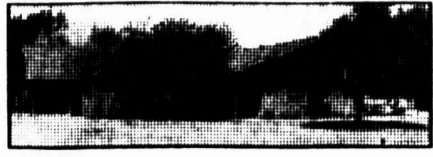


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Organizations may pick up applications at the United Way office, 200 N. Ballard, Ste. 105, or call 669-1001 for more information on the process.
Deadline for picking up the applications is March 1. New applicants accepted into the budget allocations process will need to pick up another set of forms to be completed for the final budget allocations meeting in April.

STATE
Third mechanical heart patient dies
HOUSTON (AP) — The third man to receive a self-contained mechanical heart died Friday, of complications from a stroke suffered earlier this month, a hospital spokeswoman said.
Bobby Harrison, 69, suffered a stroke on Feb. 1.
He was the world's third recipient of the experimental, manmade pump. His diseased heart was by the AbioCor device in September during a six-hour operation.

DEATHS
Dr. Lynn Ford Fite, 77, practicing physician for 39 years.
Morgan Sydney Mosby, 6-month-old daughter of Don and Denise Mosby.

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DA: 'Petty politics' money squabble cause

Issues are state subsidy, criminal forfeiture funds

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

"Petty courthouse politics," said 31st District Attorney Rick Roach as he referred to a county official's charge that he hasn't paid state monies to the county for five months and that criminal forfeiture funds are not being turned over to the county.

Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn said the 31st District Attorney's Office has not paid funds for several months to the Gray County Treasurer's office to reimburse

the county for a portion of the DA investigator's salary.

Hahn said the DA's office has been disbursing funds received from the state for a portion of the investigator's salary since he has been county treasurer the past 15 years.

The treasurer said he did not know how the practice originated.

Hahn told the county commission Friday morning that the state pays \$17,438 annually to offset the cost of an investigator for the district attorney's office. He said payments are usually made by the district attorney's office monthly to the county treasurer's office, but that his office has not received a check for the specified item since Sept. 14, 2001.

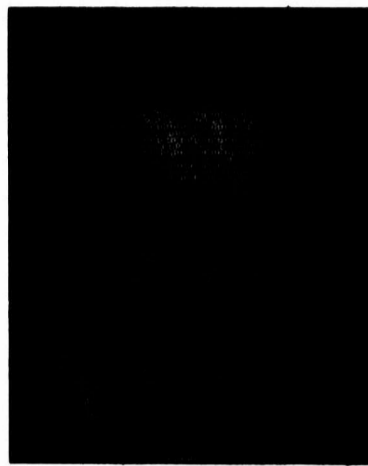
He said the district attorney's office is among the offices the state provides some operating money. Funds are sent from the state to the district attorney to disburse, he said.

"The money just quit coming (to the treasurer's office)," he said. "It left us three months short in the county budget in 2001, and two months short so far this year."

He said he didn't know what had happened.

Hahn said that after four or five months he decided to contact the DA's office about the money.

"In January or February, I called the DA's office and left a message on Carrie's (Mackie) voice mail to find out about the money," said

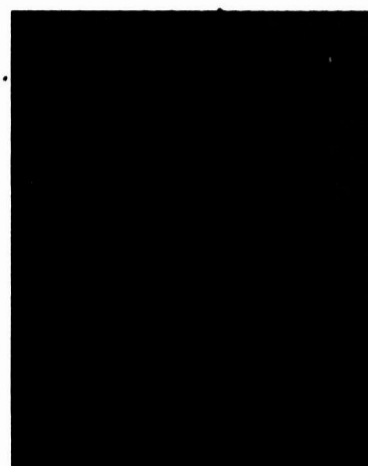


Treasurer Scott Hahn

Hahn. He said he left two messages. "I received no response."

Hahn said he wanted to advise the county commissioners of the situation.

"My opinion is that the



Dist. Attorney Rick Roach

commissioners might want to contact the DA to find out about this," said Hahn.

County Judge Richard Peet said Roach should be invited to the next commission meet-

(See DA, Page 3)

Clean-up day ...



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Bright sun filters in as Rodney Mendoza was one of many Pampans who flocked to car washes Friday afternoon to take advantage of sunny conditions and warmer temperatures. Mendoza said his truck's been washed since the recent ice and snow but it was obvious many other vehicles were getting their first clean-up since then.

Jordan Unit will host hiring seminar Thursday

Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) will host a hiring seminar at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21.

This forum will provide information for persons seeking employment with TDCJ and answer questions about the application process.

"Currently there are 28 vacancies at the Jordan Unit which we have not been able to fill for some time," said Dan Wallace, regional recruiter. "We are committed to staffing this unit, in conjunction with an aggressive recruitment campaign throughout the Panhandle."

"The starting salary is \$1,716 per month

with an increase to \$1,866 after two months, and progressively increases thereafter," he said.

"Applicants attending this seminar will be afforded the opportunity to attend paid training here in Pampa," Wallace said. "Furthermore, applicants wishing to work at the Jordan Unit will be afforded an opportunity for an assignment upon successful completion of the academy."

"It's a great opportunity for students to gain the knowledge necessary to become correctional officers and stay here in Pampa," said Charles Bell, senior warden of the Jordan Unit.

Guilty pleas taken; sentences meted out 223rd District Court action

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

A Pampa man, charged with four driving while intoxicated offenses, has been sentenced to four five-year prison sentences after entering a guilty plea in 223rd District Court. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Andrew Salinas Jr., 45, 1224 S. Faulkner, was also ordered by Judge Lee Waters to pay \$2,000 as part of a plea agreement worked out with the district attorney's office.

Also entering guilty pleas on Thursday were:

Jessie Darlene Callaway, 35, Lefors, received five years deferred adjudication probation on a possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) charge. She was also ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, make \$140 in restitution and perform 240 hours of community service.

James Darryl Burney, 45, Amarillo, was sentenced to three years to serve in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and was assessed a \$1,500 fine.

Patrick Lee Herr, 37, 1012 Terry Road, was given a two-year sentence that was probated for five years on a burglary of a building charge, was fined \$1,500, ordered to make \$140 in restitution and perform 120 hours of community service.

(See GUILTY, Page 3)

Plainview girl shows grand champion of San Antonio's Stock Show

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A shiny black Maine-Anjou steer raised by a 4-H student from Plainview has won the grand champion title at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

Katy Churchwell said Friday she was caught by surprise when the judge slapped her animal on the haunch.

She had positioned her steer, "Twister," turned him around and tried to settle him into a line with 29 other finalists, lined up in front of a noisy Freeman Coliseum crowd at the stock show. Churchwell said she didn't expect her animal to win.

"I didn't even think it at all," she said. "I just didn't think he'd do as good."

She told reporters she named him for the tornado that tore trees up all around him when he was a calf.

Joseph Rathmann of Cedar Creek with the Bastrop FFA won reserve champion with his Charolais steer.

Churchwell has been raising steers for about five years, and had the champion Angus steer at San Antonio two years ago, she said. She wore her Hale County Grand Champion belt buckle.

(See PLAINVIEW, Page 3)

Want a Fort Worth rodeo box seat? Good luck

By ANGELA K. BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — There's something about the best seat in the house at the Fort Worth Rodeo: It's next-to-impossible to get.

Most ringside box seats, where the front row is only inches from the dirt-floor arena, have been in families for generations. Some are wrangled in divorce battles or business deals, a prestigious perk for those who want to be so close to the action they can smell the horse's breath.

"It's fun, and you know you're going to get dirt on you," said Rebecca Brian, a 21-year-old college student

whose family has had box seats at Fort Worth's rodeo nearly 85 years. "Other places that have suites — it's not near as much fun."

The Fort Worth stock show rodeo actually owns the boxes at the 5,800-seat Wil Rogers Coliseum, but families automatically retain their seats each year with payment.

Only 10 of the 160 boxes have been assigned to new owners in the last decade. About 50 people or companies remain on a waiting list, some as long as two decades.

"The turnover is almost nil," said W.R. Watt Jr., president and general manager of the Southwest Exposition and Livestock Show, the

nation's longest-running stock show. "The rodeo is very popular, and people love to come here year after year."

The allure of the boxes is location rather than luxury.

The boxes are densely packed with six or eight padded folding chairs. Each box costs between \$4,600 and \$7,200, depending on the number of seats. And boxes are used only during the rodeo, a couple of weeks a year.

But Tom B. Saunders IV, Brian's great-uncle and steward of the family's six-seat ringside rodeo box, doesn't think twice about the price.

"It's worth it because we've got enough family and friends to use it," Saunders said. "After going year after

year, still, they enjoy it."

Saunders' grandfather, one of the first cattle dealers in Fort Worth, had been involved in the city's stock show since its 1896 inception. He and other supporters secured prime seats when the rodeo made its debut in 1918 at the 2,500-seat Northside Coliseum.

When the rodeo moved across town in 1944 to the Will Rogers Coliseum, Saunders' father chose a six-seat box that has been in the family ever since.

"It's a tradition, and we're just not interested in selling," said Saunders, who lives on a Weatherford ranch just west of Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth rodeo is among the (See RODEO, Page 2)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TODAY

FITE, Dr. Lynn Ford — 3 p.m., Cooper-Sorrells Funeral Homes Chapel, Bonham.
JOHNSON, Homer D. — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas.

MORGAN SYDNEY MOSBY 2001-2002

Morgan Sydney Mosby, 6-months-old, great-granddaughter of a Pampa couple, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at home in her daddy's arms.
 Morgan was born July 23, 2001. She had been diagnosed at two months of age with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a rare disease.

Survivors include her parents, Don and Denise Mosby of Grand Junction, Colo.; her grandparents, Sandra Kay (Childers) Adcox (formerly of Pampa) and husband, John, of Grand Junction, and Betty and Mike Mosby of Rifle, Colo.; great-grandparents, Bob and Aileen Childers of Pampa.



ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Feb. 15

Leon Lee Hollis, 26, 801 E. Murphy, criminal mischief.
 Ronnie Don Jenkins, 51, 312 1/2 N. Wells, arrested by the TABC for public intoxication.
 Denelda J. Burke, 41, 609 Deane, arrested by the DPS and Pampa Police Department on charges of driving while intoxicated/first offense and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Feb. 15

11:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.
 12:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.
 1:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.
 4:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.
 8:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and transported one to PRMC.
 10:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.W.T.H.

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Marriage licenses as issued by the Gray County Clerk's Office.

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Michael Kurt Curtman and Ramona Dawn Woodard
 Coy Edward Wilbanks and Dawn Denaise Duree
 Tristan Vidale Perry and Britany Janeen Kempf
 Lester Samuel Aylor and Ruby Lee Jones
 Andy Lynn Edmondson and Shannon Elaine Ervin
 Robert F. Crisostoma and Cynthia A. Howell
 Stephen Charles McAnear and Melissa Ann Carr
 Michael Layne Campbell and Tina Marie Gannaway
 Garth Burton Thomas and Laura June Close
 Gregory Wayne Campbell and Wanda Lynn Keys
 Jason Michael Roark and Kelleen Patricia Ebel
 Devlin Carcy Howe and Misti Dawn Johnson
 Jerry Don Davis and Angela Colleen Good
 Peter Jay Carroll and Susan Kay Gilleland
 Bryan Curtis Stroud and Lisa Janine DeJulio
 Johnny V. Scott and Mary Eastland Young

January

Alexander B. Coleman and Evelyn Janet Jackson
 Michael Rey Moreno and Amanda Marie Hulse
 Rodney Parks and Patti Smith
 J.T. Bowers Jr. and Pamela Cloud
 Dale William Johns and Donna Mae Farnsworth
 Jerad Jerome Matlock and Jamie Marguerite Shepard
 Robert Junior Quilimaco and Gloria Estela Lozano
 Isaias Silva and Cherisha Gail Ferguson
 Jack Joseph Loggins and Becky Denise Snider
 Willie Chad Hutchison and Cecelia Bencoma Alvarez

Former chairman Lay sold \$70 million of stock back to Enron, SEC filing shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay sold some \$70 million of his Enron stock back to the company to repay loans last year, including \$16.3 million in the 13 days after he was warned by executive Sherron Watkins of serious accounting problems, an official document shows.

Lay frequently sold blocks of shares — many worth as much as \$4 million — from February through October, a period in which the big energy-trading company's stock tumbled from around \$78 a share to about \$15.

Houston-based Enron Corp. entered the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2 after questions arose about its use of a complex web of partnerships that hid more than \$1 billion in debt from investors and securities regulators.

Figure skating pairs will share gold

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Canadian figure skating pair will swap silver for gold and a French judge has been suspended for misconduct. But the worst judging scandal in Winter Olympics history isn't over yet.

The suspended judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, told the International Skating Union she was pressured by her country's own skating federation to vote for the Russians.

Government takes over airline security on Sunday, hopes passengers hardly notice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responsibility for airport security is moving from the airlines to the Department of Transportation starting Sunday, a change officials hope will be so smooth that passengers hardly notice.

The switch was ordered by Congress after the September terrorist attacks.

The Transportation Security Administration, created by the new law, will have coordinators oversee protection of passengers at some 430 commercial airports across the country. The transition will be gradual; airlines have until Nov. 19 to finish it.

"Many of the changes are management changes, behind-the-scenes changes," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Friday.

He said the changes will result in baggage screeners and security screeners at the airports

"who are better paid, better trained and, therefore, more stable in terms of the turnover, and that will enhance security for all travelers."

What do you think?

Write the editor and share your opinions.

DR. LYNN FORD FITE 1924-2002

BONHAM — Dr. Lynn Ford Fite, 77, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at Clyde W. Cospers State Veterans Home in Bonham. Services will be at 3 p.m., today in Cooper-Sorrells Funeral Homes Chapel with Bob Bryan and the Rev. Morgan Malone officiating. Interment will be in Arledge Ridge Cemetery under the direction of Cooper-Sorrells Funeral Homes of Bonham.

Dr. Fite was born Oct. 20, 1924, at Canyon, to the late John Marvin and Malinda Angeline Foster Fite. He married Joyce Fite on Dec. 23, 1948, at Pampa and graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Mo., in 1951. He practiced medicine a total of 39 years, serving the towns of Olton, Nederland and Bonham.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a Glider Pilot during World War II in Italy, France and England. He belonged to Masonic Lodge #1257 in Olton and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was also a past member of the Lions Club and was a member of Bonham Bass Club.

He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Fite; and a daughter, Cynthia Ann Fite.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of the home; a daughter, Debbie Towery of Bonham; a son, Scott Fite of Denton; a brother, Marvin Fite of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The Lions Club crippled children's camp in Kerrville.

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RODEO

top 10 events in prize money on the pro circuit, with \$427,000 awarded in rodeo prizes this year.

The event attracted adverse publicity last fall after the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association threatened to take away the sanction given to the Fort Worth rodeo every year since 1938.

Livestock show officials objected to installing permanent rather than temporary chutes for timed events, such as calf roping, saying the 55-year-old coliseum lacked room for a permanent chute.

But after several high-profile riders said they wouldn't compete in the rodeo without the PRCA distinction, a compromise was reached in October that kept Fort Worth in the national rodeo circuit saddle.

Rodeo officials agreed to anchor portable chutes with stakes driven into the shallow dirt, easing cowboys' concerns that unanchored chutes could shift during performances.

Watt said the now-settled dispute hasn't hurt attendance, which may be higher this year

because of the extra week added to the stock show, which ended Feb. 3.

Fort Worth's event is usually among the top five in the nation in attendance. More than 950,000 people attended this year, breaking the show's attendance record of 817,600 visitors, set in 1997.

Pam Minick, who runs the Billy Bob's Texas nightclub with her husband, Billy, said she and her family have enjoyed the livestock exhibits and rodeo performances for years.

But her husband, who had box seats for about 20 years, gladly agreed to give them up several years ago when the coliseum lost a few boxes during renovations to provide more access for disabled visitors, she said.

"We used to have our family, friends and employees fighting over who would get to go to the rodeos," Minick said with a laugh. "That was the only way to stop them."

On the Net:

Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo: <http://www.fwstockshowrodeo.com>
 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association: <http://www.prorodeo.com>

Agreements for co-workers in love

PITTSBURGH (AP) — First came the prenuptial agreement for engaged couples. Now co-workers who date can sign a pre-emptive contract of their own, designed to prevent sexual harassment suits.

The legal documents are drafted for people involved in workplace romances who agree to keep their professional and private lives separate should their relationship ever go south.

