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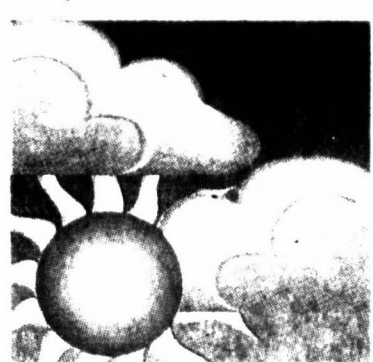
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High today near 50
Low tonight mid 20s
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PAMPA — A reunion meeting for the PHS Class of '89 will be at 7 tonight at 2114 N. Sumner. For details call Dustin Miller at 665-4918.

AMARILLO (AP) — With a \$22 million Lotto Texas jackpot still unclaimed, the state lottery is waiting for the lone lucky ticket holder to step forward.

Lottery officials Monday confirmed that the only winning ticket in Saturday's drawing was sold at an Albertson's in Amarillo.

An Albertson's employee said the winner was an elderly Amarillo man who is a regular store customer. The man returned early Sunday to verify the numbers, she said.

Janie Taylor of the Texas Lottery Commission in Austin said no one had called to confirm the winning numbers as of Monday morning.

The winning numbers drawn were 8, 10, 22, 24, 27 and 36.

"It's actually not declared a winner until the person brings the ticket to the claim office and shows it to lottery officials," Ms. Taylor said.

- **Lena Kathryn Bailey, 91**, former drug store worker.
- **Jimmie Lee Berry, 76**, retired JC Penny employee.
- **Patrick Alan Griffith, 41**, self-employed carpenter.
- **Mabel Polly Kindle, 86**, homemaker.
- **Vivian Mitchell, 96**, was in grocery business many years.
- **Pearl Morris, 93**, homemaker.
- **Arthur "Bud" Webb, 92**, helped organize First State Bank.
- **June George Herd Zitterkob, 78**, retired paralegal, office manager.

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No gay could adopt under Chisum plan

By Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN (AP) — Social workers are rigorous in their search for potential foster and adoptive parents. They call references, check criminal backgrounds and calculate finances.

And if two Texas lawmakers get their way, social workers will consider sexual preference, too.

State Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, have filed bills to ban the placement of children into gay or lesbian households.

Chisum said such households provide an improper atmosphere for raising children.

"It is not conducive to Judeo-Christian beliefs and it can be destructive for the children," he

said, adding that heterosexual couples offer the most solid home and best lifestyle.

Chisum told *The Pampa News* that studies from the Center for Disease Control and other independent studies in California that, "Gay couples are more likely to become sick because of aids and other diseases."

A state child welfare worker who sued the agency in September was the inspiration

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Town hall meets start tomorrow

State Representative Warren Chisum will go on the road with the new year, holding town hall meetings across his district, the second largest in Texas.

Chisum plans to travel to Letors, McLean, Miami, Groom, White Deer and Pampa before the next session of the state legislature.

The legislature, which meets for 140 days in odd numbered years, will open their 76th session on Jan. 12, in Austin.

"Austin is pretty far from the

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State Rep. Warren Chisum

Pampans named to city's boards

Pampans who have recently been named to some of the city's appointive posts include:

Board of Adjustments - Charles Buzzard, Cleo Meaker, Richard "Dick" Stowers, Durwood Williams, Ralph Milliron, Wayne Bruce.

Cable Advisory Commission - Bill Brady, Charles LaBarr, James Lewis, Lynda Duncan, Tamita Olson.

Canadian River Municipal Water Authority - Jerry Carlson, Bill Hallerburg.

Construction Board of Appeals - Matt Hinton, Jim Erwin, Larry Baker, High Hall, Ron Nelson, Jimmy Davis, Jack Hamel, Bobby Burns-Alternate, Bill Browning-Alternate.

Lovett Memorial Library Board - Dr. Ray Hampton, Virginia Green, Mary Jarvis, Mary Hellen Ellis, Vanessa Buzzard, Betty Henderson, Aubrey Steele, Sharon Hayes, Ed Cooley.

M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Board - Nancy Hahn, Amy Lackey, Sandi Crosswhite, Floyd Sackett, Loralee Cooley, Robert Smith, Gene Barber.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Michael Miller, Michael L.

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Making it official...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)
Commissioners Jim Greene (left) and James Hefley along with County Judge Richard Peet take the oath of office from District Judge Lee Waters at Friday's swearing-in ceremony.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)
Gray County Justices of the Peace Bob Munn, Kurt Curfman and Mary Ann Carpenter were sworn in by District Judge Lee Waters January 1.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)
Anne Lusk with some samples of her china paintings on tile.

China painting brings woman, pleasure, work

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Anne Lusk's award-winning career in china painting has almost always intertwined with the other things she does in life.

Lusk began china painting at the urging of her mother-in-law some 30 years ago. It was also around this time she started hand painting small glass eggs to the delight of her friends' grandchildren at Easter time.

Today, Anne's china painting creations, which range from painting on china plates to more recently, china tiles, have brought her the distinction of having several of her works featured in a china painting museum in Oklahoma.

Last year, one of her winning pieces made it on the cover of a prestigious china painter's magazine, and she has placed high in competitions for the last several years.

"When I brought the mail in, I nearly fainted," she said of the surprise magazine cover.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Lena Kathryn — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

BERRY, Jimmie Lee — 3 p.m., First Baptist Church Chapel, Shamrock.

MORRIS, Pearl — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Borger.

SMITH, JoAnn Marie — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ZITTERCOB, June George Herd — 11 a.m., Lockstone Funeral Home Chapel, Weatherford, Okla. Graveside, 3 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

Obituaries

LENA KATHRYN BAILEY

McLEAN — Lena Kathryn Bailey, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be under the directions of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Bailey was born July 25, 1907, at Stratford. She married Bill Bailey. She had been a McLean resident for the past 75 years and worked for Greyhound Drug store for many years. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two daughters, Bettie Warren of McLean and Bonita Satterlee of Hamilton, Mont.; a son, Billy Jack Bailey of McLean; a sister, Eula Morrow of McLean; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to American Diabetes Association.

JIMMIE LEE BERRY

SHAMROCK — Jimmie Lee Berry, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999. Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church Chapel in Shamrock with the Rev. Glen Stoker, of Bible Believers Baptist Church of Canyon, officiating. Burial will be in Kelton Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Berry was born Dec. 31, 1922, at Benjamin, Okla. She married W.S. "Turk" Berry Jr. on Aug. 11, 1960, at Portales, N.M.; he died in 1992. She was retired from JC Penny's in Lubbock. She had been a Shamrock resident since 1988, moving from Lubbock.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Green of Kelton and Helen Long of Austin; three sisters, Irene Wiggins of Mexia and Alice Allen and Ruby Simpkins, both of Plainview; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

PATRICK ALAN GRIFFITH

CLEVELAND, Okla. — Patrick Alan Griffith, 41, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at Tulsa Regional Medical Center at Tulsa, Okla. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Chapman-Black Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Conn officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery under the direction of Chapman-Black Funeral Home, Inc., of Cleveland.

Mr. Griffith was born Dec. 10, 1958, at Bristow, Okla., to Neal and Betty Griffith. He grew up at Bristow. He moved to Pampa in 1974 with his family and worked most of his life in construction as a carpenter. He worked for numerous contractors but was primarily self-employed. He married Carolyn McRoy on Aug. 5, 1984, at Pampa. The couple moved to Cleveland in December of 1997. He was an avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, of the home; a sister, Donna Nunamaker of Pampa; and two brothers, Ron Griffith of Santa Fe, N.M., and Mike Griffith of Pampa.

MABEL POLLY KINDLE

LEFORS — Mabel Polly Kindel, 86, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Olympus Cemetery in Childress County with Howard Swinney, minister of Lefors Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kindel was born May 14, 1912, in Childress County. She married Delmas Leon Kindel on July 2, 1932; he died Aug. 15, 1975. She was a Childress Co. resident for 32 years prior to moving to Lefors in 1944. She was a homemaker and a member of Lefors Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, William Parker Mitchell, Walter Ray Mitchell, William D. Bryan Mitchell, Frank Oliver Mitchell and Edward Mitchell; and four sisters, Ella Mae Kindel, Emily Lou Webb, Bessie Ion Guthrie and Laura Belle Guthrie.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Billy D. and Patricia Kindel and Fred W. and Peggy Kindel, all of Pampa; four grandchildren, Dana Ann Chumbley, Jeffrey Dan Kindel, Toni Howard and Tina Hagerman; and seven great-grandchildren, Kira Ann Chumbley, Annie Danette Chumbley, Corey Dan Kindel, Kristen Hagerman, Clayton Hagerman, Logan Howard and Jaden Howard.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

VIVIAN MITCHELL

SHAMROCK — Vivian Mitchell, 96, died Dec. 31, 1998, at a local nursing home. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Shamrock Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Mitchell was born June 16, 1902, at Kerens, Texas, where she grew up. She married Earl E. Mitchell on March 11, 1921, at Kerens; he died in 1977. The couple were in the grocery and restaurant business for many years. She had been a Shamrock resident from 1927 until moving to Midland in 1996. She was a 50-year member of Eastern Star in Shamrock.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin Henderson and Clarence Henderson.

Survivors include a daughter, Josephine Veazey of Midland; two brothers, Earl Henderson and R.J. Henderson, both of Kerens; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Shamrock Cemetery Association.

PEARL MORRIS

AMARILLO — Pearl Morris, 93, sister of a Mobeetie resident, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery at Borger with the Rev. Andy Deitz, pastor of First Baptist Church of Borger, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Morris was born in Dallas County. She moved to Wheeler County with her family and had been an Amarillo resident for 32 years, moving to Borger in 1967. She returned to Amarillo in 1997. She married Samuel Eugene Morris in 1924; he died in 1976. She was a homemaker. She belonged to Polk Street United Methodist Church of Amarillo and Borger United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Melba Colleen Hamilton of Kerrville; a son, Richard Eugene Morris of Amarillo; a sister, Orville Greenhouse of Mobeetie; several grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Borger United Methodist Church.

JOANN MARIE SMITH

JoAnn Marie Smith, 63, of Pampa, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel with Rev. Larry Brown, associate minister at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery at Monmouth, Ill.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 1, 1935, at Monmouth and graduated from Monmouth High School in 1953. She attended Monmouth College. She married James C. Smith on July 19, 1958, at Monmouth. The couple moved to Pampa in 1960. She began working in the meat department of Furr's Supermarket in 1980 and managed the meat deli at Albertson's at the time of her death.

Survivors include three sons, James Scott Smith and Derrick Joseph Smith, both of Pampa, and Barry Carleton Smith of Forgan, Okla.; her mother, Florence T. Sprout of Monmouth; a sister, D. Willadene Youngquist of Cameron, Ill.; a brother, Allan Graham Sprout of Davenport, Iowa; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

ARTHUR "BUD" WEBB

CANADIAN — Arthur "Bud" Webb, 92, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at Hemphill County Hospital in Canadian. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Church of Christ in Canadian with Ben Mathers and Rex Boyles, minister of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Webb was born July 2, 1906, on the Webb Ranch in Gray County, to Loucious Hopson and Lallie Eliza Morgan Webb. He married Bessie Lee Bartram on May 12, 1928, at Shamrock; she died March 21, 1993.

The couple moved to Hemphill County in 1928. He served on the Canadian ISD Board of Trustees for several years and in 1953 helped organize the First State Bank, serving on its board of directors until recently. He supported Hemphill County Livestock Show and was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son, L.H. Webb, in 1957.

Survivors include a son, Allen Webb of Canadian; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Edward Abraham Memorial Home or to Hemphill County Library.

JUNE GEORGE HERD ZITTERKOB

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — June George Herd Zitterkob, 78, a former Skellytown resident, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Lockstone Funeral Home Chapel with Aubrey Cowan officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Weatherford.

Mrs. Zitterkob was born Feb. 28, 1920, at Charleston, Texas, to White and Dovie Curtis. She grew up at Magic City and attended school in Wheeler, graduating from Wheeler High School. She attended Plainview Baptist College at Plainview. She married J.D. Herd on July 25, 1942.

She worked for Cabot Oil Company as a paralegal and office manager, retiring in 1977. She married Conrad Zitterkob on March 17, 1979. The couple moved to Weatherford where she was a member of Eastern Star. She attended church in Skellytown and was a former resident of Skellytown.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, J.D. and Conrad; a son, David Herd; a sister, Audrey Fry; and two brothers, Paul George and Ernie Fry.

