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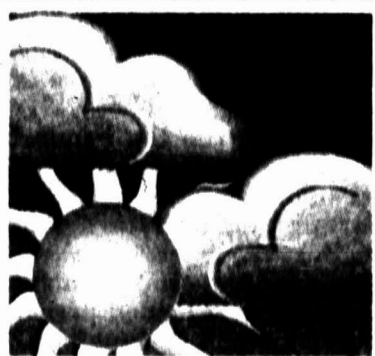


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One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million. The ticket was sold in Brenham. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were 3, 10, 17, 36, 37 and 48. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

PAMPA — The Shrine Club will meet Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Sportman's Club on South Barnes. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 24-year-old man about to go on trial for capital murder in a triple slaying pleaded guilty today to the charge against him.

Clifford Kimmel entered the plea as opening statements were to begin.

Judge Sharon MacRae asked Kimmel repeatedly whether he was certain he wanted to plead guilty. Prosecutors said they still plan to seek the death penalty.

Now the trial moves into the sentencing phase. Kimmel could face death by lethal injection or life in prison.

The charge stemmed from the killing last April of Rachel White and Susan Halverstadt, both 22, and Brett Roe, 29, at an apartment in northwest San Antonio.

The two women were dancers at a strip club, and Roe was a friend of theirs.

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Trooper, deputy hurt during 1-40 chase

Man, 23, charged with attempted capital murder

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old New Mexico man was in Gray County jail today, charged with attempted capital murder, following a high speed chase down Interstate 40 that sent a deputy and Department of Public Safety trooper to the hospital.

Gilberto Chavez, 23, of Clovis, N.M., was arrested Sunday near McLean.

District Attorney John Mann said today that he has filed charges of attempted capital murder of a police officer against Chavez.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said today that Department of Public Safety Troopers Dave O'Brien and Jerome Hill stopped the Geo Storm that Chavez was driving about 3:30 or 4 p.m. Sunday east of Groom.

Authorities said that when asked for his driver's license and insurance papers, Chavez just grinned and said he had none. When they ordered him out of the car, officers said, he instead sped off.

As O'Brien and Hill chased the Geo in excess of 100 mph east on I-40, they radioed ahead and alerted Gray County Deputy Sheriff Jim McDonald in McLean of the chase. McDonald put out a set of spikes which tore into the Geo's tires.

Chavez came to a stop on I-40 just west Texas 273 at McLean, Copeland said.

The hands of the New Mexican were cuffed behind him, and he was placed in McDonald's patrol car. While the officers searched the Geo, retrieved the spikes and started moved traffic again on I-40, Chavez was apparently able to slip one hand out of the hand-

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Authorities said Chavez kept trying to climb into one of the semi trucks parked along side the road. As he reached the third truck, Chavez hung onto the door of the truck as the trucker took off. Trooper Holland grabbed Chavez and was being dragged. Holland fell off, striking his head on the pavement.



Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Dallas Hardin looks over the damage done to a patrol car involved in a high-speed chase Sunday afternoon.

Athletics topped discussion list at Lefors board meet

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Lefors ISD wants a scoreboard for its football field, a marquee sign to announce upcoming events, electrical work on the wiring in the gym, and a better athletics program.

The Lefors ISD school board met last week and for two hours board members wrangled over issues that will affect the future of Lefors' athletics. Lefors ISD coaches were invited to attend the meeting but declined.

Superintendent Allen Law said a new scoreboard for the football field would cost around \$5,000. Law proposed a deal with Pepsi Co., to add three Pepsi vending machines in the schools. Law said the deal would amount to a profit of \$12 a case (of 24 cans or bottles), or \$1,800 a year, for the school district, and the money could be reserved in a special account to buy a scoreboard.

Law also recommended the school contact various businesses to see if the district could get sponsorship for a marquee sign. Law said a marquee sign would cost \$2,000 to \$5,000.

The school board was informed of faulty wiring in the gym. A proposal to repair the damage was voted on from Larry Beck Electric, Inc., of Pampa. The board approved the \$2,233.71 proposal.

Kathy Tinney asked that the board consider a drinking and driving awareness program called "Shattered Dreams." The program

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Chemical storage reports due Emergency management meet Feb. 17

People who store or manufacture chemicals in excess of certain thresholds must file Tier II reports with the state of Texas by March 1, Ken Hall said.

The Texas Department of Health Hazard Communication Branch keeps the threshold information. The branch can be reached at 1-800-452-2791, and www.tdh.state.tx.us/ech/env/haz-com.htm

Hall said copies of the report need to be sent to the Community Awareness and Emergency Response Committee (CAER).

The CAER met last week to make the requirement known that business and industry, as well as private citizens, must fill the reports.

Also, Hall notified CAER members that the Division of Emergency Management is requiring county judges and mayors from the 13 northeastern Panhandle counties to attend a Feb. 17 meeting at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in Green Room from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hall said all elected officials

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were welcome to attend.

Hall said the meeting will introduce county and city officials to emergency procedures and organizations.

"Basically, it's an indoctrination into emergency management," Hall said.

Finally, the CAER members heard a report from Sgt. John Worthington of the Texas National Guard. Sgt. Worthington informed the committee on the correct procedures to follow in requesting assistance from the Texas Nat'l Guard.

CAER can be reached by mail at PO Box 2499, Pampa TX 79066-2499. Or contact Ken Hall by phone at (806) 669-5820.



Jim Maxwell examines a bouquet of one dozen red roses he was going to buy at Albertson's for his wife Carol. In inset, Shelly Smith smells a red carnation. Smith planned to buy her grandmother, Edna McClure, flowers for Valentine's Day today.

Ski accident victim awakens from coma

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Montana Farnum is showing some improvement in University Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., where he has awakened from a coma, according to a family friend, Lee Ann Winton of Pampa.

The Pampa High School junior was injured Feb. 6 in a skiing accident near Red River, N.M., and taken to the Albuquerque hospital for treatment.

Winton said while Montana is unable to talk and move his right side, he did awaken on Friday night. She said he is also unable to swallow.

He is currently in the head trauma unit in University Hospital. Winton said plans are to move him into the hospital's rehabilitation unit by the end of this week.

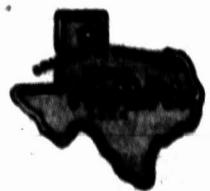
Winton reported her appreciation for the many people who left items at her business to be taken to Montana's mother, Deborah Farnum, who is staying at the hospital.

Montana's grandfather, Bud Coffee of Groom, and a family friend, Linda Hawley, went to see the teenager and his mother over the weekend. Winton said she is planning to go to New Mexico this weekend.

Winton said Montana's closest friend, Matt Stripling, who recently moved to the Lubbock area, flew to Albuquerque Saturday to see him.

Montana's 17th birthday is Thursday. Friends from school are preparing a video to be taken to him during the upcoming weekend.

Anyone wishing to send items to Montana or Deborah Farnum may take them by LeeAnn's Grooming at 535 N. Nelson during the week. She said the items will be taken to the family.



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Daily Record

Obituaries

BILL BLAKENEY

STINNETT — Bill Blakeney, 91, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, at Coronado Healthcare Center in Pampa. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Stinnett Church of Christ with Doyle Bloomer and Jim York officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Blakeney was born at Alvord, Texas, and had been a Stinnett resident for 50 years. He was a retired oil field operator for Phillips Petroleum Company, working in the E.&P. Department.

He belonged to Stinnett Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary S. Blakeney, on May 21, 1991.

Survivors include a son, Bob Blakeney of Pampa; two brothers, C.Y. Blakeney of Mabelvale, Ark., and Alfred Blakeney of Alvord; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ARTHUR HODGES

DUMAS — Arthur Hodges, 84, a former Canadian resident, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Christian Church with the Rev. Don Sellman officiating. Burial will be in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

A native of Wheeler County, Mr. Hodges lived at Canadian from 1938 until moving to Dumas in 1951. He married Marie Erskine in 1938 at Shamrock. He retired from Phillips Petroleum Company in 1981.

He was a member and Elder Emeritus at First Christian Church of Dumas.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; two daughters, Virginia Guber of Amarillo and Sandra Stavlo of Sunray; a son, Charles Hodges of Longview, Wash.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 216 Oak in Dumas and requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd St., Dumas, TX 79029; or to Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Police report

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

Saturday, Feb. 12

James Michael Brown, 26, 2129 N. Dwight, was arrested on a grand jury indictment of driving while intoxicated subsequent offense, a charge of violation of probation, and three bond surrenders.

A \$5 coil wire was reported stolen from a motor vehicle in the 100 block of South Dwight.

Terroristic threats were reported in the 200 block of Kingsmill. The threats involved an area outside the jurisdiction of the Pampa Police and were relayed to the proper authorities.

Two children were reported as runaways in the 1100 block of Huff. The children were found playing at a friend's house.

The theft of a Nokia 282 cell phone valued at \$200 was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A simple assault was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1200 block of Garland.

A child was reported as runaway in the 1800 block of North Nelson.

A criminal trespassing and assault was reported at the intersection of Browning and Wynne.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Nancy Jo Lewis Adams, 43, Skellytown, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Taylor Food Mart at 600 E. Frederic reported the theft of an 18-pack of Coors Light, three packs of Marlboro, and one bag of potato chips.

A skateboard was reported stolen in the 400 block of East Foster.

