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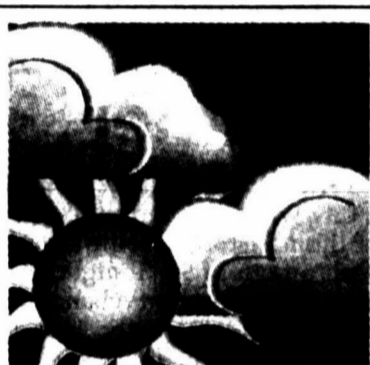
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SAN ANTONIO (AP) —
Jason Trejo, one of four stu-
dents suspended from a pri-
vate Christian school earlier
this year for attending a
Backstreet Boys concert, will
graduate today.

Trejo transferred to a pub-
lic school after the suspen-
sion from Sunnybrook
Christian Academy, but was
short the credits he needed
to graduate this year.

Trejo took some night
classes and passed the Texas
Assessment of Academic
Skills test to catch up with
his classmates.

Trejo and three other
Sunnybrook students were
suspended in March
because they broke a school
rule barring "involvement
with inappropriate music,"
school administrator Trudie
Perez has said.

The Backstreet Boys, a
band that's wildly popular
with teen-age girls, played
to a packed Alamodome
crowd. Once school officials
confirmed some students
had attended, they gave
them one-day suspensions.

Trejo's mother com-
plained about the music
policy and refused to sign a
statement saying she agrees
with it and other school
rules. She later withdrew
him from the school.

The Christian school for-
bids "involvement" with
music groups such as the
Backstreet Boys because of
some song lyrics, Perez
said.

- **Jose M. Arellano, 79**, track-
man/truck driver.
- **Mona Blanton, 85**, retired
curator of White Deer Land
Museum.
- **Chester Mack Cummings, 57**, retired U.S. Navy com-
mander.
- **Carrie M. May, 86**, home-
maker.
- **Josie Christine Miller, 83**,
homemaker, former food
store owner.

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Vandals jam 60 door locks at PHS

End-of-school prank costly to taxpayers

Pampa police today are con-
tinuing to search for the person
or persons responsible for dis-
abling every outdoor lock at
Pampa High School.

"Someone went around and
put Liquid Nails © or a silicone
caulk in every exterior lock on
the school," Officer Colby
Brown, school resource officer,
said today.

"It was an end-of-school
prank, but their prank will cost
the taxpayers probably \$1,000,"
Brown said.

Approximately 60 locks from
the 30 outside entrances to the
school were vandalized some-
time between Wednesday, May
24, and Thursday, May 25, offi-
cials say. Damage estimates
have been set at \$1,000.

"We don't really know when
it happened, but we believe it
was sometime after the janitors
leave and when they came to
open the school, between 5 and
6 a.m. Thursday," Brown said.

Solve this
crime!
Call Crime
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The gray, gooey substance
had not yet set up in one of the
locks when janitors discovered
the vandalism Thursday morn-
ing, allowing them to get into
the school. The final classes for
the 1999-2000 school year con-
tinued as usual.

Anyone having any informa-
tion about the school vandal-
ism can contact Officer Brown
at the Pampa Police
Department, or call Crime
Stoppers at 669-2222.



A key won't fit into the lock on the girl's gymnasium at Pampa High School after a vandal filled it with a type of silicone caulk. (Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Retiring school professionals ...



Mary Denham, Lorine Cash and Claudette Deason were honored at a retirement reception at Lamar Elementary School Monday. The three women ended their careers at the close of the school year Thursday.

85 years experience go with Lamar retirements PISD loses only black classroom teachers

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Three caring and experienced education pro-
fessionals retired yesterday as the bell signaled
the last day of the school year.

Pampa Independent School District is losing
over 85 years teaching experience with the
retirement of three staff members from Lamar
Elementary School.

They are Lorine Cash, a kindergarten teacher
for 31 years, Claudette Deason, a resource
teacher for 32 years, and Mary Denham, a para-
professional for 22 years.

Looking back through the years, Cash said she
has seen many changes in students and parents
since she began teaching.

"When I first began teaching teachers could
just give a certain look to a misbehaving student
and they would immediately straighten up.

**They are Lorine Cash, a
kindergarten teacher for 31
years, Claudette Deason, a
resource teacher for 32 years,
and Mary Denham, a parapro-
fessional for 22 years.**

That isn't the way it is now," said Cash. She said
parents need to get behind the students and give
more support to the children.

During the past three decades Claudette
Deason has also seen many changes in educa-
tion, students and parents.

"It used to be we only taught reading, writing
and arithmetic. We still do, but we also teach so
much technology now," she said.

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Pampa gets big rain — 3.20 inches Power outages restored

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa received 3.20 inches in rain Thursday night bringing the
year's total rainfall to 9.12 inches of rain.

Local meteorologist Darrell Schorn said Thursday night's mois-
ture was a good widespread rain over Pampa and the Gray County
area. He said he has not received any reports of hail falling in the
area on Thursday night.

Some electrical service outages were reported in the area due to
lightning. Schorn said KGRO operated on auxiliary power from
emergency generators for about two hours Thursday evening to
allow them to stay on the air due to lightning strikes on transform-
ers.

One building at the Jordan Unit east of Pampa also operated on
auxiliary power for about two hours. Warden Glenn Smith said the
outage was caused by lightning strike. He said there was no breach
in security during that time as the auxiliary power automatically
came on when the electricity was knocked out by lightning.

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Producers desperate for more oil workers

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oil companies are so desperate for workers
that one producer in Oklahoma is recruiting released inmates at the
prison gates. Producers in Alaska, meanwhile, are banding together
to get workers trained; in Texas they are calling former hands and
asking them to come back.

With crude oil prices having recovered, some oil companies look-
ing to drill are finding themselves helpless in the face of a shortage
of experienced hands.

"There's nobody to work," said Dewey Bartlett Jr., president of the
Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association. "After the last
industry downturn many people said 'That's it. No more. I'm going
to learn a new trade.' They are gone."

"One operator told me that he had become so desperate for experi-
enced employees that he knew when the prison releases the
parolees. He stands outside the gate and asks anyone if they want a
job," Bartlett said.

There were 25,381 oil and gas workers in Oklahoma in the third
quarter of 1999 — the most recent available — compared with 30,931
for the same period two years earlier, the Oklahoma Employment
Security Commission reported. Similar declines have been reported
in New Mexico and Texas.

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W. Deer Supt. to be named

A new superintendent for White Deer Independent School District
(ISD) is to be named at a special meeting of the school board at 6:30
p.m., May 30.

Board members are to meet in the board room of the school admin-
istration building, 601 Omohundro.

In addition to naming a replacement for Robert Parks who is mov-
ing to central Texas to be closer to family, the board also plans to con-
sider principal positions and employment of professional personnel.
A closed session is also listed on the agenda.



Mark Your Calendars Now For Our Next Prayer Breakfast June 6, 2000
7:00 A.M. At The Chamber Building, 200 N. Ballard RSVP At 669-3241

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ARELLANO, Jose M. — Mass, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.
BLANTON, Mona — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
MAY, Carrie M. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Stinnett.
MILLER, Josie Christine — 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

JOSE M. ARELLANO
 HOUSTON — Jose M. Arellano, 79, died Monday, May 22, 2000. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa, officiating. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with Monsignor James Gurzynski of Amarillo and Msgr. Kevin Hand, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Arellano was born March 27, 1921, and grew up at Tucumcari, N.M. He moved to White Deer in 1948. He married Josephine Ortiz in 1954 at Newkirk, N.M.; she died Dec. 8, 1997. He worked as a trackman/truck driver for Santa Fe Railroad for 33 years and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include four children, Henry Arellano, Margaret Stevens, Joseph P. Arellano and Philippa Mendoza; a sister, Albenia Sandoval; and six grandchildren.

MONA BLANTON
 Mona Blanton, 85, of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at Overland Park, Kan. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Blanton was born June 18, 1914, in Stephens County near Breckenridge, to Zeb and Iva Robinson. She had been a Pampa resident since 1931, graduating from Pampa High School in 1932. She married L.D. Blanton in 1937. She enjoyed panhandle history and retired from White Deer Land Museum in 1988, serving for a number of years as assistant curator and sharing her history interests with many school children and visitors.

She belonged to First Christian Church, Aquila and Priscilla Sunday School Class and Rambo Missionary Group.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred "Teeny," in 1958.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Richard Goodwin; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Helen Blanton; a sister, Madge Satterwhite of Ranger; and five grandchildren, Steven Blanton, Brent Blanton, Shawn Blanton, Stephanie Wood and Dwight Goodwin; four great-grandchildren; and a nephew, John Goes.

CHESTER MACK CUMMINGS
 SUMMERVILLE, S.C. — Chester Mack Cummings, 57, died Thursday, May 25, 2000. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Parks Funeral Home Chapel in Summerville. Arrangements are under the direction of Parks Funeral Home, Inc., of Summerville.

Mr. Cummings was born July 17, 1943, in Missouri, to Virgil Elton Cummings and Sybil Rowe Cummings. He graduated from Pampa High School. He was a lieutenant U.S. Navy commander, retiring after 30 years of service, and was a financial counselor for Charleston Naval Weapons Station. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and belonged to River Club.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Powers Cummings, of Summerville; two daughters, Christina C. Kopp of Murfreesboro, N.C., and Carrie A. Cummings of Summerville; a son, Michael Cummings of Amarillo; a sister, Beverly Cummings of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Gary Cummings of Pampa and Virgil Cummings of Detroit, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

CARRIE M. MAY
 STINNETT — Carrie M. May, 86, mother of a Skellytown resident, died Thursday, May 25, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Orville Rogers officiating. Burial will be in The Garden of Devotion at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Winton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. May was born at Soper, Okla. She married John A. May in 1936 at Soper; he died in 1984. She had been a Borger resident since 1945. She was a homemaker and belonged to Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Troy Anderson May of Skellytown and Roy Lee May of Stinnett; a sister, Lorene Dorothy O'Gorman of Stinnett; two brothers, Walter Grace of Duncan, Okla., and Floyd Grace of Florida; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

JOSIE CHRISTINE MILLER
 CANADIAN — Josie Christine Miller, 83, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickleby-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Miller was born at Aubrey and graduated from high school at Denton. She had been a Canadian resident since 1936, moving from Denton. She married Elton R. Miller in 1940 at Mineral Wells. She was a homemaker and owned-operated Miller Food Market with her husband.

