play the Big 12 title game winner in the Fiesta Bowl; the SEC title game loser will play Michigan State in the Citrus Bowl; Mississippi State is in the Outback Bowl against Purdue;

and it'll be Kentucky vs. Syracuse in the Music City Bowl.

In Saturday's Top 25 games, it was No. 6 Tennessee 38, Vanderbilt 10; and No. 17 Georgia Tech 51, No. 21 Georgia 48.

No. 6 Tennessee 38, Vanderbilt 10

At Knoxville, Tenn., the defending national champs put themselves in line for a return to the Fiesta Bowl, but a title won't be at stake like it was last year at Tempe.

Travis Henry ran 19 times for 153 yards and scored a TD before leaving with a neck injury. He had a mild concussion and a pinched nerve in his neck but the injury won't keep him out of a bowl game.

Vanderbilt (5-6, 2-6) failed in its bid to become bowl eligible for the first time since 1982 and instead notched its 17th straight losing season.

No. 17 Georgia Tech 51, No. 21 Georgia 48, OT

At Atlanta, freshman Luke Manget kicked a second-chance, 38-yard field goal in OT to give the Yellow Jackets the win.

Georgia rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half but couldn't overcome two bad calls by the officials, including a dis-

puted fumble by Jasper Sanks at the Tech 2 with nine seconds left in regulation.

"Just a tragedy," Bulldogs coach Jim Donnan said. "Everything boils down to one play."

Washington State 22, Hawaii 14

At Honolulu, Hawaii led 14-12, but Rian Lindell kicked a 24-yard field goal with 2:53 left and Adam Hawkins added a 6-yard TD run to deny the Rainbow Warriors (8-3) an NCAA record.

With a win, Hawaii would have become the first team to post a nine-game, one-season turnaround. Purdue (1943) and Stanford (1940) also had eight-game improvements.

In other games, Syracuse (6-5) was hammered 45-13 by No. 23 Miami on Saturday, but the Orangemen are still going to the Music City Bowl to fill the Big East's fourth bowl slot. Miami (7-4), which closes out the season against Temple, will play Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl. ... Pittsburgh (5-6) was knocked out of bowl contention in a 52-21 loss to West Virginia on Saturday as Marc Bulger closed out his record-setting career with the Mountaineers by passing for 331 yards and four TDs.



(Pampa News photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Victor Brooks gets set for a free throw attempt in last weekend's Pampa Basketball Classic.

Amarillo High, North Crowley notch victories in Pampa Cage Classic

PAMPA — Pampa fell to Amarillo High 55-46 Saturday in the final round of the Pampa Basketball Classic at McNeely Fieldhouse.

It was the Sandies' first win after three losses while the Harvesters fell to 0-3.

Dustin Tommerup led AHS in scoring with 12 points while Cole Elliott and Andrew Patterson chipped in 9 each.

Adam Rogers was high scoring for Pampa with 13 points. Russell Robben followed with 9.

The Sandies led at the half by 11 (32-21).

Others who scored for Pampa

were Derek Williams with 8 points, Jesse Francis and Victor Brooks 5 each, Casey Owens and Stephen Vanderpool 3 each.

North Crowley rolled past Plainview 70-55 in the other game played Saturday. Keith Langford paced Crowley with 18 points while Kyle McHale added 14.

Rod Ansley paced Plainview with 21 points. Bryson Davis followed with 12.

Pampa's next action will be in the Frenship Shootout Thursday through Saturday. The Harvesters meet Lubbock Cooper at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Chiefs slip by Raiders, 37-34

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Raiders are lucky there was no snow in the stands. Instead, their frustrated fans showered the field with boos as the Raiders blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead Sunday and lost 37-34 to Kansas City.

Cris Dishman scored twice for the Chiefs, on a 47-yard interception return and a 40-yard

fumble runback, and Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 44-yard winning field goal as the game ended as Kansas City (6-5) broke a three-game losing streak.

It was the second painstaking loss in six days for the Raiders (5-6), who were defeated 27-21 in overtime by the Broncos last Monday night.