A bonsai tree was reported stolen in the 1000 block of South Banks.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, Feb. 12

Dave Everette Sims, 25, Clarendon, was arrested by the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission on the charge of public intoxication.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Lamont Nickleberry, 24, 1100 Prairie, was arrested by the DPS on the charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Alan Grant Smith, Jr., 42, 2611 Dogwood, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Gilbert Julio Chavez, 23, no address given, was arrested on charges of attempted capital murder, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest, and escape from custody. (See related story, pg. 1)

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Feb. 12

8:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 100 block S. Christy. No patient was transported.

8:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of N. Christy. One patient was transported to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

11:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 600 block N. Somerville. No patient was transported.

2:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Short. One patient was transported to PRMC.

4:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 700 block of N. Sumner. One patient was transported to PRMC.

7:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Dwight. One patient was transported to PRMC.

8:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC. One patient was transported to BSA-West.

Sunday, Feb. 13

9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 1200 block of S. Finley. One was transported to PRMC.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

1:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 1200 block of N. Hobart. One patient was transported to PRMC.

5:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 100 block of S. Russell. No patient was transported.

Emergency numbers

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

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident report Monday, Feb. 14.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Nancy Jo Lewis Adams, 43, Skellytown, lost control of her Ford Tempo after striking a curb at the 700 block of East Frederic. "Driver admitted being on tranquilizers. Driver also stated that she was reaching for something in the vehicle [when the vehicle struck the curb]," according to the accident report. Adams then went over a curb and struck a light pole. No injuries were reported. Adams was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Stocks

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

Wheat.....	2.27	Coca-Cola.....	54 1/8
Milo.....	2.98	Columbia/HCA.....	23 3/16
Corn.....	3.42	Enron.....	66 3/4
Soybeans.....	4.15	Halliburton.....	34

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

Occidental.....	17 5/16	dn 1 3/16
Fidelity Magell.....	131.43	
Puritan.....	18.15	

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

Amoco.....	46 3/16	dn 7/16
Arco.....	66 3/4	dn 5/16
Cabot.....	22 7/8	up 1/16
Calumet O&G.....	15 1/16	dn 3/16
Chevron.....	74	NC

Fires

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

Sunday, Feb. 13

9:16 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 1200 block of Finley.

1:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

3:44 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the 700 block of East Frederic.

Carson County

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the week of Feb. 7-13. There are currently 9 persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail, and 9 additional persons in other jurisdictions.

Lance E. Willis, 23, Amarillo, was arrested on other agency warrants.

Monty P. Givens, 45, Pampa, was arrested on unauthorized carrying of a weapon.

Lance E. Bradley, 22, Oklahoma, was arrested on other agency warrants.

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cuffs and get the left rear window down far enough to get out.

Officers said Chavez then got behind the wheel of McDonald's car and tried to drive off. He reportedly struck McDonald with the car before hitting the Geo. McDonald's car was then slammed into reverse, side swiping a semi that had pulled up next to the patrol car.

A trooper shot the tires out on McDonald's car. As the patrol car sagged to one side, an automatic cut off switch was activated, killing the engine of the patrol car.

Officers said Chavez then got out and ran. DPS Trooper Lynn Holland jumped out of his patrol car and went after him.

Authorities said Chavez kept trying to climb into one of the semi trucks parked along side the road. As he reached the third truck, Chavez hung onto the door of the truck as the trucker took off. Holland grabbed Chavez and was being dragged.

Holland fell off, striking his head on the pavement. Officers coming to the aid of Holland, handcuffed Chavez again and took him to Pampa Regional Medical Center, then to Gray County jail.

Officials said Holland suffered a concussion and pulled neck muscles.

McDonald, who initially refused medical treatment, was expected to be checked over by doctors today. Authorities said he suffered possible knee injuries.

"We're short one car today," Sheriff Copeland said. He said he is just happy he isn't short one deputy.

"The courage of these officers in laying their lives on the line for the people of Texas will likely save several innocent lives down the road," Mann said today.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Chavez today at \$10,000 on a charge of attempted capital murder of a police officer, \$7,500 on a charge of escape, \$5,000 on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and \$2,000 on a charge of evading arrest.

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involves staging an actual drunken-driving accident, with emergency and law enforcement personnel. The program would involve ninth through twelfth graders.

"We want to show them [Lefors ISD students] that their choices affect everyone else," Tinney said.

Tinney asked that April 27 and 28 be set aside for the program. Law suggested May 4 and 5. The board asked Tinney for an agenda of the program, and what all it would involve, and agreed to consider the program at the next board meeting.

Board members considered a starting a baseball program at Lefors.

"It's going to cost you about \$10,000 to start a good baseball program," Law told board members, "I would suggest that we wait two years and see."

Other school districts in the athletic district had recently begun baseball programs, and several board members expressed an interest in baseball. The board agreed to wait on consideration of baseball.

The school board discussed the poor performance of Lefors athletics programs.

Law asked the board to consider an athletic

handbook of guidelines, to prevent students from missing practices and games.

Law said the coaches aren't enforcing any rules, and that students are not taking athletics seriously.

"Sometimes we get into a we-don't-want-to-make-them-mad syndrome," Law said, "but if an athlete is skipping practices and games, tell him to take off."

"We have a student code of conduct, we have a cheerleader handbook, but we don't have anything for athletes."

Law said coaches could write the handbook, and then submit it to the board for approval.

"And if the coaches don't enforce it [the handbook], then they're breaking their own rules," Law said.

The board considered the request of a parent to withdraw her children for an extended period of time to take her children to India, to show her children their heritage.

"We have to excuse absences for religious and cultural stuff," Law informed the board.

"Even if someone were to miss a whole year?" one board member asked.

"Well, that would be hard to justify," Law said.

News in brief ...

Charles Schulz dies just as farewell 'Peanuts' hits doorsteps

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Monte Schulz, eldest son of the "Peanuts" creator, saw his father's spirits sag as the cartoonist battled illness and was forced to give up his beloved comic strip.

For the son, it was no coincidence that Charles Schulz's last strip featuring Snoopy and the gang was published on the very day the artist died.

"He just didn't seem all that willing and interested to fight the colon cancer," Monte Schulz said. The diagnosis came in November, and the cartoonist announced plans to retire his strip a month later.

The 77-year-old cartoonist died in his sleep Saturday at home with his wife, Jeannie. The exact cause of death wasn't known. A public memorial service was tentatively set for Feb. 21 in Santa Rosa, the artist's adopted hometown.

In addition to his wife and son Monte, Schulz is survived by son Craig and three daughters, Meredith Hodges, Amy Johnson and Jill Schultz Transki; two stepchildren and 18 grandchildren.

Schulz's final strip showed Snoopy at his typewriter and other "Peanuts" regulars along with a "Dear Friends" letter thanking readers for their support.

"I think maybe he decided that his true passion was in the strip, and when that was gone, it was over," Monte Schulz said. "He had done what he had wanted to do, and that was it for him ..."

President working hard on his legacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote "there are no second acts in American lives." Bill Clinton doesn't believe that applies to the political stage.

Heading into the twilight of his presidency, Clinton has fought off predictions he would be politically crippled by the travails of impeachment and is working to solidify the successes of his administration and musing aloud about how he may be remembered.

He is raising millions of dollars

to help Democrats gain power in November, even as his own political star is eclipsed by the White House campaign of Vice President Al Gore and Hillary Rodham Clinton's bid for the Senate in New York.

Clinton seizes every opportunity to frame the debate about his administration. He talks about second chances, comparing the current social and political climate with bygone eras and wondering about the possibilities of the future while offering cautionary tales of past disappointments.

"Once before in my lifetime, I thought we had a chance to build the future of our dreams," Clinton said recently, referring to the economic expansion of the 1960s. "We believed, when I graduated from high school, that we were going to solve the civil rights crisis and the poverty problems of America through the orderly legislative process in Congress and working with people."

But in 1968, after Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated and American society was torn apart over the Vietnam War, that optimism vanished.

"I have waited, as an American, over 30 years for my country to get another chance to build the future of our dreams for our children," the president said. "Most of us get at least one second chance in life."

Bush concerned Democrats may be mobilizing to help McCain

WASHINGTON (AP) — With

South Carolina's Republican presidential primary looming, Texas Gov. George W. Bush worried aloud that Democrats are mobilizing to support Sen. John McCain in the open balloting Saturday.

But McCain said Bush's allegation that some Democrats believe the senator would be easier to defeat in the general election in November "flies in the face of the facts."

"The facts are that independents are also flocking in large numbers to my candidacy as well as Republicans," McCain said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "Everybody knows that if you're going to win a general election you have to have those independents and some Democrats."

He said it was his message that was attracting non-Republicans.

"I'm very proud that Libertarians or vegetarians or anybody would consider supporting me because I have a vision of reform for America that I think is taking hold, not only in South Carolina but all over the country," McCain said.

Still, Bush and his surrogates claimed that Democrats were trying to skew the results of the GOP primary, which is open to voters regardless of party affiliation.

In fact, state Rep. Todd Rutherford, said in a television interview in Columbia, S.C., that his fellow Democrats should "support the weaker candidate in the Republican primary because he can't beat your opponent in the general election."

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a high of 70-75 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 40. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the mid-70s.

STATEWIDE — It was a cool morning across the state today with dense fog along the coast from Beaumont to Victoria. But temperatures were expected to warm into the 70s and 80s.

Along the Rio Grande River from Laredo to Del Rio and in North Texas and the Panhandle, skies were partly cloudy this morning.