Survivors include her husband, Elton; a daughter, Karen Van Hamersveld of Dallas; a son, Mike Miller of Round Rock; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society; or to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, May 25
 Brian Lee Rossiter, 26, 1000 E. Foster, was arrested in the 1000 block of East Foster on charges of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A 1998 Explorer received an estimated \$500 damage from key scratches.

Simple assault was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School. Glue in the door locks caused an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1000 block of East Foster.

City of Pampa Police Department reported a false report to a police officer was made in the 200 block of West Kingsmill on April 29.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 24
 Clarence Reed Jr., 24, 721 N. Faulkner was arrested on capias warrants for three charges of evading, driving with a suspended license, failure to appear, and bail jumping.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, May 25
 9:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony in Amarillo.
 6:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, May 25
 5:05 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 600 block of Dean.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.42	ICM	30 1/2	up 1/8
Milo	3.03	Kerr McGee	58 1/8	up 9/16
Corn	3.49	Limited	49 9/16	up 1/16
Soybeans	4.37	McDonald's	37 11/16	up 3/8
		Exxon Mobil	82 9/16	up 1/16
		New Atmos	16	up 13/16
		NCE	34 7/8	up 5/16
		OKC	27 1/2	up 7/16
		Phillips	17 3/4	dn 1/16
		Pioneer Nat.	13 3/8	up 3/8
		Puritan	18.70	dn 1/8
		Tenneco	7 5/16	up 1/16
		Texas	54 9/16	dn 1/4
		Ultra	27 3/16	up 1/4
		Wal-Mart	54 9/16	dn 7/16
		Williams	38 3/4	dn 3/8
		New York Gold	270.30	
		Silver	4.91	
		West Texas Crude	30.16	

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

Occidental	22 7/8	up 3/16
Fidelity Magell	125.28	up 1/16
Puritan	18.70	dn 1/8

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

Arsco	53	up 1/4
Arco	NA	
Cabot	27 1/16	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	22 9/16	up 5/16
Chevron	93	dn 3/16

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 24
 5:30 p.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Twila Trimble Devoll, 40, 533 N. Hazel, and a 1995 Dodge Neon driven by Jennifer Erin Frogge, 19, 1921 Dogwood, collided at the intersection of Cook and Hobart. No injuries were reported at the scene. No citations were listed on the accident report.

Thursday, May 25
 5:02 p.m. — A 1986 GMC pickup driven by Adam Wayne Rodgers, 16, 2513 Rosewood, and a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria driven by Deidra Marie Cain, 33, 600 Dean Dr., collided at the intersection of Duncan and 23rd. Rodgers was cited for failure to yield right of way. Cain reported non-incapacitating injuries at the scene.

Court report

Divorces
 May 10-May 19
 Dolores Fay Eads and Benny D. Eads

Marriages
 May 17-May 23
 Uri Meza and April Marie Roundy
 James Michael Brown and Kristi Gail Holland
 Jeffery Don Mills and Joanna Lee Davis
 Monte Tra Harmon and Jennifer Elaine Moore

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

RAIN

Sehorn said the normal rainfall amount for the month of May is 3.41 inches. The current total with five days left in the month is 3.66 inches. He said 20 fell early Thursday morning and an additional

3.20 fell Thursday night.

"There should be no problem out of the weather department over Memorial Day weekend," said Sehorn. "The weekend looks very favorable for outdoor activities." He said the long weekend outlook is fair and dry with temperatures around 90 degrees.

LAMAR

A paraprofessional with the school system over 20 years, Mary Denham has experienced many changes through the years. Denham said she began working with kindergarten students and ended her career working with students in the resource room.

All three said they have watched many changes in education. "Parenting has changed tremendously over the years," said Denham. Both Cash and Deason strongly agreed with her.

"Roles of parents and students have reversed since I first began teaching," said Deason. "So many children these days have been put in the position of taking care of the parents."

Deason said people need to adopt the philosophy of Hillary Clinton's best selling book, "It Takes a Village." In the book the First Lady states it takes an entire community to successfully raise children in today's society and encourages communities to work together for the benefit of the children.

Denham said local communities must do more to help today's children in today's world.

Deason and Cash, the only African-American classroom teachers in PISD, said they would like to see more African-American teachers in the local school system.

Cash said she would like to encourage the school district to

recruit more African-American teachers. She said minority children need the racial diversity of positive mentors in the school system.

Deason said increased pay and improved working conditions would attract more African-Americans to the profession. "Parents need to emphasize education more and encourage their children to go into teaching," said Deason.

Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said the goal of the school district is to have diversity in the school workplace which matches the students. "The reality is there are not many African-American teachers," he said. "We do value diversity."

Orr said the district is constantly attempting to locate the best teachers they can find, including African-American and other minority teachers. He said they go to recruitment fairs throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Longtime Pampa High School librarian Betty Dacus is also African-American, said Orr, and is continuing in the position. He said she, too, has made many positive contributions to the educational community.

Cash said she plans to do some traveling in the near future as she settles into retirement. Deason said she is going to travel and enjoy playing with her three grandchildren.

Denham said she will be more active in her wedding business.

PRODUCERS

But with oil prices having nearly tripled from early last year, more and more rigs are coming online — and they need workers.

According to Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc., last week the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States was 849. A year ago, with oil prices hovering in the mid-teens, only 518 rigs were drilling.

The biggest increases have occurred in Texas, which jumped from 177 to 308, and in New Mexico, up to 80 from 34.

Ray Peterson of UTI Drilling in Midland, Texas, said his company has been calling former workers and asking them to come back. "It's the same old story whenever you lay them off, hire them back, lay them off and hire them back — you can expect people will leave," said Peterson, a senior vice president. "We're just doing the best we can to get the word out to those who left our industry that there is business again."

About 3,000 Oklahomans were laid off because of declining oil prices in 1997 and 1998, while Texas lost 14,600 jobs and Louisiana 3,400 positions. In total, 29,300 people lost their jobs in the major oil-producing states, according to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Although the oil industry is still recovering from the 2-year bust, the rest of the economy soared. The unemployment rate, meanwhile, has fallen to a 30-year-low, making it harder for oil producers to fill shaky positions.

"There's equipment out here, but there's not people to do it," said John Bell, an independent producer and consultant based in Kermit, Texas.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

CHANEY'S CAFE closed Fri. evening, May 26th. Congratulations Class of 2000!!!

DANCE MCLEAN Country Club, Sat. May 27th, 8-11:30 p.m. Music by "Plain Country Band." Guests welcome. Come join in the fun!

DEFEVER MONUMENT Co., 1500 N. Duncan, will have vases & locking saddles in stock for Memorial Day.

HIDDEN HILLS Junior Clinic, May 31st, June 1st and 2nd, cost \$20 for ages 6-15 yrs old, sign up now!!! 8-11:30 a.m., on day one. Call 669-5866 to sign up.

PAMPA SENIOR Citizen's Center, dance to "Indian Summer Dance Band", Fri. 26th, 7-9:30 p.m., \$3.50 ea. admission.

REV. BOB'S Appliances, lease to own new & used, 2000 W. Alcock, 1-6 p.m. 665-6035, 665-1878.

SHOE SALE, final week all regular priced shoes 20% off-Adidas, Reebok, Asics, K-Swiss, Fila & more. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler.

WILL KEEP kids in my home, 2 1/2 & potty trained, starting June 1st. Call 669-1518.

Judge sets bail in church bombing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A judge has set bail at \$200,000 for each of two former Ku Klux Klansmen charged with murder in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing that killed four black girls.

The judge, noting that \$200,000 was the maximum allowable, said Thursday that neither man appeared likely to flee to avoid prosecution. Defense attorneys said friends and relatives were prepared to put up bail for the men.

Bobby Frank Cherry, 69, of Mabank, Texas, and Thomas E. Blanton, 61, of Birmingham are charged in the dynamite blast that horrified the nation and galvanized the civil rights movement.

Weather

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, some severe, with a high of 90. Tonight, less than a 20 percent chance of storms under partly cloudy skies and a low of 60. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 85-90. Last night's storm produced 3.20 inches of rain. Yesterday's high was 72; the overnight low 57.

STATEWIDE — A new storm system advancing through the Plains is expected to bring Memorial Day weekend rainfall to Texas, with some requiring weather warnings.

Early today, scattered showers and thunderstorms moved across the northwestern portions of North Texas into southwestern Oklahoma.

Morning temperatures ranged from the 50s in the Panhandle to middle and upper 70s and 80s in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Extremes ranged from 84 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio to 76 degrees at Burnet and New Braunfels.

Winds were generally southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph.

Thunderstorms were moving across the eastern High Plains. With breezy conditions through the start of the weekend, highs should range from the upper 80s near the coast to around the century mark along the Rio Grande.

Winds will be from the south at 20 to 30 mph over the lower and middle coasts and 15 to 20 mph elsewhere.

An upper ridge of high pressure was expected to weaken and begin to move east by early Saturday, bringing a slight chance of showers to the northern sections of South Texas.

Overnight low temperatures should be in the lower 80s near the coast and in the 70s elsewhere.

In North Texas, an increasing chance of thunderstorms over the region was forecast through Saturday.

Memorial Day The Heritage Of America
 In Honor Of Our Departed Veterans, Memory Gardens Of Pampa, 23rd & Price Road, Will Make Available Free American Flags For Our Veterans' Graves. Counselors Will Be On Duty To Assist Families With Location And Placement Of Flags On Friday, May 26th Through Monday, May 29th, 2000. Enter Drawing For Memorial Bench.



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.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. L.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

McCLELLAN CONCERT
Backstage Pass Band will be performing throughout the day until midnight May 17 at Lake McClellan. The concert is free with proof of a valid permit.

THE PAMPA SHRINERS SALE
Pampa Shriners will sponsor a fund-raising sale featuring over 10,000 items of sportswear from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 26 and 27 at the Sportsman's Club. Sale items will include: Men's-women's and children's Polo shirts - Rugbys - Jackets - Hats - Shorts - Tees - Henleys - Denims and more. Shriners are raising money for their travel fund.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM
City of Pampa Recreation Department will offer its Summer Recreation Program for youth of all ages beginning Monday, June 5. Registration will be from 6-8 p.m. May 25-June 2 at the southeast entrance of Pampa Middle School. Late registration will be the first day of class at the middle school. Registration forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and fees are payable at registration. The program consists of two sessions (week days only). The first session is June 5-16; the second session is June 19-30. Each class is scheduled for one hour a day beginning at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Registration fees are \$10 per student for one class and \$5 for each additional class. For more information, call the Recreation Office, 669-5770.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Thursday throughout the month of June with Ben Watson of Edward Jones. The first two presentations will be "Investment Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public.