Survivors include three daughters, Jeraldine, Yvonne, Zorina and Lanita; six sons, Michael, Phillip, Kalvin, Alvin, Rodney and Henry Zitterkob; a sister, Bonnie Bidwell of McLean; three brothers, Noel George of Olustee, Okla., Duane George of Perryton and Marion Fry of Ada, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.64	Coca-Cola	67 15/16	up 15/16
Milo	1.17	Columbia/HCA	24 11/16	up 1/16
Corn	1.47	Enron	38 1/4	up 1 3/16
Soybeans	4.68	Halliburton	30 7/16	up 13/16
		IRI	4 3/16	up 3/16
		KNE	23 7/8	dn 3/8
		Kerr-McGee	38 5/8	up 3/8
		Limited	29	dn 1/8
		McDonald's	77 5/8	up 13/16
		Mobil	87 9/16	up 7/16
		New Atmos	32 1/2	up 1/4
		NCE	48 7/8	up 1/8
		Pennsey's	47 7/8	up 1
		Phillips	43 1/2	up 7/8
		Pioneer Nat Res	9 9/16	up 13/16
		SLB	48	up 1 5/8
		Tenneco	34	dn 1/16
		Texaco	54	up 1
		Ultramar	25 1/4	up 1
		Wal Mart	81 13/16	up 3/8
		Williams	30 5/16	dn 3/8
		New York Gold	NA	NA
		Silver	NA	NA
		West Texas Crude	12.09	

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

Occidental	16 1/16	up 3/16
Magellan	120.44	
Puritan	20.05	up 1/16

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

Amoco	66 9/16	up 1/16
Arco	28 1/2	up 9/16
Cabot	15 1/4	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	84 5/16	up 1 3/8

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BOARDS

Frye, Rusty Neef, Kenneth W. Strickland, Judy Elliott, Elleen Kludt, Joe Martinez.

Planning and Zoning Commission - Annie Swaney, Larry G. Ogden, Robert Curry, Janie Shed, John Haesle, Charles Henry, Roy Sparkman.

Traffic Commission - Dennis Laycock, Ben Woodington, Marshall Newkirk, Jeff Thiry, Judy Warner, Doug Locke, Frankie Watts.

Pampa Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board - T.B. Moore, Everett Butler, Dannie Cagle, Gene Winegeart, Loyd Waters, Rodnie Winborne, Willie Nickelberry, Richard Peet-ExOfficio, Bob Neslage-ExOfficio.

Pampa Housing Finance Corporation - Robert

Dixon, Robert Neslage, Jeff McCormick, Jeff Andrews, Faustina Curry.

Pampa Economic Development Board, Inc. - Roger David, Lewis Meers, Jerry Foote, Riley Kothman, Richard Stowers, Jr.

Panhandle Elderly Apartment Corporation - Milo Carlson, Gary Sutherland, H.J. Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schedule - Commissioner Ward 1 - McCormick, Commissioner Ward 2 - Andrews, Commissioner Ward 3 - Dixon, Commissioner Ward 4 - Curry.

Airport Zoning Board - Mike Ruff, Ben Woodington.

City Health Officer - Dr. Craig Shaffer.

Municipal Court Judge - Judge Phil Vanderpool.

City Prosecutor - Rick Harris.

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PAINTING

When she's not painting, Anne is working.

She works part-time for orthodontist Dr. Ralph Depee — making retainers and molds of teeth — something she admits takes an artistic hand. Prior to working for Depee, she worked for a dentist in town making porcelain crowns.

"He knew because I could paint china, I could make porcelain crowns," said Lusk.

Most of her jobs in life have been positions in need of an

"It's a dying art — not that many people are doing it ... we need to instill a love and interest of it."

artistic flair, including her job decorating ice cream cakes for Baskin Robbins. Decorating something that melts quickly proved to be a challenge, according to Anne.

But her creativity manifested itself in something completely different after high school.

Lusk studied clothes design in college and worked for six months at a designer house in St. Louis before

later landing in Pampa. So when there's extra time in her schedule, she can be found sitting at the sewing machine whipping up other works of art.

Anne said she falls in love with

whatever medium she's working in at the minute.

"Whatever I'm doing now is my favorite thing," she said.

An active participant in both international and local china painting organizations, Lusk said her art form of choice is a fading tradition.

"It's a dying art — not that many people are doing it ... we need to instill a love and interest of it."

At first glance of one of Anne's china paintings on tile, one can easily mistake it for a photograph, which is the real beauty of this art. The time range for completing her pieces varies, she says, it depends on how much time she can devote.

"Everyday I think I'm going to paint all day today ... but I never quite do what I think I'm going to do."

Police report

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

Saturday, January 2

Earnest Lamar Huff, 63, 520 N. Frost #5, was arrested on charges of terroristic threat.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper. Burglary was reported in the 700 block of E. Browning.

Child neglect was reported in the 700 block of N. Frost.

Retaliation was reported in the 500 block of S. Gillespie.

Sunday, January 3

Pete Jimenez, 21, 833 E. Denver, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Joshua Aaron Henry, 22, 614 N. Gray, was arrested on a warrant.

Disorderly conduct and phone harassment was reported in the 300 block of Miami.

Unlawfully carrying a weapon was reported at Ballard and Browning.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of W. Texas. A terrorist threat was reported in the 100 block of S. Wells.

Theft of services was reported in the 1800 block of W. Alcock.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy today with a high near 40 and west-southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid 20s and south-southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, warmer with a high in the upper 50s and west-northwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 26; the overnight low 16.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the middle 20s. West to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warmer with a high near 60. West to northwest wind 10-20 mph with higher gusts. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear and cold. Low 20-25. Tuesday, sunny, windy and warmer. High 60-65. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear and cold. Low in the mid 20s.

Tuesday, sunny, windy and warmer. High in the upper 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clear and cold. Low in the mid 20s. Tuesday, sunny, windy and warmer. High in the upper 60s. Far West Texas — Tonight, clear. Low in the mid 20s. Tuesday, sunny and warmer. High in the lower 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Low in the upper teens and 20s. Tuesday, sunny and warmer. Highs from the mid 50s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear. Low in the upper teens and northeast to near 30 west. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the upper 40s northeast to mid 60s southwest.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly clear and cold with a hard freeze. Low in the 20s. Tuesday, sunny and warmer. Highs in the 60s.

Tuesday night, fair skies. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly clear and cold. Lows in the 20s except lower 30s at the coast. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 50 to 55. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear and cold. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the lower to mid 60s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, mostly clear and not as cold. Lows from around zero through the teens mountains and north, mid teens through the 20s elsewhere. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer. Breezy central mountains and east. Highs mid 30s to lower 50s mountains and north, 50s to mid 60s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows in the teens to lower 20s. Tuesday, clear to partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Fires

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

Saturday, January 2

7:22 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 400 W. Doyle on a structure fire.

2:13 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of Finley on an electrical short.

10:16 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the

1900 Beech on a CO check.

10:42 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 100 W. Russell on a medical assist.

Sunday, January 3

2:10 a.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 1200 block of Finley on an automobile accident.

2:28 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 2100 block of Dogwood on a medical assist.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, January 2

Samuel H. May Jr., 21, 1624 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

City briefs

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

MEREDITH HOUSE has studio size apartment available. Licensed assisted living. 665-5668. Adv.

FOOTBALL BANQUET planning meeting, Mon. Jan. 4th, 7 p.m. PMS Library. All parents are urged to attend. Adv.

GYMNASTICS OF Pampa now has openings for ages 3 & up. Classes resume today. For info, call 669-2941 or 669-0510. Adv.

YEAR END storewide inventory clearance sale starts Wed. All inventory on sale. Shop both Watson's Garden Center & Celebrations Gift & Party Shop, 125 N. Somerville. Adv.

4-H Focus

Hi! My name is Megan Coutts and I am a sophomore this year at Pampa High. A lot of you may already know me so you have probably heard me talk about 4-H. For those of you who do not, maybe you will know a little about me after you read my story.

I'm pretty normal I guess; normal is a hard word to define. I get to miss several days of school to go to stockshows unlike a lot of the other students, and that is my vacation. Most people wouldn't call it one, but it's the best vacation in the world. Old friends and lots of fun — what more could you ask for? If I don't keep my grades up then I wouldn't get to go, but I try to stay awake on those early mornings for that very reason. My whole family goes to the shows to support me, and we have a lot of fun times.

I have been involved in 4-H for seven years now, but I have been showing since I was about two years old. Each year I start over with new animals, and each year I learn something new. Livestock is my main project in 4-H. We raise hogs, and I also show steers which is so great. Having something depend on you teaches you so much.

I have learned how to handle situations that don't always have the best circumstances. I can't even begin to imagine my life without 4-H. Let's just say that being bored is never a problem at our house. I get really attached to my animals so the end of the year isn't much fun for me, but I have become a lot stronger and I can handle bad things better because of 4-H. I have also learned to remember the good

times when I'm having a tough time. Winning always makes the year more fun, and I have had plenty of celebrating in the ring. Something that I have learned is that there are always going to be bad years, but they are there so that you will appreciate the good ones more. It's that way in anything that you do no matter what it may be.

Besides being involved in the livestock part, I have been involved in foods projects, consumer judging teams as well as numerous leadership and community service projects. You never realize how great it can be to help someone until you actually lend a hand. 4-H has done so many things for me and my family. Being in this program for so long I have seen many new faces and what 4-H has done for their lives as well. All I can say is, you never know if something is for you unless you try it out and see how it fits. I have received numerous awards throughout the years, but this year I had the honor of receiving the Gold Star award — the highest 4-H award on the county level. So I can tell you from experience that hard work, dedication and just believing in yourself are enough to make anything happen.

In a couple of years, I'll be off to pursue a degree in agricultural science with a minor in genetics. My 4-H life will not end when I graduate. I plan to continue supporting this program that is so much a part of me. The friendships I have made through 4-H will last forever and the fun memories I will always have to lean back on. I can only hope that this program only

becomes stronger and that it can be a part of each and every one of your lives.

Hello, my name is Sean O'Neal. I'm 16-years-old, and in the 10th grade. I live just out side of Pampa with my parents, Terry and Diane O'Neal, and my little brother, Royce, and my little sister, Tyler. I've been in 4-H going on eight years now. I'm also involved in Boy Scouts, and in am in the high school rodeo club. I enjoy roping and working with horses.

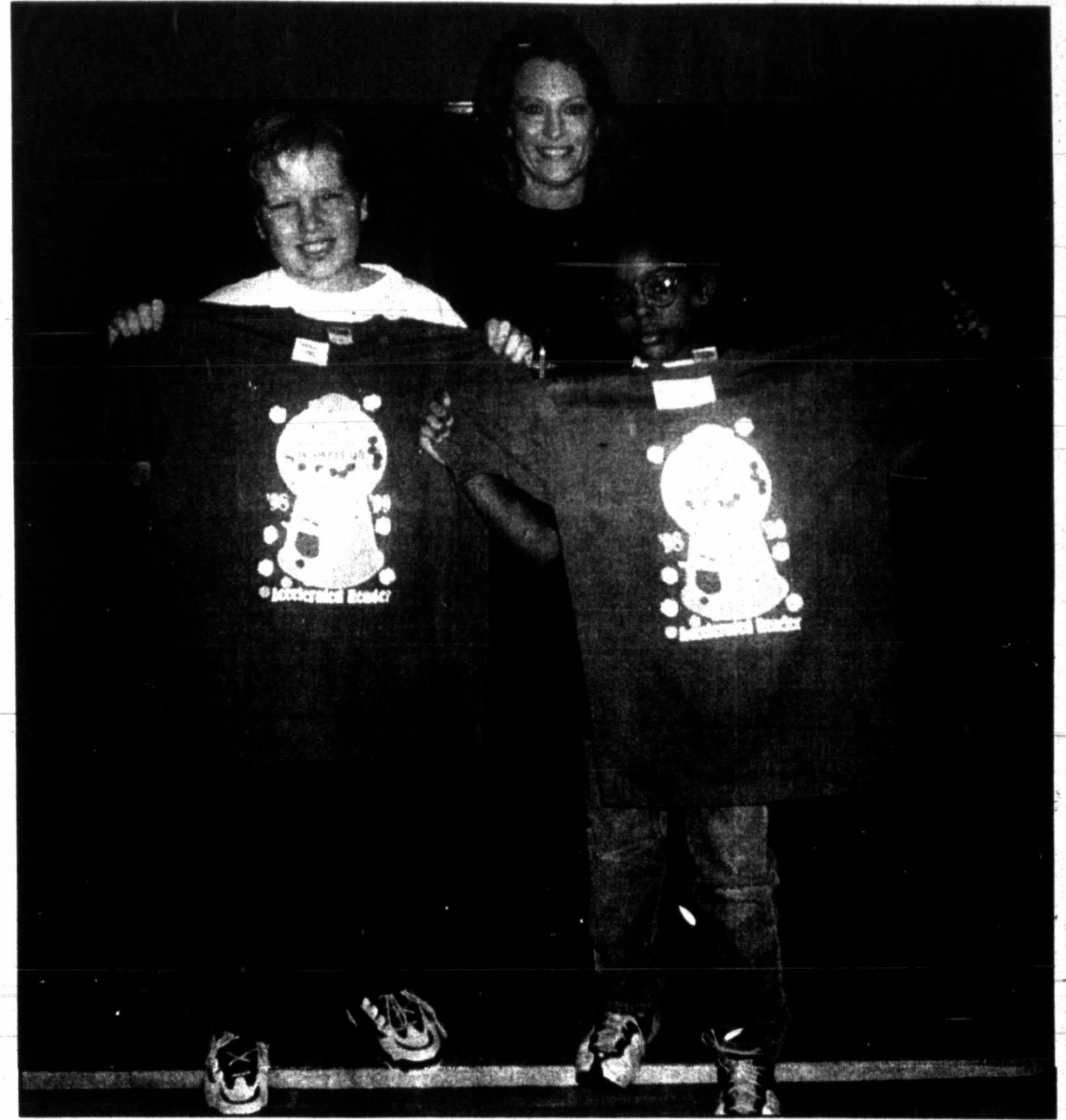
I've had numerous projects over the past 8 years, and they have all been fun. I've shown lambs, horses, steers and pigs. They have taught me several things, but the most important lesson would be that winning is not everything. And also that not every thing comes easy. These projects have helped me to decide on a career in veterinarian science.

