

(Courtesy photo)

Construction superintendent Greg Bichsel, left, and Vijay K. Mattel, owner of West Texas Contractors, Inc. of Amarillo, view progress at the Clarendon College-Pampa Center construction site. The \$2.1 million college complex is due to open Jan., 2000. With the latest in technology, the building is being wired for long-distance learning to provide advanced course work. Brick work on the Pampa-based campus building is underway and should be completed soon. The campus will provide expanded educational opportunities for Pampa area residents.

Machine technology program to begin

The Machine Technology program at Clarendon College is now accepting applications.

As part of the applied technology program at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, the entry-level machinist program provides skills necessary to meet worldwide demand.

"The program starts from ground zero," said Phil Grant, applied technology instructor at CC-Pampa Center. "We

teach blueprint reading, machine shop math, safety, material identification and inspection, layout and equipment use."

At the end of the three-year program, participants enter the job market as a certified entry-level machinist.

"At a conference I attended in May there were about 45,000 machinists jobs available in the U.S.," Grant said.

"So far we have 100 percent job placement of the graduates from our first completed program."

The next program class is scheduled to begin Sept. 1. Interested participants should contact CC-Pampa Center for admission information at 665-8801.

The CC-Pampa Center Applied Technology Center is located at 1333 N. Price Road.

Texas A&M, TSRA establishes shooting scholarship

RICHARDSON — The Texas State Rifle Association has announced the George E. Tubb '45 Endowed Memorial Scholarship was recently established by TSRA and Texas A&M Foundation. The scholarship will support the higher education of worthy young shooters at Texas A&M.

TSRA has committed to raise a minimum of \$25,000 over a five-year period to help fund the memorial scholarship. Ultimately, the goal of the TSRA is to have the interest earned on

the scholarship fund full-time students at Texas A&M.

TSRA is seeking contributions from shooting, ranching and university compatriots to help achieve the desired goal. Corporate funds are also welcome.

Contributions to the Texas A&M Foundation are tax-deductible and should be made by check or money order payable to Texas A&M Foundation. Send to Texas A&M Foundation, ATTN: Richard Biondi, 1501 Texas Ave. South, College Station, TX 77840. The

letter accompanying the donation and the check should both note the contribution is for the benefit of the "George E. Tubb '45 Endowed Memorial Scholarship." For more information, call TSRA at (972) 889-8772.

George E. Tubb was past president of the TSRA and was a highly decorated World War II veteran, a Distinguished Rifleman, a High Master in High Power Rifle and a member of eight U.S. Palma Teams. He is also the father of Gary Tubb, an independent Amarillo oil man.

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Head Start and Pre-K programs to accept applicants at Lamar

Children 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 1996, may apply for Head Start and Pre-K programs from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 2 or 3 at Lamar Elementary, 1234 S. Nelson.

To apply, parents must bring the child's birth certificate, shot record, family income verification (check stubs, income tax, etc.), the child's social security card, documentation of a disability (if applicable), proof of any or all public assistance the family receives (Medicaid, WIC, SSI, AFDC benefits), a health insurance card (if applicable) and CCMS documentation. Staff will be available to help in filling out the application forms.

To qualify for Head Start, the family must meet income guidelines, receive public assistance or CCMS. If the child is a foster child, he or she may also qualify.

To qualify for preschool, the child needs to qualify for free or reduced lunch, may be homeless or not speak English.

Applicants will be notified of the child's acceptance by letter prior to the first day of school which is Aug. 12. Children are placed in the programs based on need.

For more information, call Lamar Elementary at 669-4880 or leave a message at 669-4885.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

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

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

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

GEM THEATRE
Gem Theatre in Claude will host the Panhandle Area Farm Bureau Queen's and Talent Contest at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Contestants from across the panhandle will compete for scholarships. The winner of the talent show will be given the opportunity to perform with other artists at the Gem in November.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College Pampa Center will offer a CNA course from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday Aug. 9-20. Cost of the course is \$41 for tuition and fees. Class size is limited. Participants are urged to register early. The final day of registration is Aug. 9. For more information, call CC-Pampa Center at 665-8801.