HOSPICE LUNCH
Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor "Sunshine Lunch," a bereave-

ment luncheon (Dutch treat), from 11:30-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 30 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa. The luncheon is a social time for individuals grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations, call 1-800-572-6365.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

CAREER CAMP
Clarendon College will host Career Camp 2000 beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11 and ending at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 14. Participants must bring linens or a sleeping bag, pillow, alarm clock, swimsuit, towel/washcloth, toiletries, tennis shoes, notebook, pen, paper, sun screen, shades, cap, comfy clothes and shoes. Camp is limited to 30 students and is open to local eighth graders. Cost of the camp is \$35. To enroll or for more information, call 1-800-687-9737.

FUNFEST
The Junior Service League of Amarillo will present its 23rd Annual Funfest from 12-8 p.m. May 27-29 at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Headline artists will perform at 6 p.m. daily and will include Gary Alan, May 27, Kenny Chesney, May 28, and Robert Earl Keen, May 29. Activities will include daily performances by area bands, local talent and recording artists, special events, food and games. For more information, call LaDonna Tunnell or Lori Williams at (806) 374-0802, fax (806) 374-8229 or write: Junior Service League of Amarillo, 1700 Polk St., Amarillo, TX 79102-3151.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: May 8 and June 12, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and June 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; May 16, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; and May 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian; May 23, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

DIALOGUE
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

LANGAN AWARD FOR WOMEN
Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Ariz., will host the second annual Langan Award competition for women writers. A \$1,000 prize will be

awarded to a career-oriented, but modestly published woman whose work reflects her personal commitment to the history, issues or images of the old or new Southwest or draws direct inspiration from the region. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 30. A \$10 application fee is required. For contest rules or to obtain an application, write: Langan Award Committee, Sharlot Hall Museum, 415 W. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ 86301; or visit www.sharlot.org, on the World Wide Web.

HOMETOWN LEADERSHIP AWARDS
National Center for Small Communities and Wal-Mart Foundation are sponsoring the "2000 American Hometown Leadership Awards." Deadline for entries is June 15. Nominees must be elected officials who "make a difference" in their community and who currently serve on the local government's board or council. The government must serve a community with a population of 25,000 or fewer. Local governments will receive Wal-Mart-funded community development grants ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 and \$10,000 will be awarded the first place winner. To receive an application, send a SASE to: The National Center for Small Communities, 444 N. Capitol, NW, Suite 208, Washington, DC 20001; or go to: http://www.natat.org/nccs/AHLA/download_an_application.htm on the Internet.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS
President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcep.gov and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

AMERICAN YOUTH ABROAD
American Youth Abroad offers study abroad opportunities to high school students in the U.S. AYA is a not-for-profit program sponsored by American Institute of Foreign Study Foundation. To receive the AYA 2000 Brochure, call Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail abaskinger@aifs.com. The deadline is April 15.

MSAA
A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

FAN BOOKLET
The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., recently published the booklet, "Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free and Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0425, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

AIYSE
American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

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Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

Valedictorian visits Lamar ...



(Special photo)

Jeremy Buck, Pampa High School Class of 2000 valedictorian, recently visited Lamar Elementary School students. Jeremy attended Lamar Elementary as a student and returned to the school to speak to the students in a morning assembly. Jeremy told the students that he rode the bus to school, he liked to eat in the cafeteria, and that he played baseball when he attended Lamar. He encouraged the students to work hard and to use their talents. Jeremy's former teacher, Linda Ditmore and school librarian, Jo Sikes, also gave him a tour of the school building following his meeting with the elementary students of his alma mater.

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RELIGION

Minister's musing ...

Here it is May - a month for decision-making for many folks. It's graduation time at high schools and colleges, and that brings both risks and opportunities.

Questions abound: "Should I take a summer job or continue school? Should I get married now or wait until later? What do I do, if after all this education, I don't get a job?" We weigh our decision because the stakes are high!

We have dreams of "the good life" and different criteria for what makes a good life. For some it may be personal success or financial affluence. For some it may be a meaningful vacation or finding the right partner for life. Whatever the answer, we establish criteria for the "the good life" and work hard to acquire it.

How people define the good life is discussed in a book by Robert Coles, entitled "The Old Ones." It is filled with interviews with elderly "sages" of New Mexico. One elderly Hispanic lady's comments are especially interesting.

She was speaking of the good, simple life that she and her husband had experienced and compares it with some of what she observes around her. She says, "I have gone to the city and watched people. They are hungry, but nothing satisfies their hunger. They come to stores like flies to sticky-paper they are caught. I often wonder who is better off.



By Rev. Robin Gantz,
Parish associate
First Presbyterian Church

The flies die. The people pay to get out, but are soon back again, the same look is in their eyes. I see them buying things they don't need, or even want - except to make a purchase, to get something. Then, I say, there is sickness. I watch my son Domingo and his son Domingo; they both have plans. Next year we buy this, and the year after, that. Such plans are sad to hear. I try to tell them, but they do not listen. Hasn't a mother a right to tell her own flesh and blood that they are becoming slaves - that is it, sales of habits and desires that have nothing to do with living a good life?"

That elderly lady has identified a risk we all face in life, whether we are new graduates or not. We can easily lose our perspective in a marketing milieu that repeatedly tells us that happiness and success comes only with getting the right education to get the right job to make the money we need to acquire the

things we want.

Another sage in another book offers a truer promise. In Ezekiel 47:1-12, the prophet speaks to an exiled nation thirsting for a better life. He tells them that God's Presence has returned to the temple and from that temple will flow the living water that will cause new life to spring up in the desert. Everywhere the water flows there will be life. Everywhere the water does not flow remains dead and lifeless.

Later, Jesus the Christ, promises "living water" that flows from him. In John 4:1-42, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. In a conversation about who can serve whom ordinary water, Jesus says to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. Whoever drinks of the water I give will never thirst."

We thirst for a good life. We weigh decisions about how to acquire it. Sometimes we get detoured into seeking it in the wrong places and in less fulfilling ways. Our eyes show that we still are not satisfied. Can we be wise enough to respond to the Christ that invites us to make him LORD of all our life? If we can do that, regardless of all the lesser decisions, important as they are, we will find our deserts blooming and thirst met in abundant ways!

Church briefs...

Blackwood Brothers coming to Wellington

Blackwood Brothers Quartet will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10 (Jesus Day) at Ellison Park, located in the 1600 Block of East Avenue in Wellington. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to First United Methodist Church, 901 Bowie. The quartet was formed 65 years ago by three brothers and a nephew in Choctaw County, Miss. Though membership has changed, baritone Cecil Blackwood has sung with the group for 45 years. Current members are: Steve Warren, Blackwood, Eric Winston, Chris Blackwood and Rick Price. The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken.

VBS next week at Trinity Fellowship

HolyWord Studios Presents Vacation Bible School. Where kids star in God's story. Get ready to star in the greatest story ever told - God's story! Based on the Best Selling Book, the Bible! Join us for a week of unforgettable Bible learning fun at HolyWord Studios. This will be held at Trinity Fellowship Church 1200 S. Sumner 9 a.m. until 12 noon, Tuesday, May 30 through Friday, June 2.

Car Wash Saturday at Coronado Shopping Center

It is clean up on the cars again! The youth of Macedonia Baptist Church will be sponsoring a car wash, Saturday, May 27 starting at 9 a.m. at the Coronado Shopping Center. Come by one and all for your cleaning. Donations accepted.

Religion briefs

Divorce won't move Dr. Stanley off Atlanta pulpit

ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Charles Stanley will remain senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Atlanta despite a divorce from his wife of 44 years.

Stanley, 67, is former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his "In Touch" television ministry is broadcast worldwide. After he told the congregation of his divorce, the church's administrative pastor announced that Stanley would continue in the post he has had since 1972. The congregation stood and applauded.

The Stanleys' estrangement had caused strife in the church because of a traditional but unwritten policy that no divorced men could serve as deacons or ministers at First Baptist. Stanley had said at a 1995 congregational meeting, "If my wife divorces me, I would resign immediately."

Anna Stanley filed for divorce on Feb. 16 on grounds that the marriage was irretrievably broken. It was finalized May 11.

Pope honors Italian patron

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II joined tens of thousands of faithful in paying tribute to St. Rita, the 14th century Italian saint many believers pray to for a miracle.

Some 50,000 people, many carrying red roses, gathered in St. Peter's Square as the remains of the saint were borne into St. Peter's Basilica for a Mass.

After the Mass said by the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the pope greeted the faithful in the square and praised the mother who became a nun after she was wid-

owed. "We see the slender body of a woman small in stature but large in holiness, who lived humbly and now is known in the entire world for her heroic Christian existence as wife, mother, widow and nun," John Paul said.

The pope added that in the winter before Rita's death, a red rose bloomed in a garden in Roccaporena, her hometown in the Umbria region.

The remains, encased in glass, had been flown by police helicopter for two days of public viewing before they were returned to Umbria.

Woman sentenced in theft

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A woman who admitted stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Roman Catholic Church has been sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison.

Sharon Sampson, 48, of Saco, pleaded guilty in March to the thefts and was sentenced May 19. She was accused of writing about 200 checks to herself between 1992 and last June. At the time she was an employee of an insurance agency that managed a health-care fund for active and retired priests.

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Delighting in God in every dimension

I can't stop thinking about God's beauty, His complexity and His creativity. It runs in my mind like a happy stream of contentment. The color of a flower's petal, a flutter of wind on my cheek, a bird's call - they all make me think of God and that sends a thrill through my heart.

Seeing God in the stars or in the ocean waves is not particularly new for me, but earlier responses were intellectualized, a rote pleasure based on what I thought I was supposed to feel. But there has been a shift in the knowing. His beauty is utterly felt not merely acknowledged.

I wonder what created such a profound shift in the experience of God. It is as if a trapdoor has opened into a section of my soul which I didn't know existed. For me delighting in God has a new dimension. I no longer have to wait for Sunday worship

*From the Back
Pew...*
By Cheryl Berzanskis

to think of His nature. I no longer have to wait to hear of someone's answered prayer to be assured of His care. I no longer have to wait for His unilateral movement in the lives of men to know of His omnipotence. I only have to live to know Him. As my pas-

tor once said, He is closer than my breath.

Instead He is in every molecule, every law of nature, every interstitial space of His universe and in His infinite capacity for compassion, He has made Himself available for our knowing.