I've also been a several on judging teams including horse, livestock, consumer and meats.

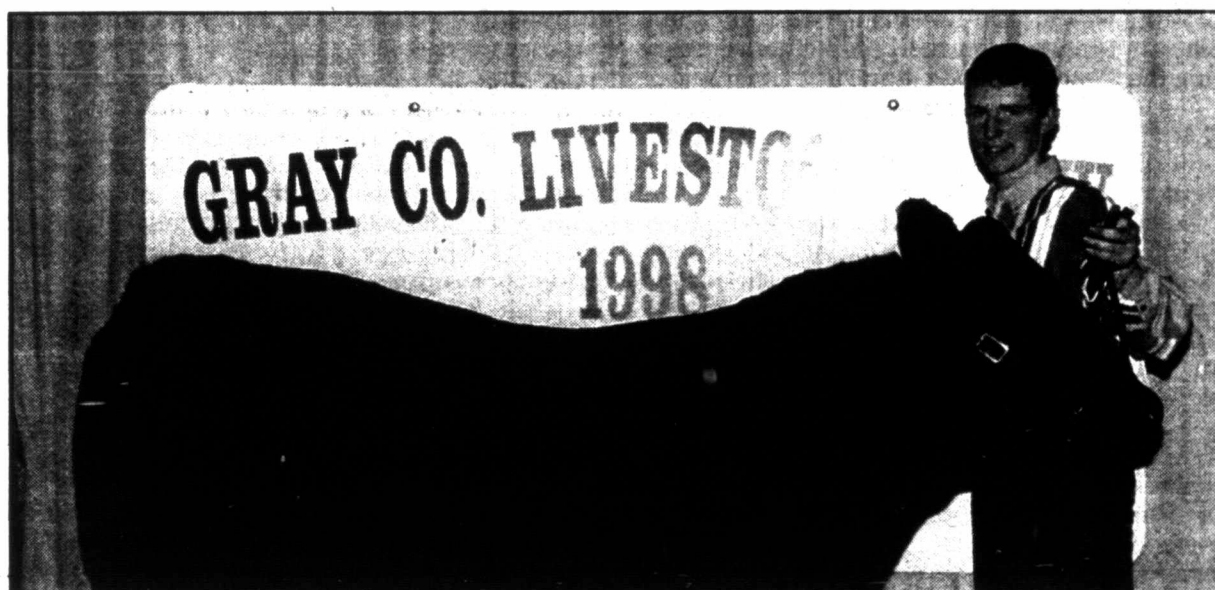
I have also taken a method demonstration on the wheat curl mite to state roundup two years ago. 4-H has taught me several important life skills like public speaking and leadership. I've also helped with community service activities like Memorial Day Flags and helping with Meals-On-Wheels.

4-H has helped me to decide on a career as a veterinarian. Working with the animals and judging them has also been a big help. The skills 4-H taught me will last forever. I plan on getting scholarships through 4-H to help pay for college.

Accelerated Reader Program



(Community Camera photo)
Tristan Reeves, Ila Miller of Celanese and Ashley Brown show the T-shirts students won, courtesy of Celanese, for participating in the school's accelerated reader program.



(Special photos)

Local 4-Hers Megan Coutts, above, and Sean O'Neal credit organization with teaching invaluable lessons, experiences.

4-H Gray County Schedule of Events

Jan. 8 — Weights due at 6 p.m. for Top of Texas
Jan. 9 — Top of Texas Lamb Show, 9 a.m.; Top of Texas Steer Show, 1 p.m.; Top of Texas Calf Fry
Jan. 10 — Top of Texas Swine Show, 12 noon
Jan. 14 — Weigh-in, 6 p.m.
Jan. 15 — Gray County Steer Show, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 — Gray Co. Lamb and Swine Show, 8 a.m.; Gray Co. Sale and Barbecue
Feb. 1-6 — Fort Worth Stock Show
Feb. 15-20 — San Antonio Stock Show
Feb. 25-March 6 — Houston Stock Show
March 9-19 — San Angelo Stock Show

Books, books, books



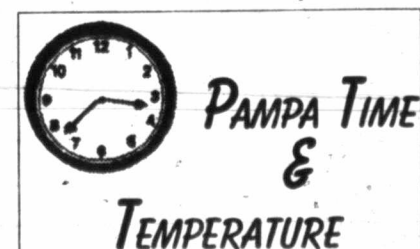
(Community Camera photo)
Books, books and more books. Number, color and ABC's books. Pop up books and bilingual books; even a cloth book was created. A book on senses, fables, holiday stories and coloring books. Community Day Care children were treated to new, original books from Mrs. McCall's freshmen English classes in December. Her students ended the year by writing and illustrating books to present to the children. Fun was had by all as the "big" kids read and played with the little ones. McCall said her classes, "did an outstanding job."

Child Find helps children

AMARILLO — Child Find, an ongoing service specializing in locating children from infancy to age 21 for special education services, seeks to help children who show signs of developmental delay or who display ongoing behavioral or medical problems that interfere with learning.

For more information or to find out how to help, contact your local school district or the Child

Find coordinator at Region 16 Education Service Center at (806) 376-5521.



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Kitchen fund



(Special photo)

Pampa Senior Citizen's Center recently raffled off an angel picture to benefit the center's kitchen fund. The picture was won by Sue Jones, center. Above are Nancy Looper, left, and artist Dalsa Carver, right.

Body found in forest was student who had been missing nearly a month

HOUSTON (AP) — A body found in a secluded area of Sam Houston National Forest has been confirmed as that of a 19-year-old college student missing nearly a month.

The body was found Saturday by a state game warden on patrol.

Several broadcast reports Sunday night said an autopsy by the Harris County medical examiner's office confirmed that the body was that of Melissa Trotter of Willis.

"Her mom and dad are taking it real hard," Charles Trotter Sr., the woman's grandfather, told the Houston Chronicle. "When you lose your son or daughter it's hard to fathom."

Ms. Trotter was last seen Dec. 8 studying at Montgomery College. No arrests have been made in the case, but investigators have questioned Larry Ray Swearingen, an ex-convict who reportedly talked with Ms. Trotter the day she disappeared.



SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

Anyone Can Do It ... And It's This Simple

Just Fill Out The Following Questions (you do not have to answer all the questions to be a Sunday Snapshot) And Bring It To The Pampa News Office. We Can Take Your Picture In The Office Or You Can Bring A Favorite Photo With You. It's That Easy ... And It's For All Ages!

- Name: _____
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- My personal hero: _____
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- People will remember me as being: _____
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- My favorite sports team is: _____
- My favorite author is: _____
- The last book I read was: _____
- My favorite possession is: _____
- The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____
- My favorite performer is: _____
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- I would never: _____
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- I stay home to watch: _____
- Nobody knows: _____
- I drive a: "or" _____
- Someday I want to drive a: _____
- My favorite junk food is: _____
- My favorite beverage: _____
- My favorite restaurant is: _____
- My favorite pet: _____
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or" _____
- My favorite meal is: _____
- I wish I could sing like: _____
- I'm happiest when I'm: _____
- I regret: _____
- I'm tired of: _____
- I have a phobia about: "or" _____
- My biggest fear is: _____
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____
- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

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CHISUM

for the bills.

Rebecca Bledsoe, a 12-year employee of the agency's Child Protective Services division, said the agency demoted her for taking a 3-month-old boy from a lesbian couple's home in Dallas. According to a grievance she filed last year with the agency, she reasoned "homosexual conduct is against the law in Texas."

The law she cited also is up for consideration in the 1999 Legislature, which convenes Jan. 12. Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, has filed a bill to repeal a clause in the Texas Penal Code which makes "sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex" a Class C Misdemeanor.

Chisum said he introduced his bill because representatives of Child Protective Services stated, "It is our policy to place children with gay and lesbian couples."

Gay and lesbian advocates point to American Psychological Association studies which have determined sexual orientation is irrelevant to a par-

ent's ability to raise a child.

"People who support proposals like this say they are pro-family, but what more anti family thing can you do than to say to children in foster care that we are going to deny you the opportunity to be raised by loving parents who could give you a good home and leave you in institutional care instead?" asked Matt Coles, director of the lesbian and gay rights project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services reports an average of 1,850 children are available for adoption each month in Texas for some 2,000 willing households. The numbers are even greater in foster care — about 11,000 children are living with some 6,000 licensed foster families on any given month.

Stewart Davis, an agency spokesperson, said matching families' and children's criteria is complex. Some children want to stay with their siblings and families often request a particular age, race, and gender.

"This legislation would reduce the potential number of families that could be considered for foster care and adoption," he said.

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TOWN HALL

panhandle," Chisum said this week. "I want to make sure people here at home have the opportunity to tell me what they expect from their state government."

Chisum said town hall meetings have proven to be a good way to hear from his constituents.

"The best way to find out about a local problem is to hear about the problem from the people who have to deal with it."

He said state government works best with participation from the public.

"I hope everyone gets a chance to come and tell me what's on their mind," Chisum said.

Chisum is scheduled to be at Lefors School Auditorium from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 5. He will be at the Senior Citizens Center in

McLean from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Jan. 5.

From 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6, Chisum will be at the Wahna Be Famous Cafe in Miami.

From 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., Friday, Jan. 8, he will be at the Groom Community Center. Chisum will be at White Deer First Bank and Trust from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Pampa Chamber of Commerce from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"I intend to spend a lot more time listening than talking," Chisum said.

Chisum was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1988. He is in his sixth term. He represents the 88th House District, the second largest in the state, which includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler Counties.

Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Society of Film Critics says "Out of Sight" was out of this world.

The film, starring **George Clooney** as a hapless bank robber who falls for a federal agent, won best picture and best director honors from the group on Sunday.

Director **Steven Soderbergh**, who also directed the 1989 hit "sex, lies & videotape," beat **Terrence Malick** ("The Thin Red Line") and **Steven Spielberg** ("Saving Private Ryan") for best director honors.

The society, made up of 51 movie critics, also honored "The Thin Red Line" with best cinematography honors and named "Taste of Cherry," an Iranian film, the year's best foreign language film.

Ally Sheedy won best actress for "High Art" and **Nick Nolte** was named best actor for "Affliction," which was runner-up in the best picture category along with "Saving Private Ryan."

NEW YORK (AP) — **Tiffani-Amber Thiessen** doesn't understand why people think she's such a bad girl.

Thiessen says she's having difficulty finding her next television part because everyone still sees her as vixen **Valerie Malone**, the character she played on "Beverly Hills 90210."

"I'm laid back," she tells TV Guide in the Jan. 9 issue. "I'm not uptight. I'm not evil. And I won't smoke a lot of pot and sleep with your boyfriend."

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Literary society is getting ready to say a belated "Happy Birthday" to **John Hope Franklin**, one of America's most respected historians.

The Duke University professor emeritus turned 84 on Saturday, but his birthday party is scheduled for Thursday at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Poet **Maya Angelou** will be the event's hostess.

The gala will feature the Charlotte Children's Choir and dedications from some of Franklin's closest friends, organizer **Paula Williams** said.

Saturday.

The party salutes the historian who has earned a national reputation as one of the foremost chroniclers of America's early treatment of blacks.

His 1946 study, "From Slavery to Freedom," exploded the mainstream belief that slaves had been happy-go-lucky workers, singing through their chores on the plantations.

Franklin's latest work, "My Life and an Era: The Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin," is about the author's father.

NEW YORK (AP) — It's **Rocky** versus the **Raging Bull** — **Rocky** the Flying Squirrel, that is.

TV Guide reports in the Jan. 9 issue that cameras are about to roll on Universal Pictures' "Rocky and Bullwinkle," which will combine animated and live characters.

The film stars **Robert De Niro** as a man who tries to take over the world by hypnotizing people through their television sets on the eve of a presidential election. **Jason Alexander** stars as the duo's usual menace, **Boris Badenov**.

Rocky and Bullwinkle will, of course, play themselves in the big-screen feature film version of their cartoon adventures.

NEW YORK (AP) — "NYPD Blue" and CBS lead the nominations for the first "TV Guide" awards, to be broadcast Feb. 1 on Fox.

More than one million people participated in the balloting to pick the winners, the magazine reports in its Jan. 9 issue.