Early morning temperatures ranged from 33 degrees at Wichita Falls, 41 degrees at Junction, 58 degrees in El Paso and 67 degrees at Brownsville.

In South Texas, temperatures will warm to the 70s and 80s. Tonight will be partly cloudy with some fog developing along the coastal sections. Overnight

lows should be mainly in the 50s.

North Texas is expected to have partly cloudy skies, with highs in the 60s and 70s. Tonight it should be partly cloudy with lows in the 40s.

In West Texas and the Panhandle, skies should be clear to partly cloudy through Tuesday. High temperatures should range from the upper 50s to around 80. Lows tonight will be from the lower 30s north to the upper 40s in the Big Bend valleys.

Two Columbine students found dead

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Two Columbine High School students were found dead early today after a shooting at a sandwich shop about two blocks south of the school, authorities said.

Investigators could not offer a motive but ruled out murder-suicide.

A woman who worked at the Subway sandwich shop was driving by just before 1 a.m. and noticed a light on inside. Since the business was supposed to be closed by 10 p.m., she stopped, went inside and found the bodies of a 15-year-old boy who also worked there and a 16-year-old girl who wasn't an employee, Jefferson County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Davis said both victims, students at Columbine, suffered apparent gunshot wounds, but could not say if the wounds were the cause of death. He did not know whether investigators had recovered a weapon.

The shop is in a small strip mall within sight of the school where two teen-age students killed 12 students and a teacher on April 20 and wounded more than two dozen others. The two, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, then committed suicide.

Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis went to the scene early this morning and then went back to the school. Davis said he and DeAngelis spoke but he would not say what they talked about.

PHS Marketing Education students compete in DECA Career Development Conference

Students participated in curriculum related competitive events which allowed them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from the panhandle.

Ten Marketing Education students from Pampa High School competed in the Texas DECA District 8 Career Development Conference held recently at Rider High School in Wichita Falls. Students participated in curriculum related competitive events which allowed them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from the panhandle. There were approximately 450 members and their advisors participating in the conference.

According to local chapter advisor, Donna Crow, the following students represented their chapter at the conference in Wichita Falls: Jill Forman, District 8 president and Free Enterprise Chapter Project; Desarae Hilton, Free Enterprise Chapter Project; Angela Bowman, Learn and Earn Chapter Project; Montana Farnum, Technical Marketing Representative Event; Jessica Cortez, Advertising Campaign Event; Liana Ammerman, Hospitality and Recreation Research Event; Brooke Chronister, Technical Marketing Representative Event; Sean Pope, Technical Marketing Representative Event; Amber Hathcoat, Business Services Marketing Series Event; April Rodgers, Retail Merchandising Event.

Forman, Hilton, Bowman, Rodgers, Hathcoat, Ammerman and Farnum placed first in their respective categories and will advance to the State Competition in Corpus Christi March 1-5.

Farnum was elected the District 8 secretary at the conference. He will also be running for State DECA president at the state conference in March and will attend the leadership academy at the National Conference in Louisville, Ky., in April.

Forman will be running for State secretary at the State Conference in March.

DECA is a 54-year-old youth organization with almost 12,000 members statewide and 150,000 members nationwide. The organization operates in all 50 states plus Guam, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands and Canada. DECA's unique



(Special photo)

Ten Marketing Education students from Pampa High School competed in the Texas DECA District 8 Career Development Conference held recently at Rider High School in Wichita Falls. Above: (front row, left-right) Angela Bowman, Learn and Earn Chapter Project; Jill Forman and Desarae Hilton, Free Enterprise Chapter Project; Jessica Cortez, Advertising Campaign Event; (back row, l-r) Brooke Chronister, Sean Pope and Montana Farnum, Technical Marketing Representative Event; Amber Hathcoat, Business Services Marketing Series Event; April Rodgers, Retail Merchandising Event; and Liana Ammerman, Hospitality and Recreation Research Event.

role is to provide leadership experiences and recognition for its members as they prepare for dynamic careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

Report: Scientist says gunfire possible at Waco

WACO, Texas (AP) — A military scientist's on-the-spot analysis indicated the possibility that videotape recording the final moments of the Waco standoff could show if gunshots were fired, according to federal officials.

But Justice Department lawyers did not contact the scientist — a U.S. Air Force research physicist — after he told them in 1996 he recommended field tests to help determine if the flashes recorded on the tape were shots fired during the Branch Davidian siege. A report on the scientist's opinion appears in today's The Dallas Morning News and cites anonymous government sources.

The airman, who refused to be interviewed by the newspaper, recently answered questions from U.S. Senate and House committees and the Waco special counsel's office re-examining the government's handling of the deadly April 1993 standoff.

Federal officials familiar with his interviews said the scientist explained how his "back of the envelope" mathematical modeling and lab studies found a small but significant statistical probability that flashes on the FBI's infrared videotape came from gunfire. The scientist proposed a field test as the next step,

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but the Justice Department never responded. "He said that he had offered a test protocol. They neglected it and ignored him," said one official, who questioned the airman, according to The News.

Defense Department officials asked that investigators keep his name confidential because of his work on sensitive military projects. And a Justice spokesman said he could not talk about the scientist's work because it was "privileged" information.

At issue is the FBI's contention that its agents never fired a shot during the 1993 assault, which began just after dawn April 19. The Waco federal judge overseeing a

wrongful death lawsuit arising from the siege ordered a court-supervised field test next month at Fort Hood. Parties to the re-enactment are scheduled to meet Wednesday to discuss specifics.

The spokesman for the House committee re-examining the standoff said the Justice Department's handling of the Air Force scientist's recommendations and the recent field test proposals are the latest examples of what appears to be a long effort to avoid full disclosure of government actions in Waco.

During testimony, the scientist reportedly told officials he began a mathematical study of the videotape — recorded by the FBI's air-plane-mounted infrared equipment — and concluded the camera used could detect muzzle flashes at Waco.

Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died in an inferno at their compound near town that day, ending a 51-day standoff with members of the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Some died from fire, others from gunshots. The government has said all along that the sect members were responsible for their own deaths.

Local Beta Sigma Phi chapters announce sweethearts



Teresa Curfman



Suzanne Courtney



Janice Marlene Hubbard



Terri Cree

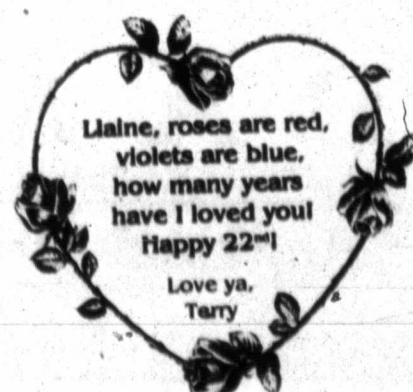
Local Beta Sigma Phi chapters recently announced BSP Sweethearts for 1999-00. They are: Teresa Curfman, Preceptor Chi; Suzanne Courtney, Xi Phi Alpha; Janice Marlene Hubbard, Preceptor Theta Iota; and Terri Cree, Xi Beta Chi.

Curfman is the newest member of PCC and is currently employed with Texas Tech. She and her husband of 25 years, Kurt, are members of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. They have two children, Laura and husband Eli Stark and Michael Curfman, all of Pampa; and two grandchildren. She enjoys camping and reading.

Courtney has belonged to BSP for 22 years and held memberships in San Marcos and Portales, N.M., prior to moving to Pampa in 1991, holding the offices of secretary and vice president. This is her second time to be honored as a sweetheart and won Program of the Year for three consecutive years. She has been schedule coordinator at Shepherds Crook Nursing since 1991 and is married to Sergeant Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department. The couple have two children, Stephanie and husband Tyson

Paronto of Pampa and Lt. Trey Courtney, U.S.M.C., Camp Pendleton, and two grandchildren. They belong to Calvary Baptist Church.

Hubbard has been a BSP member for 29 years and is currently corresponding secretary of PTL. She has held every office in her chapter with the exception of vice president. In addition, she has served as BSP City Council treasurer and received the Laureate degree. She is a secretary employed with the U.S. Department of Energy at Pantex in Amarillo. She has three children, Mike and wife Debbie Snider of Wichita, Kan., Kim Keeton of Amarillo and Kelli Snider of Dallas; and four grandchildren. She enjoys traveling and dancing.



Cree is a three year BSP member and has held the office of chapter parliamentarian and is currently chapter corresponding secretary for XBC. She was also chapter sweetheart for Beta Eta Omega. She is employed part-time at United Methodist Church and at First Baptist Church. She and husband,

Kevin, have two children, Megan, a sophomore at Pampa High School, and Chase, 2-years-old. Her favorite pastimes include snow skiing and being outdoors.

Since the mid-1960s, the local Beta Sigma Phi Chapters have awarded \$64,000 in scholarships.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will hold an Open Forum at its next meeting slated from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the cafeteria of Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Guests are cordially invited to attend the forum. If time allows, participants may play Bunko, a no-skills dice game involving luck and no gambling. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

SQUARE HOUSE MUSEUM

Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle is exhibiting "Birds of a Feather" through Feb. 27 in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building at the museum. Also showing is art exhibit featuring the work of eight artists in eight different styles from oil and pastel to aquatint and pen and ink. A reception will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

FPC HANDGUN CLASS

Frank Phillips College Office of Continuing Education and Hutchinson County Sheriff's Office will sponsor a concealed handgun class from 6-10 p.m. March 21-23 in the Classroom Learning Complex, Room CLC-4, FPC, Borger. The qualifying portion of the class will be from 8 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, March 25 at the gun range. For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 789.