I like to think that God delights in His universe and because we are part of His creation, that He delights in us. Of course, some of us are less than delightful sometimes, but I like to think He rejoices in our accomplishments and weeps with our losses. That is part of His beauty, too, to identify so completely with His creation as only the Creator can do. A man helping me with a story once told me that the only apologetic one needs to know is "to bow the knee." It is easy to bow the knee when God is in every nuance of beauty in the universe.

Mall chapel offers sanctuary

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — The soft music that greets visitors to the St. Therese Carmelite chapel creates an atmosphere of tranquility. Devotional candles burn under statues of the saints, and kneeling benches offer an open invitation for the sorrowful to shed their burdens.

It's hard to imagine, but this place of quiet reflection lies in the midst of a world of bustling commerce — a short distance from many crowded retail shops, one floor down from Joe's American Bar and Grill, across the hall from a Friendly's restaurant.

St. Therese is located on the lower level of the North Shore Shopping Center.

The chapel claims to be the first in the nation built in a mall; it has been a spiritual oasis for shoppers for 40 years.

With three Masses per day and frequent opportunities for confession, the chapel, visitors say, is a place to find God where people don't usually look.

"You've got Capitalism with a capital 'C' upstairs, and Religion with a capital 'R' downstairs," said chapel visitor Jack Richards,

70, of Hamilton. "In some ways, they never mix. But they should."

The chapel was founded in 1960 by Cardinal Richard Cushing during a move to "bring God into the marketplace." Today, similar chapels are scattered around the country, including a Carmelite chapel in the Prudential Center in Boston.

The North Shore chapel is staffed by six retired friars; the prior, the Rev. Charlie Countie, is, at age 66, the youngest by far.

Countie said the chapel's unusual location is one of its key strengths, offering people who are looking for the material a path to the eternal. "We're a witness to something else," he said. "The upstairs is full of glitz. Down here is the presence of God."

Attendance at chapel ranges from 50 to 100 for the daily Mass to a full house of 360 on the weekends. Convenience is a big draw, because many parishes don't hold daily Masses or are closed during the day.

"This is putting God in our lives in an everyday capacity," said Martin Monahan, 75, of

Peabody. "It's a wonderful thing."

Anonymity is appealing for some, Countie said. People who park their cars in the crowded mall lot when they come to reveal their sins during confession know they could be mistaken for eager shoppers. Not once, Countie said with a laugh, has anyone confessed to overspending upstairs.

The Carmelite chapel has survived the various transformations of the mall, which started as an outdoor shopping center, was later covered and then, in 1993, redeveloped.

A petition drive helped save the chapel that year when the new owners considered shutting it down. The chapel pays its lease with donations and profits from an adjacent gift shop.

The chapel's existence still comes as a surprise to many shoppers, Countie said. Its plain-lettered sign is easily lost in the bright lights and buzz.

"I come here a lot. I've never heard of it. I've never seen it," said Ann Stanley, 59, of Ipswich. "All I see is kids running around

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Seniors 2000



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Senior Melody Seely

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
The senior Trip.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Attend Howard College in Big Spring on a rodeo scholarship.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Follow your dreams no matter who tries talks you out of them.
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Work harder in the classroom.
Who is your hero, and why? My mom, because of her hard work and determination.

Senior Todd Mullen

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
The senior trip.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
I am on the delayed entry program for the US Army.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Be happy! Or grow up!
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Nothing, I had a blast!
Who is your hero, and why? My parents, they have always been there for me no matter what trouble I got myself into.

Senior Michael Steele

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
All of the football games.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Go into the Air Force.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
To give 100% at everything.
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? To study a little bit harder.
Who is your hero, and why? My big brother because he is very strong willed and has taught me many, many things.

Senior John Dauselt

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
Sports, especially the basketball games and the big tennis meets.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Two more years of high school in Germany, then Air Force in Germany.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Have fun with what you are doing.
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? I would be more optimistic and work harder for the newspaper.
Who is your hero, and why? Don't have a particular one; just try to get positive ideas out of different people.

Senior Jeremy Pierce

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
The people I've meet during basketball games and speech tournaments.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Eventually go to Oklahoma Christian and major in ministry.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Just do your best, no matter what it is, even if you don't like doing it, give it 110%.
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Have a little more fun and just goof off more.
Who is your hero, and why? My dad, he has taught me everything and been my best friend.

Senior Victor Isham

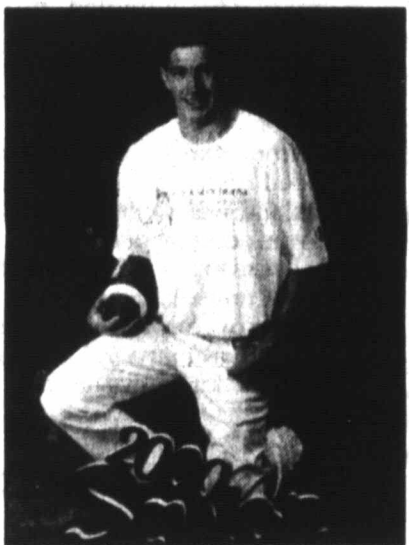
What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
My first day here, everyone was nice to me, usually when there's a "new kid" some people are not very nice.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Go to basic training and after I return from that, college.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
A saying by Mark Twain always sets me where I need to be, "Don't go around saying the world owes you a living, it owes you nothing, it was here first."
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Nothing.
Who is your hero, and why?
My hero is my mentor, Tommy Sharp. My freshman year, I hardly knew anyone or much about high school. He showed me different "tricks" for things in high school and also had the mascot teach me to dance. I think he is pretty cool for taking time out for an under-classmen

Senior Eric Connell

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
Hanging out with Stephanie and roaming the town.
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Go to the air force after a vacation from school.
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Stay in school and do your work.
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Staying out of trouble.
Who is your hero, and why?



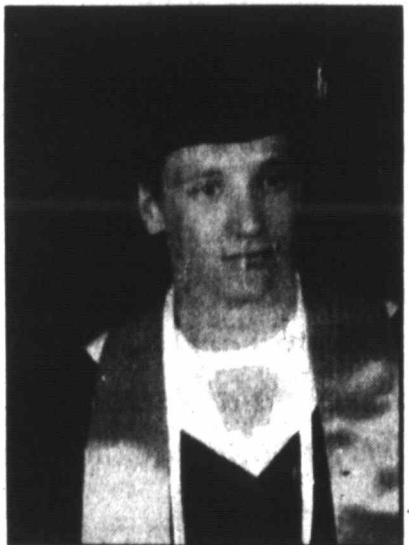
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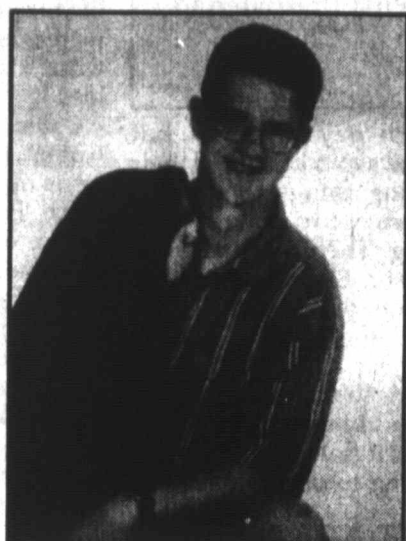
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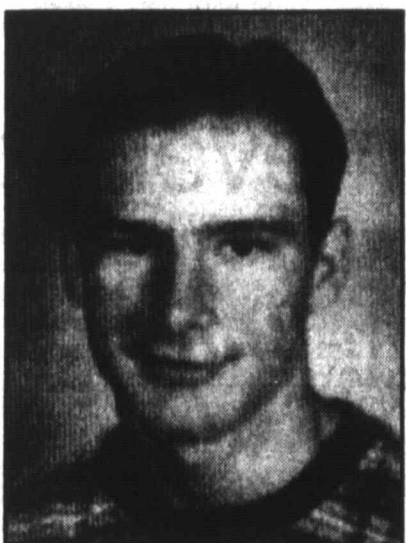
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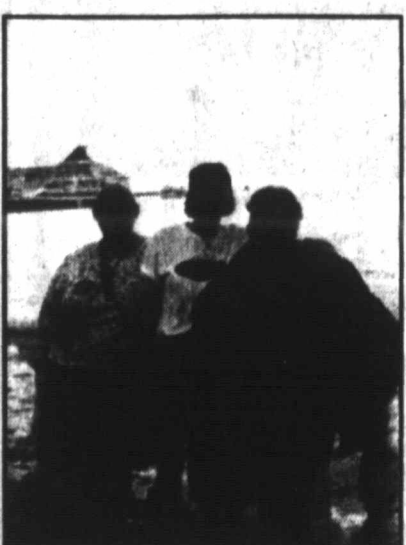
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Candid Ann Ray



Rebecca, Candid, and Mrs. Pierce in Cozumel, Mexico.

Senior Rebecca Gilbert

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
Going on the cruise
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Go to college
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Always do the right thing
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Play more sports
Who is your hero, and why? My Mom and Dad, because they have supported me on everything I have done.

Senior Candid Ray

What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
My senior year
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
I plan to get a part time job and take an office technology course at Clarendon College in Pampa
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
-never say never
-always hold your head high
-make the best out of the worst
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be? Pay more attention to my school work
Who is your hero, and why? My Mom, she has always been there for me to help me, guide me, show me the right way and most of all listens to me.

Senior Julius Seitz

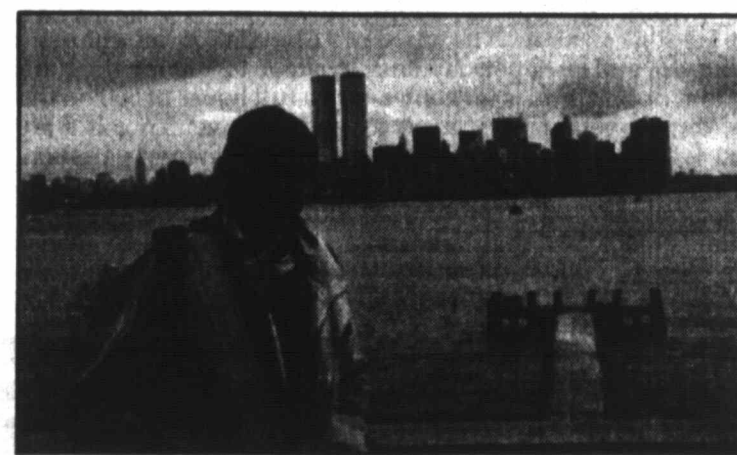
What is your fondest memory of Lefors High?
My senior year
What do you plan to do after you graduate?
Go back to Germany and finish school there
What is some of the best advice you have been given?
Enjoy this school year in America as much as you can
If you could change one thing in your high school career, what would it be?
My school career is not over yet, I still got two years to change a lot of things
Who is your hero, and why?
My parents, because they supported me in coming to America and a lot of other things.