"NYPD Blue" had four nominations, including Favorite Drama, two nominations for Favorite Actor in a Drama (**Jimmy Smits** and **Dennis Franz**) and Favorite Actress in a Drama (**Kim Delaney**).

"The X-Files" earned three nominations, for Favorite Drama and actor-actress nominees for stars **David Duchovny** and **Gillian Anderson**.

CBS led the networks with 15 nominations, followed by NBC with 14 and ABC with 11.

UT students taste potential fortune in electronic tongue

AUSTIN (AP) — The prospect of marketing an electronic tongue worth a potential fortune to the pharmaceutical industry has four University of Texas students salivating, to say the least.

The technology, developed by UT chemists and engineers, could become a hot property for the companies that market it commercially. At least 30 companies worldwide have inquired about licensing the tongue, including **Vusion**, a company created by four students for a class project.

The electronic tongue mimics the speed and sophistication of human taste buds. It looks like a round metal disk and consists of hundreds of chemical microsensors on a silicone wafer smaller than a penny.

Jason Levin is among four graduate business students hoping to raise enough capital to purchase a university license. The Austin American-Statesman reported in Sunday's editions. The students want to market the innovation to the pharmaceutical industry as a control monitor for processing medicinal chemicals.

"It could give them instant feedback if there are problems with quality," Levin said. "We're not aware of any other technology in the marketplace that can do this."

Levin, with classmates **Richard Burgess**, **Kent Bradshaw** and **Paul Kunko**, created **Vusion** for a class competition, picked the UT electronic tongue as its first product and won the contest.

"We'd like to license the technology to (**Vusion**) if possible," said **Renee Mallett**, assistant director of UT's Office of Technology Licensing. "But we can't give them special treatment because they're students. They have to come up with the necessary capital."

Mallett declined to say how much money the students need for a license, but said the tongue has so many potential uses that it probably will be licensed to several companies, with royalties going to the uni-

versity and inventors.

Levin said **Vusion** plans to raise \$150,000 for company operations through May, \$2 million in June when it will hire a chief executive, scientists and engineers, and \$3 million in June 2000.

The tongue was invented by **Dean Neikirk**, an electrical and computer engineer, and chemists **John McDewitt**, **Eric Anslyn** and **Jason Shear**. They were inspired by European efforts to make biosensors as sophisticated as an animal's nose, and began work in 1996.

The researchers built a test nose, then graduated to making a tongue by micromachining tiny inverted pyramids in a silicon wafer to contain polymer microbeads, each one equipped with a sensor for a particular class of chemicals. The sensors, which respond to chemicals by changing color, are attached to a camera-on-a-chip to analyze color changes at 30 frames a second and report them to a computer. The researchers are now up to hundreds of bead sensors on a single wafer, with the potential to rapidly analyze millions of combinations at the same time.

The commercial potential is vast. Some companies want the technology to test new food and drink products. The American military could use it to monitor the disposal of chemical and biological weapons.

The tongue also is being considered as a tool for enhancing the speed and accuracy of medical tests. The National Institutes of Health recently gave the UT researchers \$600,000 to develop the tongue to try to replace multiple, lengthy tests of blood and urine with one rapid test.

Neikirk said the inventors would like to see the business students win one of the development licenses.

"Some big companies buy things and sit on them to avoid the competition," Neikirk said. "And, with these guys, we'd probably have more input in seeing it come to fruition."

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Dentist using virtual reality

By KEVIN J. SHAY
Arlington Morning News

ARLINGTON, Texas — A little more than a year ago, Robert Kestenbaum received an intriguing catalog in the mail.

The Arlington dentist had been searching for a new tool to help relax — and even attract — patients.

The virtual i-O glasses, which project the equivalent of an 80-inch movie screen several feet in front of the wearer, seemed just what he was looking for, he said.

"They're not for every patient, but for certain ones who feel claustrophobic in a dental chair, they have helped reduce their anxiety and fear," said Dr. Kestenbaum, who has had his practice, Arlington Dental Associates, since 1986.

More dentists are employing a variety of tools to help put patients at ease while working on their teeth, said Vicki Turner, owner of Vicki Turner & Associates. The Arlington-based company consults with dentists on issues like patient relations.

Headphones that play music have been around longer than the virtual reality glasses, she said.

"I don't think (the glasses) are real common around here," said Ms. Turner, adding that she knew of only two or three dentists in the Arlington area using them. "They've been out only a few years. They're more popular in other areas."

Those include the West Coast, where the glasses are manufactured. The Seattle company, Virtual i-O, that Kestenbaum contacted is out of business, but Menlo Park, Calif.-based i-O Display Systems has picked up its products, said Marty Holloway, vice president of engineering for the firm.

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"Quite a few dentists order these glasses," he said, adding that such orders have grown substantially in the three years the product has been on the market.

The company also sells the glasses to veterinarians — for portable ultrasound devices, not to allow dogs to watch movies — computer graphic firms, video game designers and others.

Kestenbaum said the two lightweight devices he purchased for about \$350 each have more than paid for themselves.

"Only a small percentage of my patients use them, but they have worked good for those who do," he said, adding that they do not get in the way of his work since they only extend to the bridge of the nose.

The glasses, which have stereo headphones, operate through a video cassette recorder and can project a variety of movies, even ones patients bring themselves. Kestenbaum has several natural films, such as of the Grand Canyon, as well as of world wonders like the Great Pyramids.

The glasses also can play three-dimensional films, such as a man skiing down a mountain.

Kestenbaum, who has practiced for 18 years and was in Houston before Arlington, said the high-tech devices fit in well with his philosophy of providing better service for patients. During his Arlington practice's initial years, he worked with several other dentists and as large a staff as 15, but he found that size to be problematic in his 3,000-square-foot office.

"I never got to really know my patients," he said.

So in 1993, he cut his practice down to just himself. Pediatric dentist Donald Doan shares the space, and orthodontist Sheila Birth is in a 1,200-square-foot office next door. He now has a staff of five and sees 15 to 20 patients a day, compared to about 50 before.

"I might be busier than before, but I enjoy it more now," Kestenbaum said, adding that the reduction hasn't hurt financially since he pays less in overhead costs.

Besides the glasses, he offers patients the use of headphones and even laughing gas to "those who want that sensation." Six of eight patient rooms at his office feature full-length nature murals, such as of a peaceful ocean or mountain scene, to further relax patients.

Numerous area dentists feature television monitors, including those in which patients can view their dental records, as well as movies, said Ms. Turner, who also owns a dental referral company, Dental Directions Inc. Others offer interactive CD-ROMS and allow patients to bring their favorite CDs.

Besides relaxing patients, high-tech innovations help provide a virtually paperless office in some practices since records that patients can access are put on computers.

The Illinois office of Claudio M. Levato contains no front desk, as patients walk directly to the treatment rooms. Record keeping is done at the dental chairs from computer work stations.

"Ultimately, it saves time and staff, and patients are out of the chair and the office quicker, which pleases them," Levato said.

But beyond all high-tech advances, the best thing dentists can do to build their practices is develop trusting relationships with patients, Ms. Turner said.

"More than having tools to relax patients, developing that relationship is most important," she said. "That starts with great patient service."

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Epidural pain relievers don't cause more
Cesarean sections, researchers say

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers are challenging the notion that women who receive an epidural — a type of anesthesia administered through the spine during childbirth — are more likely to require a Cesarean section.

An analysis of 10 clinical trials, published in a recent issue of Journal of the American Medical Association, also found epidurals are more effective in relieving pain and had less effect on the health of newborns than narcotic injections.

Some doctors and mothers-to-be believe epidurals greatly raise the chances of a C-section by slowing labor and inhibiting the mother's ability to push. Some women also refuse epidurals in the belief that they should be able to tough out the pain and not expose their babies to painkillers.

Dr. Stephen Halpern, co-author of the report, said he hopes the findings will end worries about epidurals.

"Basically, if a woman needs pain relief, she should feel free to ask for it," said Halpern, director of obstetrical anesthesia at Women's College Hospital in Toronto.

The clinical trials, conducted in Europe, the United States and Canada, involved a total of 2,369 patients.

Of the 1,183 who received epidurals, 97 women, or 8.2 percent, had babies delivered by Cesarean section. Of the 1,186 who received narcotic pain injections, 67 women, or 5.6 percent, had C-sections. The difference was considered statistically insignificant.

Halpern said he and his colleagues found epidurals are not the cause of C-sections. Rather, they are often used because complicated deliveries that end

in C-sections are among the most painful, he said.

Scott McGlothlen, a certified nurse anesthetist in Denver, said that in his experience, epidurals decrease the number of C-sections at St. Luke's Presbyterian Medical Center.

"Some patients just can't quite get over that hump because of that pain and an epidural can help them do that," said McGlothlen, a spokesman for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Women in the studies who received epidurals also reported less pain, although their labor was longer and they experienced side effects such as fever more often. Newborns whose mothers had epidurals also were born less often with acidosis, a disturbance of the body's acid-base balance that can cause breathing problems and diarrhea.

McGlothlen said these findings reinforce what he has known for a long time.

"The beauty of this article is that it points out that certainly there are a number of mechanisms for pain control for women in labor," he said. "All of these things need to be made available to patients."

Either way, Margaret Ann Cross, a mother of two from Mertztown, Pa., said she is likely to go without an epidural or other pain-relieving medications in the future, just as she did five months ago when she had her second daughter in a hot tub with the help of midwives.

She said she had an epidural during the birth of her 4-year-old daughter and ended up with a medication-related headache for two weeks.

"It was awful," Cross said. "It was the worst time to be bedridden, when you're a new mom. Even though they say the chances of that happening are small, I wouldn't chance it again."

Health briefs

Study of stepfamilies finds type most likely to succeed

Stepfamilies are more likely to stay together if the remarried couple starts out with realistic expectations.

Remarried couples that expect the stepfather to take on the role of the father right away are setting themselves up for frustration and disappointment," said Dr. James Bray, a psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Bray studied 100 white, middle-class stepfamilies and 100 comparable non-divorced families. Over a nine-year period, Bray identified three types of couples in stepfamilies: romantic, matriarchal and neotraditional.

Romantic couples were found to be the most divorce-prone. Neotraditional, where the husband and wife view the stepfamily as a partnership, were the happiest. Although children in stepfamilies tend to have behavior and emotional problems, 75 percent of stepchildren do well, compared to 85 to 90 percent of kids in non-divorced families.

Day surgery for herniated disks

Microsurgery techniques are making it possible to repair herniated disks with day surgery.

The surgery, called microdiscectomy, takes about an hour. Four hours after surgery the patient can walk out of the hospital. Full recovery time is about two to four weeks.

"Microdiscectomy had a shorter healing time, a quicker back-to-work time, and costs less than the standard surgical procedure called laminectomy," said Dr. David Baskin, a professor of neurosurgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

A herniated disk occurs when the disk, or cushion, between the spine's vertebrae becomes damaged and pushes out from between the vertebrae. When part of the disk herniates and pushed out, it presses against the nerves connected to the legs and causes pain.

Food diary may help overweight children

Keeping a food diary might help overweight children get on the right track this new year.

"Most obese children like to graze. A food diary will help them keep track of exactly what they eat," said Dr. William Klish, head of pediatric nutrition at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

A food diary should include what, when and why food is eaten, as well as specifics in amounts of food and pertinent nutritional information.

Keep in mind, a food diary alone will not help the children lose weight. For most children, a moderate diet and exercise can control weight. Parents should encourage children to take part in activities such as sports, school functions, and other hobbies to divert their attention away from food.

A "quick fix" is not a deal with stress

Taking a walk or picturing yourself on a sunny beach can provide quick, but temporary relief from stress. But the problems will not go away until you deal with the cause.

"Some stress results from the way you react to the things happening in your life, but more often it stems from the people you live or work with," said Dr. Ernest Fruge, a psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Fruge recommends identifying people and situations which might be causing you stress. If it is a family member, pinpoint the problem and discuss ways to fix what is wrong. For job-related stress caused by a co-worker, discuss the problem directly with you co-worker. If that fails, talk with your supervisor or seek help from your company's human resources department. If you cannot identify and remedy the cause of your stress, speak with a trusted friend, family counselor or physician.

Laser technology improvements makes tattoo removal easier

The latest laser technology makes it easier to start the year "tattoo-free."

"We have come a long way from the days when tattoos had to be surgically cut from the skin or scraped off," said Dr. Ted Rosen, a dermatologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Those procedures were often painful and left scars."

Laser removal of tattoos does not damage the skin and causes only minimal discomfort and slight bleeding. The laser's light is selective, passing through the skin and affecting only the tattoo dye. The laser emits energy that is absorbed by the ink which explodes in to microscopic pieces. Scavenger cells gather up the pieces, digest and destroy them.

The technique works anywhere on the body and on most tattoo colors. Professional tattoos take anywhere from four to 10 treatments, and homemade tattoos require as little as one or two sessions.

Eye misalignment most common vision ailment in infants

Misalignment of the eyes, or strabismus, is the most common, and potentially serious vision problem in infants.