"It's an acknowledgment by both parties that they're entering into a consensual relationship,"

said Greg Miller, a Pittsburgh employment lawyer who's drafted a few agreements. "Obviously, this can't work if one or the other is in a marriage."

In a time when unwelcome sexual advances and hostile work environments have generated thousands of complaints, legal experts say this new breed of legal documents can help protect employers from sexual harassment claims.

The concept was first suggested to Miller by a few business clients.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA — Today, partly sunny and windy with highs around 70. South winds increasing to 20 to 30 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with lows near 40. Washington's birthday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday evening, partly cloudy. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday and Thursday, mostly clear. Lows around 30. Highs in the lower 60s. Friday, mostly clear. Lows near 35. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Judge denies press credentials to author HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has denied press credentials to true crime author Suzy Spencer, saying the author could still get into the Andrea Yates capital murder trial as a member of public. Spencer had sought a temporary restraining order to reinstate her credentials.

LARGE REWARD
HELP ME! I'm a tall German Shepherd. I'm afraid. My name is "Baxter". I should have a blue collar on. If you find me please call 665-5129 or take me to 1819 N. Sumner. Thank You!

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ing on March 1 to explain why the money is not being provided by the DA's office.

Hahn also said most county treasurers are in charge of the forfeiture funds in their counties. "In the 15 years I have been in office, I've never been given any of those funds," said Hahn. "The DA's office always keeps them."

County Auditor Elaine Morris reminded the commission five counties are in the 31st Judicial District.

Seizure and forfeiture funds are contraband or proceeds from felony criminal acts, Roach said in an interview.

Commissioner Jim Green said he, too, would like to talk to Roach about some of the items stored in his precinct's yard which are from drug seizures.

Roach assumed the district attorney position in January 2001. Prior to that time, John Mann served in the capacity for several years. Another local attorney, Harold Comer, was district attorney before Mann.

Contacted after the commission meeting, Roach said he did not make the deal for his office to pay the county to supplement the DA investigator's salary.

"My budget speaks for itself," said Roach.

"The state supplement was never intended to offset the salary," said Roach. "(The salary) is the responsibility of the counties in the 31st District. The purpose of the state money was never intended to be used that way."

He said the state pays approximately \$34,000 a year to the DA's office to pay expenses for witnesses, supplies, cost of trials, and motel and transportation costs.

"I have also had to supplement my assistant DA's pay because the commissioners court wouldn't agree to pay him more," said Roach. "You can't get anyone with his qualifications for under \$60,000. He came from a metropolitan area and had 11 years experience. He's doing an excellent job."

Roach wonders why Hahn chose the county commission meeting to raise the topic.

"My secretary and I were leaving the Hughes Building a few days ago following grand

jury and met Scott (Hahn) in the hallway," said Roach. "He never said a word to me about it. Why didn't he say something then?"

Regarding the forfeiture funds, he said a state representative told him the law was written the way it was, with the account to be administered by the DAs, so that county commissioners courts wouldn't divert the proceeds to counties' general funds and buy maintainers (heavy equipment) or other non law enforcement items. Roach said the unnamed legislator told him the money is intended to be available to law enforcement and to be earmarked for those purposes.

"I'm doing what I think the statute tells me to do," said Roach in response to the forfeiture fund. "If we put it in county treasurer's funds, we'd have to maintain five separate accounts because we're in five separate counties."

According to Code of Criminal Procedure furnished by Roach, it states: "If money that is contraband is seized, the attorney representing the

state may deposit the money in an interest-bearing bank account in the jurisdiction of the attorney representing the state until a final judgment is rendered concerning the contraband."

It further states that court costs shall be deducted.

Also, the law states: "A special fund in the county treasury for the benefit of the office of the attorney representing the state, to be used by the attorney solely for the official purposes of his office."

Roach said none of the money belongs to Gray County. "The state receives 70 percent and the DA's office 30 percent."

He said all seizure and for-

feiture funds are deposited in the First State Bank of Miami which is in the same office building where his office is located in Pampa. "It's very convenient," he said.

Roach said part of the state funds are going to be used by a Roberts County deputy to attend drug interdiction school. He said the knowledge the deputy gains will be utilized in patrolling U.S. Highway 60 and Texas Highway 70.

"I haven't been able to get any of the other four counties interested to equip their deputies for the purpose of interdiction," said Roach.

Roach added that the assistant district attorney has been

driving a seizure vehicle in his official capacity. "Recently, it blew a rod and we're going to have to spend money from my state supplement to repair it," he said.

The vehicle being driven by the investigator has 140,000 — 150,000 miles on it, said Roach. He said that vehicle is owned by the county and is several years old.

"I've tried to make good business decisions. If he uses his personal car, we'd have to pay him mileage," said

Roach.

Roach said the fines generated by his office are much more than the \$17,000 investigator's salary.

"We have collected 10 times that amount in fines," he said. "That doesn't even count the probation fines, court costs or crime victims' funds."

Those funds go into county coffers.

"I'm weary of petty courthouse politics," said Roach. "I'm not into that. I'm just trying to do my job."

St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School and Church would like to
THANK YOU
for your continued outstanding support of our
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

We would like to thank each of the Businesses and the People of Pampa that participated in the Benefit that the Rodeo Association coordinated for us. We thank the Pampa News and KGRO for their assistance. All the prayers, visits, cards and phone calls will always be in our hearts. We will never forget what each of you have done to make this a success. A Special thank you to one of our best friends-Sandy and Lisa Carroll for surprising us coming from Mississippi to be with us.

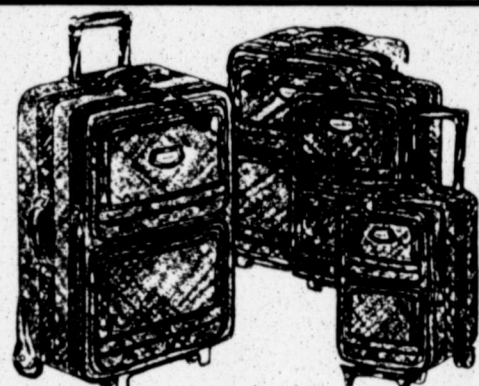
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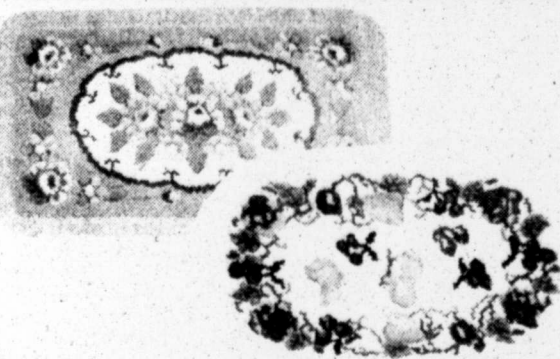


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Jose Rodriguez Rodriguez, 31, 605 Lowry, was given a five-year probated sentence on an aggravated assault charge and was fined \$1,500. He was also ordered to complete a Battering Intervention and Prevention Program at the direction of the Gray County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

Albert Dale Ponder, 41, 1009 Twiford, was given a two-year probated sentence on a burglary of a building charge and was ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine, make \$207.50 restitution and perform 120 hours of community service.

CONT. FROM PG. ONE

PLAINVIEW

The two were to be the headliners at Saturday's auction, traditionally bringing in the highest bids. The record was \$108,000 for a grand champion steer in 1999.

Churchwell said she will put some of the money toward college and buy another steer with the rest.

Rylander delivers \$338.8 million in sales tax rebates

AUSTIN (AP) — The state comptroller on Friday sent \$338.8 million in monthly sales tax revenue to 1,117 Texas cities and 121 counties.

The rebates are a 1 percent increase in payments from February 2001.

Total sales tax rebates are up 0.8 percent compared to a year ago, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

40 years ago

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, 1962. The Pampa Post Office was besieged with calls today for the new Project Mercury commemorative 4-cent stamp which went on sale here this morning.

THURSDAY, Feb. 22, 1962. Pampa's credit on fire insurance rates was down from 25 percent to 5 percent, according to new rates announced in Austin today by the State Board of Insurance.

FRIDAY, Feb. 23, 1962. LEFORS (Spl) — Lefors Optimist Club met recently in the civic center. Leonard Cain, president, resigned as he is taking a transfer by his company to Andrews and can no longer serve as president of the club.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, Feb. 17, 1977. Nebraska couple, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomsen, have taken ownership of the Black Gold Motel and Restaurant effective Monday.

SUNDAY, Feb. 20, 1977. AMARILLO — Pampa led 21-6 at the end of the first period then, behind the 26-point scoring of guard Rayford Young, coasted to a 77-46 District 3-AAAA basketball victory over Amarillo High Friday night in the Sandie gymnasium.

MONDAY, Feb. 21, 1977. Pampa singers took top honors during Friday night's Chamber Choir and Madrigal Festival at Amarillo College.

10 years ago

MONDAY, Feb. 17, 1992. Chad Chairez of Pampa captured the Texas High School State Wrestling Championship Saturday night by defeating Anthony Mendez of El Paso Del Valle in the 125-pound finals.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18, 1992. The check received this month for December sales tax rebates in Pampa is down slightly — 2.37 percent, according to a report from the State Comptroller's Office.

THURSDAY, Feb. 20, 1992. A \$1,500 donation from Hoechst Celanese Chemical Co. of Pampa has brought the Downtown Kiwanis Club one-tenth closer to its goal of \$15,000 for computer hardware and software to allow the Pampa/Gray, County Emergency Management program access to the National Weather Service radar screens.

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Help! I've been 'wanded'

Big changes are in store for the mothers. My brother's and mine and his mother-in-law. Both live in West Memphis, Ark.

Friday a week ago, Dick and I "put" Sugah in a nursing home — an event that I know many of you have been through in your own families. It was tough. Very. Tears, all around, were in abundance.

She did go from a hospital to the facility. Something a friend told me to do. She said, traumatic as that is, it isn't as bad as loading up at home and going.

Then the next morning, the 83-year-old sister who stays with Dick's 89-year-old mother-in-law suffered a heart attack followed by a triple bypass a few days later. Her caregiving days are over.

So, within 10 days of each other, both mothers will be in nursing homes. Dick and his wife Eunice returned to West Memphis this weekend to get her mother and take her back to South Arkansas with them. She'll go to a special Alzheimer's unit.

Frankly, there are some in my sister-in-law's extended family who have tried to put her on a guilt trip with regard to nursing homes ... saying that she should quit her job and take care of the mothers in her home.

There's no way, even if she did, that she could physically — not to mention the emotional toll — do that. Not for long, anyway. Besides, this way, the mothers will get the professional care they need ... and deserve.

For now, Sugah remains in a nursing home not far from where she "lives" and we're taking that day by day. With a bit of physical therapy, which she is getting, she could return home with the 24/7 sitters that she's had.

I'm conflicted about that. In one way, it would be nice to see her go home but I'd hate to think she — or we — had to go through this again. And, I'm sure it is



KATE DICKSON
 ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

easier for her to accept it knowing she doesn't have to stay. Also, there's more for her to do at the nursing home than at her house.

She called to tell me about the Valentine party.

Elizabeth, a jewel of a person who has stayed with my mother and ram-rodged the rest of the crew, is checking on her daily at the nursing home. She reports that Sugah seems "happy as a clam" and said, "She knows everybody there and talks to everybody ... even if they don't talk back!"

Sugah likes to talk.

Dick and I are pretty well satisfied where she is. It's a family-owned nursing home with both the man and wife who own it working there. Quite a few of the employees have been there a long time. Also, I have some friends whose mothers are there, including two whose moms were in different nursing homes, moved there and like it better.

I appreciate all the support I've received from many of you through word of mouth or by e-mail. There are a lot of us in the same boat ... and with demographics being what they are, it's an ever-growing number.

My trip back was the first time I've flown since Sept. 11. I went Southwest from Amarillo, changed planes at Love Field in Dallas and went on to Little Rock. Moneywise, Southwest is the only way to go on the spur of the moment ... flying to Memphis would get me closer to "home" but would cost twice as much ...

or more.
 It was quieter at all the airports than I am used to though I did fly on Thursday and Tuesday and those aren't the busiest days. But even on the busier days, it'll be quieter than before now that only ticketed passengers can pass through security and go to the gates.

I missed seeing little children with their noses pressed against the glass ... all excited waiting to glimpse the plane that brings mom or dad home or grandmother and grandfather, presents in tow, for a visit.

Thanks, Osama.
 Making sure I was there in ample time, I actually was there too early. Coming back from Little Rock, I did the same thing and ended up with the No. 1 boarding pass. Never done that before.

"She needs to be wanded," one of the security folks yelled loudly after I passed through a metal detector and "beeped."

She sent me over to the guard with the hand-held — wand, if you will — metal detector.

"Arms out," she said. "Do you mind if I touch you if I need to?"

"Wanded," I thought later, will/ has become a new made-up word. Kind of like weed-eat has for trimming grass.

The detectors are on more sensitive settings than before. I never used to "beep" due to my jewelry or because of metal in my shoes or because of a little bit of change in my pocket.

Also, there are a lot more security people at the checkpoints than before. And one thing that does separate you a greater distance away from your "stuff."

"Take off all your jewelry and put it in a basket," one said.

But I didn't. I don't like the idea of being that far from it.

... I'd rather be wanded.

(Kate Dickson can be reached at kbd@pan-tex.net)



We all messed up on travel trailer tax

AUSTIN — Texans unwittingly shot ourselves in the foot by imposing a new travel trailer tax last year, and there's plenty of blame to go around. But instead of throwing rocks at our neighbors from inside our own glass houses, we should be trying to figure out how to fix the problem.

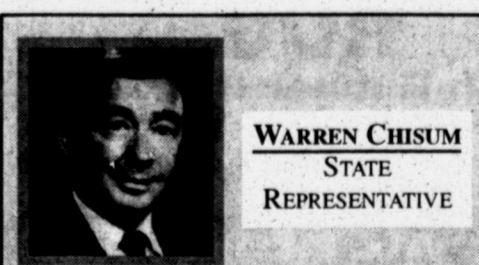
It all started when a round of Attorney General's Opinions said that travel trailers might be subject to property tax.

An estimated 70,000 people who call themselves "Winter Texans" or "snowbirds" move to the Rio Grande Valley in travel trailers each year. They come to Texas looking for an escape from a frigid northern winter and end up annually contributing over \$165 million to the economy.

The Legislature decided to protect the snowbirds and their travel trailers from a potential new property tax, and the only way that could happen is if the voters approved an amendment to the state constitution.

Somewhere along the way, the words were changed to try and protect schools and give local taxing entities flexibility. The voters ultimately did vote on the issue, but we actually voted ourselves a new tax by a margin of 52% to 48%.

Everybody was sure we were voting on a tax exemption. Nobody intended to create a new tax, nobody wants to impose a new tax, and nobody certainly wants to pay a new tax, but the issue flew under



WARREN CHISUM
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE

everybody's radar screen. We even confused our watchdogs. At least 11 of our statewide or regional newspapers covering the constitutional amendments all reported that this particular amendment was a tax exemption. All the while our new tax was inadvertent as well as hidden from our view.

Interestingly, some editorial boards suggested we vote for it, and some suggested we vote against it; but they all reported to the public what seemed obvious and correct — that the amendment was in fact a tax exemption for travel trailers.

Unbeknownst to trailer owners and proponents of the measure, the Texas Legislature that passed the bill (only seven of 181 legislators voted against it), legislative lawyers who review the bills, the Governor who signed the bill, the press who reported on the issue and even the voters who approved the amendment to the Texas Constitution, the words in the new law don't say what everybody thought they did!

In the very least, we can all say we're in good company with other people who

are far from perfect. It's what happens when only the best of intentions led us down the wrong road. So the bottom line is that we made a mistake.

This is an error of a serious proportion, and it applies statewide. One appraiser in the Rio Grande Valley says he has 11,000 to 12,000 travel trailers to count, and then take off the tax rolls.

We've put our appraisers in a tough pickle with two choices. One appraiser says it's clear to him that the legislature, the governor and the voters never intended to levy a new tax so he has no intention of collecting the tax. Yet another appraiser in a different county says he thinks the law is clear and gives him no choice but to collect the tax.

What happens next is anybody's guess. I've heard loud and clear from the folks that I represent, and my orders are to see that the problem is addressed. I've already begun drafting legislation for the next legislative session to remedy the problem, but we won't meet again until January 2003, which is incidentally the same month the new tax would be due.

Governor Rick Perry, Attorney General John Comyn and Comptroller Carole Rylander are all aware of the situation, and they have the best legal minds in the state working toward a solution.