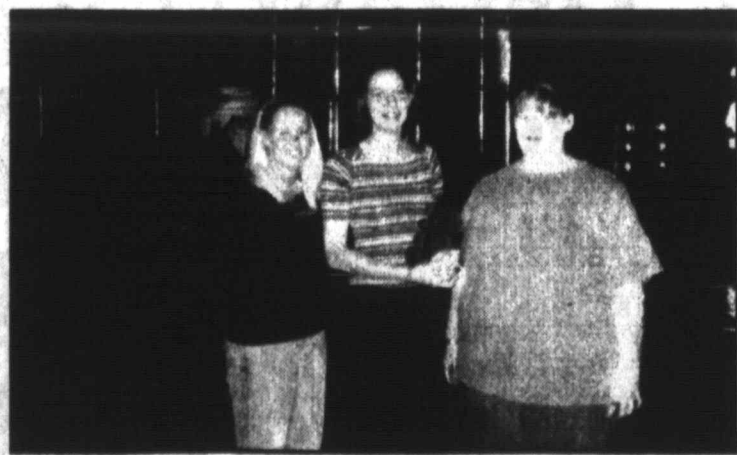
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Melody, Candid, and Rebecca on the cruise ship.

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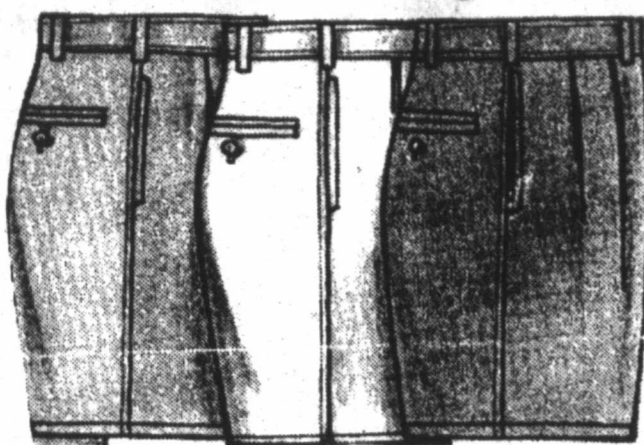
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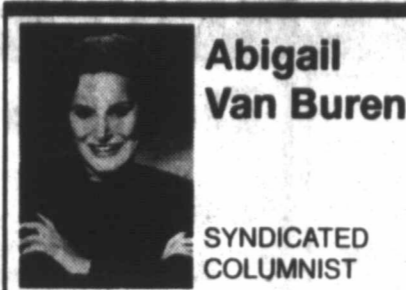
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Let Us Honor All Who Died So That We Might Be Free

DEAR ABBY: As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, we should remember that this noble holiday is more than just a day off from work or school to spend time with our families or enjoy the outdoors. Memorial Day was created to honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation, and to reflect on the blessings of freedom.

This year, President Clinton and the U.S. Congress are joining together to urge Americans to put the "memorial" back into Memorial Day by participating in a National Moment of Remembrance. At 3 p.m. local time on Monday, May 29, Americans everywhere are encouraged to pause for one minute to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. We ask that "Taps" be played on radio and television stations and at public events wherever possible, and that those who are driving turn on their headlights. Whether at home or abroad, alone or with others, every American is encouraged to observe this moment of reflection in his or her own way.

On Memorial Day 2000, let us as a nation unite to thank the courageous men and women who paid with their lives so that we could



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

enjoy this Memorial Day and every day in freedom.

JOHN PODESTA, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

DEAR MR. PODESTA: That's very little to ask of the proud citizens of this nation. Devoting one minute out of the holiday to remember those who have laid down their lives that we might live in freedom is the least we can do to acknowledge their sacrifice.

I thank you for bringing this to the attention of my readers.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old man. I have been widowed going on five years. Lately I've

been seeing a nice woman who was recently widowed.

We are considering living together without marriage. That seems to be common here in Florida. It appears to eliminate some of the problems of getting remarried at our age.

My question is, How do you introduce your live-in companion to friends? Obviously I can't say she's my wife, and I think it would be disrespectful to call her my "live-in."

CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONFUSED: A number of acceptable terms for the person with whom you have chosen to live come to mind: my best friend, my partner, my sweetheart, my girlfriend, or simply, my friend. Or, you can say, "Hello, John. This is Jane," and leave it at that.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2000

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)
***** Beam in what you want. You are full of happiness and energy. Consolidate recent gains. Be loving with another. A special effort comes back in multiples. Others seek you out. Simply enjoy yourself as your popularity soars. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

This week: Ease your way into a money matter gradually. First and foremost, do all your research!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Expenses get out of whack, but you might not really care. Allow more fun and happiness into your life. Take in information. Opt not to be confrontational right now. Everything will make more sense later. Your playfulness comes out with a trusted pal. Tonight: Vanish with a smile.

This week: You'll exude star quality all week. Others will enjoy sitting back and watching.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Join friends and seize the moment. Happiness surrounds you. Don't worry about another so much. Don't agonize over decisions — just do it! What happens naturally between you and others is real. A new acquaintance could be a lot of fun. Tonight: Cheer in Memorial Day.

This week: Mulling over a problem might help. However, eventually you will need to take action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Your instincts help with a parent or an older relative. Remain sensitive and

stay in touch with your needs. Friends seem to pull at you with extremely strong ideas. You might opt to bring everyone together for a spontaneous get-together rather than juggle everyone. Tonight: Take the lead.

This week: Aim for what you want, and enjoy life. However, don't go too far overboard!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Take an overview when someone pressures you to attend his gathering. You can't blame anyone for wanting you to be present and accounted for! You are a strong personality and would be missed. A friend lets you know once again how important you are.

Tonight: Follow the music.
This week: Take charge, and others will listen — until Thursday, that is!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** You get interesting news, where you see both a plus and a minus. Don't worry about it. Let events flow and see what happens. One-on-one relating proves to be unusually special. You beam wherever you go. Make an extra effort for a loved one. Tonight: Happy as can be.

This week: Take an overview. Understand why another is stuck, but don't play into it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Let others run with the ball. You find that a partner is a bit confusing; however, you do understand him — perhaps better than he does himself. Reach out for someone who might not be close to you but who you care about. Tonight: Where the barbecue is.

This week: Work as a team, and you'll gain. If you get too many red flags, back off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Dig in and help out at a friend's barbecue or party. Everyone appreciates your effort and enjoys catching up on news. A partner or new friend demonstrates his feelings. Allow an open exchange; get to know this person better.

Tonight: Relax with the moment.

This week: Others hold all the cards. However, you can always say no!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Your impish, delightful side comes out. You make plans and decide to stick to them, especially if they involve sports or exercise. Go out and jog. Popularity mounts, as others plunge you into a dilemma. So many invitations! Tonight: Raise the roof!

This week: Before deciding to oppose an idea, do your homework.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Take time to visit with friends. You might not want to get into everyone's frenetic attempts to make this a whopper of a few days. Instead, invite a couple of friends over. Enjoy the extra day of R&R. Family plays a key role.

Tonight: At home.
This week: You cruise into work full of ideas. Obstacles that appear on Thursday force you to pull back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Others talk up a storm, wanting to share everything with you. Your sense of humor comes out with family. Love seems to be brewing; do what you need to do to make it blossom. On no account should you step back. Tonight: Flirting and smiling away.

This week: You are centered. Even so, zeroing in on what you want could be tricky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Once you let go, you're out of control. Your sense of humor comes out. You intuitively know what to do. Build on existing plans. Add your personal touch to a party or get-together. Treat a family member or dear friend well — roll out the red carpet. Tonight: Pick up the tab.

This week: Make calls and get into the thick of things. Thursday, step back when the force is against you.

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Actor Brandon Cruz (1962), New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (1944), singer Gladys Knight (1944)

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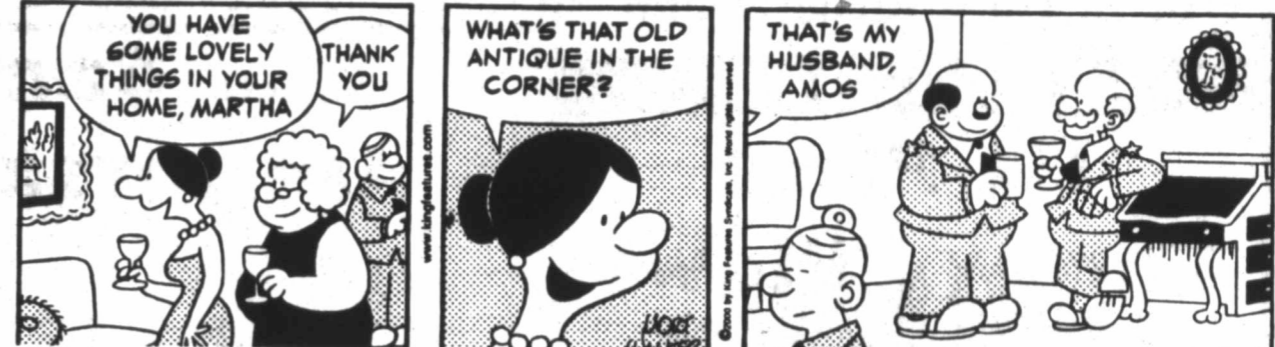
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SPORTS

Pampa's Lindsey named 3-4A's Player of the Year

PAMPA — Paced by Player of the Year Greg Lindsey, the Pampa Harvesters dominated the 2000 All-District 3-4A baseball team.

Lindsey, the senior third baseman for the Harvesters, joined pitcher Brent Coffee, first baseman Cody Shepard, second baseman Kaleb Snelgrooes, shortstop Jesse Francis and outfielder Casey Owens on the first team. Both Lindsey and Owens were also pitchers.

The all-district team was voted on by the district coaches.

Named to the honorable mention list were catcher Justin Barnes and outfielder Russell Robben.

Pampa's district championship and a trip to the regional quarterfinals for the second year in a row was the main reason the list was dominated by Harvesters. Pampa had an overall record of 22-10-1. The Harvesters won nine of 10 district outings.

Lindsey capped off a banner career at Pampa. He batted .441 with 40 RBI and eight home runs this season. His hits (117), runs batted in (124), doubles (35) and home runs (17) are all-time school records.