"Some misalignment of the eyes can be normal during the first six months of life," said Dr. Evelyn Paysse, an ophthalmologist at Baylor college of Medicine in Houston. "However if the condition lasts more than six months, we recommend that parents have the child examined by a pediatrician."

Treatment for strabismus depends on the cause. Surgery is usually required if the problem is caused by nerve damage or a tumor. Glasses will often realign the eyes in a child who has strabismus caused by farsightedness.



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Wife's Nagging Jealousy Is Souring Her Sweetheart

DEAR ABBY: I need your advice. In 1995, I married a wonderful man who has been an excellent father to my three sons. I love him with all my heart.

For the past few months, I've been accusing him of cheating on me. He leaves for work early, has been taking showers, shaving and dressing nicely to go to work in a factory. In the past, he hasn't worried about his looks so much.

Every time I say something like, "Lookin' good for her, huh?" he gets mad. He insists he's not fooling around and never would. I have a hard time believing him.

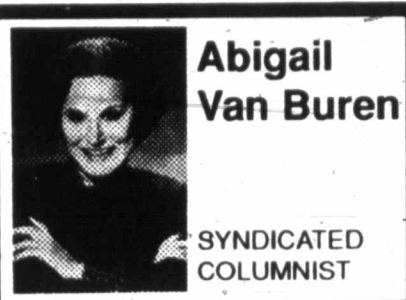
He says I'm pushing him away by accusing him of cheating, but I can't help it. I'm so scared that I'm giving this man my heart and soul, and I'm afraid of the power he holds in his hands to break me.

My self-esteem is on the low side. I've gained some weight and am feeling old. Our sex life is so-so. I'm not very satisfied, and I have been open and direct about telling him what I like. He acts like he doesn't hear me, which also makes me believe he has someone else.

I've never loved any other man like this one but have not been devastated if there is another woman. Is it me? Please tell me how to get help for this insecurity.

MISERABLE IN INDIANA

DEAR MISERABLE: Please don't let your insecurities ruin a good marriage. Believe your husband when he says you are pushing him away by accusing



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him of adultery. For me to doubt his truthfulness, you would have to produce more convincing evidence of "misconduct" than his going to work early, showering and dressing presentably, being a good stepfather to your sons and bringing home a regular paycheck.

You can improve your self-esteem by having a medical checkup and getting back into shape. Joint counseling could help you deal with your irrational jealousy and perhaps improve your sex lives. Get going.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years but have not come across my problem. My husband, "Mark," is afraid to drive.

When we first married 10 years ago, it wasn't such a problem. We lived in the city and the commute wasn't bad. We now have two children, 6 and 3, and I want to move from the city, but we can't unless buses and trains are within walking distance.

Mark took driving lessons and obtained his license. The trainer told him that all he needs is practice, but he's too afraid to get it.

Abby, Mark is 40 years old, and it's only going to be more difficult for both of us as the years go by. My daughter attends private school and dance lessons, both of which I drive her to. Soon our son will be old enough to go to school and participate in sports. I can't split myself in two to provide transportation for both of our children, my husband and our needs. I suggested counseling, but he refused.

Do you have any suggestions?

DRIVEN CRAZY

DEAR DRIVEN: A phobia is defined as an irrational fear. Your husband is phobic about driving a car. There is medical help available for his problem, but in order to get it, Mark must first have a frank discussion with his doctor. Make an appointment for him, and insist that he keep it.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, JAN. 5, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Plunge into work. Discussions and concepts are idealistic, but with some planning they could become workable. Use logic, make headway and stay on top of work. You might need to change your perspective on a critical matter. Tonight: Start an exercise program.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Family pressures you, but your ingenious thinking and diplomatic manner brings peace where they could be war! Creativity charges your work with a special quality. Be inspired, follow through on what you want. Confusion prevents someone from being definite. Tonight: Be a flirt!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Despite a good start, you could get bogged down in your thoughts. Get someone's point of view on a personal matter. News from a distance is most exciting and adds a new perspective. Honor what is going on, allow your imagination to roam. Tonight: A good book.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deal with money matters first thing. You will be unusually

busy, returning messages and getting work done. A partner allows you more input into his decisions and actions. You feel as if finally your communications make a difference, and they do! Tonight: Drop in at a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Handling finances puts you in the limelight. A partner doesn't agree with you. Consider different ways of getting through to him. And take charge of your funds. Someone's great idea could be your disaster. Be a free thinker. Don't let someone push you: Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Though you are slow to get started, once up and running, it will be difficult to stop you. Listen to feedback, but know clearly what you want. Work proves challenging, especially making someone else's idea realistic. Teamwork enhances your potential. Tonight: Exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take a back seat. Think through a love relationship, and determine what you want. A child is delightful but also deceptive. Be realistic about what is going on. Listen to your instincts: don't let others talk you into something even if it is logical. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Let your dreams have free rein. Attend a mandatory meeting. Don't pull back when someone presents his case. Team effort strengthens a work project. Intuition is right on concerning a family member or real-estate investment. Trust your-

self. Tonight: Join a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take responsibility, and display your administrative skills. Make and return calls as soon as you get into the office. You will be pushed to accomplish a lot, and quickly at that. You intuitively know what is about to happen next. Follow through on instincts. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Be concerned with finances, but keep the big picture in mind. Enhance your job performance skills. Seriously consider a course or seminar. Express your willingness to grow and expand. Others are there for you. Calls brings another point of view. Tonight: Rent a movie.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your ability to visualize comes through for you in a pinch. Others appreciate your efforts. Close relating builds confidence. You get past an immediate problem because of a keen sense of direction. Don't kid yourself about choices. A partner needs to be consulted. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Defer to others. They will dominate anyway right now. You might not be certain about which way to go. Listen to a child or loved one carefully. A premonition is strong. Follow through and honor it. Others become testy right now if they don't have their way. Tonight: Say yes!

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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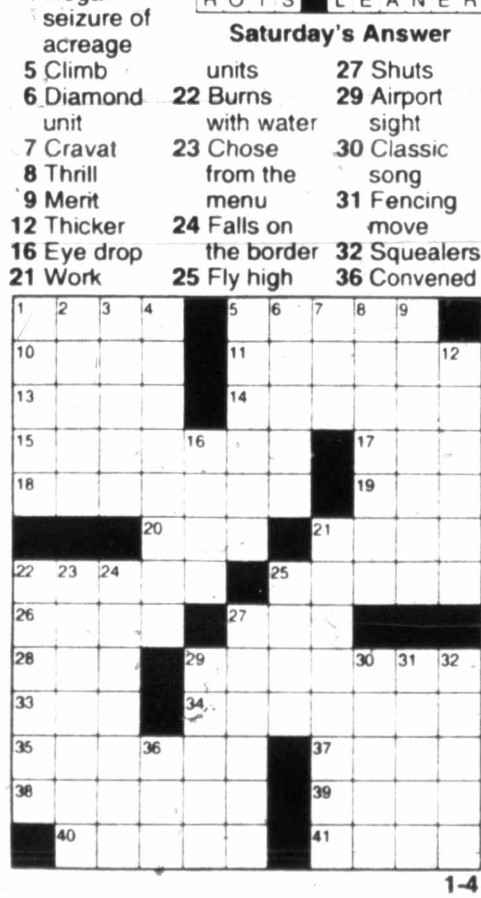
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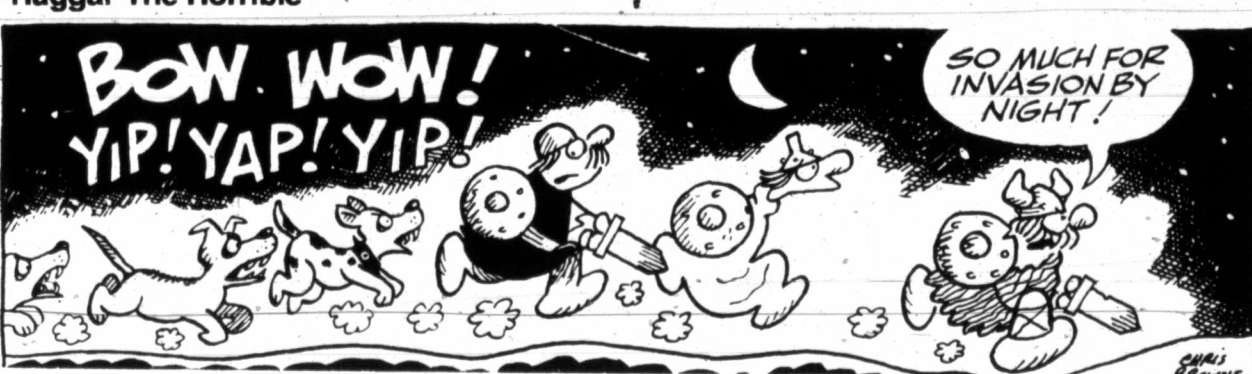
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa High School football banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8.50 and are available today through Wednesday at the PHS athletic office.

The Harvesters posted a 10-3 record this season and advanced to the regional semifinals.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills hosted a seniors' scramble last week.

Results are as follows:

First place: Bill King, Carroll Pettit, Bill Harwood and Bob Brandon 60.

Second place: Bob Young, Roy Porter, Jack Davis and Louis Haydon 62.

Third place: Jerry Dorman, Morris Driver, Richard Abbott and Norman Allen 65.

Closest to the hole: Elmer Wilson, third shot on No. 18.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern is finally back from his two-week stay in Aspen, Colo., and now he has to decide when to take one last shot at saving the rest of the season.

The NBA players' union has called all 19 players on its negotiating committee, telling them to arrive in town by Tuesday morning. What remains to be seen is when — or if — the commissioner and the owners will agree to meet with them.

The deadline is Thursday for reaching a new collective bargaining agreement to save the remainder of the season. If no deal is reached, the league's Board of Governors — with one ownership representative from each of the 29 teams — could vote that day to scrap the rest of the schedule.

"We're ready to negotiate. The league is refusing to negotiate," union director Billy Hunter said Sunday from his office.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Just in case there was any doubt, Duke has once again established itself as the team to beat in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Maryland was supposed to challenge the Blue Devils for supremacy in the conference this season, but the pecking order was clearly established Sunday: It's Duke and then everyone else.

Elton Brand had 19 points and 13 rebounds as No. 2 Duke ripped apart the fourth-ranked Terrapins, pulling away in the second half to a surprisingly easy 82-64 rout on the road.

The addition of stellar guard Steve Francis to an already solid frontcourt had the Terrapins thinking they could make a run at their first outright ACC title since 1980. That goal is still viable, but for now Duke appears to be well in command.

"I thought our kids played great, especially in the second half," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We hardly made a mistake until the last two minutes. Our execution was superb."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 8 Indiana 62, Illinois 53 and No. 21 Iowa 52, Northwestern 48. Two games were postponed because of the weather in the Midwest, Marquette at No. 3 Cincinnati and No. 16 Minnesota at No. 11 Purdue.

After an exchange of baskets made it 39-39 with 18:19 left, Brand hit a layup and a short jumper to start a run of 13 straight points that included two free throws and a 3-pointer by William Avery.

Maryland, meanwhile, missed nine of its first 10 shots and committed eight turnovers in the opening eight minutes.

Fiesta Bowl coaches join in prayer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Florida State coach Bobby Bowden left his seat in the pew opposite Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer and headed to the pulpit, wondering all the time about the color of the carpet and upholstery in the church.

"Let me ask you a question first," Bowden said, interrupting the Rev. Dan Yeary as he was about to discuss the coach's religious faith. "Is there any significance in all this orange here?"

The minister, suddenly realizing the predominant color in his North Phoenix Baptist Church matched Tennessee's favorite hue, offered Bowden a deal.

"When you win the national championship and they increase your salary," Yeary quipped, "just give us a little tithe."

On the eve of their battle for the national championship, Bowden and Fulmer joined in prayer Sunday. They both spoke

to worshipers about their religious faith, as did Tennessee kicker Jeff Hall — a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes back on campus.

Tonight, the coaches face each other across the field as top-ranked and undefeated Tennessee takes on No. 2 Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. The Volunteers will be seeking their first national title since 1951.

"On the day before a national championship, with all the stress and all the pressure, the leaders of these two teams have chosen to be in the Lord's house," Yeary said to the applause of his congregation.

The entire Tennessee team also attended the church service, surrounded by fans whose rental cars were festooned with orange flags and pompoms. Balloons — orange and white for Tennessee, garnet and gold for the Seminoles — were attached to

some pews.

Fulmer even wore a gaudy orange tie.

Yeary surveyed his congregation, swollen by about a hundred large young men and out-of-towners dressed in orange, and apologized.

"Our choir could not learn 'Rocky Top' in time for this," the reverend said, referring to the song that accompanies every Tennessee score.

Florida State will be led by a sophomore quarterback, Marcus Outzen, making just his third college start. The starter for most of the season, Chris Weinke, is recovering from spinal surgery and is restricted to a role as Outzen's mentor for the game.