In the meantime, it's only fair that the public knows about this issue, so good or bad, you can now consider yourself informed.

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Art exhibit



(Community Camera photo)

The art work of Pampa elementary students, kindergarten through fifth grade, who participated in Texas Commission on the Arts Artist-in-Residence program with Kay Crouch will be showcased from 1-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, at Lovett Memorial Library. Art by some of Crouch's private students will also be included in the display. Featured will be watercolors, pottery, mixed media, pastels and several dioramas. Above, left-right: Eric Ortez, Layce Smith, Lionel Madrid, Skyler Mandull, Daisy Perez and Crouch.

WTAMU brunch to honor educators

CANYON, Texas — Students at West Texas A&M University will get the chance to say thank you to their favorite K-12 teachers at a Success Together brunch beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 in the Alumni Banquet Facility on the WTAMU campus.

Steve Porter of Pampa High School will be among those honored. He was nominated by Stephanie Bass.

"The Success Together program gives WTAMU students an opportunity to recognize K-12 teachers, administrators, aids—anyone in the school system who has helped them succeed," Courtney Milleson, assistant director of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, said. "Some of these teachers may have never been told 'thank you' before."

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Amarillo Health Consortium newly formed

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Metal Trades Council in partnership with The Ramazzini Institute has formed the Amarillo Health Consortium, a voluntary group which will be looking at occupational and environmental health issues in the Amarillo area.

The new agency will provide education and assistance to Amarillo workers and their families about occupational and environmental diseases. The main source of funding for the Consortium will be grants received from the Department of Energy and other federal agencies.

The Metal Trades Council (MTC), an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, is a collective bargaining agent for the BWXT Pantex

facility in Amarillo. The Institute is a multi-national consortium of researchers and educators who specialize in occupational and environmental health.

Frank George, Jr., president of the MTC, is board chairman and CEO. David Pompa, title of the local machinists union, is president and chief operating office. Dr. Arthur Frank, Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, Texas, is medical director. Sarah Dworzack Ray, a training specialist and local educator, is secretary-treasurer. The National Liaison Officer is Michael Flynn, director of Safety and Health for the International Association of Machinists and

Aerospace Workers, of Upper Marlboro, Md. Community representatives on the board are: Randy Braidfoot, an executive of Amarillo's Asset Planning Group; Jackie A. Fox, representative for registered nurses at the Amarillo VA Health Care System and president of the National Federation of Federal Employees in affiliation with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local 1138 (NFFE-IAMAW); and Jo Ann Cruz Perez, an officer of Amarillo's Catholic Family Services.

BWXT Pantex management is represented on the board by Larrie Trent, manager of Environment, Safety and Health. BWXT Pantex employees on the

board include: Union Safety Officer Sofia De los Santos, Donny Perry and Liz Rodriguez.

For more information about the activities of the Consortium, contact Pompa at (806) 383-9002, or write to the Amarillo Health Consortium at P.O. Box 50536, Amarillo, TX 79159.

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Opportunity Plan announces deadline

CANYON — College tuition. Two simple words which together can cause unwanted stress and unwellcome headaches. As college costs continue to increase each year, the need for financial aid increases as well. The Opportunity Plan, Inc., of Canyon is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting college students in defraying educational expenses.

Thanks to the generosity of area businesses, civic groups, families and individuals, the Opportunity Plan awarded

more than \$358,000 in scholarships to area students in 2001.

Students in the panhandle are given first priority for more than 100 scholarships administered by the program.

Opportunity Plan, Inc., is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2002-03 school year. The deadline is April 1. Students can access the scholarship application form on-line at www.opportunityplan.com or by calling the Opportunity Plan offices at (806) 655-2528.

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Tight economic times call for tight budget controls

With an economy and world situation that seems beyond our control, financial experts will espouse that you do have control of your own financial destiny. But, with the financial markets making roller-coaster-like movements each day, what can an individual do to tango this budget beast?

According to a poll by several personal finance pundits, it starts right at home. The simple, basic things really do make a difference. First review your monthly spending. You'll have to go back three- to six-weeks to track your spending patterns. Make categories of spending, such as "necessities" (housing, groceries) or "entertain-

ment" (restaurants, movies). Then identify areas where you know you've probably overspent. Set a budget. Make it realistic and achievable, but slightly lower than your existing level. This will be your goal, and keeping to it can be a psychological as well as a financial boost.

Taking advantage of the discounts right in your newspaper can curb your household spending quite easily. Don't throw away those flyers! Search for sales on household items at local home stores, and consider the specials listed for grocery items.

Remember coupons? Your mother has likely managed on a whole lot less than you do, fistfuls of coupons in hands. Clip away, and you'll easily save 10- to 20-percent on your food bill, particularly at stores that double the coupon value. Involve your kids, and teach them the value of money. And, the coupon savings more than cover the cost of the newspaper.

(See, BUDGET, Page 12)

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Travis Science Fair



(Courtesy photo) Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Science Fair. Grades kindergarten through fifth grades participated. Above, left-right: Fourth graders Tanner Dyer, first place; Robin Fernuiik, second place; and Dallas Passmore, third place.



Lezlie Rainer AMX Sweetheart

Alpha Mu Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Groom selected Lezlie Rainer as its Valentine Sweetheart for 2002.

Rainer has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi since 1993 and joined Alpha Mu Xi four years ago. She was Pledge of the Year in 1993, Woman of the Year in 2000 and was honored for four consecutive years of perfect attendance.

She currently serves as president of the chapter after holding various other offices.

Rainer is also active in First Baptist Church in Groom, of which she is a member, and has been involved in Women's Ministry, Celebration Station Children's Ministry and Bible School. She has also served on the church's Properties Committee.

(See, AMX, Page 12)

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Ag secretary names members of Cotton Board

DALLAS — Several people from the Texas South Plains, Western Oklahoma and Eastern New Mexico have been appointed to the Cotton Board.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman announced the appointment of 17 members and 18 alternate members to the Cotton Board this week.

Speaking at the National Cotton Council annual meeting here, Veneman announced the reappointment of Kent D. Nix, Lamesa; William C. Ahrens, Malaga, N.M.; Craig Shook, Corpus Christi, and Clint D. Abernathy, Altus, Okla.

Robert D. Robbins, Altus, Okla.; Kenneth W. Dierschke, San Angelo, and Matthew C. Mueller, Stamford, were reappointed alternate members of the Cotton Board.

Larry A. Parker, Hobbs, N.M., was newly appointed as an alternate to the board.

Newly appointed to the board was Peter M. McGrath, Plano.

"The work of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program helps facilitate cotton marketing," Veneman said. "It is a good example of

an industry that joins together to advance its position in the marketplace."

Appointed alternates to the board included Bobby Eavenson, Ga.; George LaCour Jr., La.; Dale Player, S.C.; Werner Bieri, Ga.; Martha B. Day, N.J., and Elizabeth Turner, N.C.

Reappointments include Virginia Martin, Ala.; Kelley Jo Locke, Calif.; John Noble, Ga.; Jimmie Johnson, Mo.; Arthur James Jr., S.C.; James Moody, Tenn.; Frank Kelly, N.Y.; Nancy Marino, N.Y.; Jerry Cook, N.C.; John Thomas, Wash.; Julia Hughes, Md., and Mark Neuman, Ill.

Reappointed alternates include Walter Corcoran, Ala.; Aaron Barcellos, Calif.; Edward Dement, Mo.; Larry Rice, Tenn.; Andrew Boguszewski, N.J.; Michael Gale, Md.; John Clark, Calif., and Laura Jones, N.Y.

The cotton research and promotion program, monitored by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, is funded by assessments on all domestically produced cotton and imports of foreign produced cotton and cotton materials.

Unions protest slaughterhouse that imports Mexican workers

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The AFL-CIO and the steelworkers union are seeking to block a slaughterhouse from importing workers from Mexico, questioning the need for foreign labor during a time of rising U.S. unemployment.

Sam Kane Beef Processors has asked the Labor Department for an extension of a work permit letting it bring workers in from Mexico.

The unions criticized the company's starting pay of \$6.18 per hour.

"We're not interested in having a large employer bring in workers and lowering the standards. How is somebody supposed to get a decent job if that's the standard?" said Mark Pitt, a Pittsburgh-based organizer for the United Steelworkers of America.

The unions accused Sam Kane Beef of keeping the Mexican workers captive by confiscating their legal documents.

They also said the company sends workers injured on the job back to Mexico.

A company official acknowledged that workers' visas and passports are held, but said it was done for safekeeping and to prevent Mexican nationals from getting jobs illegally with other employers.

Jerry Kane, president and chief operating officer of

Sam Kane Beef, said the company has sent only one worker back to Mexico, and that was for treatment of a mass in his chest that could have been cancer.

Kane told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the company spent thousands of dollars on the man's diagnosis.

Kane also acknowledged that the company deducts money from workers' paychecks for housing costs.

He said some workers live in motels because of a housing shortage, and the motels prefer to be paid directly by the company.

The local Mexican consul, Francisco Gonzalez De Cossio, said he has not heard complaints from the workers either during his tours of the slaughterhouse or at the consulate.

The company began importing workers last June under a Labor Department permit that expires March 9.

Kane said the company can't find enough Americans willing to work in the plant.

The company recently posted 300 job openings, a step required to get a permit to hire up to 300 Mexicans.

The Texas Workforce Commission found 17 applicants for the jobs.

Kane said the company offered jobs to all of them, but only five accepted.

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MEDICAL

Obesity may soon kill more Americans than cigarettes

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's obesity epidemic has gotten so bad it soon may overtake tobacco as the leading cause of preventable deaths, the surgeon general said recently. He called for changes in policies — from schools to the fast-food industry — to trim Americans' waistlines.

Some 300,000 people a year die from illnesses directly caused or worsened by being overweight. The toll threatens to wipe out progress fighting cancer and heart disease, and could even exceed cigarettes' harm, Surgeon General David Satcher warned.

Some 60 percent of adults are overweight or obese, as are nearly 13 percent of children, rates that have steadily risen over the past decade. The reason isn't a mystery: People eat more calories — too often by shunning fruits and vegetables in favor of super-sized junk foods — than they work off. But how to solve the problem is vexing, as warning after warning from health officials has gone unheeded.

Satcher said a key is treating obesity not just as a personal responsibility but one shared by the community and industry. He called for

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a national attack on obesity like the one federal health officials declared on smoking.

Among his recommendations: —Schools must provide daily physical education for every grade. P.E. has gradually been disappearing, particularly for older students. Just 6 percent of schools require it for high-school seniors.

—Schools must provide healthier food options, and better enforce federal rules restricting students' access to junk food in the vending machines present in most middle and high schools. Agriculture Department rules say school lunches should contain no more than 30 percent fat but the national average is 34 percent, and a recent survey found just 20 percent of high-school lunches provide proper vitamin levels.

—Communities must create safe playgrounds, sidewalks or walking trails, particularly in inner cities. Employers should provide time for workers to get physical activity on the job. After all, healthier workers mean employers' insurance and absenteeism costs will drop.

—Industry should promote healthier food choices, including "reasonable portion sizes." Ironically, the poor have a tendency to be fattest. Among the reasons, Satcher cited fast food crowding out access to healthier foods in inner cities. He urged communities to study fast-food marketing practices, comparing the situation to tobacco companies' targeting of inner-city minority communities in the 1990s. And he encouraged government-funded attempts to increase the availability of affordable fruits and vegetables.

"Sometimes the most fattening foods are the cheapest," Satcher lamented in an interview.

The National Restaurant Association rejected as "simplistic" the idea that fast-food joints cause obesity, and the National Soft Drink Association urged more focus on Satcher's exercise recommendations, calling vending machines in schools adequately regulated.

Consumer advocates praised the report for

finally acknowledging that people's environments can either help or hinder weight loss. But, "talk is cheap," said Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, asking how the government would implement Satcher's recommendations.

The Agriculture Department has targeted childhood obesity as a major concern and will take some action, though just what hasn't been decided, said Ron Vogel of the special nutrition program. Officials are helping schools to improve lunch nutrition. While USDA has authority to restrict use of vending machines only if they are in cafeterias, it is considering whether to seek broader authority.

As for physical education, the Education Department can't force schools to require it, a decision made locally, said spokesman Dan Langan. But this fall, it did provide \$5 million in grants to help 18 school districts begin or expand P.E. classes.

As for overweight Americans, don't get discouraged if a diet doesn't cause as much weight loss as expected, Satcher said. Even losing 10 pounds can reduce someone's risk of getting diabetes or heart disease, as can simply walking 30 minutes a day.

"Every pound counts," he said.

Pacemaker pioneer helps create MRI-compatible model

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The inventor of the implantable cardiac pacemaker has helped develop a new fiber optic-based model that would enable patients with pacemakers to undergo magnetic resonance imaging scans.

More than half a million people worldwide have pacemakers implanted each year to keep their hearts pumping in time. One big disadvantage: They usually can no longer benefit from MRI — an effective tool for diagnosing cancer and other diseases without X-rays or dye injections.

The wire cable running from a pacemaker to the heart can heat up to a dangerous temperature during the procedure, burning the heart lining and possibly trigger-

ing a rapid heartbeat. The new device replaces the foot-long wiring with optical fiber and delivers the electricity via semiconductor laser. It would be the first laser to be implanted in the human body, its makers say.

"It's a redesign that eliminates the safety problem completely," said Michael Weiner, chief executive of Biophan Technologies Inc. It created the device along with a Buffalo-area company run by Wilson Greatbatch, 82, whose pioneering pacemaker was first implanted in 1960.

Biophan, based in suburban Rochester, is initially testing a temporary model that would monitor a patient's heart and supply backup protection while the implanted pacemaker is shut down.

Clinical trials are being explored with several heart institutes, Weiner said.

The company also is developing an implantable version, also requiring federal approval, that probably would not be available for one to two years, he said.

"Potentially, this could be a very significant advance," said Dr. Gabriel Gregoratos, a professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco who chairs a committee sponsored by the American Heart Association that writes guidelines for inserting pacemakers.

Apart from cardiovascular pacing, pacemakers are used to treat conditions such as epilepsy and Parkinson's disease, alleviate acute pain or stimulate the spinal cord. The new device offers "an entire new range of sensing capabilities"

because the microcircuitry at its fiber tip can measure temperature, pressure and flow, Weiner said.

Greatbatch knew only too well that an MRI's powerful magnetism could harm pacemakers. An old friend who kept reminding him of the problem when they met up at inventor gatherings was Dr. Raymond Damadian, who in the 1970s invented magnetic resonance imaging technology.

At the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio, two years ago, "Ray says to Wilson, 'You know, we really need a solution,'" recalled Weiner, whose company's scientific advisory board is chaired by Greatbatch.

When Greatbatch replied that he was "thinking about it, Ray says, 'Well, you know, I mentioned it to you last

year,'" Weiner said with a laugh.

On the drive home to western New York, Greatbatch and Weiner came up with the notion of experimenting with fiber optics. "I would never have imagined that there could be a laser that could be actually implanted in the body and be safe and actually last," Greatbatch said.

"The risk of having an MRI with a pacemaker is not a chance worth taking," said Dr. Robert Rubin, a thoracic surgeon at Long Beach Memorial Hospital on Long Island who has installed more than 2,000 pacemakers. "This device is totally MRI-compatible: It will not distort the images that are taken and the patient is not in danger."

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Diagnosing Alzheimer's

CHICAGO (AP) — New research bolsters the idea that brain scans can help determine whether mild memory lapses are early signs of Alzheimer's.

Currently, doctors often diagnose Alzheimer's disease through psychological tests, plus a battery of medical procedures to rule out other possible causes of dementia. But the most definitive diagnosis can be made only after death, when the brain can be dissected.

In the largest study of its kind to date, researchers looked at 284 patients in the United States, Belgium and Germany with mild memory lapses and behavior changes. They were followed for two to nine years. A total of 138 died during the study and underwent autopsies.

About half of all the patients developed full-blown Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and PET scans detected early signs at least 93 percent of the time, said Dr. Daniel Silverman, an assistant pharmacology professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Silverman said the findings show the scans could help lead to earlier diagnosis and treatment for Alzheimer's.

The findings appear in a recent edition of *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The scans produce images of the brain's use of glucose, or sugar. Sugar is the main fuel for brain cells, and areas where sugar use is active show up as red-orange splotches. Blue or violet splotches indicate little sugar use.

Alzheimer's is suspected if blue or violet splotches show up in the back of the brain, where the processing of language and memories takes place, Silverman said.