DINOSAUR DAYS

Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum will sponsor "Dinosaur Days" throughout the month of February at Lake Meredith Museum, 103 N. Robey, Fritch. Activities are geared for preschool through third grade children. To arrange a program, schedule a tour or for more information, call the museum at (806) 857-2458. The dinosaur program will be presented from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM

Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

STORIES FOR THE GARDEN

The creators of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series are seeking heartwarming or humorous stories from the garden for inclusion in "Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul," slated for publication in 2001. Send stories to Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul, P.O. Box 1694, Kodiak, AK 99615; fax, (907) 486-2686. For Writers' Guidelines or for more information, call (907) 481-2084 or e-mail, marion@ptialaska.net. Deadline for submissions is March 1.

AISE

American Intercultural Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families provide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. For more information, call 1-800-SIBLING or visit AISE website, www.aise.com.

MS SOCIETY

The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

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Spotlight on Pampa

by
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Feb. 15 - the monthly Chamber luncheon will be in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community building with luncheon being served at 11:45 a.m. The sponsor will be Clifton Supply Company. Speakers will be Don Lane and Joe Kyle Reeve with Clarendon College. Lunch will be catered by R&R Catering. Please call and make your reservations by calling 669-3241 before 9:30 a.m. the day of the luncheon.



Christmas residential lighting winner Area 1 — Billie Steele (and David Steele)



Christmas residential lighting winner Area 2 — Roger David Family.



Christmas residential lighting winner Area 3 — Keith Arnzen.



Christmas residential lighting winner Area 4 — Robert and Mary Hartley.

Meetings:

February 17, 2000 - The Board of Directors will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building.

February 21, 2000 - The Top O' Texans (Gold Coats) will meet at Dyer's Bar-B-Que at 12 noon.

February 22, 2000 - The Tourism Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 2:00 p.m.

March 1, 2000 - The Retail Trade Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 8:30 a.m.

March 7, 2000 - The Membership Development Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 12:00 noon (Dutch treat lunch).

March 14, 2000 - Executive Board will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

March 16, 2000 - Board of Directors will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

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Dear Chamber members,

We have already had a great start to the new year. The new Pampa Community Building parking lot, developed and financed by the Pampa Area Foundation, was dedicated in January. In addition, our Chamber banquet was quite a success with 250 people in attendance to see Citizen of the Year awarded along with four new awards presented this year.

Our congratulations to 1999 Citizen of the Year John Curry, 1999 Man of the Year John Warner, 1999 Woman of the Year Wanetta Hill, 1999 Students of the Year Rebecca Nolte and Lacy Plunk and 1999 Citizen Emeritus Roy Sparkman. All of the winners are very deserving having given unselfishly of themselves to the community.

There are many more events to come as the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce strives to promote and help increase business in the area that we serve. On Saturday, March 25th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will be sponsoring a Boat, Travel and Recreation Show at the M.K. Brown Auditorium for more businesses to present their products and services to the public. Details for the May show will be available in the next few weeks. Also in May, we will again host the Pampa High School Hall of Fame luncheon. Additional events are being considered for the summer.

Then we will move into the fall with the Country Fair being held in October, a special Christmas business roundup and style show in December followed by a formal Christmas Ball to finish out the year. Of course we will continue our monthly luncheons with interesting speakers and excellent food catered by our member restaurants throughout the year.

This year the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will be having quarterly prayer breakfasts from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. The prayer breakfast schedule is as follows: March 7th, June 6th, September 5th and December 5th. Peggy's Place will cater our breakfasts with the cost being \$5 per person. We look forward to seeing members and nonmembers alike.

This will be an exciting and busy year as you can see. The Events that are outlined above are only some of the events we plan to present this year. We will keep you informed from month to month. Please join us for a great year.

Sincerely,

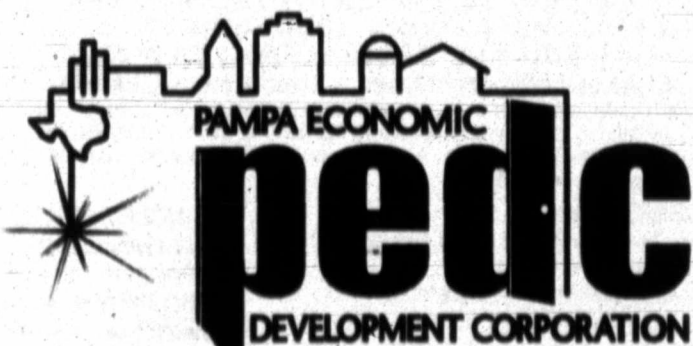
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President
Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

From left, 1999 Citizen Emeritus Roy Sparkman, 1999 Woman of the Year Wanetta Hill, 1999 Man of the Year John Warner, and 1999 Citizen of the Year John Curry. The awards were made at the annual Chamber banquet.



1999 Students of the Year Rebecca Nolte and Lacy Plunk, seniors at Pampa High School, were recognized for their work in producing an abstinence and anti-drug video. The student award was given during the annual Chamber banquet.



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Physicians testing new ways to zap clots that cause strokes

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Doctors trying to stop a stroke in its tracks are developing some entirely new approaches that use lasers and other gadgets to blast, smash or grab blood clots lodged deep inside the brain.

The technology is still in its infancy, and the first report on one of these devices — a laser beam on the tip of a skinny, flexible tube — was made during a conference in New Orleans of the American Stroke Association.

Strokes are the nation's No. 3 killer, after heart attacks and cancer. They are also among the most frustrating of diseases because there is so little doctors can do for them.

Most strokes occur when a blood clot gets stuck in one of the brain's arteries, choking off the blood supply. Unless it can be dislodged within six hours or so, a section of brain dies, causing paralysis and other problems.

Clot-dissolving drugs can stop strokes if given quickly enough, but the therapy can also trigger bleeding in the brain, so doctors are often reluctant to offer it. Other recent attempts at developing stroke medicines have been disappointing.

Now experts say at least a dozen companies are developing devices intended to physically remove or destroy these clots. The first results were reported by Dr. Wayne M. Clark of the Oregon Stroke Center in Portland, Ore.

Clark tested a laser developed by TaLIS Inc. of Coon Rapids, Minn. The results demonstrate both the difficulties and the promise of this approach.

The arteries inside the head are very narrow and kinked with hairpin turns. Just reaching them without causing damage is a technological feat.

Clark's team so far has used the laser on five patients with strokes in the middle cerebral arteries or their branches. In two cases, the laser never reached the clot. In one case, it partially obliterated the clot, while in another it destroyed the clot.

In the most recent case, one of the steps in the treatment poked a hole in the clogged artery, triggering bleeding in the 79-year-old woman's brain. The patient died, although it is unclear whether the laser or the stroke itself was to blame.

In the one success, Clark said, a 78-year-old woman came to the hospital unable to talk and paralyzed on her left side. She "went from a huge stroke to, three months later, living alone and taking care of herself. But it's just one case, and maybe the clot would have dissolved by itself."

The program has been suspended temporarily while doctors investigate the death. Eventually, they hope to do 12 procedures, then assess whether the technology is worth pursuing.

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"An adverse event would not necessarily mean they should abandon the effort. But it means they have to figure out what went wrong," said Dr. Lynn A. Smaha, president of the American Heart Association.

TaLIS's president, Charles Hadley, said the laser was developed more than a decade ago at Massachusetts General Hospital to remove red birthmarks. Because the laser is absorbed only by red material, doctors looked into the possibility of using it to blast the blood clots that trigger heart attacks, but that work was eventually abandoned.

The laser is threaded into the brain through a liquid-filled catheter that is one millimeter thick. Doctors use X-rays to follow its progress.

To work, the laser must get within a centimeter of the clot. It takes a minute or two of laser blasting to destroy it. In theory, the artery walls should not be harmed because they are white, not red, and so will not absorb the laser energy.

At least one other company, EndoVasix of Belmont, Calif., is also testing a laser on stroke patients. Stephen Johnson, the chief financial officer, said the company hopes to have results by the end of the year.

Employing an altogether different approach, Possis Medical Inc. of Minneapolis has developed a catheter designed to suck blood clots out of the brain. The device fires a high-speed water jet away from the clot. This creates a vacuum that draws the clot into the catheter.

"We can get into the upper reaches of the middle cerebral artery," said Eapen Chacko, a Possis spokesman. "We think we can do that and evacuate the clot."

Testing of the approach is set to begin in March at six medical centers.

Other devices in the works could obliterate clots with sound waves or grab them with a variety of mechanical claws and haul them out. Still another approach is to try to put oxygen into the brain to compensate for the blocked blood flow.

Besides potentially being less likely to trigger bleeding, these mechanical devices may also work faster than clot-dissolving drugs, which take an hour or two to break up a clot.

"The idea is, the quicker you get it removed, the better," Clark said. Using a laser, "it takes seconds vs. hours."

Younger kids don't have to shy away from strength training

HOUSTON — Depending on their levels of maturity and development, some young boys might be ready to tackle a strength training program, says Dr. Joe Chorley, an adolescent sports medicine specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"There is not a magic age for boys to start strength training," Chorley said. "Some may be very mature at age 9 or 10, so it has more to do with how the child looks at the activity."

Boys who "goof off" in the weight room are more prone to injuries, some of which can be severe. If, for example, growth plates in the wrist, shoulder and knee responsible for the length and width of bones are damaged, the child might not reach his full height.