Tennessee's offense also lost a key player when tailback Jamal Lewis hurt his knee and was lost for the year. But that happened in the fourth game of the season, giving the Vols time to adjust.

Sophomore Travis Henry took his place, responding with five 100-yard rushing games.

Since replacing Johnny Majors as Tennessee coach in 1992, Fulmer has led the Vols back among college football's elite. But the Volunteers were not expected to be so good this season, especially after the graduation of No. 1 draft pick Peyton Manning.

Florida State is the only school to finish among the top four in the nation in 11 consecutive seasons, and won the national title in 1993. But it took Bowden nearly 40 years of coaching — including 18 in Tallahassee — to win a national championship.

Fulmer hopes he doesn't have to wait as long for his first national title.

"If we win, then early in my career I'd have that weight lifted off my back," Fulmer said. "We expect at some point to win a national championship, hopeful-

ly this year."

Even before the game was played, there was at least one person wondering whether the Fiesta Bowl really would crown the national champion.

Ohio State coach John Cooper appealed to voters in The Associated Press poll, saying they should consider the Buckeyes for the national title if Florida State barely beats No. 1, Tennessee tonight.

Ohio State, with one loss this season, defeated Texas A&M 24-14 in the Sugar Bowl.

"I don't blame John one bit for feeling the way he does," Bowden said Sunday. "John might have the best team in the nation, but if Tennessee wins, it will be the national champion. And if we win, we will be national champions. That's the way it was drawn up this year, and I sympathize with John because I've been in his place before."

PHS cagers at home for first action of new year

PAMPA — Pampa's basketball teams haven't played at McNeely Fieldhouse since hosting Sanford-Fritch way back on Nov. 23.

The PHS cagers return to familiar territory Tuesday night when Randall and Perryton come to town for a pair of non-district contests.

Pampa and Perryton girls tip off at 6, followed by the Pampa-Randall boys' tilt around 7:30.

Pampa boys have an 8-9 record while Pampa girls are 8-6.

Randall boys captured third place at the Hobbs Tournament during the Christmas break. Perryton girls reached the championship quarterfinals of the Caprock Invitational.

Both Pampa teams competed in holiday tournaments at Fort Worth and Ardmore, Okla.

At the Ardmore Tournament, the Lady Harvesters defeated Norman Community Christian, 43-40, in the final game.

Jordanna Young, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Kelsey Yowell and Charity Nachtigall led Pampa scorers with 7 points each.

Stephanie Beasy and Carolyn Rode had 10 points each for Norman.

Vaughn Evans had 6 points, Emily Waters 5, Lisa Dwight 2 and Chasity Nachtigall 2 to

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round out the Pampa scoring.

The Lady Harvesters opened the tournament with a 67-46 loss to Edmond Memorial.

Waters led Pampa with 24 points while Lindsey Smith had 22 to pace Edmond.

Also scoring for Pampa were Charity Nachtigall with 6 points, Kirkpatrick 5, Dwight 4, Evans 3, Anne Gaddis 3 and Yowell 1.

Pampa fell to Lawton High, 55-49, in the second game.

Young was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points, followed by Dwight 8.

Matela McBath for Lawton led all scorers with 22 points.

Also scoring for Pampa were Yowell 7, Charity Nachtigall 7, Waters 6, Chasity Nachtigall 5, Gaddis 4 and Kirkpatrick 2.

The Harvesters lost a 55-53 squeaker to Fort Worth Everman in the Lions Club Holiday Tournament in Fort Worth.

Keith White had 16 points and Ronald Hobbs, 14 to lead Everman's scoring attack.

Shawn Young paced Pampa with 22 points, followed by Russell Robben with 11. Gary Alexander had 10 points and

Zane Powers 5 and Jesse Francis 5.

In Pampa's other tourney game, Waxahachie notched a 70-50 victory.

Shaun Reynolds had 23 points and Johnny Mason added 18 to lead Waxahachie.

Francis had 18 points and Alexander 17 to lead the Harvesters.

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BRISCOE — Fort Elliott advanced to the championship finals of its own Invitational tournament last weekend.

In the boys' division, Fort Elliott downed Shamrock, 46-34, in the semifinal game.

Nathan Hefley had 16 points and Tanner Smith 13 to lead Fort Elliott's scoring attack.

The Cougars held a 27-14 lead at halftime.

Doss had scoring honors for Shamrock with 14 points.

The Lady Cougars slipped by Shamrock, 43-39, in the semifinals of the girls' division.

Amber Estes topped Fort Elliott in scoring with 15 points while Carissa Dukes chipped in 10.

The score was tied at 33-all going into the fourth quarter.

Garcia had 14 points for Shamrock.

Jaguars roll by Patriots, 25-10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Although the ankle is ailing, Mark Brunell's instinct remains perfectly intact.

He knows how important guys like Fred Taylor and Jimmy Smith are as the Jacksonville Jaguars try to continue their playoff run.

Taylor rushed for 162 yards, and Smith beat Ty Law for a 37-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday as the Jaguars defeated the New England Patriots 25-10 in a wild-card playoff game.

Those performances helped mask a rusty day for Brunell, who played for the first time in five weeks. They also gave him another week to get better as the Jaguars (12-5) prepare for a second-round game against the New York Jets.

"I don't anticipate any setbacks right now," Brunell said of his high ankle sprain. "I don't think

there will be any problems for next week. But the whole team will have to be sharper. Each week we have to get better and better."

He finished 14-for-34 for 161 yards and one touchdown.

Scott Zolak, playing for the injured Drew Bledsoe, finished with just 190 yards and an interception for the Patriots (9-8), who left wondering if they're not the most unlucky team in the league.

In the past month, they've lost Bledsoe, receiver Terry Glenn and middle linebacker Ted Johnson to season-ending injuries.

Against the Jaguars, the Patriots battled back from a 12-0 deficit to pull within 12-10, only to see the gamebreaker made against Law, a Pro Bowl cornerback who is arguably his best defender.

"He's a great player and he had an extraordinarily good year,

from the beginning of preseason all the way through," said Patriots coach Pete Carroll. "It was a great throw and a great play by two great players on the other side."

Both Brunell and Smith said it was a perfect read on a fade pattern they've practiced hundreds of times over the last four years.

"It changed momentum for us," Brunell said. "It was a simple hand signal to Jimmy to give him the go route. It was just a check at the line of scrimmage. Anytime we get press with Jimmy Smith, we feel it's to our advantage."

Brunell had equal praise for Taylor, the 1,000-yard rookie who has taken a big load off the passing game all season.

"He's a fine running back who has a bright future," Brunell said. "We're not a complete offense without Fred, without the running game he's provided."

A rollercoaster year

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Chan Gailey era began for the Dallas Cowboys with a division championship and a playoff bust.

Owner Jerry Jones said he's still glad he did what he did when he sent Barry Switzer packing after a 6-10 season.

"We're every excited where we are headed with our new coach," Jones said. "Of course we are disappointed. But this is a good first step."

"We did not play well as a team and we have to get that corrected," said Gailey, who was hired by Jones from Pittsburgh.

Arizona beat Dallas 20-7, snapping a nine-game losing streak in Texas Stadium. It was only the second time in the last 18 games the Cardinals had beaten the Cowboys.

"This season was a crazy rollercoaster ride," said running back Emmitt Smith. "We never

got to the point of being consistent for a long period of time. Even when we won four consecutive games in the middle of the season you could still see all the inconsistencies."

"We have a good system and good personnel but surely some changes will be made. Whatever it takes to get this team back on track, I'm all for it."

Cornerback Deion Sanders was openly critical of his teammates.

"If we are going to call ourselves big-time players, then we have to make big plays," Sanders said.

The Cowboys missed wide receiver Ernie Mills, who has the speed to stretch a defense. Mills was lost for the season with an injury a month ago. Also, Dallas played without Chris Warren, signed to give Smith some rest at tailback.

Dolphins get ready for cold weather at Denver

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The weather forecast is ominous for the Miami Dolphins.

Jimmy Johnson's team drew a second-round playoff assignment at Denver, meaning the Dolphins must play the well-rested defending world champions Saturday while contending with a hostile crowd and winter weather.

Johnson acknowledged that cold conditions would put his team at a disadvantage.

"We're not acclimated to it," he said Sunday. "We don't like it, we don't practice in it, we rarely play in it, we don't live in it, and we

don't want to live in it."

At that point, Johnson broke into a grin. But he wasn't smiling about Miami's chances of beating Denver for the second time in three weeks.

The Dolphins wouldn't have made the playoffs without a 31-21 victory over the Broncos on Dec. 21. But Denver had already clinched home-field advantage for the playoffs and had little incentive to win.

And that game was in Miami. The Dolphins' last road victory in postseason came 25 years ago against Minnesota in the Super

Bowl. Miami has since lost eight consecutive postseason road games.

"We know it's going to be an uphill battle playing on the road when they have two weeks to prepare and a bye and an opportunity to get their team healthy," Johnson said. "That's why teams with a bye playing at home have such a high winning percentage in the playoffs. We know the odds are against us."

"By the same token, anything can happen, and we like the opportunity to go take a few chances."

The Dolphins earned their first playoff victory in Johnson's three years as coach by beating the Buffalo Bills 24-17 Saturday. The win left the Dolphins elated but hobbled.

Their only Pro Bowl player, defensive tackle Tim Bowens, underwent surgery Sunday to repair a torn tendon in his arm, and he'll miss the rest of postseason. Leading receiver O.J. McDuffie (sprained foot), tight end Troy Drayton (sprained ankle) and long snapper Frank Wainright (sprained shoulder) also could miss the Denver game. Tackle

Richmond Webb (torn arm tendon) and guard Kevin Donnalley (sore knee) played Saturday but could miss practice time this week.

The loss of Bowens hurts the run defense just as it gears up to deal with 2,000-yard rusher Terrell Davis. The Dolphins were already short-handed in the front four because end Jason Taylor was sidelined for the season by a broken collarbone last week.

"We're pretty beat up," Johnson said, "like every team is this time of year — or at least the teams that are still playing."



(Pampa News photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa senior Shawn Young had a 22-point performance against Everman in the Lions Club Tournament.

49ers edge Pack in final seconds

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A backpedaling quarterback, a desperate throw into the end zone with time running out and an incredible leaping catch.

Joe Montana and Dwight Clark teamed up 17 years ago to make that enduring image. Steve Young and Terrell Owens brought it to life again.

Young tripped after taking the snap and nearly went down, but recovered to throw a 25-yard pass to Owens with three seconds left. Owens soared over traffic at the goal line to make the grab, and the San Francisco 49ers emerged from with a 30-27 NFC wild-card victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

"The whole sidelines just erupted," said San Francisco tight end Greg Clark, who had two TD receptions earlier.

"It's a great thing, an emotional thing," Young said after beating the Packers for the first time in nine tries. "That play will be attached to 49ers' lore for a long time. I'll always remember it."

The 49ers (13-4) travel to Atlanta next Saturday. The Falcons displaced the 49ers as NFC West champions.

In heart-stopping fashion reminiscent of Montana's drive and "The Catch" by Clark that beat Dallas in the 1981 NFC championship game and sent the 49ers to the first of five Super Bowls, Young and Owens collaborated to reverse San Francisco's discouraging run against the Packers.

Green Bay had ended San Francisco's season in the playoffs in the previous three years.

"They certainly felt they had our number but we battled them," said 49ers defensive end Chris Doleman. "It took us 59 minutes, 57 seconds into the game to figure out who wins this thing. That's about as tight as you can get it."

And it was also a moment of redemption for Owens, who had a fumble and four drops earlier. Somehow, he hung on to make the game-winning catch despite being decked by three defenders the instant the ball hit his hands.

"I just looked at the clock and it was ticking, ticking, ticking," said Owens, who was in tears on the sideline hugging San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci after the catch.

"I wanted to beat Green Bay so bad. Any time there's a chance for me to get the ball over the middle, I'm tough enough to take it. I was just happy that I caught the ball. I had a rough day. I let the team down in the beginning, but they all encouraged me to keep my head up."

Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, a former 49ers offensive coordinator whose success

against his old team led to rumors he might be lured to San Francisco to replace Mariucci, declined to address his future with the Packers. He has said he might leave to become a coach-general manager elsewhere.

If it was Holmgren's final game as one of his most difficult defeats. It also cost Green Bay a chance at becoming the first NFC team to reach the Super Bowl in three straight years.

"The Super Bowl loss (to Denver) last year was very difficult but the way this one ended was startling," Holmgren said. "I don't know how they scored. I guess I'll look at the film some day. The ball goes down the middle and you don't think that ball is going to be caught, ever."

The score capped a nine-play, 76-yard drive after Brett Favre put the Packers (11-6) up 27-23 on a 15-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman with 1:56 remaining.

"I felt we had them," Favre said. Even before then, the Packers thought they had them.

During San Francisco's last drive, Jerry Rice made his only catch of the game but his apparent fumble at the end of it wasn't called by the officials. They ruled his knee was down when Scott McGarrahan stripped the ball from him.

"That was clearly a fumble. We clearly recovered. The game's over," Packers general manager Ron Wolf said.