LIFE AFTER LOSS
American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a free four-week seminar "Life After Loss" from 12 noon-1 p.m. Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. The facilitator will be Ellen Lawrence, MA, LSW. Participants are urged to attend all four sessions. The seminar will be closed after Session 2. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

AMARILLO FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Amarillo Fine Arts Association will hold its Best of the Southwest Fall Art Show Sept. 30-Oct. 8 at Amarillo National Bank in Amarillo. Judging will take place Sept. 29 and a reception and awards presentation will be from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30. The juror for the competition will be Judi Betts of Baton

Rouge, La. Betts will also be conducting a demonstration and a workshop. Fee for her two-day course on Sept. 27-28 will be \$100. The workshop is limited to the first 20 people. To register, send fee to Jo Bryan, 3501 Ruston, Amarillo, TX 79109. For more information, call Cindy Kelleher, chairman, at (806) 358-4880 or Bryan at (806) 374-1070.

AUSTIN ARTISTS HARVEST
Artists Harvest 32nd Annual Exhibit and Sale will be Oct. 23-24 at Palmer Auditorium in Austin. All artists who are Texas residents may apply. The exhibitors will be chosen by a jury of three independent arts professionals. Slides of the artist's work are required. To obtain an application, send a SASE to Austin Artists Harvest, Inc., P.O. Box 80546, Austin, TX 78708-0546. For more information, call Jo Ann Starr, executive director, at (512) 473-3866. Entries must be post marked by July 10. Applications also may be downloaded from the website: <http://artalive.home.texas.net/>; e-mail: artalive@texas.net

PACIFIC INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE
Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for the 1999-00 school year. Local representatives would like to have students placed with American host families as soon as possible. PIE, a non-profit, educational organization, matches students 15-18 years of age with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. For more information, call Angie Adams, Texas area coordinator, toll-free at 1-877-563-9657.

FIFTH ARMY ASSOCIATION
The 5th Army Association is seeking 5th Army veterans of the 1943-45 Italian Campaign. The veterans will be returning to Italy Aug. 12-23 to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Allied drive northwards from Rome to Venice. Veterans of the 3rd, 34th, 36th, 85th, 88th, 91st, 92nd, 45th Mt., and 1st Armored Divisions and support groups are urged to contact Sy Canton for reunion tour information. For more information, write: The 5th Army Assoc., 465 Shore Rd. Ste. 7-P, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561; or call (516) 432-3022.

USS LONG BEACH REUNION
USS Long Beach Reunion Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-9990. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY 14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.

DBA Street Party



(Special photo) Brenda Humphrey and Carol Martin of Carousel Expressions will participate in the Downtown Business Association's Street Party and Flea Market slated from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 31, on Cuyler in downtown Pampa. See story on Page 1.

Amarillo Symphony announces Itzhak Perlman recital in offing this season

AMARILLO — In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the Amarillo Symphony will hold a gala 1999-2000 season. One of the highlights will be a recital by violin legend Itzhak Perlman. Perlman and pianist Janet Guggenheim will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

"Itzhak Perlman's recital will be the premiere event of our 75th Anniversary Season and a thank you gift to our community," said James Setapen, music director and conductor of the Amarillo Symphony. "This will be Mr. Perlman's first appearance in Amarillo. What better way to begin the year 2000 than hearing the most celebrated violinist of the century?"

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Perlman

enjoys superstar status rarely afforded a classical musician. Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he has come to be recognized by audiences all over the world who respond not only to his flawless technique, but to the irrepressible joy of making music which he communicates.

President Reagan recognized these qualities when he honored Perlman with a "Medal of Liberty" in 1986.

Born in Israel in 1945, Perlman completed his initial training at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. He came to New York and soon was propelled into the international arena with an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1958. Following his studies at the Juilliard School with Ivan Galamian and Dorothy DeLay, he won the prestigious Leventritt Competition in 1964 which led to a burgeoning worldwide career.

Since then, Perlman has appeared with every major orchestra and in recitals and festivals throughout the world. This recital will be his first appearance in Amarillo. The Emmy Award-winning PBS television special "In the Fiddler's House" is the third of Perlman's specials for television to be rec-

ognized with this prestigious award. Perlman's recordings regularly appear on the best-seller charts and have won 15 Grammy Awards. Throughout 1995, EMI honored Perlman on the occasion of his 50th birthday as "Artist of the Year" with the release of a 21-disc set entitled "The Itzhak Perlman Collection."