To keep weight-lifting injuries at a minimum, Chorley suggests that parents provide adequate supervision and find a gym that offers smaller machines that can better accommodate a child's body. Proper technique is also key.

Chorley stresses, however, that strength training can involve more than working with weights. Exercises that use one's body weight as resistance, like sit-ups, push-ups and pull-ups, are all good strength builders.

Strength training can help adolescent boys physically and mentally. Boys who feel stronger, tend to be less anxious and have more self confidence.

ACL tears are on the rise among females

HOUSTON — The gender gap is closing when it comes to injuries of the anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL.

Sports medicine specialists believe basic anatomy puts women at a significantly higher risk than men. Differences in muscle and fat composition, bone structure and even hormones can pre-dispose female athletes to an ACL tear.

"It's important for women to realize certain sports, such as soccer, volleyball and basketball, place them at an increased risk," said Dr. James Bocell, Jr., chief of sports medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The risk is increased even more if they have weak muscles or participate with improperly healed injuries."

The ACL is a critical ligament to athletes because it stabilizes the knee during deceleration.

"Unfortunately, this is the type of injury that just happens," Bocell said. "The important thing is to identify the factors that we can manage, like muscle strength and balance and even the type of shoes worn. We've learned that controlling these factors can make a difference."

Don't let cold weather keep you from drinking plenty of water

HOUSTON — Drinking a tall glass of water before heading for an outdoor winter workout might not be appealing, but it's essential.

"A person can become dehydrated even when participating in cold-weather activities because the body still heats up during exercise," said Becky Gorham, a research nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine. "It's important to remember that the body performs the same functions whether it's cold or hot outside."

According to Gorham, the key is to stay away from cold water while hydrating during a workout because it can cause the body to chill faster. While eight glasses of water is the recommendation for a sedentary person, active people should drink more. The rule of thumb is to drink one liter of water for every 1,000 calories expended.

If you can't drink that much, consider seltzer, diluted juice, decaffeinated tea or fruits and vegetables that have a higher water content, such as lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes, as alternatives.

Remember that thirst is not an accurate measure of hydration. It's best to pay attention to how your body feels and how it is performing. Sluggishness, low energy level and headaches can signal inadequate fluid intake.

"If you don't drink enough fluids, you are likely to be fatigued and train poorly, which can significantly affect your performance," Gorham said.

Don't make your brown eyes blue without a prescription

DALLAS — Shopping on the Internet may be a sign of our times, but ordering contact lenses on-line without a prescription is inviting a disaster.

Colored or patterned contacts that temporarily change the color of the eyes are increasingly popular among teen-agers and can be ordered on-line without prescriptions. But it may be exchanging permanent harm for temporary fun.

"Buying contact lenses without a prescription is breaking the law of common sense by risking your eyesight as well as breaking the law, period," says Dr. H. Dwight Cavanagh, professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Ill-fitting contact lenses could cause an infection that might lead to blindness."

"Contact lenses are medical devices," he says, "not fashion toys."

Researchers see possible way to prevent E. coli deaths

By DAVID KINNEY
Associated Press Writer

Canadian researchers say they have made a key step toward developing what could be the first drug to save the lives of those struck by an especially dangerous strain of E. coli.

Infections from a strain called O157:H7 kill 250 people in the United States each year, many of them children 5 and under. The bacteria produce a poison that works its way into the bloodstream and damages the kidneys.

Researchers at the University of Alberta in Canada have created a new "inhibitor": a five-limbed molecule armed with 10 grippers that are designed to grab the toxins and escort them out of the body. Its designers call it "Starfish."

In test-tube experiments, Starfish appears to be far more effective than the other inhibitors undergoing testing.

If it works in humans, it would be a big step.

There are no vaccines or inhibitors for E. coli infections on the market, and doctors say there

is not much they can do to treat the related kidney disorder besides giving patients dialysis and blood transfusions.

The researchers say Starfish shows promise, but they are still testing its effectiveness in humans.

"You'd have to make sure this molecule would end up in the right place in the body, and also that it does not cause any toxicity problems itself. We don't think it will," said David Bundle, a chemistry professor at Alberta.

The study was published in a recent issue of the journal Nature.

Starfish works because of its design. Each inhibitor molecule can latch onto two toxin molecules, preventing them from binding to the body's cells. With its multiple arms, Starfish binds to the toxins 1 million to 10 million times more tightly than other inhibitors being tested, Bundle said.

E. coli became a major health concern in the 1980s and '90s after deadly outbreaks, many of them blamed on undercooked hamburgers. About 70,000 Americans are infected annually.

Adults get diarrhea and intestinal trouble, symptoms Starfish could not stop. But Bundle's team thinks Starfish could prevent the kidney disorder, called hemolytic uremic syndrome.

Each year, about 5,000 people infected with E. coli O157:H7 contract HUS, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Five percent of HUS sufferers die.

An inhibitor called Synsorb, which is in testing, might be able to mop up the poisons in the intestine but cannot fight toxins that end up in the bloodstream.

Dennis Lang, a researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Starfish's design appears to be a good advance, but more testing is needed to determine whether it works.

Study: Lots of Vitamin E won't help heart

By The Associated Press

A new study of more than 9,000 high-risk patients casts doubt on the widely held belief that daily vitamin E pills help ward off heart problems.

Earlier research has suggested that vitamin E may lower the risk substantially in people who already have heart disease. But the new research found no evidence over 4 1/2 years that the pills do any good.

The study of 9,541 high-risk patients looked at whether vitamin E or a widely used blood pressure pill, called an ACE inhibitor, could prevent heart attacks and strokes.

The ACE inhibitor was very effective, and those results were reported when the results were announced during a medical conference.

The study was published in New England Journal of Medicine and led by Dr. Salim Yusuf of Hamilton General Hospital in Ontario.

Yusuf said that vitamin E has been shown to help against prostate cancer but that four earlier studies about vitamin E and heart problems were conflicting. He said this might have been because of small doses, small numbers of heart problems overall, or short treatments.

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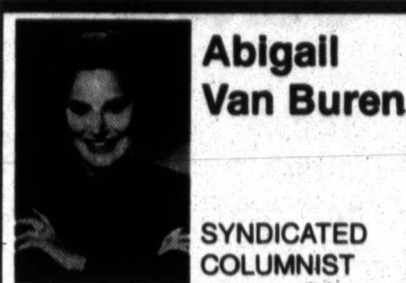
DEAR READERS: It's Valentine's Day already! And what better time to revive my Ten Commandments of Love.

Yes, dear readers, I actually had the chutzpah to write my own Ten Commandments. However, it wasn't as though I was stealing from strangers. One of my ancestors was privileged to have received them on Mount Sinai from the Lord himself — at least that's what the Good Book says.

Originally, I wrote two sets of commandments — one for men and one for women. Then Mandy Stellman, a lawyer from Milwaukee, pointed out that one set of commandments should apply to both men and women. She was right, of course. So how's this for a gender-bender?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

- Put your spouse before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter — your mate is your lifelong companion.
- Do not abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink, or any foreign substance that goes into your arm or up your nose.
- Remember that cleanliness is a virtue.
- Willingly share all of your worldly goods with your mate.
- Do not forget to say, "I love you." Even though your love may be constant, your spouse needs to hear those



Abigail Van Buren
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cherished words often.

— Remember that the approval of your spouse is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers, so be true to him or her, and forsake all others.

— Permit neither your business nor your hobby to make you a stranger to your spouse. The most precious gift you can give is time.

— Keep your home in good repair, because out of it come the joys of old age (not to mention its resale value).

— Forgive with grace, because who among us does not need to be forgiven?

— Honor the Lord your God every day of your life, and your children will grow up to bless you.

Today, be a sweetheart. Call someone you love and say, "I love you." (Make two or three calls; who says you can't love more than one person — in different ways, of course.) Call someone who's lonely

and say, "I'm thinking of you." Or better yet, say, "I'll be over tomorrow to take you to lunch, run some errands for you or give you a ride."

Visit a sick friend. Say a prayer. Donate some blood. Adopt a pet. Will your eyes, your kidneys and all your usable organs to someone who can use them after you're gone. Forgive an enemy. Hug your teen-ager. Write a fan letter. Listen to a bore. Pay your doctor. Tell your parents you think they're wonderful. Spay your dog. Neuter your cat. Quit smoking. Drive carefully. If you're walking — watch where you're going.

And don't wait until next year to be a sweetheart again.

— LOVE, ABBY

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you had two quotations concerning "you know you are getting old when —" You might be interested in the one my brother uses:

"You know you're getting old when the policeman on the corner looks like a teen-ager."