Green Bay safety LeRoy Butler echoed his general manager, saying officials blew it and Rice got the star treatment.

"Absolutely," he said. "But he's Jerry Rice and I can't comment on the referees, or I will get fined."

Young said the officials made the right call, and it wasn't even close.

"It was clearly not a fumble," said Young, who completed 18-of-32 passes for 169 yards, 76 on the final drive.

He also had touchdown passes of 1 and 8 yards to Clark, with two interceptions.

Favre was 20-for-35 for 282 yards and had touchdowns of 2 and 15 yards to Freeman, but also threw two interceptions, his first postseason turnovers against the 49ers.

Garrison Hearst, giving San Francisco a viable running game for the first time in its four playoff meetings with the Packers, gained 128 yards. Dorsey Levens rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown for Green Bay, but also had a costly fumble.

Green Bay also got field goals of 23 and 37 yards from Ryan Longwell and San Francisco got field goals of 34, 48 and 40 yards from Wade Richey.

to return to the NBA if the lockout ends.

"We're betting the NBA season won't start," Kinder spokesman Marco Angrisani said. "We have reached a tentative agreement with Olowokandi's agent and now we're just waiting for him to get here."

NBA commissioner David Stern has said he will recommend canceling the season if there's no agreement with players by Thursday.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

At A Glance

Wild Cards

Saturday, Jan. 2

At San Diego

Arizona 20, Dallas 7

Sunday, Jan. 3

Jacksonville 25, New England 10

San Francisco 30, Green Bay 27

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 9

San Francisco at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)

Miami at Denver, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 10

Jacksonville at New York Jets, 12:40 p.m. (CBS)

Arizona at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 17

AFC

NFC

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 31

At Miami

AFC champion vs. NFC Champion, 6:18 p.m. (FOX)

TRANSACTIONS

Football League

Buffalo Bills—Announced the retirement of LB Mark Pike.

San Francisco 49ers—Signed DE Charles Haley. Waived CB Tyrone Legette.

Hockey

National Hockey League

Colorado Avalanche—Reassigned C Serge Aubin to Hershey of the AHL.

College

Iowa State—Reinstated redshirt G Travis Sprey to the basketball team.

Mississippi—Announced TE Rufus French will forego his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games

At A Glance

All Times EST

Saturday, Dec. 19

Las Vegas Bowl

At Las Vegas

North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Motor City Bowl

At Pontiac, Mich.

Marshall 48, Louisville 29

Friday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic

At Montgomery, Ala.

Gray 31, Blue 24

Aloha Bowl

At Honolulu

Colorado 51, Oregon 43

Oahu Bowl

At Honolulu

Air Force 45, Washington 25

Saturday, Dec. 26

Heritage Bowl

At Atlanta

Southern U. 28, Bethune-Cookman 2

Insight.com Bowl

At Tucson, Ariz.

Missouri 34, West Virginia 31

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Music City Bowl

At Nashville, Tenn.

Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7

Michigan 46, North Carolina State 23

Alamo Bowl

At San Antonio

Purdue 37, Kansas State 34

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Humanitarian Bowl

At Boise, Idaho

Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego

Arizona 23, Nebraska 20

Thursday, Dec. 31

Liberty Bowl

At Memphis, Tenn.

Tulane 41, Brigham Young 27

Sun Bowl

At El Paso, Texas

Texas Christian 28, Southern Cal 19

Pepper Bowl

At Atlanta

Georgia 35, Virginia 33

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.

Mississippi 35, Texas Tech 18

Friday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

At Tampa, Fla.

Penn State 26, Kentucky 14

Cotton Bowl

At Dallas

Texas 38, Mississippi State 11

Gator Bowl

At Jacksonville, Fla.

Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28

Citrus Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.

Michigan 45, Arkansas 31

Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif.

Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31

Sugar Bowl

At New Orleans

Ohio State 24, Texas A&M 14

Saturday, Jan. 2

At Miami

Florida 31, Syracuse 10

Monday, Jan. 4

Fiesta Bowl

At Tempe, Ariz.

Mississippi (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16

East-West Shrine Classic

At Stanford, Calif.

East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23

Senior Bowl

At Mobile, Ala.

North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24

Hula Bowl

At Kahului, Maui

South vs. North, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Scoreboard

16. Iowa St. 9-1	401	18
17. Penn St. 9-2	391	12
18. Alabama 10-4	386	14
19. Florida 12-4	245	20
20. Nebraska 12-2	242	19
21. Kansas 11-3	214	21
22. Virginia 8-3	194	22
23. Ohio St.		

How Top 25 Fared

By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll fared Sunday:

1. Connecticut (11-0) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Wednesday.

2. Duke (13-1) beat No. 4 Maryland 82-64.

3. Cincinnati (12-0) vs. Marquette, ppd. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.

4. Maryland (13-2) lost to No. 2 Duke 82-64. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.

5. Stanford (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Monday.

6. Arizona (8-1) did not play. Next: at Southern California, Monday.

7. Kentucky (12-3) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Tuesday.

8. Indiana (14-3) beat Illinois 62-53. Next: at Michigan, Tuesday.

9. North Carolina (13-3) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Wednesday.

10. UCLA (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Monday.

11. Purdue (12-2) vs. No. 16 Minnesota, ppd. Next: at Penn State, Wednesday.

12. St. John's (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Niagara, Monday.

13. Michigan State (11-3) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Wisconsin, Wednesday.

14. Clemson (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina State, Tuesday.

15. New Mexico (12-1) did not play. Next: at Fresno State, Monday.

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Euro makes strong debut

Currency ushers in new era in world trading ...

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Europe's new currency, the euro, made a strong debut today, trading at a high of \$1.1877 in a sign that markets welcomed the single currency as an alternative to the dollar.

Demand for the euro pushed it up from an expected starting point of \$1.1700 in earlier Asian trading, and it kept on rising as trading moved to Europe, before dipping slightly to \$1.1807.

Political and banking officials in Europe were heartened by the smooth entry on international markets of the currency shared by 11 European Union nations.

Jean-Claude Trichet, governor of the Bank of France and a former candidate for the post of European Central Bank chief, said trading represented "the best possible option."

"The euro has been greeted well," he said. "This isn't just an absurd craze."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said the euro offered "friendly" competition for established currencies and would strengthen Europe's profile in international financial markets.

French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn focused on the unity created by the euro, saying it

would help boost growth and cut unemployment in Europe. "When everybody pushes in the same direction, everybody goes quicker," he said.

Notwithstanding the positive market and political reactions, euro skeptics made their mark, throwing two pies at Dutch Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm as he arrived at the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

Euro trading opened today in Sydney, Australia, and proceeded smoothly, if quietly, throughout Asia and Europe.

The euro was officially launched Jan. 1, when authorities fixed conversion rates against the 11 participating European currencies. While the euro will not be in consumers' pockets until 2002, it now can be used for non-cash, credit card or traveler's check purchases. Many major firms are converting their transactions to euros, as well.

In Tokyo, trading was limited today as many investors awaited developments in Europe.

"We have seen a lot of inquiries coming in regard to the euro, but not a tremendous amount of activity," said Peter Chen, director of sales for Southeast Asia and North Asia at Deutsche Bank in Singapore.

Likewise in Europe, bankers and traders said they were still testing the euro's strength. "So far it seems

market participants are trying to get a feel of the proper level," said Antti Heinonen of Finland's Okobank.

Despite the early caution, the euro's start was stronger than many traders had anticipated, and London analyst Cameron Crise said he wouldn't be surprised to see the new European currency reach \$1.20 this week.

Interest was expected to remain strong given the European Union's economic muscle, which rivals that of the United States.

"It's the No. 1 candidate for a global key currency, vying with the dollar," said Minoru Kobayashi, manager of foreign bonds investment division at Asahi Life Insurance Co.

In Frankfurt — the euro's home, with the European Central bank headquartered here — European Union currency commissioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy pressed a button with German Stock Exchange officials to begin trading.

Screens lining the exchange's walls rolled back to reveal rows of company names with their share values in euros listed next to them.

Ten minutes later, one trader said orders were coming in slowly but attributed the sluggish pace to

the fact that markets were just reopening after the holiday break.

Another key step toward closer European financial integration took place today when the rival London and Frankfurt stock exchanges began using computers to monitor one another's trades.

Deutsche Boerse executive board member, Reto Francioni, said the two exchanges would release details of plans to create an Anglo-German market in the coming weeks. The market is considered by some to be an interim step toward an expected pan-European stock exchange.

An announcement on the pan-European exchange is likely to be made in the coming weeks, Deutsche Boerse chairman Werner Seifert told the German daily newspaper Handelsblatt.

"We've never had a better chance to form a pan-European trading platform, even a pan-European stock exchange," Werner Seifert was quoted as saying.

The 11 nations adopting the euro are Austria, Belgium, Germany, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Denmark and Britain opted to stay out for now; Greece did not qualify.



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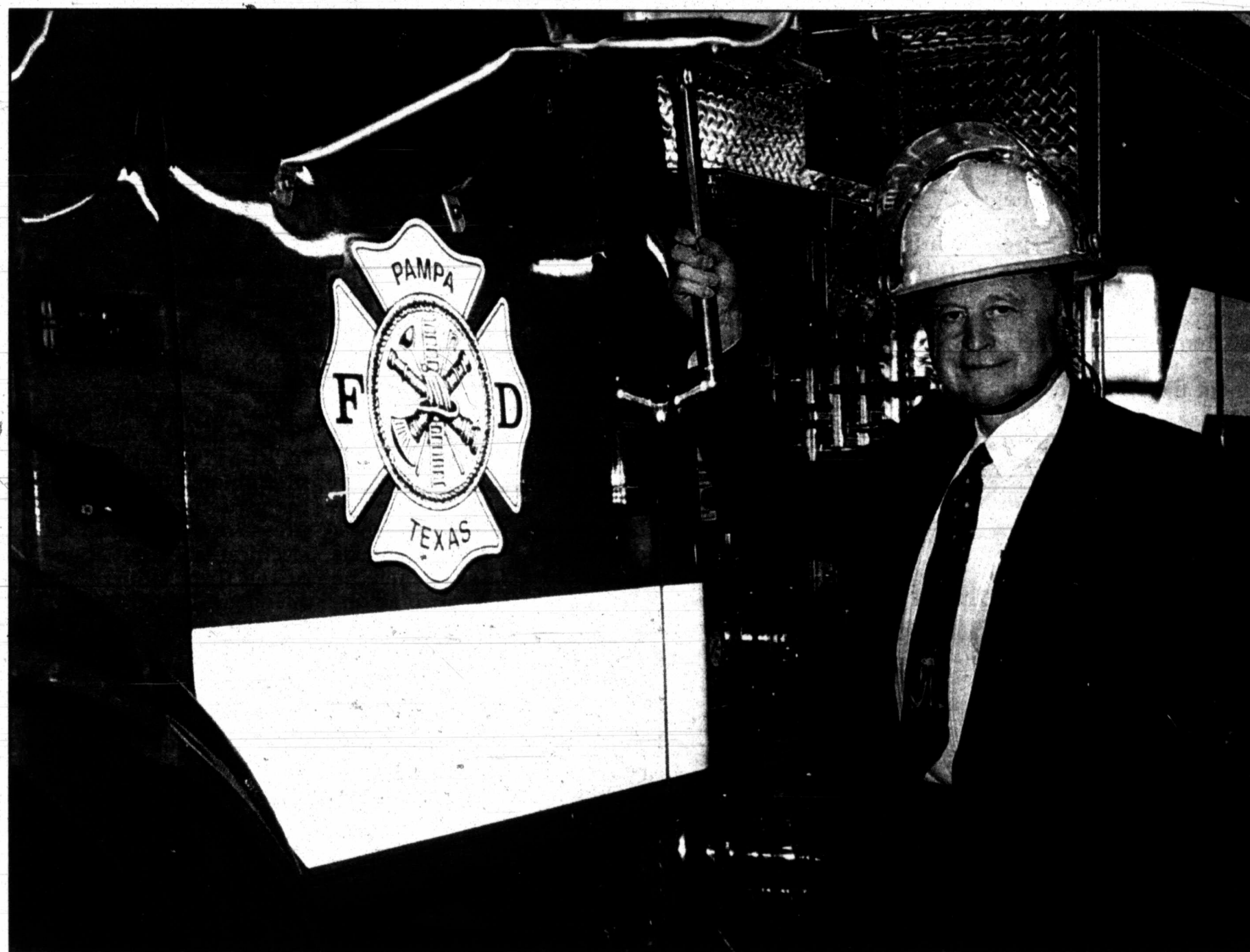
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Pampa's Fire Chief for eight years, Claudie Phillips, is preparing for retirement. He'll step down in late February and move to Lubbock where he and his wife can be close to her aging parents. See story on Page 2.

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Fire chief hanging up his hat Phillips takes look back at career

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Fire Chief Claudie Phillips is retiring after more than eight years of modernizing and leading the Pampa Fire Department.

He has set the tentative date as Feb. 26 but said he will stay on a short while after that if necessary to get a replacement in place.