Lindsey has also been picked to play in the annual Texas High School Baseball



Greg Lindsey...District 3-4A Player of the year

Six Harvesters are on the first squad

Coaches Association all-star game June 17 at The Ballpark in Arlington. He will suit up for the North squad and is the only Amarillo area player on the Classes 4A-5A roster.

Five of the six all-district players have signed to play college baseball next season. Lindsey, Francis, Coffee and Owens are all going to Howard College in Big Spring. Snelgrooes is going to Frank Phillips College in Borger. Shepard will be playing football at Southwestern in Weatherford, Okla.

2000 All-District 3-4A Baseball Team

First Team

Pitchers: Brent Coffee, Pampa, senior; George Castillo, Hereford, senior; Kenny Baldwin, Caprock, senior.

Catcher: Justin Akkerman, Borger, senior.

First base: Cody Shepard, Pampa, senior.

Infielders: Kaleb Snelgrooes, Pampa, senior; Jesse Francis, Pampa, senior; Greg Lindsey, Pampa, senior.

Outfielders: Casey Owens,

Pampa, senior; Marcus Simpson, Dumas, junior; Ricky Acosta, Palo Duro, senior.

Designated hitter: Eddie Lacey, Hereford, junior.

Player of the year: Greg Lindsey, senior, third baseman, Pampa.

Coach of the year: Gerald Nipp, Caprock.

Second Team

Pitchers: Ryan Newell, Borger, senior; Kevin McNellis, Borger, senior; Bryan Bailey, Caprock, senior.

Catcher: Shane Carter, Palo Duro, junior.

First base: Leslie Shaw, Palo Duro, sophomore.

Infielders: Kolbi Moore, Caprock, senior; Matt Renkopf, Dumas, senior; Andrew Ramirez, Hereford, senior; L.J. Vallejo, Hereford, senior.

Outfielders: Tanner Craven, Caprock, senior; Ricky Valdez, Caprock, junior; J. P. Holman, Hereford, junior.

Designated hitter: Josh Huffman, Dumas, senior.

Doughty wins 100th

PAMPA — Pampa Harvesters' baseball coach Dennis Doughty reached a personal milestone this season, attaining his 100th career victory.

The 100th win came in Pampa's 4-3 decision over the Palo Duro Dogs on April 25. The day was made even more special for Doughty because of the late-inning heroics of Justin Barnes. With the Harvesters trailing 3-2 entering the bottom of the seventh inning, Barnes homered with Greg Lindsey on base. The homer gave Pampa its 18th win of the season and Doughty the 100th of his career.

Doughty becomes only the second PHS baseball coach to reach the 100-win plateau. Deck Woldt, who coached the Harvesters for 11 years, is the other one.

"Coach Woldt is Pampa Baseball and to be mentioned with him is a great honor for me," Doughty said.

The last two seasons have been particularly satisfying for Doughty. His Harvester teams advanced to the regional quarterfinals two years in a row. No other Pampa team had ever won a post-season playoff game before 1999.

Ending his seventh season as the Harvesters' head coach, Doughty took over in 1994 after spending four years as an assistant coach.

Astros outslug Phillies, 10-6

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Field proved again that it's a launch site.

The Houston Astros and Philadelphia Phillies combined for seven home runs Thursday night, increasing the season total at Enron Field to 84, just 34 fewer than all of last year.

"People have to realize that home runs are going to be hit frequently here," Philadelphia's Mickey Morandini said after Houston defeated the Phillies 10-6. The Astros and the Phillies have combined for 13 home runs in their last two games, matching the most home runs hit in consecutive games at Enron Field.

"It's a great place to hit, especially for right-handed hitters. There are going to be a lot of home runs hit here," said the Phillies' Pat Burrell, who hit his first major league home run.

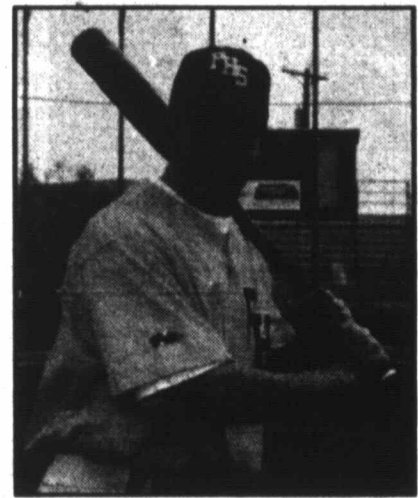
"That home run was great. I didn't see where it hit, I just know I hit it hard."

Philadelphia manager Terry Francona suggests that pitchers should adjust to the park if they want to be successful there.

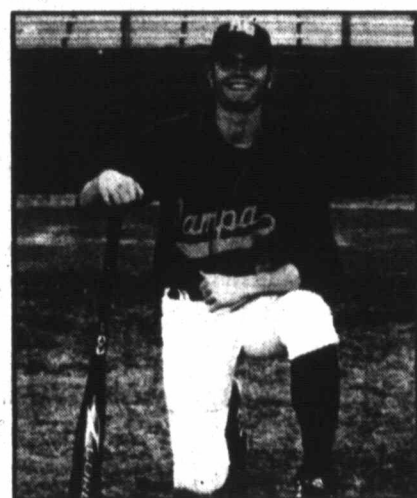
"If you leave pitches out over the plate, hitters should feel good because they will be rewarded. But it's that way for both teams," Francona said.

That was a problem for losing pitcher Andy Ashby, according to Francona.

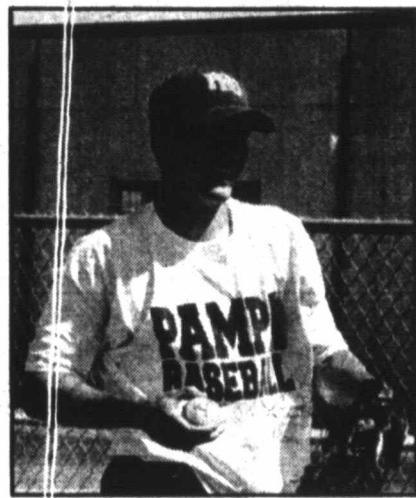
"He didn't locate well. He had some zip on his fastball, but he left it up and he left his slider over the plate, too," Francona said.



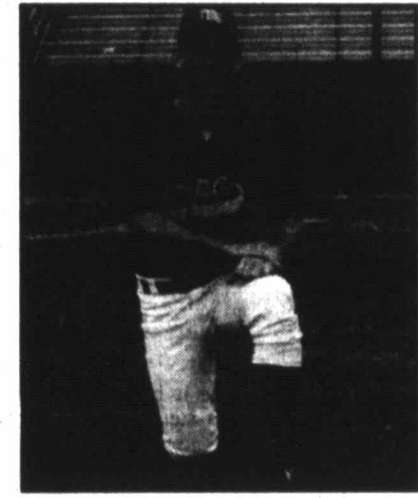
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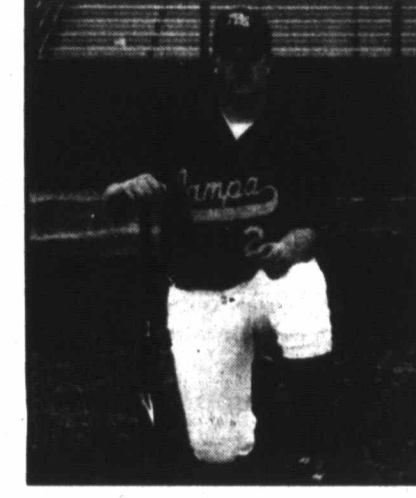
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Glo-Valve lifts record to 7-1 with win over Miami team

MIAMI — Every player in Glo-Valve's lineup had a hit, a run and an RBI in a 35-3 victory over Tejas Feeders earlier this week in 11-12 Cal Ripken League action.

Craig Stone had five hits, five runs scored and five RBI for the visitors. Brett Ferrell also had five hits and five runs with four

RBI. Eric Kingcade knocked in seven runs, belting two inside the park home runs. Jarron Clark slapped three hits, scored four times and had five RBI.

Also, Ryan Hansen slammed two triples, scored three runs and had two RBI. Craig Crowell tallied four times on two hits, including a

double. He had three RBI. Colby Scott and Robbie Dixon each scored four times on one hit. Scott knocked in three runs and Dixon had two RBI. LeKeith Towles had a hit, a run and one RBI.

Jake Booze had a two-run single for Tejas Feeders and Cody Roda had the only other Tejas hit. Chelsey Shaver forced in a

runner to reach base by a walk.

Clark picked up his second win of the season for Glo-Valve. He surrendered three runs on one hit. He struck out one and walked five. Towles pitched the third inning and was touched for one hit and a walk. He struck out two and Stone finished up pitching the fourth inning. He allowed one

runner to reach base by a walk.

Roda was the most effective pitcher for Tejas, getting Glo-Valve out in order in the third inning.

Glo-Valve improved its season record to 7-1 and remained deadlocked for first place with Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency.

Major League Standings

National League					American League								
East Division					East Division								
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB						
Atlanta	32	14	.696	—	Boston	26	17	.605	—				
Montreal	25	19	.568	6	New York	26	17	.605	—				
New York	25	22	.532	7 1/2	Toronto	25	24	.510	4				
Florida	22	26	.458	11	Baltimore	20	25	.444	7				
Philadelphia	16	29	.356	15 1/2	Tampa Bay	15	30	.333	12				
Central Division					Central Division								
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB						
St. Louis	28	18	.609	—	Chicago	26	20	.565	—				
Cincinnati	26	20	.565	2	Cleveland	24	19	.558	1/2				
Milwaukee	20	27	.425	8 1/2	Kansas City	23	23	.500	3				
Pittsburgh	19	26	.422	8 1/2	Minnesota	20	28	.417	7				
Chicago	18	30	.375	11	Detroit	16	27	.372	8 1/2				
Houston	17	29	.370	11	West Division								
West Division					W	L	Pct.	GB					
Arizona	30	16	.652	—	Texas	25	21	.543	—				
Los Angeles	26	19	.578	4	Anaheim	25	22	.532	1/2				
Colorado	23	21	.523	6	Seattle	23	21	.523	1				
San Francisco	21	23	.477	8	Oakland	24	24	.500	2				
San Diego	19	27	.413	11	Thursday's Games								
Thursday's Games					Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1	Cleveland 4, Detroit 1	Baltimore 5, Seattle 1	Toronto 11, Boston 6	Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 3	Texas 5, Kansas City 3	N.Y. Yankees 7, Chicago White Sox 0		
Friday's Games					Florida (Sanchez 4-3) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-1), 7:05 p.m.	Atlanta (Glasvine 7-1) at Houston (Lima 1-7), 8:05 p.m.	N.Y. Mets (Hampton 5-4) at St. Louis (Hentgen 4-4), 8:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-4) at Colorado (Yoshii 1-5), 8:35 p.m.	Milwaukee (Snyder 0-0) at Arizona (R.Johnson 7-1), 10:05 p.m.	Montreal (Iraha 2-3) at San Diego (Hitchcock 1-6), 10:05 p.m.	Philadelphia (Byrd 1-3) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 3-1), 10:10 p.m.		
Saturday's Games					Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-5) at San Francisco (Gardner 2-2), 10:35 p.m.	Atlanta at Houston, 1:15 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Colorado, 4:05 p.m.	Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.	Milwaukee at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.	Florida at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.	N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.	Montreal at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.	Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
Sunday's Games					Florida at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.	N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.	Atlanta at Houston, 3:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.	Montreal at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.	Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.	Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.	Milwaukee at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.	