Wildcats rip Ozona in 2A quarterfinals

LUBBOCK — Canadian defeated Ozona 35-16 Saturday night to advance into the Class 2A Division I semifinals for the second consecutive year.

Leading 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, Canadian went on a scoring spree to tally 28 points in the second and third quarters. That put the Wildcats up 35-2 going into the fourth quarter.

Wildcats' quarterback Derek Maupin threw two touchdown passes to Nathan Reyes covering 12 and 39 yards.

Also scoring for Canadian were Eric Hall (12-yard run) and George Peyton (8-yard run).

Canadian's defense also came through with a touchdown on an 81-yard fumble return by Coleman Bartlett.

Hall led Canadian's rushing attack with 91 yards on 14 carries.

Maupin completed 5 of 8 pass attempts for 125 yards. Bartlett caught 3 passes for 74 yards and Reyes had 2 catches for 51 yards.

Canadian improved its record to 12-1 while Ozona closes out with a 9-4 record. The Wildcats meet Boyd (13-0) at 7 p.m. Saturday in Vernon.

Eyes are on Texas

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico (AP) — The eyes of college basketball are upon Texas.

The 20th-ranked Longhorns say they have a lot more to give even after beating No. 18 DePaul and No. 3 Michigan State to win the Puerto Rico Shootout.

"We talked about our goals for the season, about shooting for the stars," said Chris Mihm, the tournament's MVP who had 19 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks in an 81-74 victory over Michigan State Saturday night. "We're going for a Final Four."

The victory over the Spartans (3-1) at Eugenio Guerra Sports Complex gave Texas its first 4-0 start in three seasons.

The Longhorns trailed 38-23 with 21 minutes left, but with Mihm hitting 3-pointers and making three-point plays, overcame the deficit. All five starters scored in double figures for Texas. Ivan Wagner had a career-high 17 points, and he and William Clay made big shots down the stretch. Gabe Muoneke added 16 points and Chris Owens 12.

NFL throat slashing wasn't clear-cut case

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

People who say you can't legislate behavior apparently don't watch enough pro football.

The number of throat slashings reported in the NFL on Sunday was down to one, and even that one — pardon the expression — wasn't clear-cut. No sooner had New Orleans' Willie Whitehead finished drawing his finger across his neck than he began insisting the gesture wasn't what it seemed, that his inspiration was actually religious, not homicidal.

"I do something that looks a little like a throat slash," Whitehead said after his Saints lost in St. Louis. "It wasn't that. I was doing something else, I was giving to God."

Assuming commissioner Paul Tagliabue is as good as his word, Whitehead will be giving a little something to charity, too, before the week is out. On Tuesday, after Packers quarterback Brett Favre became the lat-

est high-profile star caught making the throat-slashing gesture on camera, the NFL sent a memo to all 31 teams threatening fines and on-field penalties against any player depicting an "unacceptable act of violence."

Whitehead didn't get penalized for the gesture, which he made following his first-quarter sack of Rams quarterback Kurt Warner. But once the league's lords of discipline have had a chance to review the videotape, he will need more than a note from George Burns to avoid getting whacked with a fine.

The bigger it is, the faster memory lapses like Whitehead's will disappear altogether. The comforting thing is that he already got a good part of what was coming to him even before the final whistle blew Sunday.

The Rams, who led just 7-3 after one quarter and 15-12 at the half, scored 28 unanswered points in the second half.

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Pampa trio makes all-district VB list

Congratulations to Tandi Morton, Anne Gaddis and Destiny Engel for making the All-District 3-4 Volleyball Team this season.

Morton was a first-team selection and closed out her senior season with an outstanding 204 kills and 285 digs. Gaddis, a senior, and Engel, a junior, were second-team picks.

"I was real pleased with Tandi's play, especially late in the season," said Pampa head coach Carmen Pennick. "Anne came a long way in her ability as an attacker. Destiny really came into her own after making the jump from junior varsity to varsity this season. She was a big factor in us making the playoffs."

All three Lady Harvesters — Engel at 6-0, Morton and Gaddis both at 5-11, used their height at the net to help the Lady Harvesters advance as far as the regional quarterfinals.

Morton overcame some severe health problems in gaining all-district honors as a junior.