Numerous publications and institutions have paid tribute to Itzhak Perlman for the unique place he occupies in the artistic and humanitarian fabric of our times. Harvard, Yale, Brandeis, Roosevelt, Yeshiva and Hebrew Universities are among the institutions which have awarded him honorary degrees.

On television, Perlman has entertained and enlightened millions of viewers of all ages, on shows as diverse as "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Sesame Street," the PBS series "The Frugal Gourmet," the "Tonight" show, the Grammy awards telecasts, and several "Live From Lincoln Center" broadcasts. In 1992, the PBS documentary of his historic trip to the Soviet Union with the Israel Philharmonic, entitled "Perlman in Russia," was honored with an Emmy award as best music documentary.

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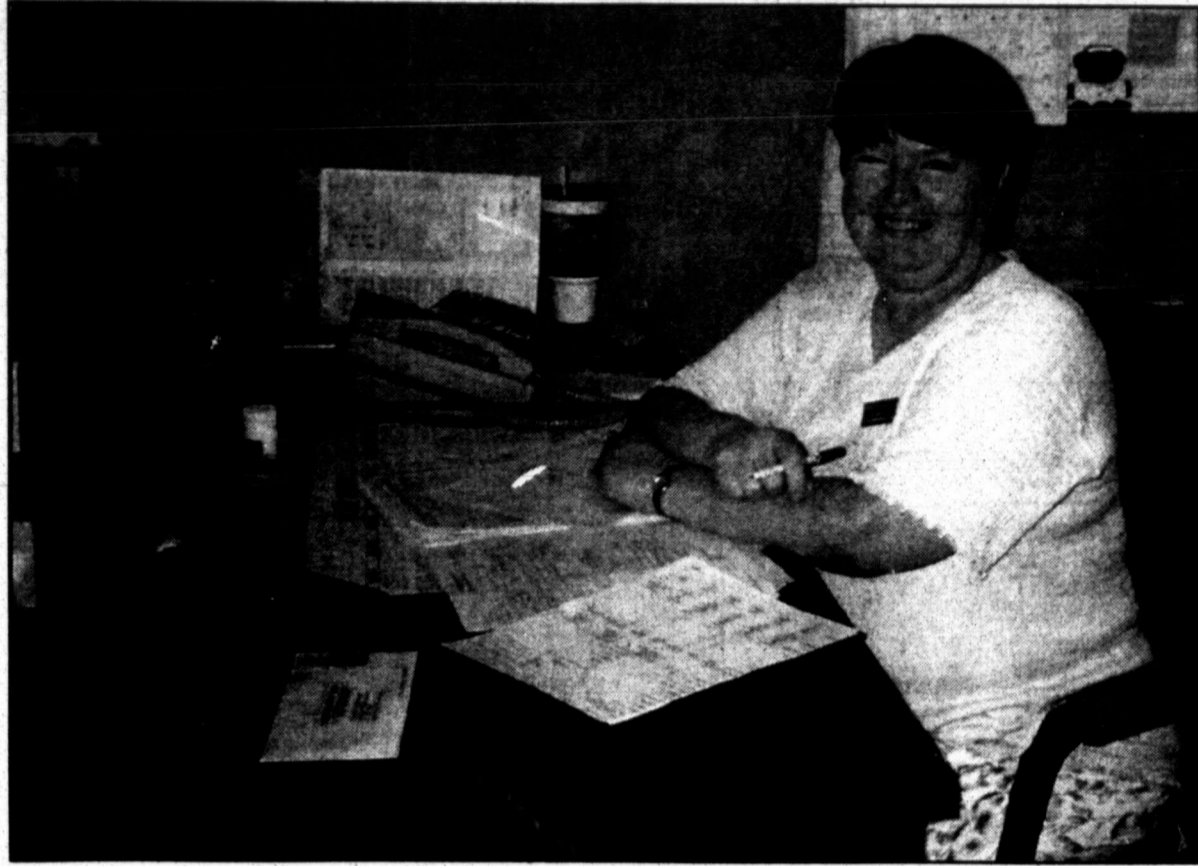
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Texan Caring for Texan nominee



(Special photo) Pampan Carolyn Hall with the Texas Department of Health was recently a Texan Caring for Texans nominee.

Golden Nail Award



(Community Camera photo by Gerald Sanders) John Chaney and Kathleen Chaney were recently presented with a gift in recognition for being nominated for the Golden Nail Award for their involvement and hard work in Celebration of Lights.