Ewing injured as Pacers beat Knicks

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two years ago, Patrick Ewing made an unexpected return from a shattered wrist in Game 2 at Indiana. In a Game 2 a year later, also on the road, his season ended when he tore his Achilles' tendon.

Another Game 2 in Indiana came and went Thursday night, and another injury to Ewing threatens to change everything.

After straining a tendon in his

right foot in the first quarter, Ewing did not return as Indiana beat New York 88-84 to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals. The severity of his injury was to be learned later today when Ewing undergoes an MRI.

"They played against us last year without Patrick, and they beat us," Indiana coach Larry Bird said. "We can't let up."

The Knicks didn't let down after

losing their center. In fact, they played pretty well right up until the end.

But out of timeouts, the Knicks didn't line up any big men under the basket as Dale Davis went to the foul line with 5.8 seconds left. He missed both, but was able to outjump Charlie Ward for the rebound and pass to Jalen Rose for a game-clinching dunk with 2.4 seconds left.

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Signing a letter of intent to play golf at Cisco Junior College is Maggie Cowan, who was a member of three consecutive state tournament teams at Pampa High School. Pictured are Maggie and her parents, Mike and Karen Handley; Standing are PHS coaches Frank McCullough (left) and Dick Dunham.

Green makes play of the game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Even Scarborough Green admitted his catch was the play of the game. Brian Johnson, the victim, didn't disagree.

In one of the finest plays seen in Kauffman Stadium this season, Green — on a dead run — made a back-to-the-infield catch of Johnson's drive to deep center Thursday night.

Instead of getting two runs with a double or triple and going ahead 4-2, the Royals got just one run on a sacrifice fly and led 3-2. Then the Rangers scored three in the seventh for a 5-3 victory.

"I thought for sure I had it over his head," Johnson, the Royals catcher, said. "The next time he came up, I asked him why couldn't he just let that one go. I said no one would blame you for not getting to that one."

Green was a last-minute replacement in center for Ruben Mateo.

"It was a ball over my head," he

said "I was playing shallow as I usually do. I picked a spot on the wall where I thought it was going to be, and there it was."

Rafael Palmeiro drove in three runs, including a solo homer in the second that tied him with Rocky Colavito for 45th in baseball history with 374.

"It just means I've been around for a long time," Palmeiro said. The 13-year veteran also had a tiebreaking, two-run single off Jose Santiago (2-4) in the seventh.

"It really doesn't mean anything to me except that I'm passing guys whose names are known," Palmeiro said. "I've been off and on all season, I've been hot and cold. And now it seems to be coming."

Ivan Rodriguez was 3-for-5, raising his average to .381 and moving ahead of Anaheim's Darin Erstad for the AL lead.

While Palmeiro took a "so-what" approach to his milestone homer, the Royals were all impressed.

"Palmeiro hit a pitcher's pitch, down and away," Kansas City manager Tony Muser said. "He's quite a hitter. Very compact. Never seems to get off stride. When you can pull a pitch that's down and away over the left-field fence, that's something."

Esteban Loaiza (3-2) went 6 2-3 innings for the victory, giving up three runs on 10 hits, with a walk and five strikeouts.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 12th save. He has recorded saves in nine straight appearances, breaking the Rangers record set by Mike Henneman in 1996.

"If I sit here and gloat about setting a record, and then I go out and blow tomorrow's game, what does it mean?" Wetteland said. "We're not concerned with anything except winning tomorrow."

The Royals, who broke the Rangers' seven-game winning streak the night before, shut them out for 13 straight innings before Palmeiro homered in the second.

Avalanche stay alive against Stars

DENVER (AP) — Off his knee, nothing but net.

Chris Drury's deflection late in the third period kept Colorado alive in the Western Conference finals as the Avalanche beat the Dallas Stars 2-1 Thursday night, forcing a decisive Game 7.

Ray Bourque assisted on Drury's goal and scored Colorado's other goal, helping the Avalanche tie the best-of-seven series at 3-3. Game 7 is set for Saturday night in Dallas.

The Avalanche were desperate for a break, having outshot the Stars 110-56 in the previous three games, but winning only once. Drury's goal could only be described as fortuitous.

Attempting to redirect Bourque's waist-high shot with his stick, Drury instead deflected

the puck off his knee for the game-winner with 3:51 left in the third period.

"Ray made an unbelievable shot to get it through," Drury said. "Initially, I felt something. I think it might have hit my stick a little bit. It hit square on my knee and went right in."

"With all the shots we've been throwing at them, it's certainly nice to get one like that, off the knee. I'll definitely take it."

Colorado coach Bob Hartley said his team "finally got a lucky break. This could be the start of something."

Hartley praised Bourque, saying, "What a great performance! He was the general on the blue line and did an outstanding job. Ray was very dominant."

Patrick Roy had 26 saves, extending his NHL record for

career playoff victories to 121. Ed Belfour made 19 saves.

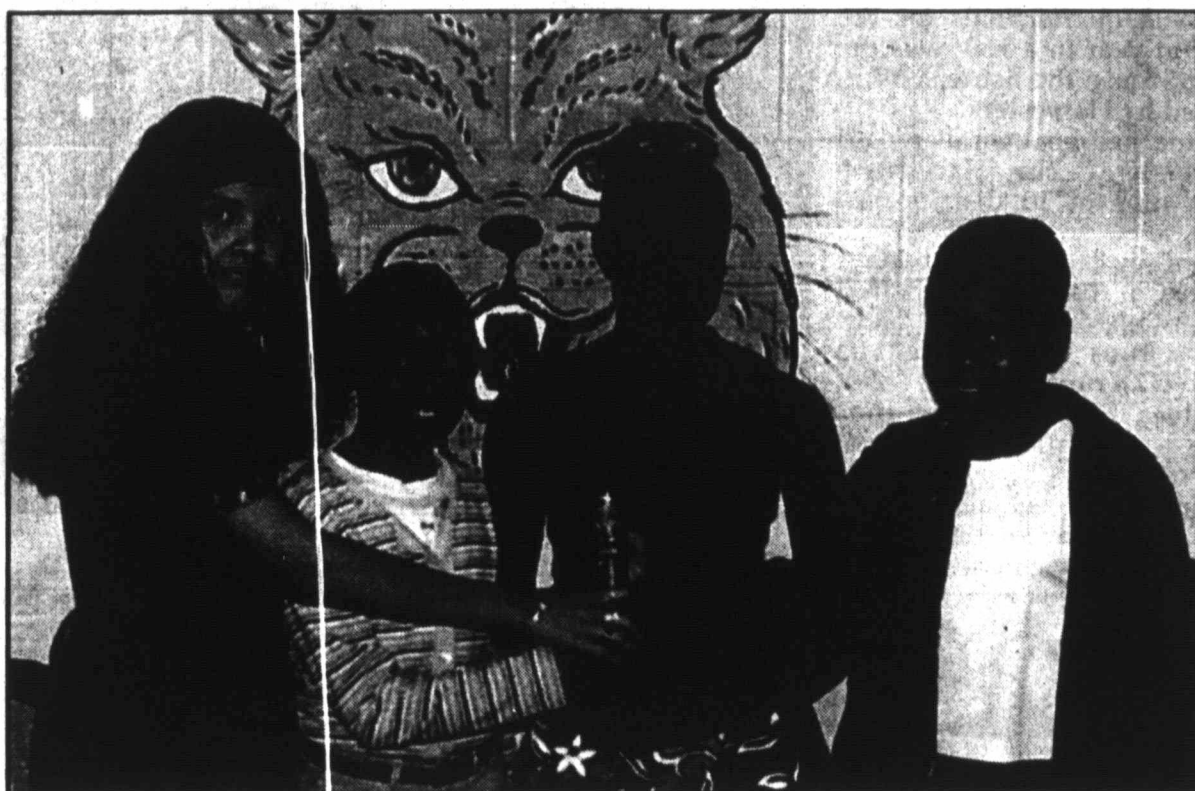
Bourque's goal early in the second period put the Avalanche ahead, but Brett Hull tied it with a power-play goal later in the period. It was Hull's ninth goal of the playoffs and fourth goal in the last three games.

Dallas defeated Colorado in last year's conference finals, rallying from a 3-2 deficit en route to capturing its first Stanley Cup.

"I like our position," Hartley said. "With tonight's win, we generate some momentum." Stars coach Ken Hitchcock wasn't so sure.

"I don't know if one team has the momentum because our team is not down at all," Hitchcock said. "We're playing our way — gritty, grindy, in-your-face hockey."

Lamar winners



(Pampa News photo)

Lamar fifth-graders (from left) Jamie Gonzales, Shandale Young, Tyanna Ellis and Destiney Dory took first in the sprint and medley relays at this year's City Elementary Track Meet. They also won the events last year.

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Durable-goods orders in April take biggest plunge in nearly nine years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell 6.4 percent in April, the biggest plunge in nearly nine years. A record drop in demand for electronics led the decline, the government said today.

In a second report also issued by the Commerce Department, Americans' incomes rose a brisk 0.7 percent in April, while their spending went up 0.4 percent, the second straight month in which income growth outpaced spending increases.

Wall Street showed little immediate reaction to the reports. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Nasdaq index each lost about 20 points in the first half-hour of trading. Yields on Treasury bonds were generally unchanged from Thursday.

The bigger-than-expected plunge in orders for durable goods left orders at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$205.6 billion. Many economists were predicting a smaller 0.5 percent decline.