Pennick expressed some disappointment at not having more Lady Harvesters on the all-district team.

"I thought we should have had one or two more players make second-team, but I'm happy with what we got. I'm



L.D. Strate
Sports Editor

just sorry we didn't have more on there," she said.

It took a state champion to turn back Pampa in the playoffs for the second year in a row. Hereford went on to win the state title for the third time in the past four years.

Hereford senior Audra Witkowski was named the district's player of the year.

In District 5-1A, Fort Elliott was well-represented on the all-district first team.

They were Carissa Dukes, Amber Estes, Candy Hilburn, Kirbie Kinnaman, Julie Zybach and Casey Zybach.

There's no doubt, Wheeler running backs Caleb Finsterwald and Casey Childress are among the Class 1A's best. They combined for 263 yards and a touchdown in the Mustangs' 21-0 win

over Sudan last weekend in a regional playoff game.

It's those guys on the offensive line, however, who are just as impressive. Kyle Masters, Bret Goad, Kelby Ledbetter, among others, laid out some terrific blocks to spring Finsterwald and Childress loose.

Jessica Shahan of Chase County Kansas has a Pampa connection. Jessica is a member of the Buck-Ets team which won the World Championship at the Junior Ranch Rodeo held recently in Amarillo.

She is the granddaughter of Carolyn Quarles of Pampa.

If there's any Earl Campbell fans out there, I've got a book on the former football great with the Texas Longhorns and Houston Oilers.

The book covers Campbell's playing career and his courageous battle with panic disorder.

The 216-page book was mailed to The Pampa News from Ruane Communications Inc. as a complimentary gift.

If you would like to have the book, it's free of charge to the first person who comes by the news office.



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- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
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- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

Stars down Thrashers

ATLANTA (AP) — The Dallas Stars were desperate. In the third period, they finally played like it.

The struggling Stanley Cup champions won for just the second time in eight games, rallying for three goals in the final period to beat the expansion Atlanta Thrashers 4-2 on Sunday night.

"It would have been real frustrating not to get a win here," said Joe Nieuwendyk, who scored twice for the Stars. "We had an inspired effort in the third period."

Derian Hatcher evened the score 2-2 with a goal at 3:14 of the third. Nieuwendyk's second goal at 5:27 put Dallas ahead to stay. Finally, rookie Roman Lyashenko capped the outburst with a disputed goal at 7:54, scoring while sprawled on his stomach.

"We played with desperation," Nieuwendyk said. "We talked at the end of the second period, and we took it to them from the opening faceoff. It paid off for us."

Lyashenko's first NHL goal came after goaltender Rick Tabaracci made a kick save and fell to the ice, struggling to cover up the loose puck.

Tabaracci, playing his first game for the Thrashers, thought he had frozen the puck with his left arm, but Lyashenko appeared to punch at it a couple of times with his left fist. The puck broke free and slid into the net.

The Thrashers argued vehemently with referee Mick McGeough, but he allowed the Stars' two-goal lead to stand.

"The puck was under my arm," Tabaracci said. "I felt him push at it once and it stayed there. He pushed again and it came loose. He was laying on his belly with no stick, so I'm not sure how he could have put it in with stick."

Actually, Lyashenko still had a grasp on his stick when he was knocked down in his crease. The rookie insisted that he used the shaft to push the puck under Tabaracci's arm.

"I just scored," said Lyashenko, playing his fifth game since being recalled from the minors on Nov. 4. "I scored with my stick. I just pushed it in with my stick."

Atlanta, which has the worst record in the NHL after losing nine of 11 games, led 2-1 after Andrew Brunette and Denny Lambert scored against Ed Belfour just 37 seconds apart in the second period.

But the Thrashers couldn't make it stand up in the third. "Most teams we play against can crank it up to a second gear. When they do that, we struggle," coach Curt Fraser said. "It's tough when you're playing against a team with that much speed and skill."

The Stars won despite going 0-for-7 on the power play. They peppered Tabaracci with 32 shots, while Belfour stopped 23 of 25.

"There have been no easy pickings for us this year," Nieuwendyk said. "We had a real chance to put the game away, but our power play is struggling."