Aspirin and stroke drug finish neck-and-neck in trial

BOSTON (AP) — Aspirin works just as well as Coumadin, the granddaddy of stroke drugs, in helping most patients avoid recurrent strokes, according to a study aimed at settling a long-standing question among doctors.

Many doctors suspected that Coumadin was more effective but that aspirin was safer. This study challenges both views, showing the two drugs are equals in both respects, said Dr. J.P. Mohr, a neurologist at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York who led the research.

Both aspirin and Coumadin

work by thinning the blood, warding off clots that can block blood vessels.

The study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, looked at patients who had already suffered the most common kinds of strokes — those that happen when a clot that forms outside the heart obstructs the flow of oxygen-carrying blood to the brain.

However, Coumadin remains superior for some other patients. Earlier research has shown that the drug is more effective than aspirin in preventing additional strokes

in patients whose first stroke stemmed from clots that formed inside the heart.

In the latest study, researchers tested the two drugs on 2,206 patients for two years at 48 hospitals around the country.

Almost 18 percent in the Coumadin group died or suffered another stroke, compared with 16 percent of those on aspirin. The difference was not considered statistically significant. Also, both drugs caused low rates of bleeding as a side effect.


The findings may actually give an edge to aspirin, because it is cheaper and demands less medical supervision, said Dr. William J. Powers, a brain researcher at Washington University in St. Louis who wrote an accompanying editorial.

Aspirin might cost about \$10 for a year's worth of treatment. Coumadin and the necessary blood tests can together cost several hundred dollars.

Coumadin, known generically as warfarin, has been used for about 50 years to combat stroke. Aspirin's benefit for stroke patients was widely recognized about 30 years ago.

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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.

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second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

FHRC BOOKLET

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet # PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

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Clean Pampa will be accepting used telephone books for recycling Feb. 13-28. Call Clean Pampa at 665-2514 for a list of donation locations.

LENTEN MISSION

St. Matthews Episcopal Church will host its annual Lenten preaching mission with the Rev. Jo Roberts Mann Feb. 17-18. Services will be at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday and 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m., Monday. A meal will follow the 10:30 morning service Sunday and a reception is scheduled after the Monday night program. Services are free and open to the public.

PRTA

Pampa Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

HOSPICE TRAINING

"The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying" BSA Hospice free volunteer training and community education class will be offered from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 18-March 13 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The course is worth 3.0 CEUs. To register or for more information, call Janet McCracken, BSA Hospice Volunteer coordinator, at (806) 274-9111.

PHS TAAS SCHEDULE

This year Pampa High School will conduct pre-enrollment in conjunction with the administering of the TAAS test. The TAAS will be Feb. 19-21. A parent meeting and pre-enrollment is scheduled at 7 p.m., Feb. 18 in the library for

freshmen, sophomore and juniors. Students who are not taking the TAAS will not have to report to school until 12:15 p.m. on test days.

PACS DANCE

Pampa Area Christian Singles Dance is in the offing from 8-11 p.m., Feb. 23 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dance to the music of Indian Summer. For more information, call 665-7059; Bring snacks.

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BOTANICAL GARDENS
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FELLOWSHIP EVENT

"Stars and Stripes Night," A Women's Ministry Fellowship Event will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28 at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, in Pampa. Patriotic and spiritual music will be performed by the Palo Duro Metro Chorus local chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Reservation deadline for the

free salad supper and program is Tuesday, Feb. 26 (call 669-1155).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group from 1-2:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 28-April 4 at BSA Hospice in Pampa, 800 N. Summer. For more information, call 665-6677.

HANDWEAVER'S GUILD

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28 in Amarillo. For more information, contact Becky Martin at (806) 358-2765.

PARENTING CLASS

The STAR program of Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation is offering a "Back in Control" one-day parenting class for parents and grandparents from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., March 2 at TPMHMR Children and Adolescents facility, 1619 Kentucky Suite 640-F in Amarillo. The free program will be facilitated by Heidi Rindlisbacher, LPC, and Sharon Guinn, MSW. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

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TALENT SEARCH

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NOTEBOOK

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreational Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church (Competitive and Recreational), and Mixed League.

Entry fee or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. Player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

Entry deadline is March 20 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 27 at the Recreation Office.

Play begins the week of April 1.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions or more information on the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Department at 669-5770 during business hours.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a Seniors Scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows:

1. Larry Schneider, Glen Downs, O.K. Lee and Gene Winegeart, 63.
2. Bill King, Bill Harwood, J.B. Holt and Bill Brown, 64.
3. Ralph Baker, Jess Mathis, Butch Shepherd and Bob Brandon, 65.
4. Darrell Phillips, Jack Davis, John McGuire and Jim Osborne, 66.

Closest to hole: Howard Wells, third shot, No. 18.

PAMPA — Putting champions of the week at Pampa Middle School are as follows:

- Girls
1. Abbi Aderholt; 2. Kayla Dubose.

Boys

1. Zach Edens; 2. Andy Anderson.

Chipping champion: Cooper Brazile.

Students participating in the putting and chipping contests are part of a golf class taught by Hidden Hills pro David Teichmann.

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — Fort Elliott was defeated by Hedley 76-55 in a Class 1A regional quarterfinal girls' game Friday at the Tascosa Activity Center.

Lauren Hill led Hedley in scoring with 20 points.

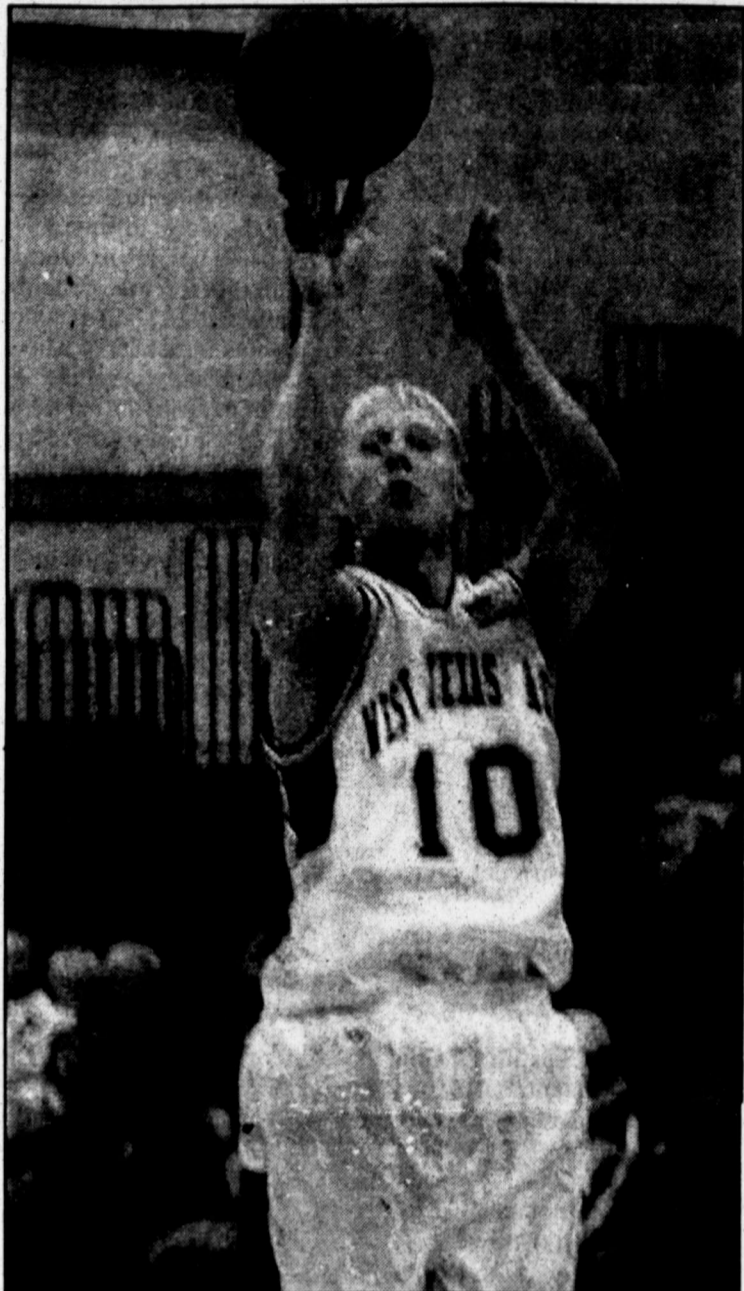
Amanda Mick and Holly McCurley had 17 points each to lead the Lady Cougars.

BASEBALL

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — San Diego Padres outfielder Mike Darr was killed when his car rolled over on a highway in Phoenix near the team's spring training camp. He was 25.

Another passenger in the vehicle — 23-year-old Duane Johnson, of Reno, Nev. — also was killed. Authorities said Darr was driving and alcohol appeared to be a factor in the one-car accident, which occurred at 2 a.m. MST (4 a.m. EST), just hours before the Padres began training for the 2002 season.

Darr was San Diego's opening day center fielder in 2001, his first full big league season, and started 69 games.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Former Harvester August Larson hits a 3-pointer against Tarleton State.

Former Harvester plays key role for WT cagers

Bufs down Tarleton State in overtime to avenge earlier loss

By JERRY HEASLEY
Pampa News correspondent

CANYON — Remember August Larson, a junior from the 1996 Pampa Harvester state championship team who had such a great reputation for hitting 3-pointers?

Well, he's up to his old tricks as a senior at West Texas A&M. All season long, he's been WT's go-to man for the trey.

He hit a pair of 3-pointers in Thursday night's game, both in the first half, to help the Buffaloes down league-leading Tarleton State.

The game went into overtime and the Buffs came on top 73-69.

Larson took a charge late in the fourth quarter for an important defensive stop to

help slow down a Tarleton State rally.

He opened the second half with a 3-point play, making a field goal and hitting the free throw off the foul.

Two minutes later, Larson stole the ball, passed down-court and the Buffs made a layup to move ahead 29-24.

Larson hustled hard all night. Once, he got horizontal with the floor on an attempted steal, knocking the ball out-of-bounds.

"I had to knock the ball down," he said after the game.

Larson referred to a rule he learned as a Harvester about never going for the steal unless you can at least touch the ball. "Otherwise, the offense goes around you," he added.

The Buffs looked like a shoo-in to win with 2:11 left to play and ahead 60-52.

USA grabs record 14th medal, Canadian pairs skaters finally get to grab the gold

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Oh, Canada — it took four days, but your figure skating pair finally collected their gold medal. And say, did you see — the Americans took three more medals, and have already enjoyed their best Winter Games ever.

The U.S. hockey team continued that American hot streak Friday night, riding the goaltending of Mike Dunham to a 6-0 victory over Finland in its Salt Lake City debut.

The worst judging scandal in Winter Olympics history was finally resolved Friday, with Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier declared co-gold medalists with the Russian winners.

Pelletier and Sale both agreed that they had earned the medal in Monday's competition. But Sale said the way it was handled — a news conference announcement, rather than an on-ice presentation — took something away that will be lost forever.

"You bet," Sale said. "That's what every Olympian dreams of, and that's all I've dreamt of my whole life. ... I was prepared for it, emotionally and physically."

"And you bet, I was cheated out of that big-time."

The International Olympic Committee, acting on a recommendation from the International Skating Union, announced the unusual double medals.

The ISU suspended a French judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, after an investigation determined there was unspecified "misconduct" in her decision favoring Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze.

"There is no evidence of Russian involvement in the incident," said ISU head Ottavio Cincuenta. The Russian pair will keep their gold medals.

The investigation was continuing, he said.

While IOC President Jacques Rogge praised the decision as "one of justice and fairness," the head of the Russian Figure Skating Federation criticized the process.

"This is an unprecedented decision that turned out to be a result of pressure by the North American press, and turned out in favor of the fanatically loyal" fans, Valentin Piseyev told Russia's NTV television.

Far from the dueling news conferences, the American Olympians continued their record-setting games by adding three more medals.

The Americans rolled a lucky 7 — as in seven straight days of collecting at least one medal — as they again exploited the home field advantage they held for the first time since Lake Placid in 1980.

"I got the bronze here in front of all my friends and family and all the American people," said snowboarder Chris Klug, bronze medalist in the parallel giant slalom. "They're awesome."

Klug's medal was the 14th earned by the Americans in the first week of competition, one more than its previous Winter Games best set eight years ago in Lillehammer, Norway, and equaled in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

In the luge doubles, the U.S. team swept to a silver and a bronze — equaling their previous best effort, and giving Chris Thorpe his second medal in as many Olympics.

Germany remained atop the top of the medals chart with 16 (5 gold, 7 silver, 4 bronze). The Americans were second with 14 (3-6-5), followed by the 10 medals of Norway (5-5-0) and

Austria (1-2-7).

— LUGE: For the second straight Olympics, the American luge teams finished 2-3 — just missing out on an elusive gold. The Americans have never won a luge gold in either singles or doubles.

That didn't matter to the silver medal team of Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin, who made up for a poor first run to wind up in second. They were followed by Chris Thorpe and Clay Ives, who won the bronze and immediately announced their retirement.

"It is our last race," said Thorpe, a four-time Olympian who became only the second slider to win Olympic medals with different partners. He won at Nagano with Gordie Sheer, who retired two years ago.

The gold went to Olympic rookies Patric Leitner and Alexander Resch of Germany. Since luge was added to the Winter Olympics in 1964, the Germans have won nine of the 11 doubles gold medals.

— SNOWBOARDING: Nineteen months ago, Chris Klug was a liver transplant patient. On Friday, he was an Olympic medalist.

"It's a miracle," Klug said after taking the bronze medal in the giant slalom. "I'm so lucky to be here today. And for it to have turned out like this is pretty special."

Philipp Schoch of Switzerland, the second-slowest rider in qualifying Thursday, won the gold, defeating Sweden's Richard Richardsson, who took silver.

After winning his bronze, Klug hit his fist against his heart, then pointed over to his father, his

girlfriend and the dozens of other overwhelmed friends and family who came to see him.

— MEN'S HOCKEY: The start of the REAL Olympic hockey tournament — the one with the NHL players — ended its first day with the Americans rolling to a 6-0 victory over Finland.

The U.S. team, led by 1980 "Miracle on Ice" coach Herb Brooks, defeated the 1998 bronze medalist. The Americans, who did not win a medal in Nagano, were led Friday by John LeClair's three goals and Mike Dunham's 23 saves.

While the Americans opened with a win, the Canadians began with a thud.

The Canadian team, with executive director Wayne Gretzky watching in dismay, were walloped 5-2 by Sweden as a shaky Curtis Joseph allowed four goals in the second period — an inauspicious start for a team seeking its first gold medal since 1952.

The Russians, led by a goal and an assist from NHL star Sergei Fedorov, beat Belarus 6-4. All but one of the Russians play in the NHL; Belarus is the only remaining team with no NHL forwards in its lineup.

The defending gold medalists, the Czech Republic, relied on Jaromir Jagr and goalie Dominik Hasek in an easy 8-2 victory over Germany. Jagr has two goals and two assists.

The United States debuted against Finland later Friday.

— CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Russian Larissa Lazutina won a silver medal in the women's cross-country pursuit, bringing her overall Winter Games total to 9 — just one short

Larson, who played 20 total minutes, wasn't in the game for the final two minutes when Tarleton mounted a furious offense to tie the score.

With seven seconds to go the visitors hit a 3-pointer to tie things up, sending the game into overtime.

Larson got back into the contest with 4:10 to go in the five-minute overtime period and hit teammate Reggie Harris for a layup to bring the Buffs to within one point 66-65 of Tarleton.

Larson's teammates, Kenny White and Matt Madson, hit some key free throws down the stretch to help WT clinch the win.

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of a Winter Olympic record held by former Soviet cross-country skier Raisa Smetanina.

The gold went to surprise winner Olga Danilova of Russia, while the bronze went to Canadian Beckie Scott.

— FIGURE SKATING: The first part of the ice dancing competition came off without so much as the threat of a lawsuit, with the favorites — Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat of France — in first place.

Inrina Lobacheva and Ilia Averbukh of Russia were second, with reigning world champions Barbara Fusar Poli and Mauricio Margaglio of Italy in third.

Four-time U.S. champions Naomi Lang and Peter Tchernyshev were tied for 11th after the two compulsories, worth a total 20 percent of the final score. The other Americans, Beata Handra and Charles Sinek, were 20th.

— CURLING: The U.S. men's curling team beat winless France 8-3 on Friday, keeping the Americans in contention at the Olympic tournament with a 3-3 record.