April's decrease in durable-goods orders, the steepest since December 1991, followed a 4.5 percent rise in March, the first increase this year.

Last month's performance mostly reflected a record 20.1 percent decline in orders for electronics and electrical equipment, including semiconductors, circuit boards and home appliances. Slackening demand for electronic components accounted for much of the decline, the government said. In March, orders for electronics and electrical equipment rose 8.9 percent.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June, including a half-point increase last week, in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation from becoming a problem.

The increases are designed to raise borrowing costs and cool demand for big-ticket items such as cars and homes.

In the durable-goods report, orders for trans-

portation equipment fell 6.7 percent in April, following a 4.5 percent rise the month before. All components of the sector decreased, but weakened demand for cars and auto parts led the way.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, durable-goods orders fell 6.4 percent, the largest drop since July 1989.

There was a bright spot in the report: Orders for industrial machinery, including computer and machine tools, rose 2.2 percent in April, the same size gain posted in March.

In the consumer income and spending report, the 0.7 percent rise in personal income was slightly stronger than the 0.6 percent increase many analysts were predicting.

Wages grew by a strong 0.9 percent last month, following a solid 0.6 percent gain in March.

The 0.4 percent increase in spending in April was right on target with many analysts' expectations.

In March, income grew by 0.7 percent, while spending went up 0.6 percent.

The personal savings rate rose to 0.7 percent in April, an improvement from the 0.4 percent increase posted the month before.

The savings rate isn't as bad as it seems because the calculation doesn't take into account gains realized from rising stocks and higher real-estate values.

Consumer spending on durable goods such as cars fell 0.1 percent in April, up from a 1.3 percent decline. Spending on nondurables rose 0.1 percent, down from a 1 percent increase in March.

Earlier this month, the government reported that retail sales fell in April, the first decline since August 1998. Economists said dreary weather, stock market volatility and rising interest rates helped pull Americans back from their free-spending ways.

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Charles McClendon, Mayor
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Police: No crime at nursing home in ant attack, patient death

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — When a nursing home aide looked in on 87-year-old Mary Morales Gay one morning last week, police say, the Alzheimer's patient appeared to be fine. An hour and half later, she was covered with ants.

Gay died a day after she was bitten 1,625 times by the insects as she lay in her bed, authorities said Thursday. The Sarasota County medical examiner's office is investigating the May 19 death at the Quality Health Care Center in North Port.

The official cause of death had not been determined, pending toxicology tests, but Gay was bitten by either fire ants or red ants on her chest, upper arm, abdomen and back, said Wilson Broussard, deputy chief medical examiner.

Fire ants, which travel in colonies of hundreds and even thousands, usually avoid homes, but dry weather and heat can drive them indoors. They pack a burning sting and attack when threatened.

Detective Stephen Lorenz said Gay was checked at 6:30 a.m. May 18 and was fine. At 8 a.m. a housekeeper came into her room, noticed the ants on her and called for help. It appeared the ants had built several colonies in a courtyard at the nursing home and burrowed through a wall to Gay's room, Lorenz said. The woman's roommate was unharmed.

Loraine Baeringer, administrative assistant at the home, had no comment. Pat Glynn of the state Agency for Health Care Administration said the home has had satisfactory ratings.

Lorenz said even though he is only half way through his investigation it does not appear any crime was committed. "The staff in our opinion at this point in our investigation did everything to the best of their capabilities," he said.

State regulators and the Department of Children and Families were also investigating.

Gay had been co-owner of a trucking company. Her son, Edgar W. Gay of Sarasota, declined to comment.

Researchers say fire ants are responsible for 10 deaths in indoor attacks since 1989, including two elderly nursing home patients in Mississippi. One died six days after the attack, the other within 13 months.

University of Mississippi Medical Center researcher Dr. Richard D. deShazo and his team in Jackson documented the deaths in the "Annals of Internal Medicine" last fall.

Vet specialists meet about state-of-the-art therapies for animals

SEATTLE (AP) — Sure, it's a dog's life. But that doesn't mean Fido has to feel lousy about it, says a veterinary specialist who treats dogs and cats for depression.

Dr. Karen Overall, who also treats pets for anxiety and other disorders, is one of 3,000 vets gathered for the 18th annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine to share the latest techniques for aiding sick animals.

Conference-goers will spend the weekend gleaning tips on caring for cats and dogs with high blood pressure, diabetes, antifreeze poisoning or brain tumors, as well as horses with heart disease or snake and insect bites and a range of other ailments.

Overall has become known as the Pets-on-Prozac lady. For one success story, she points to Flash, an Australian Shepherd she saved from euthanasia.

Flash was intensely aggressive when he was brought to the behavior clinic Overall runs at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia. The dog had already put three people in the hospital and curled his lips at any sudden movement or even eye contact, Overall said.

But after being treated with Prozac and another anti-anxiety drug in combination with a behavior modification program, Flash calmed down.

"Now he does all the behavior demonstrations in the clinic," Overall said. "He's the dog against whom we test all other dogs."

Overall is quick to add that Prozac is no panacea for all canine ills, but for certain diagnoses it can work well, she said.

"A lot of people come wanting Lassie," she said. "I can't give them Lassie. ... There is no quick fix."

Asked to comment on Overall's approach, Seattle veterinarian Dr. Naomi Bierman said she doesn't disagree with the use of Prozac and other psychotropic drugs in all cases, but prefers to see animals diagnosed and treated with alternative methods first. Bierman prefers acupuncture and Chinese herbs, and says training is also often part of the solution.

In Bierman's experience, "there are very few cases where it's warranted (Prozac use), and the majority of cases do better when you look for the underlying causes" of behavioral problems.

Dr. Deb Zoran, clinical assistant professor of small animal internal medicine at Texas A&M, will share information on how vets can diagnose what's going on with cats that frequently vomit.

Zoran, who calls herself the "cat whisperer," says endoscopy, ultrasound and even CAT scans can be diagnostic tools to pinpoint such ailments as renal failure, liver disease and pancreatitis — which may go undetected by general vets until it is too late.

"A lot of vets on the front lines are going to run across these cases where they might (prescribe) a change of diet, or give something to get rid of worms, or antibiotics, but what can they do when these don't work?" she said.

Close to one-third of those attending the conference are veterinary specialists — a booming field in veterinary medicine fueled by the demands of pet owners who want to extend the quality of life of their pets.

"Pet owners are better educated, smarter," said Dr. Richard Weller, chairman of the board of regents for the ACVIM. "I think they're demanding more" from their vets.

And the booming economy and the abundance of double-income families with multiple pets and no children mean more animal lovers can afford expensive treatments such as CAT scans.

ACVIM is one of the largest associations of veterinary specialists with authority to certify specialists in oncology, cardiology, neurology and internal medicine under the auspices of the American Board of Veterinary Specialists.

Texas executes teacher killer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned killer James Edward Clayton said he wanted his last moment of life to be an "example for Christ."

Strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, the former clerical worker and New York native quietly went to his death Thursday evening for the abduction and fatal shooting of an Abilene-area elementary school teacher almost 13 years ago.

"There is no anger in my heart about this entire situation," he said, saying he was dying "with peace in my heart and forgiveness."

Seven minutes later he was pronounced dead, becoming the 18th Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the third in as many days.

Clayton, 33, was condemned for the murder of Lori Barrett, 27, who apparently surprised him inside her apartment near Abilene Christian University after he had climbed in through a bathroom window during a burglary.



The recent food drive coordinated by the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 3094 was a success in Canadian as evidenced by the truck load of food gathered by a number of people including (from left) Robert Alexander, Joe Gutierrez, Stella Lankford and Judy Beasley.

ABC jumps to first in television season

NEW YORK (AP) — Led by "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," ABC has become the first network to bounce from third place to first in the television ratings in a single season.

"Millionaire" supplanted NBC's "ER" as the most popular program on television in the 1999-2000 season, even though it didn't join ABC's regular lineup until January.

The TV industry considered Wednesday the end of the season, with the long summer rerun season beginning Thursday.

ABC had an average of 14.27 million viewers in prime-time this year, a 20 percent increase over last year. CBS, last year's top

network, averaged 12.42 million viewers, down 6 percent. NBC's 12.34 million average was down 4 percent from last year.

Fox had the biggest decline of the four major networks. Its average prime-time audience of 8.97 million was down 17 percent from the year before, according to Nielsen Media Research.

On the strength of professional wrestling, UPN saw a 36 percent increase to 3.92 million prime-time viewers. The WB network, suffering from the fickleness of teen-age viewers, was down 22 percent to 3.64 million viewers.

Although "Millionaire" clearly turned

everyone's expectations upside down, ABC executives tried to downplay the notion that their schedule had little depth.

"Taking nothing away from 'Millionaire,' there are a lot of other shows that helped get us to that position," said Lloyd Braun, ABC entertainment co-chairman. "We all look at this as a really terrific and stable schedule that without question has been enhanced by 'Millionaire.'"

The three "Millionaire" editions were the three most popular shows of the season—"ER," which has won the season crown three out of the last four years, finished fourth.

Waterborne illnesses rise at public pools

ATLANTA (AP) — Swimming pools with their sparkling blue water and strong chlorine odor are far from clean, and government health officials are launching a campaign to warn against the rise in illnesses caused by contaminated public pools.

"People need to remember that swimming is essentially communal bathing and the water is not clean and you can transmit diseases if the water is contaminated," said Rachel Barwick, an epidemiologist in the division of parasitic diseases at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The outbreaks, caused mostly by children having fecal accidents in the water, generally led to stomach problems and diarrhea, the CDC said Thursday.

Swimming water should never be swallowed because chlorine does not kill all germs, Barwick said, and anyone with diarrhea should not swim. She also cautioned about proper washing before entering the pool and said diapers should not be changed at poolside.

In 1997 and 1998, the most recent years for which figures are available, 2,128 people were sickened by the water at public pools. In '98 alone there were 25 outbreaks, the highest number since 1992.

The CDC had better news about drinking water Thursday, reporting that scientists are seeing fewer illnesses caused by municipal systems.

In 1998, 10 cases involving drinking water were reported, a dramatic fall from a peak of more than 50 cases in 1980. The CDC said the credit could go to stricter government regulations and increased effort by local water suppliers.

Still, more than 2,000 people became sick from their drinking water in 1997 and 1998, the CDC said. Contaminated wells and groundwater were mostly to blame.

The worst outbreak was in Texas in July 1998, when 160,000 gallons of raw sewage seeped into an aquifer providing water to five municipal wells, sickening 1,400 people.

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