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Thursday's Games

Detroit 21, Chicago 17

Dallas 20, Miami 0

Sunday's Games

Arizona 34, New York Giants 24

Cincinnati 27, Pittsburgh 26

San Diego 27, Tennessee 33

Cleveland 21, Indianapolis 13

New York Jets 6, Tampa Bay 16

Seattle 3, Kansas City 37

Oakland 34, Carolina 28

Denver 0, Dallas 20

Monday's Games

Green Bay at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at Miami, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

New York Jets at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at Carolina, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Cleveland at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.

Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

Seattle at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.

Dallas at New England, 8:20 p.m.

OPEN: Buffalo

Monday, Dec. 6

Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

SIX-MAN

Groom (12-1) vs. Rule (11-1), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Florida

Richard Springs (10-3) vs. Gordon (12-1), TBA

Texas Forest Service warning dangerous wildfire conditions remain in panhandle

LUFKIN — A recent cold front brought scattered showers and cooler temperatures to most of the state, but rain accumulations were light with local exceptions in portions of East and South Texas. The cold front also brought freezing temperatures to the panhandle and Northern Rolling Plains. The net effect of the front was to worsen an already volatile fire danger situation across much of the state, Texas Forest Service officials say.

"Areas that needed rain the most, such as the La Grange, Waco and Panhandle areas were left out," said Tom Spencer, state fire risk assessment coordinator with TFS in Huntsville. "The freezing temperatures in the Panhandle ... will bring on winter conditions in these areas which will remain until the vegetation greens up again in the spring."

Dangerously dry fuels exist across much of the state. A fire risk assessment report on a TFS Internet website shows the moisture content of all sizes of vegetative fuels is extremely low with very heavy logs in much of the state having a lower moisture content than the lumber used in home construction.

"Firefighters should expect wildfires that arise under these dry conditions to burn very intense-

ly and erratically, with a high difficulty of control," declared Spencer. "We are definitely beyond a 'business as usual' wildfire situation in most of the state."

State fire prevention personnel warn additional dangerous and potentially disastrous wildfires are likely unless everyone strictly observes fire safety precautions outdoors. Fire safety pamphlets available from the state forestry agency list numerous safety tips for prevention wildfires.

Carelessness has resulted in several recent wildfires in the Texas Panhandle, according to Les Rogers, regional fire coordinator with TFS in Canyon. The fire control leader urges panhandle residents and visitors to exercise extreme caution to avoid additional blazes. A fire in Hartly Co.

burned 30,000 acres in early November, he reported.

State fire prevention personnel warn additional dangerous and potentially disastrous wildfires are likely unless everyone strictly observes fire safety precautions outdoors. Fire safety pamphlets available from the state forestry agency list numerous safety tips for prevention wildfires.

Obey bans on outdoor burning. Dispose of smoking materials properly. Avoid using spark-producing equipment around dry vegetation. Make sure that mufflers and spark arresters on outdoor power equipment are in proper working order. Watch out for rocks or other obstructions that could cause sparks if hit by equipment during mowing or bush-hogging operations. Only burn trash in burn receptacles covered by heavy metal mesh or grids to contain all sparks and burning debris and make sure any such receptacles are surrounded by a wide fire lane of bare soil. Stay with all fires until they are completely out. Avoid using barbecue grills over dry vegetation. Extinguish all coals and embers before towing wheeled barbecue pits down the roadway.

CC-Pampa Center Student of the Month

Lori Hendricks was recently named Clarendon College-Pampa Center "Student of the Month." Faculty members speak highly of Hendricks. Government instructor Michael Tibbets stated, "She is consistently outstanding," and instructor Linda Thompson says, "Lori presented one of the best oral reports I have had in Fine Arts 1315 ... She was assigned only one of the artists but did both ... Her contributions to the class discussions are perceptive. She does her part to enhance the learning experience for herself and the other students."