In other games, Finland beat Britain 6-4, Canada beat Germany 9-7 and Norway beat Denmark 9-4. The Canadians lead the men's tournament at 5-1 while Norway is 4-1. In late men's games Canada beat Switzerland 7-2, Sweden beat France 9-6, Denmark beat Britain 6-5 and Norway beat Finland 6-5.

In women's curling, Great Britain defeated previously unbeaten Switzerland, 7-4. Undeclared Canada won its sixth straight game, 8-4, over Germany. Sweden edged Japan 8-7, and Norway beat Russia 5-4.

Expos back to baseball; Smoltz and Graves in new roles

The Montreal Expos are back — with Frank Robinson as their manager and 29 new owners. John Smoltz and Danny Graves will have to get used to new roles, too.

After an offseason of uncertainty in which they were nearly eliminated, the Expos took the field in Jupiter, Fla., on Friday, opening camp for what probably is their final season.

Former Expos owner Jeffrey Loria bought the Florida Marlins and took most of his staff with him. The Expos were bought by the other 29 ballclubs.

"The emphasis will be on

wins, on what happens on the field," Robinson said. "I do know there are good players here. I'm going to ask the players to give 100 percent, have fun, and play with intensity."

A healthy Smoltz took the field in Kissimmee, Fla., but he won't be working out with Atlanta starters Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. Smoltz will be further getting used to his role as the Braves closer.

Smoltz missed the entire 2000 season after having elbow surgery in spring training. Then after spending much of the early part of last season on the disabled list, he

returned in a relief role July 22. He went on to save 10 games in 11 opportunities with a 1.59 ERA.

"It's not going to be a point where I say I've embraced it and I'm going to enjoy it for the rest of my career," said Smoltz, who signed a three-year, \$30 million contract in the offseason to stay with the Braves as the stopper.

"I just think it's something I'm going to learn to enjoy," he said. "I think I'm going to do awfully well, but I just think that it's a job that totally changes everything I've done for the last 15 years."

When Cincinnati pitchers

and catchers report to Sarasota, Fla., on Saturday, Graves, who has made all 299 major league appearances out of the bullpen, will take the mound as a starter. The Reds look to get stability from their rotation, which had a 5.47 ERA last season, second-worst in the NL.

"Danny will get the opportunity to pitch a couple or three innings (as a starter) the first two or three times out, then we'll go from there," pitching coach Don Gullett said. "It depends upon what your needs are."

In Mesa, Ariz., the high-light for three-time Cy Young

winner Randy Johnson was seeing Todd Stottlemire taking the mound for the World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks.

"I'm excited to see him throw, excited that there's a very good possibility that he'll be in our rotation," Johnson said.

After missing all of last season and most of 1999 and 2000 with shoulder and elbow injuries, Stottlemire said he purposely pushed himself physically the last three months with a "make it or break it" mentality. He threw as many as 80 pitches at game speed after warming up.

Soccer donation



(Pampa News photo)

Phillips Petroleum recently donated \$2,000 to the Pampa High School soccer program. On hand for the check presentation were, from left, Jimmy Patulea (girls soccer coach), Weldon Ellis (Phillips employee), Mark Northcutt (Phillips employee), John True (boys soccer coach) and Dawson Orr, PISD Superintendent.

Tyson denied license to box in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Mike Tyson's application to box in Texas was denied Friday, the latest setback in the former heavyweight champion's attempt to get a sanctioned bout against Lennox Lewis.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Executive Director Bill Kuntz said his decision was based on Tyson's history in the ring and disciplinary action by other states. He noted Tyson's past license suspensions in Nevada and Michigan.

"I made my decision to deny Mr. Tyson a license based on his past behavior in the ring, his unwillingness to follow the basic rules and laws of boxing, and our mandate to regulate boxing in the public interest," Kuntz said.

"In the boxing ring, Mike Tyson is a repeat offender. I have no confidence that his future behavior would differ from his past behavior," he said.

Tyson has refused pre-fight drug tests, ignored referees and assaulted ringside law enforcement officials during the last five years, Kuntz said.

Hector Uribe, Tyson's attorney in Austin said he immediately requested an appeal hearing.

"This is the first round of a multi-round fight," Uribe said.

He also noted the political pressure to deny his client a license. Politicians in several states have come out against licensing Tyson in recent days.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry this week urged state officials not to grant Tyson's license.

"I can't help but think that political pressure has had a part in the decision," Uribe said.

In processing Tyson's Texas license, officials had asked for

details concerning the fighter's licensing problems in Nevada.

In 1997, he was stripped of a license to fight there after the "Bite Fight" in which Tyson bit Evander Holyfield's ear.

On Jan. 29, Nevada officials also denied his fight application after a melee with Lewis at a news conference. Michigan officials suspended his license there last year.

The Texas licensing agency said it "may recognize and enforce disciplinary sanctions imposed by other combative sports authorities."

The governor had urged officials to deny the license also because of Tyson's criminal past. Tyson is a convicted rapist and Las Vegas police earlier this month recommended he be charged with sexual assault in two cases there.

"Professional athletes become role models for our children and they should reflect the qualities and principles we want our children to emulate," Perry said Friday.

"Mike Tyson's history of violence against women and his lack of remorse for his actions are not the types of behavior Texans support," Perry said.

Uribe said Tyson's criminal history should not be a factor in the license decision. He said only crimes directly related to the licensing activity — in this case, for example, a bribe taken to fix a fight — would be grounds for denial.

Convicted rapist Tony Ayala Jr., was allowed to fight with Tyson in a high-profile middleweight bout last summer in San Antonio while awaiting trial on felony burglary charges.

The Houston Astrodome, the Alamodome in San Antonio and the new American Airlines

Center in Dallas all were considered likely options to host a Tyson-Lewis fight.

Former heavyweight champ George Foreman, who lives in Houston, said Tyson should have been granted a license.

"He needs help, he doesn't need rejection anymore," Foreman told KRIV-TV in Houston. "It's gotten political and that's the one thing I hate."

Georgia officials, meanwhile, have already granted his application to fight there. However, the state also requires a promoter's license and a show permit, neither of which had been granted.

Calls to Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel and Gary Shaw, of Main Events, which promotes Lewis, were not immediately returned.

NASCAR cuts Ford and Dodge spoilers 48 hours before Daytona 500 race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Fords and Dodges spent the day trimming their spoilers, a last-minute boost before the Daytona 500.

Some wonder if it will even help Sunday in the season-opening race at Daytona International Speedway.

"No," Ford driver Ricky Rudd quickly snapped Friday when asked if a Taurus could win the race.

"If you're a race fan, save your money and go to Rockingham," he continued, referring to next week's race in North Carolina.

NASCAR allowed the Fords and Dodges to cut a quarter-inch off their rear spoilers in an effort to give them a chance Sunday. The two makes have not been competitive since the track opened last week, and no Ford or Dodge led during any of the twin qualifying races on Sunday.

Tony Stewart won the first non-points event here in a Pontiac, and the Chevrolets of Jeff Gordon and Michael Waltrip won the two qualifying

races. Rudd, fourth in the opener, was the Ford with the top finish. Sterling Marlin, who finished sixth, was the top Dodge driver.

In the second race, John Andretti finished eighth in a Dodge, and Todd Bodine 11th in a Ford.

No one was happy with the changes, especially the opposition.

"We don't believe that the changes are warranted," said Doug Duchardt, NASCAR group manager for GM Racing.

"There is no question that the Chevrolet and Pontiac teams, in general, have had a successful Speedweeks thus far, but they have not had it handed to them. They've earned it."

And the Dodge camp wasn't so sure the change would even help.

"It's too little, too late," said Dodge team owner Bill Davis, who put driver Ward Burton in the field but had Hut Stricklin fail to qualify. "We're still way behind. I'm not making excuses."

Spurs defeat Warriors with 2nd half rally

By RICK EYMER
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are starting the second half of the season much like the first half, and Tim Duncan has a lot to do with it.

Duncan scored 10 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter to lead San Antonio back from a 12-point deficit in Friday night's 108-99 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

"He's just going to get better, too," said Spurs center David Robinson, who added 16 points. "He understands his responsibility as a franchise player in making others around him better."

The Spurs won 20 of their first 24 games, but went 10-13 before the All-Star break. They've won two of three on the road since, and now head home for a three-game stretch.

Antonio Daniels added 20 points — one off his career high — as San Antonio beat the Warriors for the 15th consecutive time.

"I thought we continued to get solid as the game went on," Duncan said. "We cleaned it up in the second half and got some stops to give ourselves a chance to win down the stretch."

Jason Richardson scored a career-high 28 points for the Warriors, who were attempting to win two straight for the first time since Dec. 22-26. Antawn Jamison added 26 points, and Bobby Sura had 17.

"I think our inexperience showed up when they were making their run," Warriors coach Brian Winters said. "They're a veteran team and they took advantage of that."

The Spurs went on a 13-0 run to go up 92-85. Danny Ferry, in his second game back from a strained back, hit a short jumper with 8:20 remaining to give San Antonio its first lead since the middle of the first quarter. Golden State never made a serious run afterward, despite drawing within five

points in the final minute. "I feel better when we win ugly like we did," Robinson said. "For some reason it fits into our personality. We get stronger when we win like this."

Duncan grabbed 11 rebounds for his NBA-leading 42nd double-double and came within two assists of his second career triple-double.

"Tim Duncan is one of the top five, maybe the top three, players in this league," Winters said. "I'm not surprised by what he does."

The Warriors led 76-64 after Jamison made three free throws with 4:40 left in the third quarter, but settled for an 82-77 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Spurs outscored Golden State 32-11 in the 12 minutes following Jamison's free throws.

"Tim took over in the second half," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Richardson made eight of his 10 shots in the first half, scoring 19 points as the Warriors opened a 59-54 half-time lead.

The Spurs are 3-14 when trailing going into the third period, but 11-3 in the second game of back-to-back contests. They beat the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night.

Richardson and Gilbert Arenas became the first pair of rookie guards to start a game for the Warriors since Tim Hardaway and Sarunas Marciulionis in 1990.

Notes: Richardson left immediately following the game to attend to his 2-year-old daughter Jaela, who was taken to a local hospital. Her condition was not known. ... The Warriors activated G Dean Oliver from the injured list and placed C Cedric Henderson on the injured list. ... Golden State's Larry Hughes sat out with a sprained ankle. ... Arenas made his first career start. ... Warriors C Marc Jackson was unavailable because of the flu. ... Warriors F Danny Fortson, who grabbed 15 rebounds, has had 14 or more 19 times this season.

Decker has softball no-hitter

HOUSTON (AP) — Katie Decker threw a no-hitter Friday, the third of her career, in Baylor's 7-2 softball victory over Stephen F. Austin.

Decker walked two and struck out seven; she used just 97 pitches and faced one over the minimum after the second inning.

SFA took a 2-0 lead on a walk, two Baylor errors and a fielder's choice.

Baylor (11-2) answered in the fourth with three unearned runs of their own for a 3-2 lead.

Decker's no-hitter is the

fifth tossed by a Baylor pitcher since the program's reinstatement in 1996. She joins Stacey Allison and Chrystal Smith as the only Lady Bears to have thrown a no-hitter. Allison threw three in her career (1996-1999), including two in 1996.

Decker's is Baylor's first since Smith hurled a five-inning no-hitter March 10, 1999 against Butler.

April Luce had two of Baylor's seven hits and scored twice. Decker and Kourtney Westerfeld drove in two runs apiece.

Wood in hospital

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Gordon Wood, the winningest high school football coach in Texas history, was recovering Friday afternoon after a mild heart attack.

Wood, 87, had three stents put in by doctors at Abilene Regional Medical Center, according to his secretary Syble Holmsley.

Wood was listed in good condition Friday afternoon, said hospital spokeswoman Chris Proctor-Cleveland.

"He had three stents put in. He had two arteries that were 100 percent closed and one was 98 percent closed," Holmsley said.

Wood, who suffered chest pains early Thursday, had not been sick recently, but he had triple bypass heart surgery 11 years ago, Holmsley said.

Wood in 1985 retired from coaching at Brownwood High School with a record nine state championships over his career.

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Migrant Assistance Program

CANYON — Applications are being accepted for West Texas A&M University's College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), and applications received by Feb. 28 will be given priority.

CAMP, funded by the U.S.

Those accepted into the program will receive scholarships for up to \$2,650 for the 2002-2003 school year

Department of Education, is designed to help students from migrant and seasonal farm-worker families succeed in post-secondary education. The program enables 30 new students to enroll at WTAMU each school year.

Qualified applicants must have graduated from high school in the last two years, and they or their parents must have spent a minimum of 75 documented days in migrant agriculture-related employment in the past 24 months. Also, high school students who participated in or were eligible to participate in migrant education programs in local school districts may apply.

Those accepted into the program will receive scholarships for up to \$2,650 for the 2002-2003 school year, including monthly stipends, a 50-percent housing waiver, books and supplies and a variety of counseling services, including financial aid advisement and assistance with the application process.

"We're basically trying to provide migrant students with a way to pay for their entire first year of college so that they can live on campus and not have to work," Martin Lopez, University CAMP director, said. "We will try to develop their leadership as well as their academic skills."

For more information about CAMP and the Feb. 28 priority application deadline, contact the CAMP staff at (806) 651-2351 or mlopez@mail.wtamuedu.

API to meet

American Petroleum Institute, Panhandle chapter, will meet for social hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by its regular meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21 at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be John Mennig of J.W. Operating in Oklahoma City.

Mennig will discuss "Liquid Ring Compression."

An Italian buffet will be served at a cost of \$15 per person, and door prizes will be awarded courtesy of The Hanover Co.

API memberships will be available at the door.

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AMX

She is employed as office manager of Texas Department of Transportation in Panhandle. During her spare time, she enjoys home decorating, reading and entertaining in her home.

Rainer also enjoys spending time with her family. She and husband, Brad, have four children — Jordan, Whitney, Molly and Jackson. She is the daughter of Fred and Juanita Brown and is the granddaughter of Mamie Jackson Poole, all of Canyon.

Three PHS DECA students advance to state competition

Three Marketing Education students from Pampa High School recently competed in the Texas DECA District 8 Career Development Conference staged at Lubbock-Cooper High School in Lubbock.

Students participated in curriculum-related competitive events, allowing them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from across the panhandle. Approximately 300 members and their advisors took part in the conference.

According to local chapter advisor, Donna Crow, the following students represented participated in the conference: Robbie Hamrick, Technical Marketing Representative Event; Cristy Canaday, Food Marketing Series Event; and Michael Shelton, Entrepreneurship Participating Event.

All three students placed first in their respective events and will be advancing to state competition slated Feb. 27-March 3 at Houston.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is a 55-year-old international youth organization with almost



(Courtesy photo)

PHS Marketing Education students Michael Shelton, Cristy Canaday and Robbie Hamrick recently competed at District 8 Career Development Conference in Lubbock. All three placed first in their respective events and will travel to Houston at the end of February for state competition.

12,000 members statewide and 150,000 members nationwide. The organization operates in all 50 states plus Guam, Puerto Rico, The District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands

and Canada. DECA's goal is to provide leadership experiences and recognition for its members as they prepare for careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

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BUDGET

Watch for discounts on entertainment, too. Lots of coupons exist for restaurants, movies and other entertainment, as well as the availability of "frequent savings clubs."

Change your forms of entertainment. Rent a movie and invite friends over, rather than eating out, or have your drinks and appetizers at home before heading for the restaurant.

Invest with your time horizon in mind. If you're 20, you can afford to take a lot more risk than if you're close to retirement. The older you are, the more "guaranteed" returns should be in

your portfolio as with bonds or CDs.

Balance your portfolio. The old adage rings true: Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Keeping three- to six-months worth of your income in a ready savings account is advisable in tough economic times, but don't expect big returns on that money.

Some savings should be allocated to stocks, some to bonds. Most advisors will tell you to be careful of your weighting ... don't overbuy one stock, even if you love it. And, always take advantage of tax-deferred savings like 401ks or IRAs. Whenever you can, "pay yourself first," and have a portion of your paycheck put aside for a regular savings program.

Annual Girl Scout cookie drive currently under way

As American as mom's apple pie and baseball, it's time for the annual Girl Scout cookie drive in the panhandle. In Pampa and White Deer, Girl Scouts are selling cookies now through March 16.

Selling Girl Scout cookies helps girls gain real life skills such as money management, decision-making and goal-setting. The beneficial effects are evidenced by the fact that many of today's businesswomen cite selling Girl Scout cookies as their first step toward successful careers.