EDSON M. TENNANT,
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DEAR EDSON: Right. And I have another one for you: "You know you're getting old when the derelicts look young."

establish a better working relationship. Tonight: Cook a gourmet meal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Take a back seat. Let others play out their own dramas. Any feedback you contribute might not be appreciated, or even heard. Listen to your inner sense regarding work. Maintain responsibilities. A change in plans is for the better. Use the free time for yourself. Tonight: Turn in early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ A long-trusted associate goes on the warpath. Know when to say "enough is enough." You might opt to communicate your discomfort to friends. Discuss your long-term goals with a friend. Be willing to break the mold. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Responsibilities weigh heavily. Others clearly let you know when you haven't met their standards. Their demanding natures could push you into a tizzy. Keep working with others on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Take an overview, especially if someone you work with cannot seem to get it together. Pitch in; be willing to help out and make another's work easier. Caring flows; you are coming from a centered point of view. Others appreciate you and your efforts. Tonight: Avoid office gossip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Aim for what you want. Openly discuss problems with a partner. Your ability to understand what goes on with others helps them open up. Another's temper flares. Stay in control. Choose

not to trigger. Jealousy could be at the bottom of this problem. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Others seem to act on their thoughts, giving you the privilege of observing rather than acting. Your sense of humor comes out with a friend. Be easy with family members. Sharing your point of view in a light way makes friends. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Work needs attention; it seems no one can get the job done like you can. Trust your inventiveness and creativity in a pinch. Be careful how you frame your words. Another could take them in a different vein than you had intended. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Keeping your focus on work proves challenging. Your loving ways break through another's defensiveness. You have a tendency to exaggerate and go to extremes. You could overspend while trying to impress another. Don't. Tonight: Play the night away.

BORN TODAY

Actress Jane Seymour (1951), singer Melissa Manchester (1951), cartoonist Matt Groening (1954)

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 2000
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;
3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You could blow a fuse. You have a lot on your plate, but you can handle it. Moneymaking opportunities tumble into your lap. Keep talking and sharing ideas. A family member proves unusually insightful and supportive. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Communication flourishes as you clear obstacles. Be careful if you have been swallowing frustration or anger; it will come out. Another can and will hear you loud and clear right now. You don't have to yell! Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Your intuition serves you well, especially in money dealings. Aim for what you want, but if you feel the cost of a project is too high, back off. You could be overwhelmed by what you are hearing. Say no if need be. Don't be shy! Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ All eyes look to you, as you naturally seem to make the right moves. Your sense of humor takes over when dealing with loved ones and friends. A boss pushes hard, however. Seek to

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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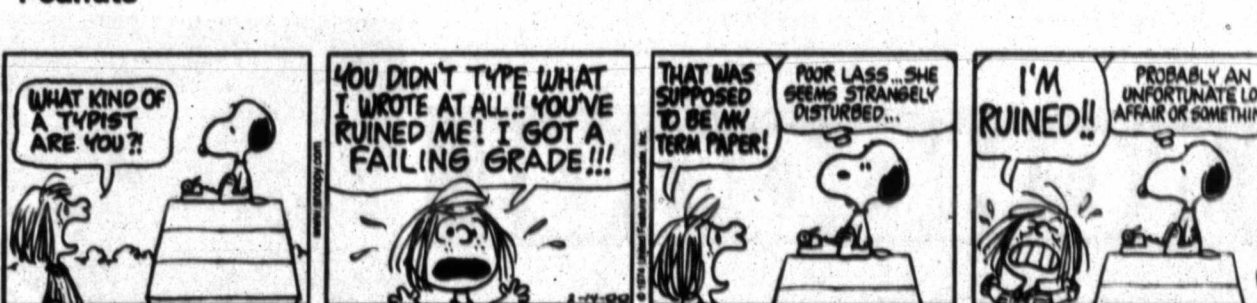
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SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association will hold signups for the spring season, Feb. 14-19 at T-Shirts & More from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To participate, a child must be four years old by July 31, 1999. Parents need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to the signups.

Players who participate in the fall season do not need to sign up.

Cost of the program is \$30. This includes jersey, shorts, socks and insurance.

The Association guarantees each player, regardless of experience, at least 50 percent playing time.

T-Shirts & More is located at 111 W. Kingsmill in Pampa. For more information, call 669-1273 after 5 p.m. and leave a message.

BASKETBALL

GROOM — Groom takes on Memphis in the Class 1A girls' bi-district round of the playoffs at 8 Tuesday night at Clarendon High School.

The Tigerettes fell to Hedley 43-39 last weekend in a game to determine the No. 1 playoff seed out of District 9-1A.

Candace Bohr had 18 points to lead Groom in scoring. Carrie Davis followed with 8.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Those who were looking for the next Michael Jordan to break from the pack at the All-Star game will have to wait another year.

At least another year. For now, there is only a diverse group of distinct talents, but no Air Apparent.

With Jordan watching from the eighth row in a suit, the Western Conference All-Stars defeated the East 137-126 Sunday, led by Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan and Jason Kidd.

In a way, it was a fitting first All-Star game for the start of the post-Jordan era. Nobody is sure who the next super-star is, and none burst forward in this game.

"You know what?" Kevin Garnett said. "I think what you're seeing in the NBA is not one dominant player."

"What you're seeing is a wide spread of talent throughout the league, everything from high-risers to (those) redefining positions. I see more positives as far as setting the standards for the next generation."

O'Neal and Duncan were co-MVPs. Garnett scored 22, Kidd handed out 14 assists and the West used its superior size to break a three-game losing streak in this annual showcase event.

O'Neal had 22 points, nine rebounds and three blocks, while Duncan shot 12-for-14 for 24 points with 14 rebounds and four assists.

Kobe Bryant added 15 for the West, while Michael Finley and Kidd had 11 apiece.

The West started the fourth quarter with a 10-2 run, led by five points from Finley, to go ahead 109-99. The East never made a run the rest of the way.

As for the best move of the day, that award might have to be shared by O'Neal and Vince Carter for their 360-degree dunks — although Carter's was infinitely more fluid.

The first basket for the East was an alley-oop dunk by Carter off a pass from Allen Iverson, while the second was a breakaway slam by Carter that closely resembled one of his best from the dunk contest Saturday night.

Carter did a 360-degree spin to his right — rather than doing it the easy way by spinning left — and dunked the ball with two hands.

"All everybody talked about coming into the game was how many lobes I was going to throw to Vince," Iverson said. "And it was getting frustrating because they didn't want Vince to show off. Every time we got on the break, they took the lob away from him."

Pampa's Moman qualifies for state swim meet

PHS sophomore wins 100-yard butterfly at 4A regional meet

LUBBOCK — Pampa sophomore Misty Moman won the Class 4A 100-yard butterfly at regionals Saturday to qualify for the state swim meet in Austin.

Moman won the event in 1:07.83, cutting three seconds off her best time. She becomes the first PHS swimmer in almost 20 years to advance to the state meet.

Moman, who received a gold medal for her winning performance, will represent Pampa at the state meet in two weeks at the Jamail Swim Center at the University of Texas. Cutting her

personal best time gives Moman a good chance of making it into the state finals.

This is truly a new beginning for the Pampa High swim program, which advanced 17 individuals and relays to the regional finals. With the new year came a new opportunity for swimmers statewide in 4A and below to compete only against each other at the post-season level.

In the girls' division, the 200 free relay of Tamra Henthorn, Desiree Vigil, Misty Moman and Lindsey Mitchell, finished a

strong fourth at regionals. They should be strong next season since the team loses only one member.

Senior Lindsey Mitchell, a talented all-around swimmer for the Lady Harvesters the past four years, had the best times of her career at the meet.

For the boys' team, Clay David and Willie Griffin swam their best times ever to advance to the finals in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle. David missed his chance to go to state in the 200 IM by less than two seconds and Griffin was only five seconds short in the 500 free.

The boys' 200 medley relay of Doug Warren, Ryan Milligan, Matt Schoenrock and Clay David, looks very promising for next season. They were just

three seconds short of the advancing time.

The boys' team ran up against a very strong Pecos team, who placed more than 10 entries in the state meet. With no seniors on the team, the Harvesters should make another strong showing next season.

The Region 1 meet in Lubbock was dominated by the Pecos boys and the Monahans girls.

Final regional times for the Pampa swimmers are as follows:

Girls
200 freestyle: Desiree Vigil, seventh place, 2:30.89; Jessica White, eighth place, 2:39.82.
200 IM: Lindsey Mitchell, seventh place, 2:50.08.
50 freestyle: Tamra Henthorn, fifth place, 28.85.

100 butterfly: Misty Moman, first place, 1:07.83.

100 freestyle: Desiree Vigil, eighth place, 1:07.70.

500 freestyle: Tamra Henthorn, fourth place, 6:22.31.

200 free relay: Pampa, fourth place (Lindsey Mitchell, Misty Moman, Desiree Vigil and Tamra Henthorn), 1:57.06.

100 backstroke: Misty Moman, fifth place, 1:12.26.

100 breaststroke: Lindsey Mitchell, fifth place, 1:22.69.

Boys
200 freestyle: Micheal Eskridge, seventh place, 2:08.98.

200 IM: Clay David, fifth place, 2:16.27.

100 butterfly: Michael Eskridge, eighth place, 1:07.96.

100 freestyle: Clay David, seventh place, 56.17.

Texas slips by Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — For the second straight game, a ranked team shook off a halftime deficit against Missouri.

No. 18 Texas followed No. 17 Iowa State in handing out the heartache, rallying from five points down at the break and six early in the second half for a 66-63 victory on Saturday. Missouri led Iowa State by five at halftime before collapsing in a 72-62 loss on Wednesday.

"They're crushed right now," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said of his players.

Well, not all of them.

"We're as good or better than the teams we're playing," said freshman Kareem Rush, who scored seven of his 12 points in the final five minutes. "We have plenty of confidence. I think we should have had two wins."

Trailing by one, Missouri (14-8, 7-3 Big 12) missed two chances to regain the lead in the final half-minute. Jeff Hafer broke through the defense but his layup rolled off the rim. T.J. Soyoye got the rebound, but his tip also rolled out. Hafer got the rebound, but then lost it out of bounds.