Campaign targets runaways

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services recently launched a statewide media campaign for the Texas Runaway Hotline aimed at runaways, troubled youth, and their families, according to Hotline Director Jay Smith.

Smith said the campaign includes television, radio, and billboard ads directed toward individuals who may be in need of the Texas Runaway Hotline's free crisis intervention and telephone counseling services. A confidential message service is also available to promote communication between runaways and their parents.

"In Texas, more than 100,000 children ages 7 to 17 run away annually," Smith said. "Whether they are in large cities or small towns, runaway youths are vulnerable to a wide variety of crimes including assault and sexual exploitation. Many contact the Hotline to find food, shelter or simply to hear a caring voice." The Hotline was established 25 years ago after police discovered the remains of 27 young men and boys who had been brutally tortured and killed. Since many of the victims were runaways, the governor of Texas initiated a service that allowed runaways to leave confidential messages for parents who feared their children were among the dead. To date, the Hotline has received more than 1 million calls.

"Texas Runaway Hotline staff and volunteers are continually working with other youth related services to keep as many teens as possible safe and off the streets," Smith said. He urges troubled youth and families to call the Hotline's toll-free number, 1-888-580-HELP (4357), or visit their website at www.txrunaway.org.

"Runaway children are not running to something," Smith said. "More often than not, they are running away from difficult family situations."

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PERLMAN

One of Perlman's proudest achievements was his collaboration with film score composer John Williams' in Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning film "Schindler's List" in which he performed the violin solos. His presence on stage, on camera and in personal appearances of all kinds speaks eloquently on behalf of the handicapped and disabled, and his devotion to their cause is an integral part of his life.

Tickets for the Perlman recital are now available for sale to the general public. Ticket prices are \$25, \$50 and \$75 and are available by calling the symphony box office at (806) 376-8782.

Cancer center to host workshop in Amarillo

AMARILLO — The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Detection Workshop" from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the Harrington Cancer Center Second Floor Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

Jane Williams, MSN, RN, CS, FNP — manager, nurse practitioner in Professional Education for Prevention and Early Detection, and Catherine Burke, MS, RN, CS, ANP — nurse practitioner in Professional Education for Prevention and Early Detection, from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at Houston are the faculty for the conference.

Topics include: breast and cervical cancer epidemiology, risk factors, signs and symptoms; clinical breast examination and breast self-examination techniques and pertinent documentation; cervical cancer screening and prevention measures and gynecologic examination including abdomen, pelvic, Pap smear and documentation of findings.

The workshop is presented by Nurse Oncology Education Programs and Texas Cancer Council as well as the cancer center.

Nursing and healthcare professionals are urged to attend. Cost of the conference is \$20 per person and pre-registration is required. To register, contact Paula Gibson, director of The Women's Center at (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Many pharmaceutical companies offer free or discounted prescriptions through rarely publicized programs to patients who meet criteria for assistance.

The information is available to download free of charge at

the Institute's website www.institute-dc.org or for a paper copy send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PD-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira NY 14902-0462.