As Pampa and White Deer Girl Scouts gear up for their annual cookie activities, Maria DeBrango Stichel, Girl Scouts - Texas Plains Council says, "This year, more than ever, girls are relying on the accepting and nurturing environment that Girl Scouts provides. We want girls to know that Girl Scouting will be here for them, no matter what, and so

it is important that the community continues its tradition of strong support of the Girl Scout cookie program."

All the proceeds from this activity stay here in the panhandle area, directly benefiting all of the Girl Scouts in our community, including the Girl Scout troop or group you buy Girl Scout cookies from.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults. Girl Scouting helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults.

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COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS

CANYON — West Texas A&M University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 3.85 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Kristin M. Arganbright, Annie M. Baker, Deborah F. Davis, Tina M. Dwight, Victoria L. Fossett, Kathleen L. Laycock, LaVon L. Reagan and Windy T. Wagner**, all of Pampa; **Emily K. Burger** of Groom; **Melissa D. Krueger** of McLean; **Renee J. Darce** of Skellytown; **Tiffany L. Britten** and **Darla B. Forney**, both of White Deer.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.85 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Veronica L. Arreola, Jody A. Been, Colby T. Brown, Courtney J. Cruz, Justin L. Hampton, Jennifer L. Hogan, Christopher B. Jordan, Misty D. McSpadden, Cassie L. Meadows, Mandy J. Parks, Melisa D. Price, Candi J. Terry, Jessica L. Williams, Molly E. Williams and Mary M. Zamudio**, all of Pampa; **Clifton T. Brunson, Eric C. Hall, Denise E. Lee, Kimberlee A. Long, Allison A. Lusby, Desirae S. Manning, Derek R. Maupin, Cory D. Smith and Jeremy T. White**, all of Canadian; **Tamara L. Ashford** of Groom; **Karen J. Hillman** of Lefors; **Amber L. Holland** of Miami; **Nicholas J. Simpson** of Shamrock; **Keith M. Larkin** of Skellytown; **Rachel R. Riemer, Rachel A. Stiles and Ashley N. Ware**, all of Wheeler; and **Clinton J. Grange, Rhonda L. McClendon, Suni J. Petty, Angela Starks and Chadd R. Warminski**, all of White Deer.

The College of Allied Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Senior **Katie Cavalier** and junior **Lindsay Tidwell**, both Pampa High School graduates.

STILLWATER, Okla. — **Robert Hogan**, a former Pampa resident, was recently awarded the Oklahoma State University Distinguished Graduate Fellowship and earned two scholarships as well.

The scholarships were conferred during an awards ceremony for Graduate Students Association in Agricultural Economics.

Hogan was nominated for the renewable three-year fellowship by Dr. Clement Ward, Dr. Bryan Adams and Dr. James Trapp, professors in OSU's Agricultural Economics Department.

The Leo and Betty Blakley Graduate fellowship was bestowed upon Hogan for the second consecutive time since 2001. He has also been the recipient of the Spielman Scholarship for the Top Master Student and was presented the Spielman Scholarship for Top Doctoral Student in January.

These scholarships are awarded based upon academic excellence, leadership ability and future potential.

Hogan attended school in Pampa through the fourth grade. He is the husband of Geniva Ruth Hogan, the son of Chuck and Louise Hogan and the grandson of the late Minnie Hogan, the late Rupert Orr and Estelle Orr.

CLARENDON — The 2002 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" will include the names of 12 students from Clarendon College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Students from Clarendon College named to this year's edition of the publication include: **Brandy Bolton, Devah Bratcher, Daniel Daly, Karen Joiner, Doris King, Nona Marrs, Evelyn Noble, Cassandra Paff, Michael Pelley, Bobby Shiffman, Tate Seideman and Teddra Simmons**.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the named of these students based upon academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning.

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Students construct 'sunny' vehicle

Photos by David Bowser



Cody Elliott checks wiring from solar panels to the electric motor that runs Pampa High School's solar car.



C.J. Lawley adjusts the pedals on Pampa High School's solar car for driver Cody Elliott.



Pampa High School teacher Rod Wichert and student Cody Elliott discuss the placement of the solar panels on the vehicle. Wichert's students are hoping to run at the Texas Motor Speedway this summer.

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

The sun shines brightly on Pampa High School. Rod Wichert, technology education teacher at Pampa High School, hopes it will continue to shine long enough to keep their car running.

His class is building a solar-powered car this school year. If the sun continues to shine for Wichert and his class, they plan to enter the vehicle in a solar car competition at Texas Motor Speedway next summer.

"I have a class called Research and Design Development," Wichert said, "and in that class we typically undertake a lot of small design projects."

Students research projects and, then based on their research, build various structures.

Depending upon the class, they occasionally try something more complex. Two years ago, Wichert's classes built a hovercraft.

"We took it to state and won state with it in our state contest," Wichert said.

Last fall, Wichert said the class kicked around a lot of ideas for another major project. The project had to be limited to the tools and materials that they had on hand.

"We wanted to do something that's not commonly done," Wichert said. "We wanted something that they would really have to research and study and learn a lot to do it."

It turned out that the father of one of his students had some solar panels as part of his business.

"We decided that we'd build a solar-powered car," Wichert said.

Initially, they used four solar panels to power a golf cart that they had modified to accept solar energy.

"It worked, but it wasn't very efficient," Wichert said of the class' first attempt.

The modified golf cart would run only a few hours, then the class would have to stop it and let the sun charge the batteries for about 10 hours.

"We felt that was pretty easy, but we thought we could do better," Wichert said.

They got seven more solar panels and built a bigger car.

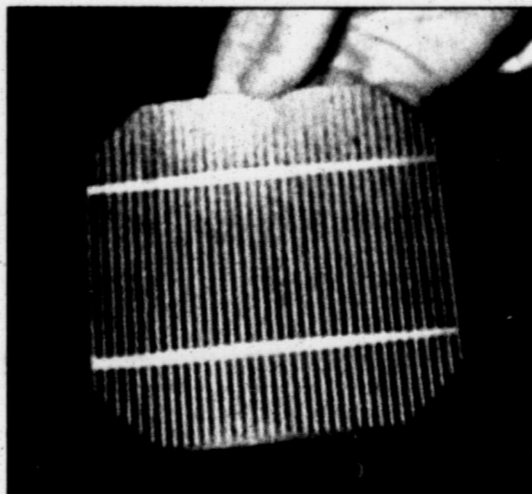
"It had very little instrumentation on it,"

Wichert said. "We really didn't know what we were inputting from the sun or taking out of the batteries."

He said the aerodynamics of the vehicle also left a lot to be desired.

"But we were really short on time," Wichert said. "We built it in about a week."

He said they just threw it together, then took it out on the Pampa High running track and ran it several miles on the track on a cloudy and windy day.



A close-up of the solar cell that helps power the vehicle.

"Even with more solar panels, we were still so poorly designed aerodynamically that we could never do better than about 15 miles an hour," Wichert said.

They pulled the vehicle back into the shop, tore it apart again and began rebuilding it for the third time.

"We redesigned a lower profile, more aerodynamic vehicle," Wichert said. "We had a lot of engineering involved in that."

They moved the seating forward.

"We had to re-engineer the steering, the braking and the throttle link," Wichert said.

The car is about 20-feet long now.

"In the process of designing this car, we ran across a web site from a school down in Dallas called the Winston Science Academy," Wichert said. "They sponsor a solar race specifically for high school students."

On even numbered years, they host a three-

day race at Texas Motor Speedway near the Metroplex.

"In odd numbered years," Wichert said, "they have a cross-country race."

In the past, they've run their cross-country race from Dallas to Los Angeles. Future races are planned for Dallas to Orlando, Fla.

"They are grueling, week-long races," Wichert said.

He said the term "race" is probably a misnomer since the emphasis is on design and safety rather than speed.

"There are very stringent requirements concerning safety, design elements and electrical elements," Wichert said.

The rule book listing the requirements, he said, is an inch-thick catalog, and all the requirements have to be met.

"We are building this car now with the intent to race it at the Texas Motor Speedway," Wichert said.

The race is scheduled for July 16, 17 and 18.

The difficult part will be the scrutineering prior to the race where the car will be thoroughly inspected.

"You have to go demonstrate the stability, safety and emergency egress from the car," Wichert said. "There's a full day of scrutineering before they actually let you compete in the race. You don't just show up and race."

A team has to be prepared, and they have to meet all the requirements.

"It's really safety-oriented," Wichert said.

Drivers have to be able to get out easily. They have to wear seat belts. Each car has to have tail lights, turn signals, windshield and other running gear.

A full body belly, or underpan, is required so the under part of the vehicle is not exposed to road hazards. Crumple zones, front and rear, have to be designed into the body.

"There are a lot of factors to consider," Wichert said. "You pretty much have to design the whole car."

Wichert said the competition is an educational experience. There are no secret weapons. Technology is openly shared so all contestants can learn.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good-Davis

Angel Good of Champaign, Ill., and Jerry Davis of Pampa were wed Dec. 31, 2001, in Central Church of Christ in Pampa with Kurt Jones of Borger officiating.

The bridal attendant was Jennifer Dewey of Champaign. The best man was Johnnie Clark of Pampa. The ushers were Juan Silva and Jeff Stevens, both of Pampa. A reception was held following the service at Lovett Memorial Library.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Brenda Good of Champaign. She holds a degree from York College of Nebraska and is currently employed at First Baptist Daycare.

The groom is the son of Joy and Larry Davis of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed as meat market manager at Frank's Thriftway.

The couple plan to make their home in Pampa.



Angel Good and Jerry Davis

Avoid health fraud and quackery

Millions of people spend large amounts of money trying "supposed" health remedies with little change.

Doctors are not keeping these remedies secret from their patients for fear of losing fees from fewer patient visits. Any doctor having a true cure for a chronic disease such as arthritis or cancer could make a fortune very quickly — a whole lot faster than just treating people's symptoms as they do now. So

save your money and avoid buying books or remedies that are:

- available only by mail;
- advertised by testimonials;
- claiming to be a cure for aging or incurable diseases like arthritis or cancer;
- advertised by people who list many initials after their names to demonstrate their exceptional qualifications (be especially suspicious if these initials are ones you do not recognize);

—claiming that hard things like losing weight or stopping smoking are easy;

—making claims that seem too good to be true;

—claiming a "secret" or "special" ingredient;

—talking about "magical powers."



By
JOAN GRAY
EXTENSION AGENT

Just because something is in a book or on the Internet or being advertised on television, does not mean it has received any testing at all. For example, remedies sold as health foods (e.g., dietary supplements and herbs) are not studied or regulated by the Food and Drug Administration unless they can prove that a product is dangerous when used according to the label.

Books written about remedies are very careful not to directly promise cures. They often cite research that has nothing to do with the proposed cure; citing legitimate research about something else is done to trick the

reader into thinking research supports the "cure" being sold in the book.

In many ways, trying these "cures" makes the consumer a test-animal. What if the tea you are drinking or the cream you are rubbing on your skin to substitute for taking estrogen after menopause does not work? You may not know for 10 years, and by then it is too late to undo the damage to your bones or heart, for example.

So be careful. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Before you decide to try a "natural" remedy or dietary supplement of any kind, especially if you are taking medications prescribed by a doctor, ask your health care provider. If you cannot talk to the health care provider, talk to your pharmacist.

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NEWSMAKERS

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Oklahoma Baptist University recently announced its President's Honor Roll for the fall 2001 semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.70 or higher grade point average. Students named to the list include: **Jeremy Michael Buck** of Pampa.

McLEAN — Ed Brooks of McLean, auctioneer with Mike Jones Auction Group, was among those who helped conduct and organize the first NFL Super Bowl Auction, held at the "NFL Experience" in conjunction with Super Bowl XXXVI.

The sports memorabilia auction in New Orleans benefited the Sept. 11, 911 Relief Fund in New York and yielded over \$60,000. It was attended by football fans from all over the world, sports collectors, team players and NFL officials including league commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

MENUS

WEEK OF FEB. 18-22

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or pizza, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, applesauce, rolls.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or macaroni/cheese, corn, salad, fresh fruit.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits.
Lunch: Stew/grilled cheese sandwich or steak fingers, salad, peaches.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.
Lunch: Polish sausage or chef salad, western beans, corn, rolls, strawberry short cookies.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.
Lunch: Soft tacos or hamburgers, refried beans, Spanish rice, pears, flour tortillas.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: * Ravioli or baked potatoes, vegetables, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: SOS or mini cornbreads, green beans, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Enchiladas or mini burritos, beans, rice, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Roast or ham, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hot dogs or chili dogs, French fries, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken/ham tetrazzini, mashed potatoes, zucchini squash, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Taco salad or chicken breast/wild rice, curly fries, winter blend, carrots, pinto beans, lemon pudding cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, breaded tomatoes, beans, carrot cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or barbecued beef/onion rings, potato salad, green beans, cream corn, baked beans, French vanilla cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or chili rellenos, potato wedges, spinach, pinto beans, cherry chocolate cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake.

TUESDAY
Stew, cornbread, jello.

WEDNESDAY
Chicken/rice casserole, corn, broccoli, oatmeal cookies.

THURSDAY
Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, fried okra, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

FRIDAY
Tuna casserole, English peas, carrots, peaches.

CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Jan. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Susie Edwards presiding. Twenty-five members and one guest, Nancy Hahn, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:
—Jean McCarly gave the treasurer's report.

—Members voted to make a \$100 contribution to Pampa Senior Citizens Center and Meals on Wheels.

—The committee in charge

of the "Wind on the Plains" quilt show quilt reported on the project's progress.

—Sarah Newman handed out patterns for quilt blocks for the Friendship group. Patterns for the mystery quilt were also distributed.

—Donna Reynolds delivered the program.

Door prizes were won by Carol Allen and Effie Lou Everett. Susan Carter won a prize for labeling her quilt.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 665-4268.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Study Club met Feb. 12 at the home of Myrna Orr with Vice President Louise Bailey presiding in the absence of President Pat Terry. Ten members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Billy Dixon filled in for Secretary Rue Park who was not in attendance.
(See, CLUB, Page 15)

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ENGAGEMENTS

Colby-McCavit

Megan Colby and Tim McCavit, both of Dallas, plan to wed in June 2002 at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. Fred and Ruth Colby of Arlington. She graduated with honors from Arlington High School in 1996 and holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in English from Baylor University (2000). She is currently a fifth-grade teacher at Providence Christian School in Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Jack and Sherry McCavit of Pampa. He graduated with honors from Pampa High School in 1994 and magna cum laude from Texas Tech University in 1998, receiving a degree in cell biology. He is currently a fourth-year medical student at UT Southwestern in Dallas. He plans to graduate in the fall and begin training in pediatrics in July.



Megan Colby and Tim McCavit

Fields-Bauman

Sarah Elizabeth Fields of Lubbock and Joshua Dan Bauman of Keller plan to wed June 1, 2002, in First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kenneth and Carol Fields of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and is scheduled to receive a bachelor of science degree in human development from Texas Tech University in May 2002. She is currently employed by the Dean of Research at TTU's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

The prospective groom is the son of Gray Bauman and Jonell Decker, both of Llano. He graduated from Llano High School in 1994 and from Texas Tech University in the fall of 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in environmental conservation of natural resources. He is currently employed by KRB Environmental Resources in Carrollton.



Sarah Elizabeth Fields and Joshua Dan Bauman

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SOLAR

"If you've discovered something, they want you to share it," Wichert said.

He said the organizers want each team to improve based on what they've learned and what other teams have learned.

Wichert said he will consider the exercise a success if they go through the scrutineering and are allowed to race.

"We would like to win the race," he said, "but you have to understand that this is not a speed sport. It's a brain sport."

More than anything else, the actual race is based developing a strategy that will allow a team to finish first. The operative word here is "finish."

"When solar cars accelerate, they use a lot of energy,"

Wichert said. "There are a lot of factors that have to be considered."

If the day is cloudy, the team has to decide how best to deal with the lack of sunshine, the solar energy that propels the vehicle. The students will have to figure out how to run the car so it won't run out of power before finishing the race. If the day is sunny, there is the danger of over-charging and burning up the motor.

Some of the teams that Pampa will face have been competing for a decade or more.

"We'll be at a big disadvantage," Wichert acknowledges, "but we feel like this is just the beginning. We intend to do this, with school approval, of course, on an on-going basis."

Originally, the class didn't build the car to go racing.