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Lori Hendricks

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<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL DISTRICT 10 CASE NO. 023218 November 10, 1999 NOTICE OF HEARING GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitle A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOVT. CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (1999), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on DECEMBER 17, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOVT. CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (1999). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date. The Commission will consider the application of Apache Corporation for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) and a density exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 3.38 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38) to drill Well No. 2, Byrum Gas Unit, 653.08 Acres, Section 11, Block M-2, H&GN RR Co. Survey, A-108, Wildcat and Shrekey (Morrow) Fields, Roberts County, being 5.4 miles northeast of Miami, Texas.</p> <p>The location of this well is as follows: 1320' from the east line and 1700' from the south line of lease and survey. This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 11,400 feet.</p> <p>If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, James Sughru, at (918)491-4955. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6648.</p> <p>IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.</p> <p>PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evi-</p>	<p>dence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.</p> <p>ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.</p> <p>TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.</p> <p>IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify the Court Reporter's office at (512)463-6926, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.</p> <p>ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel Office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512)463-7327 or TDD No. (512)463-7284.</p> <p>ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS CAUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE. DATA IN COMMISSION RECORDS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, BUT THE REFERENCE MUST BE SPECIFIC. 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TDH: More children falling victim to diabetes related health problems

AUSTIN — Lauren Trinkhaus is like most other youngsters. She likes tennis and socializing with other children her age. But unlike many of her friends, Lauren must check her blood sugar level four times a day because she has diabetes. "You have to eat different stuff like carbohydrates and you have to take insulin shots," she commented. "But the shots don't really hurt very much."

Lauren has Type 1 diabetes which occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. To control Type 1 diabetes, insulin must be regularly injected. Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body does not effectively use or produce enough insulin and can often be controlled with diet and exercise. Most diabetics have Type 2 diabetes; only 5 to 10 percent of diabetics have Type 1.

Diabetes is often silent and can be deadly. Of about 1.6 million Texans — 12 percent of the population — who have diabetes, 680,000 have the disease and don't know it. Diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death in Texas and contributed to the deaths of at least 12,299 Texans in 1996.

In recent years, doctors have noted an alarming trend. As more youngsters have become less physically active and gained weight, the number of children with Type 2 diabetes has increased. Type 2 is linked to obesity and usually occurs in those age 45 and older, but a study of schoolchildren in Cincinnati showed that over a 12 year period, the number of children who had Type 2 increased by 12 percent. Most children developed diabetes between the ages of 10 and 14, researchers said. Other studies have found similar trends in other cities.

Overweight youngsters are more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes, and doctors are concerned about the increase in the number of children with weight problems over the past two decades. "Only about 4 percent of the kids back in the late '60s — early '70s were considered obese," said Dr. Phil Huang, chief of the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Disease and Injury Prevention. "Some studies now show that it's up to 10 percent. More kids watch more television, sit in front of the computer and eat more fast food."

This lack of physical activity and poor diet play a big role in causing preventable illnesses such as diabetes. Exercising regu-

larly, eating healthy meals and maintaining a healthy body weight go a long way in preventing a host of major diseases.

Diabetes can lead to severely debilitating or fatal complications such as blindness, kidney and heart disease, stroke and amputations of toes or other parts of the feet or legs. But with proper care and medication, diabetes can be managed. Getting an early and correct diagnosis is key in preventing severe complications or even death. If you are extremely thirsty, urinate frequently or have unexplained weight loss, call your doctor for a diabetes checkup.

Those who may be at risk for diabetes may have some or all of these risk factors:
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- Family history of diabetes
- High or low blood sugar
- Overweight (more than 20 percent ideal weight)
- Limited physical exercise
- Age 45 or older
- Previous diabetes with pregnancy or you've had a baby weighing more than 9 pounds at birth.

Regular checkups, physical activity, a healthy diet and controlled blood sugar levels can help prevent or delay complications from diabetes. If you have diabetes, keys to controlling the disease and staying healthy include:

- Eat healthy meals and snacks
- Take medication as prescribed
- Monitor blood sugar levels and keep a daily log
- Exercise for 20 minutes most days of the week
- Live a healthy lifestyle (reduce stress, get adequate sleep, avoid smoking and excessive alcohol)
- Lose weight if overweight
- Maintain recommended weight
- Reduce/control high blood pressure
- Adjust meal plans and physical activity to keep blood sugar levels in the desired range
- Check and take special care of feet and skin every day
- Make and keep follow-up appointments with doctors.