"We fought and fought and fought," Snyder said. "They made plays down the stretch and we didn't. We've had guys make plays to win games, but this one just didn't turn out that way."

Texas (17-6, 8-2) won for the sixth time in seven games without a big game from their big man. Seven-foot center Chris Mihm was held to 15 points and seven rebounds — seven below his averages in both categories — by constant double-teaming.

Backup center Pat Schumacher, who seldom plays, had two points and four fouls in seven minutes guarding Mihm.

"We really had to come at Texas with everybody," Snyder said. "They're so physical, we had to try to wear them down a little bit."

The tactic worked on Mihm, but the Longhorns' guards stepped up and scored all but three of Texas' final 28 points. Darren Kelly, held scoreless in the first half, had 13 points the rest of the way. He also calmly hit two clinching free throws with 13 seconds to go.

"I would have bet the house on him making those free throws because that's the situation that he likes to be in," coach Rick Barnes said. "He just loves it."

"Some guys really, truly love it when they're in a situation where they know it all depends on them."

Gabe Muoneke's basket in the lane with 1:24 to go put Texas ahead for good at 64-62 and Kelly's free throws made it 66-63.

Missouri lost despite hitting 10 3-pointers and outrebounding its opponent for only the eighth time all season, holding a 45-36 advantage. The Tigers had been 7-0 when holding the rebound edge, but shot only 37 percent.

Clarence Gilbert also had 12 points for Missouri, but Keyon Dooling struggled with 2-for-10 shooting and seven points. Dooling totaled 37 points the previous two games.

Soccer action



(Pampa News photo by Lacy Plunk)

Misti Northcutt kicks to one of her teammates in Pampa's District 3-4A soccer match with Canyon on Saturday. Pampa lost by a 2-1 score. The Lady Harvesters' goal came on a penalty kick.

Lone Star Sports

By The Associated Press

The Stars' Ed Belfour gets his 300th career win

DALLAS (AP) — Brenden Morrow is supposed to be in the minor leagues paying his dues.

Instead, the 21-year-old rookie has taken advantage of injuries to teammates and become an important member of the defending Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars.

Morrow scored twice, including the go-ahead goal in the third period, helping goalie Ed Belfour to his 300th career victory as Dallas defeated the Washington Capitals 2-1 Sunday.

Morrow put the Stars in front for good with 9:55 remaining, skating up the slot to deflect Mike Modano's pass.

"It's everyone's dream," said Morrow, who has 10 goals this season. "I didn't know I'd play this well. It's just unfortunate it's happened because of injuries, but I want to make the most of it."

Landry remembered as man of class, Christianity

DALLAS (AP) — Forget two Super Bowls, the fedora, 20 straight winning seasons, or "The Stars." Friends and family remember Tom Landry as a man of class and Christianity.

"There is a great difference between a winning team and a team with class," Tex Schramm, former Cowboys general manager, said in an interview Sunday night. "No team was looked upon as the Dallas Cowboys were."

"When you left the organiza-

tion, for the rest of your life you could be proud you were a Cowboy."

Landry died around 6 p.m. Saturday at Baylor University Medical Center surrounded by his immediate family.

He was 75 and had been fighting a form of leukemia since May.

Funeral arrangements were expected to be released today.

Crumbling beach landmark about to meet end

SURFSIDE BEACH, Texas (AP) — It survived one of the country's most powerful hurricanes in 1961, but it couldn't fully withstand a tropical storm 27 years later. Thus, "The Octagon" is about to become a memory.

The geodesic dome-shaped home actually has six sides, despite its nickname, and over the years became an oddball landmark for surfers looking to catch some of the best waves in Brazoria County.

But severe erosion brought by Tropical Storm Frances in 1998 left the venerable house crumbling into the surf. City Council approved its demolition last week.

"It's a pretty significant landmark. It is at the best surfing location in Surfside and it happened to be where everybody congregated," Surfside Beach Mayor Larry Davison told The Facts, a daily newspaper in the county.

More than 100 surfers gathered at the home Saturday to bid adieu to the old place at 903 Beach Drive, which Davison said was the only structure on the beachfront street to survive Hurricane Carla.

Mission mourns Landry's death

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Before Tom Landry became coach of the Dallas Cowboys, he was part of a South Texas high school football team that went 12-0 and captured a regional championship in 1941.

Nearly 60 years later, this community of 40,000 just north of the Mexico border, on the western edge of the Rio Grande Valley, is still proud to claim Landry as its own. On Sunday, many residents mourned the death of the former coach by visiting a downtown mural in his honor.

"He was a Mission Eagle before he was the great coach that he was," said Gracie Gomez, a longtime Mission resident who brought her sons and grandson to leave flowers near the mural. "It's good to know that someone from Mission made it so big."

Landry died Saturday evening at a Dallas hospital. Although he'd been ill for months, Mission residents were still saddened by the news.

"He's like one of us," said Marco Ramos, Gomez's son. "He's a Missionite. He's one of our heroes. He's a role model and example for all of us."

The Landrys settled in Mission in 1912 when the family doctor in Illinois recommended that warmer climate would be best for the health of young Ray Landry, Tom's father.

It worked and Ray played football and baseball at the high school, graduating in 1918. He went away to college, but returned in '920 with his new wife, Ruth, who had been his high school sweetheart.

Ray Landry became a mechanic and respected chief of Mission's volunteer fire department. A park is named in his honor. The high school football field is named for his son, Tom.

Tom was born in Mission in 1924, the third of four Landry children. He played several positions for the Mission Eagles before becoming a star at the

University of Texas and later a defensive back for the New York Giants.

The downtown mural, located on the side of a store on a street named for Landry, depicts several highlights of his life. The sidewalk in front of the painting contains the footprints of several former Cowboys.

The mural is dominated by the well-known image of a stone-faced Landry with his arms folded, wearing a business suit and his trademark fedora. He's also shown in his Giants uniform and there are images of the Landry family house in Mission, Texas Stadium and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Several fans who visited Sunday left flowers, including blue-and-white bouquets. Two white candles and a blue one were placed on top of a piece of paper with a drawing of the Cowboys' star and the words: "You brought honor and dignity to the game. You will not be forgotten."

John and Celeste Thell drove to Mission from nearby Donna to show the mural to friends Ralph and Ruby Nation.

"I think that speaks for itself," said John Thell, a Vikings fan from Minnesota. "That'll keep him in somebody's mind forever."

Ralph Nation, a Chiefs fan from Kansas, said he understood the pride Mission residents take in Landry.

"Many great men are from small backgrounds," Nation said. "It's hometown appreciation. That's what this is all about."

Gomez certainly knows about that. When Jerry Jones bought the Cowboys in 1989 and promptly fired Landry, she refused to watch a Cowboys game for a year.

Ramos also feels that loyalty and is certain no one will ever forget Landry.

"As long as there are Cowboys ... as long as there's the city of Mission, Tom Landry will not be forgotten," Ramos said.

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2. Allier Hastings (34-1)

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6. Plano (28-3)

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1. Granbury (29-4)

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7. Bay City (23-0)

8. Sweetwater (28-2)

9. Port Aransas (25-5)

10. Amarillo Palo Duro (28-4)

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1. Winnbros (35-1)

2. Seminole (24-2)

3. Randall (27-5)

4. Smith (29-4)

5. Bowie (24-5)

6. Shallowater (26-3)

7. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (24-7)

8. Lufkin Hudson (28-4)

9. B. B. (21-2)

10. Corpus Christi West Oso (28-1)

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1. Hughes Springs (26-2)

2. Crawford (30-3)

3. Honey Grove (30-1)

4. Carrollton (32-0)

5. Kerens (25-2)

6. Ozona (28-2)

7. Farwell (24-5)

8. Post (26-1)

9. Pampa (19-5)

10. Maypearl (24-4)

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1. Valley View (31-1)

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3. Nazareth (26-5)

4. Carrollton (32-0)

5. Corpus Christi Incarnate Word (28-6)

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7. Houston Westbury (29-7)

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6. Bryan St. Joseph (17-5)

7. Plainview Christian (9-7)

8. Ovilla Christian (17-3)

9. Rockwall Christian (15-2)

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Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Games

West All-Stars 137, East All-Stars 126

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.

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Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

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Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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Pampan achieves Top Ten Representative status

BISMARCK, N.D. — Larry Bell of Pampa was recently named among the Top 10 Representatives for the south central region with Investment Centers of America, Inc., a nationwide provider of financial products and services to bank clients. The award recognizes superior sales performance in 1999 among ICA representatives within the region which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

Located at the Investment Centers of America office in Pampa, Bell also qualified to attend the ICA National Sales Conference to be held in St. Petersburg, Fla., in early March as a result of the regional award.

"Larry's success is a result of his focus on building long-term relationships with his clients," said Greg Gunderson, president and national sales manager of ICA. "He demonstrates the level of service that clients have come to expect from ICA."

The awards were presented at an ICA Regional Meeting held in San Antonio recently. The three-day meeting was attended by 45 investment representatives from four states. Speakers included George Linardos, chairman of IFC Holdings Investment Policy Committee, who talked about the direction of the market in 2000 and the due diligence conducted on individual equities offered by Investment Centers. Other speakers provided information on wealth transfer strategies, financial products and market trends. A highlight of the meeting was a Roundtable where top representatives shared best practice case studies on services that benefited their clients. The meeting also emphasized the use of Internet technology to access timely information to help their clients.