"We didn't know about the race," Wichert said. "That just came about later."

But since finding out about it, excitement has grown for both the class and Wichert.

"The more we found out about it," Wichert said, "the more competitive we thought we could be."

Wichert and two of his students, Ryan Hughes and Cody Elliott, went to a solar car workshop at the Winston Academy.

Wichert said they went to determine whether or not they thought they could be competitive.

"What we found was that we are really on the right track," Wichert said. "We were closer than we thought we were."

He said that they were having to re-engineer the rear end of the vehicle.

"We are not competitive as far as speed," Wichert said.

The Pampa High School car does about 15 mph.

"Some of the cars we'll be competing against will go 70

mph," he said. "The average is about 30 mph."

Consequently, the class is now working on the drive train.

"We are so slow right now," Wichert said, "that if they were running a cross-country race, we would be allowed to compete because we couldn't keep up with the traffic. We have to be able to go faster than we are. That's our main challenge right now."

Despite the knowledge and talent, however, there is still the matter of finances.

"We are going to seek approval from the school," Wichert said. "We will seek funding from the community."

He said they will be looking for both money and materials.

"We've already had some very generous donations," Wichert said.

"So far, everything has been given to us. We would like to take it to the next level and show them that we can race with a competitive car."

CON. FROM PAGE 14

CLUB

—Fay Harvey will replace Thelma Cotner as reporter. Cotner resigned due to illness.

—Committee reports were presented.

—The program was delivered by June McGahey on M.K. Brown, a pioneering businessman in early-day Pampa. Brown fought in the Boar War and was a rider and soldier in Capetown, South Africa. He came to Pampa in 1903.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 26 at the home of Louise Bailey, 2617 Fir.

Altrusa

Altrusa members recently elected Anne Stobbe, DeLynn Gordzelik and Cinda Jennings delegates to the spring District Nine Convention in Lubbock.

Alternate delegates are

Billie Sue Evans, Billie Dixon and Maxine Watson. Sue Baker will take convention registrations by the March 1 deadline while Ruby Royse is in charge of hotel reservations and Gordzelik conference committee assignments.

Members are to mail in evaluation forms to Stobbe so that tabulation can be made before the business and planning meeting Feb. 26.

Greeters were Diann Birdsell and Watson. Jennings did the decorations.

In presenting the Accent, Dorla McAndrew listed the duties of the elected officers followed by the 10 commandments of leadership.

Club members welcomed new members Sheila Neslage and Susan Winborne.

The next meeting — an orientation and make-up meeting — will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Lovett Library Auditorium.

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By **KATHY DAVIS**
GARDEN WISE

Precautions ward off brown recluse

Few creatures on this beautiful earth elicit more terror for me than spiders. Size makes no difference. Huge hairy tarantulas or teensy cobweb-making spiders. No difference. Whatever the variety, call me a terrified coward.

A few weeks ago, I promised a column about the brown recluse spider. Even the research alarmed me. Believe me, there is nothing quite as scary as an eight-inch spider plastered on one's computer screen. Had it been animated ... the horror of it all.

The brown recluse spider is sometimes tan, not brown; but, always reclusive. Like most hermits, they enjoy solitude. They prefer dry, dark places. They do not scurry about during daylight hours; they love the nightlife. (Pardon the Disco flashback!)

This eight-legged, six-eyed bag of venom serves an earthly purpose. He dines late in the evening on small nocturnal bugs, specifically cockroaches and silverfish. Occasionally, if his appetite is great, a small cricket may be on the menu. This is the good news.

This small arachnid is a perverse, long-lived survivor. Brown recluse spiders can live up to two years. They have long slim legs and a bulbous backside. I think they look like a BB with legs. Their backside sometimes is slightly oval. Usually they are 3/8- to 1/2-inch long, but some specimens have been charted at the 2-inch mark.

This spider can live for a year without food or water.

Astounding, since they are very active between March and October. Little spiderlings hatch in early spring. Each egg sac produces 40-60 spiderlings. All of which are on the move, self-sufficient and venomous when they emerge.

Brown recluse spiders do not spin tidy, fascinating pieces of silk-work. Their egg sacs, however, are neat, round, fuzzy balls which dangle in garages, attics, closets and woodpiles. They live behind baseboards, under furniture, in shoeboxes and undisturbed linens.

While many chemical poisons will help deter these persistent creatures, a good vacuum cleaner and a broom work just as efficiently. A spring and fall vacuuming under sofas, chairs, beds and around the baseboards will severely diminish, if not eliminate, the spider population.

Many brown recluse spider bites occur in bed or while dressing. One Internet source recommends removing bed skirts and storing out-of-season clothing and shoes in plastic boxes. A friend stores her shoes in zipper-type plastic food storage bags.

Maybe de-spidering my house would be fun. I always wanted a Martha Stewart closet with great stacks of clearly labeled, see-through boxes ... and no spiders.

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"Will you walk into my parlour?" said a Spider to a Fly;

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— Mary Howitt, "The Spider and the Fly"

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Runaway's Good Fortune Is Passed On To His Kids

DEAR ABBY I had to respond to the letter about runaways and the comment, "... and Johnny isn't going to stop acting out no matter how much everyone wishes differently." Johnny knows only what he has learned at home. He is repeating his parents' example. Kids don't run away from love. They run from hell.

Abby, I was a four-time runaway. The fourth time, at age 12, was the charm. I never went back to hell again, which is what my home life was. Fortune smiled on me — I landed in a beautiful home for years. I graduated from high school and college with both B.A. and M.A. degrees.

wish everyone could find the inner strength you did. Your experience proves that, with help, the pattern of abuse does not have to repeat itself from generation to generation. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was also a runaway. It was scary being alone in a strange town. I became involved with people I now would never associate with. After four months of trying to make it on my own, I went back home — and back to the same old problems.

Now that I am older, I'd never recommend running away. You can get counseling, either at school or your local mental health center. If you can't afford it, you will be charged according to your income, or at a very low rate.

I am still going to therapy for the things my parents did to me. I have made some good choices now and have raised a beautiful daughter.

For you teens who are reading this, please try to get help. If your friends aren't enough, take Dear Abby's advice — or learn from my story. There is always hope.

BEEN THERE,
IN OGDEN, UTAH

and will finally graduate in May. I will be the first college graduate in my family. I love my husband, but he has not been supportive of my goals. He's said many times that he is not interested in what goes on in my college classes.

My problem is, I need to choose an escort to walk with me during commencement. Even though my husband is the logical choice, I feel he doesn't care.

A true source of encouragement and support has been my father-in-law, "Max." Not only has Max paid for my college, he asks about it regularly and is very proud of my high grade-point average.

Abby, this may seem like an easy question for you, but I want to do the right thing. Who would you choose?

COLLEGE GRAD
IN THE GARDEN STATE

DEAR COLLEGE GRAD: Ask Max. He's given you maximum support — emotionally as well as financially. I am sure he will be thrilled to escort you, and it's a thoughtful way for you to acknowledge all he has done for you.

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Along the way, I went to California State Mental Hygiene Clinic for five years at \$2 a session. What a bargain that was; the results made me the man I became. How sad me no longer have those clinics. Instead we have crime and prisons.

I raised my own family without corporal punishment or abuse. My four adult children grew up with an arm around their shoulders and hugs and reminders every day that they were dearly loved. It's gratifying to see them repeating that behavior in raising their own six children — my precious grandchildren.

"OLD RUNAWAY"

DEAR "OLD RUNAWAY": I

DEAR ABBY: I have been taking college classes on and off for 15 years

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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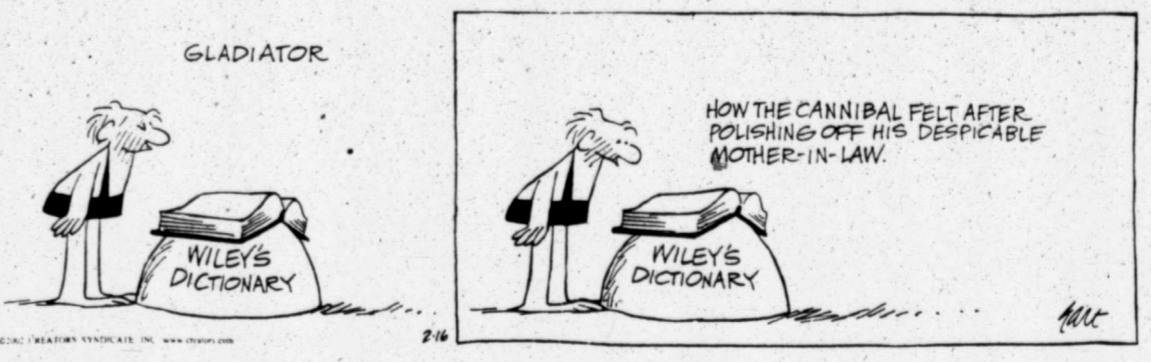
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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
 2. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
 3. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
 4. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
 5. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 6. "Hey Baby," No Doubt (feat. Bounty Killer). Interscope.
 7. "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
 8. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.

9. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista.
 10. "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "J To Tha L-O! The Remixes," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
 2. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 3. "Ultimate Manilow," Barry Manilow. Arista.
 4. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 5. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
 6. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
 7. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner. (Platinum)
 8. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
 9. "M!ssundaztood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
 10. "Lovers Live," Sade. Epic.
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Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
 2. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
 3. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
 4. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
 5. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
 6. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
 7. "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
 8. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
 9. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.
 10. "Simple Things," Jim Brickman (feat. Rebecca Lynn Howard). Windham Hill.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
 2. "Wasting My Time," Default.TVT.
 3. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
 4. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
 5. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 6. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
 7. "For You," Staind. Flip.
 8. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
 9. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
 10. "I Stand Alone," Gosmack. Republic.

Modern Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 2. "Totally Country: 17 New Chart-Topping Hits," Various Artists. BNA.
 3. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
 4. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
 5. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 6. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
 7. "Rascal Flatts," Rascal

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1. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
2. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
3. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
4. "Wasting My Time," Default.TVT.
5. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
6. "Last Nite," The Strokes. RCA.
7. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
8. "For You," Staind. Flip.
9. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
10. "Nice To Know You," Incubus. Immortal.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Good Morning Beautiful," Steve Holy. Curb.
 2. "Wrapped Around," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 3. "The Long Goodbye," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 4. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.
 5. "The Cowboy In Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 6. "Blessed," Martina McBride. RCA.
 7. "Run," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
 8. "Some Days You Gotta Dance," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
 9. "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 10. "In Another World," Joe Diffie. Monument.
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 6. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
 7. "Rascal Flatts," Rascal

Flatts. Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Gold)

8. "Blue Moon," Steve Holy. Curb.
 9. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
 10. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
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- #### Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks
- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Always On Time," Ja Rule feat. Ashanti. Murder Inc.
 2. "Butterflies," Michael Jackson. Epic.
 3. "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
 4. "Oops (Oh My)," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
 5. "Nothing In This World," Keke Wyatt (feat. Avant). MCA.
 6. "Lights, Camera, Action," Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
 7. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
 8. "The Whole World," OutKast (feat. Killer Mike). Arista.
 9. "I Love You," Faith Evans. Bad Boy.
 10. "Don't You Forget It," Glenn Lewis. Epic.
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1. "J To Tha L-O! The Remixes," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
 2. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
 3. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
 4. Soundtrack: "State Property." Roc-A-Fella.
 5. "Lovers Live," Sade. Epic.
 6. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
 7. "No More Drama (2002)," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
 8. "(Ghetto Love)," Jaheim. Divine Mill. (Gold)
 9. "Faithfully," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
 10. "Soul Sista," Keke Wyatt. MCA.
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Hot Rap Singles

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Round And Round," Jonell & Method Man. Def Soul.
 2. "That Was Then," Roy Jones, Jr. (feat. Dave Hollister, Perion & Hahz The Rippa). Body Head.
 3. "Dansin Wit Wolvez," Strik 9ine. Fade.
 4. "Can I Get That?!?!" Bear Witnez! Eargasm.
 5. "What's Luv?" Fat Joe (feat. Ashanti). Terror Squad.
 6. "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue.
 7. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P. Introducing Hyped Up Westbound Soljaz. Westbound.
 8. "Jigga," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
 9. "Ain't Nobody (We Got It Locked!) The Rawlo Boys (feat. T.O.R.O. & Lil' Smoke). House Of Fire.
 10. "Bunny Hop," Da Entourage. Red Boy.
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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "You Got Me (Burnin' Up)," Funky Green Dogs. MCA.
 2. "Star Guitar," The Chemical Brothers. Freestyle Dust.
 3. "Take My Hand (Remixes)," Dido. Arista.
 4. "Caught Up," DJ Disciple (feat. Mia Cox). Groovilicious.
 5. "Love's Gonna Save The Day," Georgie Porgie. Vinyl Soul.
 6. "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
 7. "Work," Masters At Work (feat. Ruppah Nas-T & Denise.) MAW.
 8. "You Give me Something," Jamiroquai. Epic.
 9. "Underwater," Delerium (feat. Rani). Nettwerk.
 10. "Emotion (Remixes)," Destiny's Child. Columbia.

Hot Latin Tracks

- (Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
1. "Flor Sin Retono," Charlie Zaa. Sonolux.
 2. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
 3. "Como Duele," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.
 4. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
 5. "No Me Conoces Aun," Palomo. Disa.
 6. "Necesidad," Alexandre Pires. Ariola.
 7. "En La Misma Cama," Liberacion. Disa.
 8. "Estas Que Te Pelas," Intocable. EMI Latin.
 9. "Toma Que Toma," Conchi Cortes. EMI Latin.
 10. "Huelo A Soledad," Ana Gabriel. Sony Discos.
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Fact and fiction hard to separate in Patty Cannon legend

By JOHN BIEMER
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RELIANCE, Md. (AP) — There's a nondescript two-story house in Reliance called "Patty Cannon's House."

A sign erected by the Maryland Historical Trust refers to the house as the headquarters of a "noted kidnapping group."

But just who was Patty Cannon and what was her connection to this gang of ne'er-do-wells?

As Eastern Shore residents tell it, Cannon made money in the early 1800s by capturing and smuggling free blacks and selling them into slavery. Others say she stole slaves from one farm and sold them to others.

With Cannon, it's hard to divine where history ends and legend begins.

The green house sits a few hundred feet from the Delaware border, which also marks the Mason-Dixon line. The sign outside makes no mention of slaves.

But legend has it that the gang led by Cannon and several family members kept the slaves shackled in an attic, or chained to trees on a small island in the Nanticoke River. Under the cover of darkness, they drove the captives to boats that carried them to slave markets in the Deep South.

The house straddled the border between Delaware and Maryland, in tiny present-day Reliance. When officials from Maryland came to get Cannon, she shifted to rooms in Delaware. When Delaware authorities came after her, she hustled over to the Maryland side.

Today the house is squarely in Dorchester County, just across the street from Caroline County.

W. Wright Robinson of Seaford, Del., said the building wasn't Cannon's house, but a tavern run by Cannon and her cohorts. Robinson, the 93-year-old editor of the weekly Seaford Leader for more than 40 years, said his grand-

father used to stop in for drinks.

"She was a rough-and-ready woman, but my grandfather said she was a great gal. He thought the world of her," he said. "I'm the only person who has a kind word to say about her."

Sitting in Robinson's living room, Francis Wright is quick to point out, "My grandfather would say the opposite."

Wright's family owned a 1,500-acre farm which abutted Cannon's property. Wright, who is 76, said Cannon stole one of the farm's 15 slaves.

"It cost my great-grandfather \$600 to get him back," said Wright, who still owns 500 acres of corn, wheat and soybean fields just down the street from the so-called Cannon house.

Hal Roth, author of a 1998 book on Cannon, said much of what people say about her is "nonsense," starting with the house. The building did not exist when Cannon died in 1829, he said. There's no record she had a home that straddled the border, or that she ever ran a tavern.

"There's nothing connected to Patty Cannon that doesn't have at least three versions," said Roth, who lives in Vienna, just south of Reliance.

Cannon predates photography, and record-keeping in this remote and rural part of the Delmarva peninsula was sparse at the time. Most of what is known about her comes from two sources, Roth explains, both of them unreliable.

The first is what Roth describes as a "gothic horror" pamphlet published in 1841 in New

York under two fake names. The other is a novel by George Alfred Townsend, first published in 1884, called "The Entailed Hat."