If you have diabetes, one other simple precaution can save your life: get a flu shot. People with diabetes are six times more likely to go to the hospital with the flu and almost three times more likely to die from influenza or pneumonia.

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Health briefs

Children swallow the darndest things

DALLAS — Unsupervised children ingest a variety of objects besides forbidden snacks. A recent study by emergency-room pediatricians at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas revealed that pennies were the most common objects children swallow. Other objects noted in the study were pushpins, an aluminum pull tab, a bullet and a prosthetic eye.

"All small objects need to be kept away as much as possible from little hands," says Dr. Patricia Primm, an associate professor of pediatrics. "Supervision is vital if children are in contact with such objects."

If children swallow an object and have difficulty breathing or swallowing, get them to the nearest emergency room, Primm says. If you think your child has swallowed something, but breathing is unhampered, have him or her checked by a pediatrician. Objects smaller than two centimeters in diameter will usually pass through the child's system in a few days and, in most cases, will not require surgical removal.

Sun exposure can damage the eyes

DALLAS — You've heard about the danger the sun poses to your skin, but prolonged exposure to bright sunlight also can damage your eyes.

"Damage is caused by a lifetime of sun exposure. While one afternoon in the bright sun won't cause immediate damage, prolonged exposure over many years may contribute to eye disease," says Dr. John Alappatt, an assistant professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Bright ultraviolet rays make the eye more susceptible to age-related macular degeneration, cataracts or pterygium, an abnormal growth of tissue on the surface of the eye. UV light is more intense when reflected off a surface such as sand, snow or concrete, and people with blue or green eyes are more vulnerable to the light rays.

The solution is simple: Wear sunglasses or a wide-brimmed hat.

"Everyone should make it a habit to wear sunglasses," Alappatt says. "The sunglasses need to block 99 percent to 100 percent of UVA or UVB rays, which should be indicated on the glasses."

Modest exercise does a heart good

The saying "no pain, no gain" doesn't apply when it comes to a healthier heart. Moderate regular

exercise is actually more beneficial than a stressful workout.

"The vast majority of the cardiovascular benefits of exercise are obtained from simply a brisk walk for 30 minutes," says Dr. Robert Meidell, a cardiologist and associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Exercise burns fat, lowers cholesterol, improves the heart's pumping action and widens the arteries, says Meidell. All of this means that you're less likely to have blocked arteries that lead to cardiovascular diseases.

If you've been sedentary for a long time or have any health problems, especially heart disease, consult your doctor before starting any type of exercise program.

Cancer pain often left untreated

DALLAS — Pain is a common and dreaded complication of cancer, but it can be treated.

"With appropriate use of pain medication — narcotic and non-narcotic — the majority of cancer pain can be controlled," says UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas oncologist Dr. Barry Levinson. "We can significantly improve the quality of life of such patients."

Although patients are sometimes reluctant to take narcotics because they fear addiction, Levinson says cancer patients rarely become dependent upon these drugs.

New time-release drugs and other therapies such as radiation also can improve pain control. Levinson, an assistant professor of internal medicine, stresses that cancer patients should always tell their physicians when they are experiencing pain because there is no reason this discomfort should go untreated.

Symptoms of menopause can begin early

DALLAS — Women in their 30s usually think they are too young to experience "the change," but an occasional hot flash and irregular menstrual cycle may indicate just that — the start of menopause, which is called perimenopause.

These symptoms can signal menopause in women as young as the mid-thirties, says Dr. Karen Bradshaw, director of the Lowe Foundation Center for Women's Preventative Health Care and co-director of the UT Southwestern Clinical Center for Women's Health at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The beginning of menopause is signaled by a decrease in levels of hormones, especially estrogen. Other symptoms include moodiness, sleep difficulty, breast tenderness, bladder problems, a thickening at the waistline and a reduced libido.

Even a young woman with mild symptoms should see her physician. A physician can determine whether the symptoms are caused by something else or prescribe medication, such as hormone-replacement therapy, and explain what to expect during these transitional years.



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