Founded in 1985, ICA, member NASD, SIPC, is a leading seller of securities and insurance products through its office in the lobbies of community banks and through independent offices.

Texas Panhandle Prevention Coalition to meet

AMARILLO — Strategies to help reduce alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse among youth will be the focus of an organizational meeting of the Texas Panhandle Prevention Coalition slated from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon Friday, Feb. 18, first floor board room, AISD Educational Service Center, 7200 I-40 West. Parents, youth, professionals and the general public are invited to attend the inaugural meeting.

In 1998, about 26 percent of all elementary students in fourth through sixth grades in Texas reported using alcohol, tobacco, inhalants and/or marijuana during the past school year, according to statistics provided in a recent release from Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority. The survey author is Lynn S. Wallisch, Ph.D. Children

who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism in adulthood. "Although these numbers do not translate into large numbers of students who may be abusing substances, it presents an opportunity to take action at a time when prevention and intervention efforts are most effective," reported Wallisch.

Gaining a better awareness of the resources available in the panhandle to prevent drug use by youth, sharing ideas about successful efforts in the area as well as in other parts of the country and promoting collaboration among service providers are some of the topics to be covered during the TPPC meeting.

Also mentoring, defined in the Governor's Mentoring Initiative as encouraging young people to reach

their potential through supportive relationships with one or more caring individuals, will be discussed. Other strategies community agencies are individually utilizing include parental/family connectedness, after-school programs and character/citizenship education.

"Working together we can be more effective in reducing alcohol and drug use among youth," said Tracy Griffith, organizer of the prevention network and director of TPMHA Substance Abuse Services Network. "A coalition of prevention programs and interested individuals can generate ideas, resources and action toward finding solutions to these community problems."

For more information on the TPPC meeting, contact Tracy or Diana at (806) 359-2008.



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Happy Valentine's Day

To All The Special Valentines

You're the light of our lives. We Love You!
Mom & Dad

Here's proof that true love never ends. Thanks for being there for us.
Love,
Sammy, Leslie, Don, Beth & Johnathen

My Valentine Forever!
Love you Always, Your Hubby

To Our Valentine Angels
Thank you Lord for the deepest love we've ever had. God Bless my Sunshine & my Doo Dah.
We Love You, D & M

Happy Valentine's Day Jesse Lynnl
We love you, Maumau, Paupau & Aunt April

Happy Valentines I Love You!
To: Mom, Daddy, Kuncle, Nana, Pa Pa Dave, Pa Pa Terry! Love, Jazmyn

Happy Valentine's Day & Happy Anniversary Priscella & Terry
Love, All Your Family

Hello Friend!
I want to know how forever feels ... with you. I love you!!!
Love, Me



(Community Camera photo by Teda Seuchs)

Miami ISD was recently invited to participate in NASA's "Texas Fly High/Class of 2000" program in April. Above: Melissa Shaver, sponsor; Taylor Adkins; Mitchell Locke, Jimmy Glenn, sponsor; Trey Rogers; Daniel Rankin; Preston Williams; Lauren Seuchs; Amanda Kilcrease. Not pictured: Joseph Smith.

Miami ISD to participate in NASA 2000 program

MIAMI — Miami ISD, along with Bovina ISD, was recently selected to represent Region 16 at NASA's "Texas Fly High/Class of 2000" program which culminates in April with a week-long visit to Johnson Space Center in Houston. The team will attend a preflight training session, facility tours and astronauts' presentations, ultimately flying with their experiments aboard NASA's KC-135A reduced gravity aircraft.

Each team will consist of the following: Flight crew, four 11th-12th grade students; a team supervising teacher; a professional team journalist; and ground crew, four ninth-12th grade students. Representing Miami ISD will be Melissa Shaver, team supervising teacher; Dr. Bill Philpott, team journalist; Amanda Kilcrease, Mitchell Locke, Daniel Rankin, Trey Rogers, flight crew; and Lauren Seuchs, Preston Williams, Joseph Smith, Taylor Adkins, ground crew.

The team must complete a 250-word essay describing the importance of the program to the students, teachers and community involved.

Texas Fly High is funded by a NASA grant. School districts bear the cost of travel expenses, lodging and meals during the trip, as well as the expense of the medical examinations for the flight crew. A fund has been established at First State Bank of Miami for contributions. School officials estimate the cost of the program to be around \$6,000.

Region 16 includes 26 counties and 56 schools in the area. Follett ISD will serve as alternate to the program.

Flu Surveillance Network pinpoints local outbreak

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Flu Surveillance Network recently issued an Influenza Alert for the Panhandle Region of Texas due to an increase of flu in the area.

NFSN (www.fluwatch.com) now has the capability of pinpointing and tracking flu in real-time on a county-by-county level in every state. NFSN is the first influenza tracking service able to identify the existence of flu locally and issue local advisories.

The network elevated the Texas Panhandle to IA status after physician surveillance sites reported a 100 percent increase in positive influenza tests in the neighboring Oklahoma Panhandle in recent weeks. The state of Texas as a whole has remained on Influenza Warning status for several weeks. Only now has the two-state Panhandle region reached the level of localized flu cases to warrant an alert.

NFSN is a network of more than 4,000 physicians in all 50 states. Physicians use the latest technology in influenza diagnosis to confirm the presence of flu. NFSN categorizes the statewide spread of influenza into three outbreak classifications: Influenza Watch, issued upon the first two confirmed cases of flu detected in a region; Influenza Alert, issued when influenza occurs at a site every other day; and Influenza Warning, issued when daily positive flu tests occur at a surveillance site.

Anyone who thinks they are coming down with flu symptoms should immediately contact their personal physician for evaluation. Influenza is a potentially fatal illness, especially among individuals most at risk for complications such as the elderly, children, pregnant women or individuals with compromised immune systems.

It is estimated that over 20,000 influenza-associated deaths occur on average each year in the U.S. In 1994, an estimated 30 million people contracted influenza nationwide and cost nearly 70 million lost workdays.

Influenza season typically runs from November to April. It is spread by simple casual contact and is most contagious in its early stages before infected individuals are even aware they are carrying the virus. The incubation period is 1- to 4-days. Symptoms include fever, cough, headache, muscle aches and weakness.

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Two firefighters die in three-alarm fire

HOUSTON (AP) — Two firefighters — one male, one female — were killed today in a fire at a McDonald's restaurant in southwest Houston.

The woman is the first female Houston firefighter to die in the line of duty.

The firefighters were killed when the roof collapsed on them shortly after 4 a.m. as they battled a three-alarm fire at the restaurant, a Houston fire official said.

Fire officials have not identified either of the victims, nor a third firefighter who suffered a heart attack while inside the building. He was taken to an area hospital.

The male victim was pulled from the fire and taken to Hermann Hospital, where attempts to revive him failed. It took more than hour to locate the body of the female firefighter.

Roughly 90 firefighters fought the fire, and many of them and others were gathered at a nearby fire station for an impromptu memorial service.

The fatalities are the first in five years for the Houston Fire Department.

No cause has been determined for the blaze, which destroyed the restaurant. Arson investigators were on the scene.

The fatalities here come just short of year after an arson fire

Roughly 90 firefighters fought the fire, and many of them and others were gathered at a nearby fire station for an impromptu memorial service.

killed three firefighters in Lake Worth.

On Feb. 15, 1999, Brian Collins, Phillip Dean and Gary Sanders died while fighting a wind-stoked fire stoked at Precious Faith Temple in Lake Worth, just outside of Fort Worth.

Collins, 35, and Dean, 29, were veteran Fort Worth firefighters who were volunteering for the River Oaks fire department on their days off. Both of their wives were pregnant at the time.

The third victim, 19-year-old Gary Sanders, was a Sansom Park volunteer firefighter.

The widows of Dean and Collins have sued Fort Worth for their husband's death benefits. Fort Worth in turn sued the cities of River Oaks and Lake Worth, claiming the two smaller cities should be responsible for the additional death benefits.

Roadside banner causes controversy

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Religious differences spurred by a roadside banner have pitted pagans against Christians at one East Texas university.

The sign — strung across a road at Stephen F. Austin State University — came down Tuesday but is scheduled to go back up in two weeks. It read "This campus belongs to God" and had hung across the main entrance leading to the school's administration building.

The banner had also quoted Psalms 24:1 — "The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."

The sign had appeared during

a spasm of campus religiosity following a recent dispute over whether the school should sanction a pagan society, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Last fall, a small band of Wiccan students won approval for a campus society after religious leaders vigorously opposed including the group amid the roughly 180 student groups vying for organizational money from the state-funded university.

Controversy erupted again on Jan. 18 after chalk drawings were placed around the University Center inviting students to pagan meetings.

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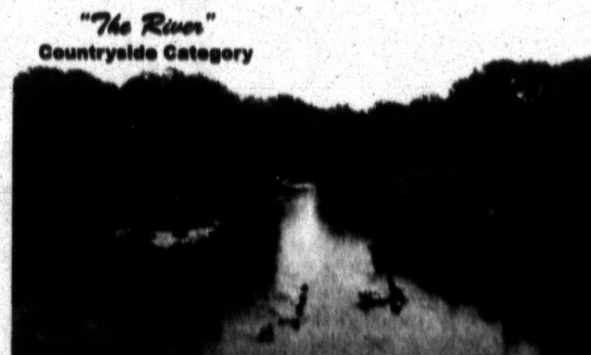
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