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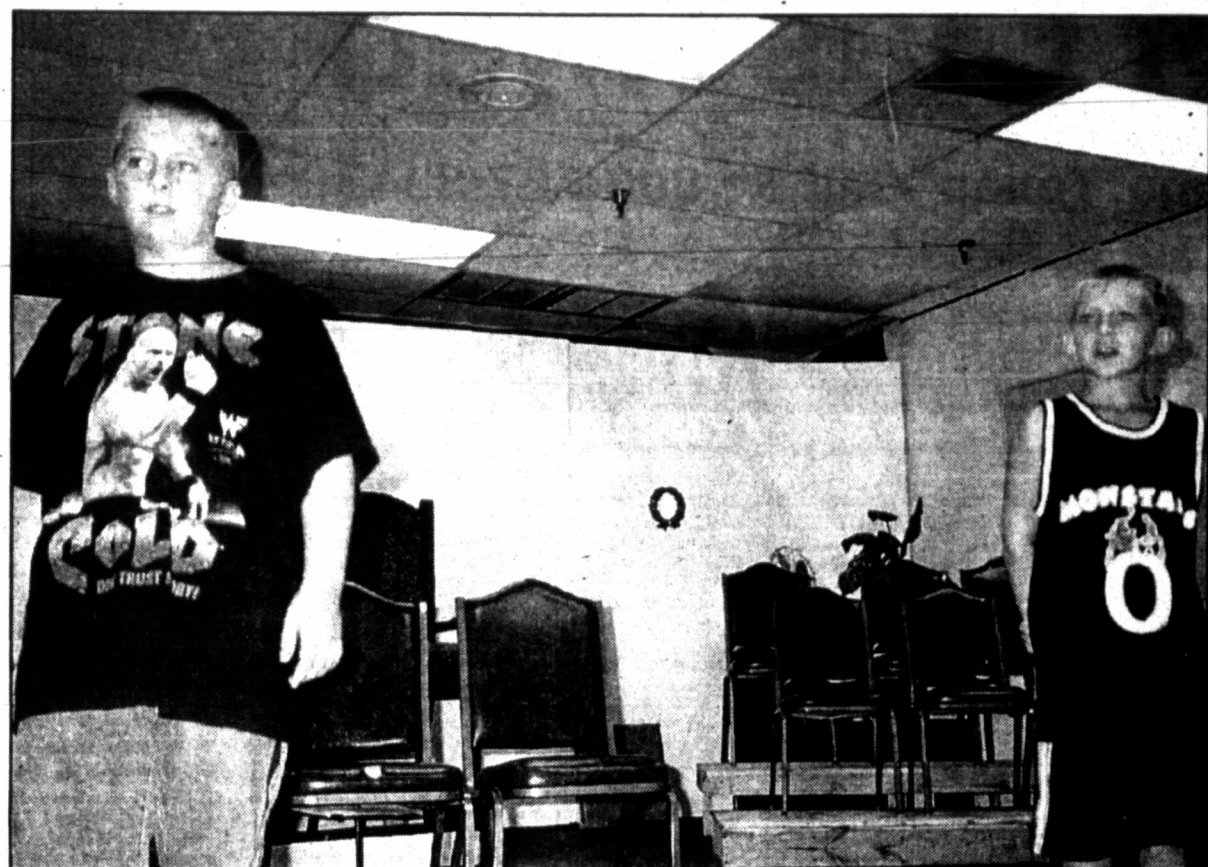
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ACT I



(Photo by Miranda Bailey)

Jacob Jenkins, Kristopher Boyd and Britany Reagan (not shown) take to the stage as vendors in ACT I's upcoming show, "The Trial of Goldilocks," playing at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night at the ACT I theater located in the Pampa Mall. Tickets are \$3.50 for children and adults.

State poison control centers provide emergency assistance

AUSTIN — The insistent jangle of the telephone calls a sudden halt to the kitchen disinfectant cleaning. Or the front door's chime means the bathroom medicine cabinet overhaul currently in progress will have to wait just a few more minutes. Just a few minutes.

That's really all it takes a mobile, inquisitive child to investigate a bucket of bleach or an open bottle of medicine. Just a few minutes.

That's about the time it takes a parent or babysitter to begin to panic, trying to see if the child is injured and figuring out what to do.

"Call 1-800-POISON-1," said Dennis Perrotta, chief of the Bureau of Epidemiology at Texas Department of Health. That toll-free number will link a caller anywhere in Texas to a regional Poison Control Center. At the answering end will be a nurse or pharmacist — a person specially trained in poison information — to help 24-hours a day, any day of the year.

For more than five years, the centers — set up by the Texas Legislature at sites in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, San Antonio and Temple — have been supplying assistance and information to people whose poison problems include everything from over-the-counter and prescription drugs to paints, pesticides, chemicals, plants, snake and insect bites.

Callers do not even need to know where their regional office is, Perrotta said. "The system automatically routes the caller to the closest center. But if that center is busy, the call is rolled to another. Callers just need to hang on. They will not get a busy signal."

That's good news to the more than 350,000 callers the system serves yearly, more than half of whom have poison exposure problems. There were 717 poisoning deaths in Texas in 1997, the last year for which complete statistics are available. The question sometimes arises, then, of whether to call the poison control hotline and/or dial 9-1-1 for emergency services.

"Both will work," Perrotta said.

"If the person is unconscious," Perrotta said, "get emergency help right now." Otherwise, he said, phone 1-800-POISON-1 (1-800-764-7661). "These are the poison experts. They will know if someone needs to go to a hospital." For the best help, be able to tell the age and weight of the victim, the substance involved, how much was taken, when the exposure occurred, symptoms, any existing health conditions and your name, telephone number and location.