"Claudie's done a lot to add to the professionalism of the department," said City Manager Bob Eskridge. "His experience is going to be hard to replace."

Phillips came to Pampa in late 1990 from Lubbock where he spent 29 years in the fire department there. He rose to the rank of Chief of Operations, which is second in command at that department,

One of the reasons Phillips has chosen now to retire is to move back to Lubbock so that he and his wife can take care of her parents who are in deteriorating health.

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according to Phillips.

Phillips said that after all that time he was ready for a change but not ready to retire.

He said he was glad when the Chief's job opened up in Pampa. It allowed him to work in a different environment and yet remain fairly close to his and his wife's families in Lubbock

He said he has also enjoyed the small-town atmosphere and slower pace of Pampa. While in Lubbock he remembers having to fight a huge fire on the 12th floor of a dormitory. He said they rescued 24 girls from the blaze and he still remembers details although it happened 20 years ago.

One thing he brought from Lubbock was training in the latest methods of running a department and new methods in fighting fires. When he arrived, firefighters had an on-going lawsuit against the city. Once that was settled he set about changing the Standard Operating Procedures in several crucial areas to better protect and utilize available personnel.

One challenge anyone has coming from a large metropolitan area to a smaller community is the availability of funding. Phillips said he faced that problem, too, making it harder to do everything he would have liked.

hoses in a house filled with smoke. He said the trouble was that soot was heavy in the smoke and when wetted down the soot would land everywhere making it very tough, if not impossible, to clean off.

The heavy smoke was also dangerous for anyone trapped in the building and for firefighters who had to enter the structure. With positive pressure ventilation a large electrical fan is put at one side of the fire. A much smaller opening is made on the other side and the pressure forces the smoke out.

Phillips said the smoke clears in a very short time. The smokeless building then is much safer for firefighters to walk through since they can see furniture, doors and other people much clearer. There is also less damage to the structure from the firefighting efforts also.

"Everything we're doing today is safer for the firefighters," he said.

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VFW raising funds for new WW II memorial

(NAPS)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars is working to help make sure those who fought for our country during World War II are remembered.

The organization hopes to raise \$7.5 million or more to help build a World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

"It is important that we step forward now to help make this long overdue memorial a reality," said Thomas A. Pouliot, VFW Commander in Chief. "The legacy of those men and women who served in WWII continues today in every aspect of American life."

The VFW, through its fund-raising efforts, will not only contribute to the building of the memorial, but also will recognize those who served in WWII and who sacrificed to help make America what it is today, Pouliot added.

VFW supported legislation in 1993 to build the memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor members of the armed forces and commemorate U.S. participation.

The American Battle Monuments Commission is the federal agency charged by Congress with building and raising some \$100 million for the memorial.

Now, the two-million-member VFW, which includes one million WWII veterans, is encouraging members to contribute toward construction of the memorial and establishing a VFW List of Remembrance for those who died in the world war.

Pouliot said that time is of the essence. While there is government backing, the majority of the funds needed to complete the memorial are expected to come from private donations, he said.

If you'd like to be a contributor to the WWII Memorial or sponsor names in the VFW List of Remembrance, simply write to: WWII Memorial, VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, Suite 219, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Help's available for better hearing

(NAPS)—Although many workers in their sixties are already retired or planning to, a growing number aren't quite ready to hang up their hats. For them, the news is good. Workers in their sixties can expect a decade or more of good health in which to put their wisdom to productive use.

For those who do decide to stay in the job market, a regular health exam is important. This should include a visit to a hearing health care professional every year. Missing all or part of an important speech, or instructions from a superior can impact on how effectively you do your job.

Happily, for the approximately 26 million Americans who are not hearing properly, scientists are coming up with new solutions all the time.

If you're not hearing as well as you would like, there may be a

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Helping your aging parents

By CAROL ABAYA, M.A.

Are you juggling doing errands for your aging parents, your children, yourself and working at the same time? Are you tired, stressed out and upset that your once vibrant parent is now frail and needy?

Do you feel alone? Rest assured you are not alone. "The Sandwich Generation" is dedicated to the 50 million Americans who may have elder/parent care concerns and/or responsibilities.

Q: My father, who has always taken care of his and my mother's finances, recently had a mild heart attack. He's fine now. But I'm worried he'll have another attack, and my mother, who has never written a check, won't be able to handle the bills. What should we do?

A: Everyone, regardless of age, has choices in life. One of the most important is to protect one's own financial well-being. This means identifying a person you trust and giving this person the legal authority to handle financial affairs entirely or just to help out occasionally.

The document is called a Power of Attorney. The kind everyone should have, regardless of age, is called a Durable Power of Attorney. This means that the "helper" can help from the date the POA is signed until the person dies.

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Senior health...

T'ai chi offers health benefits

T'ai chi, with origins in the martial arts, is being used today to fight a different enemy—aging.

T'ai chi involves a series of slow and deliberate movements using the arms, legs and body in fluid, graceful motions. It focuses on shifting weight from one leg to the other, bending the legs and moving the arms and hands in various positions.

"People who participate t'ai chi have reported feeling physically more in control of their bodies, as well as feeling calm, relaxed and centered," said Dr. Robert Luchi, of the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

T'ai chi has long been thought to benefit older people because of the emphasis on balance and low-impact movements. Now, research funded by the National Institute on Aging is supporting those beliefs.

One study founded that older people participating in a 15-week t'ai chi program reduced their risk of falling by nearly 50 percent. Other research indicated that participants were able to maintain their increases in strength and balance over a six-month period.

Keep an eye in age-related vision ailments

With increasing age comes an increased risk of ailments focused on eyesight.

"Cataracts are one of the most common eye-related diseases in people over the age of 50," said Dr. Richard Lewis, professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

While cataracts have the potential to reduce vision clarity, advances in treatment are helping people maintain their quality of life.

"Changes in prescription lenses will often allow people with cataracts to see well enough to continue their usual activities," Lewis said. "Surgery to remove a cataract, which is a clouding of the lens, is another option. It's successful nearly 100 percent of the time, as long as no other eye disease is present."

Kaiser settles grievances with members denied impotence drug, Viagra

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The Kaiser Foundation Health Plan has agreed to continue paying the cost of the anti-impotence drug Viagra for Californians — at least for now — under a settlement reached with state regulators.

The state Department of Corporations, which oversees health maintenance organizations, began investigating Kaiser last summer after the HMO announced it would not cover Viagra starting in 1999 because of its cost.

The agency maintained that if a doctor prescribes Viagra as being medically necessary, then the health plan must cover it.

Investigators found Kaiser's actions to be "straddling the line" of legality. But Dale Bonner, the outgoing commissioner of the agency, said the settlement announced Monday indicates "there has been no finding of liability on the part of the plan."

Kaiser also agreed to pay the state \$250,000 to help cover (See VIAGRA, Page 6)



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There are two other kinds, but they are limited, and the conditions don't really give either the person granting the POA or the designee person real flexibility. A general POA becomes effective when it is signed, but becomes void if the grantor becomes mentally incompetent. And this is when it is even more important to have one. A springing POA only becomes effective if the grantor becomes mentally incompetent. Two doctors have to make such a declaration, and this can take up precious time.

Both of your parents should choose someone to handle their affairs as well as an alternate person in case that person can't help.

You should reassure your father that as long as he can handle bills, etc., he can continue doing what he has been. He is not giving up control of his finances.

While I had POA for both my parents, my father, until six months before he died at age 94, continued to pay the basic household bills, the real estate taxes, the cleaning lady and tracked his own investments and income.

At the same time, you have to make sure both your parents understand the consequences if they don't choose someone they trust.

If you or someone else your parent trusts does not have POA, you would have to go to court and spend thousands of dollars in order to help your parent at such time as he/she can no longer handle things. If there are siblings who object, the judge could well — and has in thousands of cases — appoint a complete stranger to handle your parents' affairs. Thousands of dollars more would be further wasted by legal and management fees of the person appointed by the court.

I always tell the story of a couple who lived near me when I first started "The Sandwich Generation" magazine. They had a house in New Jersey and a condo in Florida. The husband, only

68, had a massive stroke and was in a coma. The wife wanted to sell the condo to have money for extra nursing care. Because neither she or anyone else had POA for her husband, she couldn't sell until he died four months later. In the meantime, she had difficulty financially to pay for the nursing care she wanted for her husband.

(Carol Abaya is an international award-winning journalist and creator of the unique magazine "The Sandwich Generation: You & Your Aging Parents.")

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number of causes. Some hearing loss is known as "conductive." It affects the outer, or middle, ear and can be treated medically or surgically.

A more common type of hearing loss is known as sensorineural, or "nerve deafness." It affects the inner ear and makes some sounds seem muffled while others are clear. This usually can be helped with hearing aids. At some hearing aid centers trained consultants can test a person's hearing to determine whether he or she is a candidate for a hearing aid and which type may be best.

Among the devices available are those incorporating an advanced circuit option that automatically boosts high frequencies in quiet environments and reduces them in loud ones, which can be especially useful in an office environment.

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Study: Doctors often don't treat high blood pressure aggressively enough

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors shouldn't be so quick to blame the patient when attempts to lower a person's blood pressure fail, suggests a study published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The study of Veterans Administration clinics found that doctors often fail to switch drugs or prescribe higher doses even when their patients' blood pressure is clearly too high.

In these cases, the study found, poor access to care or patients' unwillingness to take their medicine cannot completely explain the failure to control blood pressure.

"Physicians themselves must accept some responsibility for the problem," the doctors wrote in the study directed by Dr. Dan Berlowitz of the VA hospital in Bedford, Mass.

The doctors examined the care of 800 men with high blood pressure who were treated at five VA clinics in New England over a two-year period. About 40 percent of them had blood pressure that was above 160 over 90, despite making an average of more than six visits a year for hypertension.

The doctors found that the men's medication was increased on just under 7 percent of the visits.

The doctors also frequently failed to try different treatments.

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investigation costs, and said it would resolve all grievances from members denied prescriptions for the drug from April to September.

"Although we disagree with some of the DOC conclusions, we do agree there was confusion regarding coverage of Viagra," Kaiser spokeswoman Kathleen McKenna told The Sacramento Bee.

The settlement doesn't affect Kaiser's pending request for permission to drop coverage of all types of sexual dysfunction treatments, and instead offer employers a separate benefit at a higher premium.

The agency is considering similar requests from several other large HMOs, including PacifiCare Health Systems, Health Net and Aetna U.S. Healthcare.

Twelve other states and the District of Columbia have already agreed to allow Kaiser to drop coverage of sexual dysfunction treatments. New York and Connecticut have turned down Kaiser's applications. An application is pending in Washington state.

If Kaiser wins its bid to drop coverage of impotence treatments, the HMO could exclude the benefit in any new contracts it signs with employers in 1999.

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Healthy vision

By Dr. John
W. Klein, M.D.



If you have diabetes mellitus, you know that your body's inability to use and store sugar can affect your health. Fluctuations in sugar levels can make you tired, thirsty, confused and can even cause a coma.

Blood sugar changes can also cause vision problems that damage your eyes, although you may not notice it at first. A condition called diabetic retinopathy is the most frequent condition caused by diabetes and is the leading cause of blindness for working age Americans. But you don't have to go blind.

What is Diabetic Retinopathy?

When your blood sugar is too high it can damage blood vessels of your retina. Your retina is a thin neural tissue in the eye that converts a light signal to a nerve signal your brain interprets as sight. Diabetic retinopathy is classified as background retinopathy and proliferative retinopathy. Background retinopathy is usually asymptomatic and is the earliest stage of the disease. The development of proliferative disease can be asymptomatic or associated with bleeding. The bleeding is in the vitreous (jelly of the eye). Other associated problems are traction detachments of the retina, neovascular glaucoma and cataracts. Many patients with background retinopathy develop macular edema and it is secondary to leakage of permeable vessels.

How Do I Know If I Have It?

Since in the early stages of diabetic retinopathy you are asymptomatic there is no way to know. That is why all patients who have adult onset diabetes mellitus should have a dilated fundus exam when initially diagnosed. A dilated exam allows your doctor to view the posterior area (retina) in greatest detail. This is the recommendation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and is based on the fact the therapy is most effective before major pathology has occurred.

What are the symptoms and what causes them?

Symptoms range from floaters, shadows, filmy vision, problems with near vision, pressure, pain and blindness. The disease progresses from leaky vessels leaking into the substance of the retina, if this is in the macula, near vision is decreased initially. Later these vessels can break and bleed into the vitreous (jelly of the eye). As the vessels grow they can pull the retina forward causing a traction retinal detachment. Usually the decreased vision is painless however, if the vessels invade the iris (colored part of the eye) this can cause a very painful type of glaucoma.

How can I avoid diabetic retinal problems?

Control your blood sugars tightly, see your eye doctor at least annually even if you are asymptomatic, because the therapy is much more effective if treated before more severe problems have occurred. If you follow the above advice your visual outcome will be greatly improved.

(Dr. Klein is a practicing ophthalmologist in Pampa)

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