Roth's book, "The Monster's Handsome Face: Patty Cannon in Fiction and Fact," alludes to legend that she was a comely woman. Wright said the way he hears it, Cannon was a "stout, hard-as-nails woman" as strong as any man on the Eastern Shore.

Roth questions key parts in the Cannon legend which he said originated in fiction.

He said Cannon was not involved in actively kidnapping slaves and free men, but served as more of an intermediary, passing the captives along as they made their way south. Roth said records indicate she held as many as 12 at a time.

Roth also questions whether Cannon was the ringleader. He said it was more likely Joe Johnson, who was married to Cannon's step-daughter.

Court records and newspaper clippings show Johnson had a series of run-ins with the law in the early 1820s, including an 1821 arrest in which he possessed 13 blacks — a combination of slaves and free men. Some of the indictments name Cannon as a co-conspirator.

Also, Roth said what Cannon's gang did was relatively commonplace along the border between free and slave states.

In 1808, Congress made the importation of slaves illegal. That drove prices for slaves already in the United States to more than \$1,000, a fortune at the time.

How did Cannon become notorious if so many people were taking part in the same practice?

The difference, Roth said, is stories were written about her.

"A lot of people made that ride to say the British were coming, but the poem was written about only one of them," he said, referring to Paul Revere.

John Wenersten, professor emeritus in American history at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, said something else contributed to Cannon's infamy.

In the days before the Civil War, the Eastern Shore was a passage for escaped slaves. Harriet Tubman, who freed more than 300 slaves on the Underground Railroad, was born in Dorchester County — although she was not active until at least 20 years after Cannon died.

Cannon is a "counterpoint to all this black liberation," Wenersten said.

Her life is shrouded in mystery and legend, and her death is too. Newspaper reports and diaries indicate she died in jail on May 11, 1829, in Georgetown, Del.

She had been indicted on four counts of murder after remains were found on the property of a home she had once lived in on the Delaware side of the border.

The common story is she poisoned herself. However, she may have been poisoned by others or she may have died of natural causes.

Patty Cannon confounds to this day. The Dover, Del., Public Library keeps a skull in a red hatbox that is believed to be hers.

The tale behind it, which depends heavily on word-of-mouth, is that the skull was exhumed from the Georgetown jailyard and passed along several times.

For 30 years, it hung in a barn in Angola, Del. It was loaned to the library in 1961.

"It's allegedly the (Cannon) skull, but there's no way that we can prove it," said Joan Stover, a Dover librarian.

"Everything with Patty Cannon is a long story," Roth said.

And not necessarily a true one.

Eastern Shore residents say Cannon made money in the early 1800s by capturing and smuggling free blacks and selling them into slavery. Others say she stole slaves from one farm and sold them to others.

New York author gives tips to surviving Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Texas transplant Sophia Dembling's book on living in the Lone Star State comes with a tongue-in-cheek warning.

"Texans will probably hate this book," writes Dembling, a self-professed interloper who is the most "heinous" of Yankees — a New Yorker.

But after 20 years in rough-and-tumble Texas, she's come up with a how-to guide for her peers. "The Yankee Chick's

Survival Guide to Texas."

She said the idea came after sharing stories with other women who realized a state slogan rings true: Texas really is like a whole other country.

Dembling, 43, describes the culture shock of moving to a state where few grocery stores had matzo but every television was tuned to football.

For those that don't worship the gridiron, she advises: "Learn to throw a good football

party. As long as you keep the beer cold and the chili bowls filled, you can ignore the game without causing offense."

She questions the John Wayne-like fascination with the Alamo (Texas lost, right?) and admires Texans' unwavering pride.

"Actually, Texans and New Yorkers have a lot in common," she said. "They both are certain they inhabit the center of the universe."

Deputies use lasers in training

ODESSA — Ector County Sheriff's Office's new Laser Shot System looks more like a giant video game than a firearms training device.

But the large screen, projector, infrared reader, computer and artificial guns will help officers better prepare for life or death situations, said Sheriff Mark Donaldson.

Donaldson said he decided to buy the new \$14,000 Laser Shot System after seeing one at a Sheriffs Association Convention last summer.

"I'm real pleased with it," Donaldson said. "Peace officers don't ever want to use their weapon, but in instances like what happened a couple weeks ago, you just never know where a situation you go into might turn into a life or death situation."

Donaldson was referring to a Jan. 18 downtown shooting incident involving Odessa Police Department officer Gregory Travland. Travland was injured during a gun battle at a downtown Odessa business. The incident left an Odessa woman dead and her estranged husband critically injured.

Officers train with the laser system using an artificial handgun or a rifle. They can also insert an infrared clip into their own firearms

and practice.

The Laser Shot System consists of a wall-sized screen on which scenarios are projected by a computer. Officers watch and listen to the scenarios, which can vary from hostage situations to burglaries to backing up a fellow officer. Officers draw their weapons and shoot at the screen, where the laser points are recorded and replayed so officers can see how well they did.

During the scenarios, firearms instructors can stop the scenarios and discuss the plans of action with officers.

"We can stop this and go over our policy while were in here," said ECSO Inspector Richard Peyton, who added that not all scenarios that play are shooting scenarios.

Some scenarios are situations where an officer should not shoot, but rather use other tactics to restrain a criminal, he said. These tactics include verbal warnings or use of non-lethal force using pepper spray.

Donaldson said the sheriff's office will be able to film their own scenarios on videotape and play them on the laser system for training.

Laser training is especially useful now because officers will begin yearly qualifications soon, Donaldson said.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

PAMPA CITY MANAGER IS CHOSEN

Pampa Stores Adopt Agreement for Earlier Closing

MOST HOUSES TO SHUT DOORS AT 7 O'CLOCK

Grocery Men Will Not Do Business After 8 p. m.

LUMBER YARDS OBSERVE 6 P. M.

New Regulations Are To Be in Effect to April 1

Earlier closing hours for local stores will go into effect next Monday, following the circulation of agreements yesterday in allied lines of business.

Grocery stores have agreed to close at 8 p. m., daily except Saturday, and on Sunday at 9 a. m. Other stores, excepting drug stores, filling stations, and restaurants, will close at 7 p. m., daily except Saturday. Lumber yards have been closing, and will continue to close at 6 p. m. Midnight will be the closing hour on Saturdays, no change being made for that day.

It is believed the earlier closing time is in keeping with the character of city Pampa has become, and the new regulations will be tried until April 1.

The movement to close earlier got under way definitely when the Pampa Business Men's association recently went on record as favoring it. Trade Day members endorsed 7 p. m. for the closing hour. The following agreement was drafted and circulated yesterday.

"We, the undersigned merchants of Pampa, Texas, agree to close our place of business, and not sell any merchandise, after 7 o'clock, beginning Monday, Jan. 16 with the exception of Saturday nights, and no merchandise is to be sold on that day after 12 p. m., this being a trial for three months, ending April 1.

The following firms are participating:

Pampa Hardware and Implement company, Mitchell's store, J. E. Murfee and company, Kees and Thomas, L. T. Hill company, Diamond C store, Gordon Stores company, The Palace, Horn and Coffee grocery, V. L. Teaver Central Cash grocery, Wright's grocery, Pafford's grocery, Oil Belt grocery, Piggy Wiggly, M. System store, C. and C. Mercantile store, Woodward-Lane grocery, G. C. Malone Furniture company, Pampa Furniture company, Wade's store, Kraft's Mint, Stephenson Furniture company, Mann Furniture store, Hayter Bros., Bernard's store, Thompson Hardware company, DeSpain and Son, People's store, S. Farris, Jitney Jungles, Army store, Clark and Clausing Hardware company, L. M. Ballew, Hamed Dry Goods company, Sipes Self Service company, Kullman grocery, V. Platter, Lemons brothers market, Cross Dry Goods company, V. E. Teaver.

John Haggard Has Many Tractor Orders

John Haggard, local agent for John Deere and Case implements, is already swamped with orders for tractors. He received a car load of seven new 6 3-4-inch-bore large size tractors, Monday but they had already been ordered.

The new tractor is larger and its six to eight more horsepower than the old type. He also has a complete stock of repairs for John Deere implements.

A complete line of John Deere and Case combines will be in stock by February 1. According to Mr. Haggard, he will have the first John Deere combine in the Panhandle in stock soon. It is a new creation and has many accessories which he thinks will make it popular.

Coming to Pampa Baptist Church



Above is a photograph of Tom Ed Vaughn, who will come to Pampa this week to become educational director of the First Baptist church. He and Mrs. Vaughn are talented musicians.

Baptists Employ Talented Worker of Panhandle to Become Assistant to Pastor as Educational Director

Postal Receipts for 1927 Increase Much Over 1926 Figures

With an increase of \$16,361.04 over the receipts of 1926, the Pampa postoffice has completed its most successful year. The Christmas rush was the largest ever handled here and necessitated the leasing of a building for the sub-station.

The total receipts for 1927 were \$36,605.07, while 1926 totaled \$20,244.03. In 1925 the receipts were \$7,518.12 and in 1924, \$7,012.06. The December money order receipts amounted to \$30,130.46 compared to \$28,487.37 in November. The postal receipts for December of this year totaled \$4,392.44 compared to \$4,076.00 in December 1926.

A check shows that 93,436 two-cent stamps were sold during December and that 72,000 letters and cards went through the cancelling machine from December 15 to 30.

Honor Flag Given Local Red Cross

An honor flag, signifying that Pampa's Red Cross chapter met the goal assigned in the eleventh annual roll call, has been received here by the Rev. Tom W. Brabham, chairman. With it came a letter acknowledging receipt of the National organization's share of the membership fees.

Establishment of a Red Cross nursing service here will likely be perfected during this month. Owing to the fact that the Midwestern branch of the Red Cross had no approved nurses available, the applications of other nurses, some of them local, are being considered by the nursing division. Establishment of the service has been delayed while the credentials of the nurses are being investigated.

DEALERS AGREE ON PLANS FOR LOCAL EVENT

Sharp Volunteers To Let Auto Men Use His Building

ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED

Much Entertainment Is Planned for the Two Days

A Gray county automobile show, sponsored by the Pampa Automobile Dealers association and the Pampa Daily News, will be held in Pampa January 27 and 28.

Automobile dealers of the city and representatives of the Pampa Daily News met at the Schneider hotel Friday night to discuss ways and means of holding the first automobile show in Pampa. P. F. Smelling was elected temporary chairman of the meeting and T. K. Underwood secretary.

C. H. Sharp, local building contractor, who stated that he was "with Pampa, for Pampa, and behind the automobile dealers in the city," offered his new building on North Somerville street which is nearing completion, and told them present that they might have the use of his building for the show.

He said that in his opinion it would be a great thing for Pampa and Gray county and that he was delighted to see the automobile dealers of Pampa getting together.

The dealers were unanimous in agreeing to organize a permanent organization at a later date, and to invite the accessory men of Pampa to join the association.

A committee composed of Dyke Cullum, chairman, F. M. Culbertson, and Biggs Horn was appointed to make all arrangements for the big automobile show. Another meeting will be called for next Friday night, when the committee will make its report.

Each of the ten automobile agencies in Pampa will be allotted a space for the two-day show, with the condition that they may invite accessory men to share their space or some additional space. Entertainment will be furnished by local and out of town artists at each show.

Pampa Business Men's Association to Give Full Court Reports

Commencing next week, the Pampa Business Men's association, with Carson Loftus as secretary, will send to each of its members a complete court report which will include mortgages, oil lease transfers, real estate changes and other matters of importance to its members.

Five new members were admitted to the organization yesterday. The new members are the Triangle Service Station, Tourist Service station, Sitor Faulkner Abstract company, LeFors, Conway Glass Works and J. D. Dumas Grocery company.

The addition of these new members brings the total membership of the association to 75 active members. Mr. Loftus states that he is out to make the total 100.

Harry Denton, representative of the...

Miami Teams Win Over Locals in Games Friday

The need of a gymnasium in Pampa was emphasized Friday afternoon when the none too well clad basketball teams from the local high school and Miami clashed on the local turf. A young norther hindered play, but the Miami Warriors seemed to revel in the winter blast, outplaying the Harvesters in every department of the game to win 16 to 6.

Will Assume Duties Here On or About January 23

As in the game at Miami, the local squad showed lack of practice. They combined well at times, breaking through the Warriors defense, only to lose the ball under the net or shoot wild. The Warriors have a well balanced team which is trained to perfection due to an inside gymnasium.

Coach Dickey started his second string team, but before the end of the first quarter sent in his regulars. Cash was the pick of the second string men while Captain Troy Maness was easily the best Harvester on the court.

Byers and Davis were the pick of the Miami team, doing all the scoring for the Warriors. They are fast and accurate and were easily the fastest men in the game.

Maness, Stalls and Cash netted the scores for the local team. Thom and Cash started on the forward line for the Harvesters with...

The Warriors lined up with Byers and Christopher on the forward line, Davis at center and Doherty and Branch at defense. Coffee, Coarse, and McLaughlin subbed.

The girls teams of the two schools clashed before the boys battle, the well trained Miami lassies coming out on top by a score of 17 to 7. Their team work was nice and they showed some real class for a high school team.

Avis Haskell was the star on the Harvesters offensive, while defensively Adelle Stone was probably the star of both teams. Although the smallest member of the team, she is fast and accurate.

With more practice, the local girls will have a fast team. Miss Carter has material that can be developed with team work.

Miami line-up: Pauline Cantrell and Marie Duncan, forwards; Mary Dell Razor and Ellen Cunningham, centers; Mildred Walker and Ann Hopkins, guards; Mary Crowson and Opal Chessher, substitutes.

Pampa line-up: Avis Haskell and Aileen Larton, forwards; Florence Ward and Golda Jameson, guards; Marie McGee and Adelle Stone, centers; Addie Bradford, Monica Lane, Maxine Scott, Ruby Alice Quest, Loreta Copeland, Oak Allee Roberts, and Georgia Quest, substitutes.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE NECESSARY SOUTH OF CITY

Because of the increase of activities in the South Pampa pool it has become necessary for the Southwestern Bell Telephone company to string a new cable to the local office from the south part of the city.

A large crew of cable and linemen are here installing the new line and making connections. This line will accommodate the new Empire Booster plant, the Phillips Petroleum company interests and other south field enterprises.

Rev. Truhitte then introduced about 50 other guests. Mr. Downs called upon a number for short talks. These speakers included W. H....

After the delicious meal prepared and served by the men the Rev. H. Truhitte, pastor spoke in...

F. M. GWINN OF CROSS PLAINS LOCAL CHOICE

Will Assume Duties Here On or About January 23

SUCCESSFUL AS CIVIC WORKER

Has Good Record in Activity Similar to Pampa's

F. M. Gwinn, mayor of Cross Plains and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce there, was chosen city manager of Pampa at a special meeting of the city commissioners this week. Mr. Gwinn will assume his duties about January 23.

The new city official will take office under the terms of the charter and will receive a salary of \$4,800 a year, although no contract exists subject to discharge at any time.

Mr. Gwinn is 40 years old, of pleasant appearance and bearing and is a successful business man and executive. Formally of Wichita, Kansas, he has been at Cross Plains for eight years. He engaged in general merchandising for a time, but his interest in public affairs drew his attention from private business as...

development increased Cross Plains to a city of nearly 5,000 people. He is now president of the school board, and this office, with his other duties, has given him a position of unusual leadership in his city.

Cross Plains has had a development similar to that of Pampa, and has voted school bonds, paving, and water and sewer extensions. According to John Westerman, one of the Cross Plains city commissioners who accompanied Mr. Gwinn here every department of that city has paid its own way in spite of the acute demands of the year, and all civic affairs are in an excellent condition. He declared that a man of the ability of Pampa's new city manager could save many times his salary during a year by shrewd management.

Mr. Gwinn was selected from a list of fifteen applicants. His business experience, engineering skill, civic leadership, and evidence of good character lead the city commission to employ him. He was highly recommended by the Rev. Tom W. Brabham, formerly pastor of the Cross Plains Methodist church, who said that expert management enabled Cross Plains to reduce the tax rate despite bond voting for public improvements.

Mr. Gwinn's family consists of his wife and two daughters. One daughter will be graduated from Cross Plains high school in June, and likely the mother and girls will not come to Pampa until after commencement time.

Phillips Company Is Granted Permit for Carbon Plants

Word has been received from the railroad commission at Austin that the Phillips Petroleum company has been granted permission to erect three carbon black plants in the Panhandle.

Construction will commence immediately and the plants will be in operation within six months. Plant 1 will be located at the Bowers creek oil field...

Plant 2 will be located at the...

Plant 3 will be located at the...

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