"The poison specialist can refer the caller to the nearest hospital, if needed, and then call that hospital with the necessary

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information," Perrotta said. "If the person is treated at home, the center specialist calls back, often as many as three times, to check on the patient."

The main drug exposure calls are about pain relievers such as aspirin, cold and cough preparations, ointments, sedatives and vitamins. Household cleansers, cosmetics, bites, plants and foreign objects bring the most calls about general poison concerns. Other problems arise from common household items such as perfume and aftershave, cosmetics, eye drops, furniture polish, laundry soap, alcoholic beverages and broken plaster.

Poison-proofing a home can begin with locking away potentially harmful products and medications. Store products only in their original containers. Never transfer contents to other containers, especially cups, bottles or dishes. Use child-resistant caps on medications and never give or take medications in the dark. Always put products away immediately after use. And never leave children alone with household products — even for just a few minutes.

Although many calls concern children, others come from people who may have been bitten or come in contact with a poison themselves or are calling about an elderly person. Information also is available in several languages and for the hearing impaired.

The Texas Poison Control Network, a joint effort by TDH and the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications (also known as the 9-1-1 Commission), is funded through a surcharge on long-distance telephone calls within

Texas. The specially trained team at each site includes, along with nurses and pharmacists, paramedics and medical toxicologists on call to provide up-to-date information and education.

About 80 percent of the time the victim does not need to go to the emergency room, saving time and money for the family and the health system. Perrotta said that "estimates show that for every \$1 spent on the poison control center, about \$7 in treatment cost is saved."

Immediate emergency action for poisoning

• Inhaled poison: Immediately get the person to fresh air. Avoid breathing fumes. Open all doors and windows. If victim is not breathing, start CPR.

• Poison on the skin: Remove contaminated clothing and flood the skin with water for 10 minutes. Then wash gently with soap and water and rinse.

• Poison in the eye: Flood the eye with lukewarm (not hot) water poured from a large glass held about 3 inches from the eye. Repeat for 15 minutes. Have the person blink as much as possible while flooding the eye. Do not force the eyelid open.

• Swallowed poison: Medicines: Do not give anything by mouth until you have called for professional advice. Chemicals or household products: Unless the person is unconscious, having convulsions or cannot swallow, give a glass of water immediately. Then call for professional advice about whether the person should vomit. Have the label ready when you call.

• Syrup of ipecac: Always keep a 1-ounce bottle of syrup of ipecac on hand for each child in the house. Use only on advice of the poison control center, emergency medical service or physician.

Call 1-800-POISON-1 (1-800-764-7661) after these steps.

Call 9-1-1 for immediate emergency assistance.

DBA Street Party



(Special photo)

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Federal Trade Commission offers toll-free consumer help line

WASHINGTON — A product you bought through an Internet auction months ago still hasn't been delivered. A newspaper ad offers "Guaranteed Loans," but requires a fee up front. A fabulous prize offer comes in the mail, but requires a fee before you can claim it. A scholarship service promises easy money for college — as long as you send in a check.

Sound familiar? The Federal Trade Commission says even wary and sophisticated consumers face a barrage of fraudulent offers every day. The FTC ought to know — last year, the agency logged in over 60,000 complaints from consumers.

Now, the FTC is making it easier, and cheaper, for consumers to report a fraud to the law enforcement agency through a toll-free Consumer Help Line, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). The line is staffed by counselors from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

According to Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, the toll-free number offers consumers a two-fer. It makes the agency more accessible to consumers who want to report a fraud, and

it makes their valuable complaint data available to law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada. "That's important because fraud has moved beyond the front porch to cyberspace and all points in between," Bernstein said.

Consumer fraud complaints to the FTC are entered into a database that is available to nearly 200 law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada. They use it to spot fraudulent activity, trends and wrong-doers — and stop them.

"Through the toll-free Help Line, consumers can get helpful

information on the spot," Bernstein said. "Obviously, the FTC can't intervene in individual disputes, but consumer complaint information is crucial to the enforcement of consumer protection laws. The information that consumers get on a particular issue also lessens the likelihood that they'll be scammed again. Education is a powerful consumer protection."

To report a complaint or get free information call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP, visit www.ftc.gov, or write FTC, Consumer Response Center, Washington, DC 20580-0001.

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