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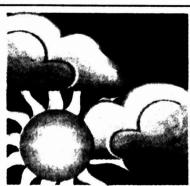
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5-10-18-30-31-41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$29 million.

COLLEGE STATION. (AP) — Former President George Bush is expected to release some of his personal letters dating back to 1943 during a lecture this week at

his presidential library. Bush was not required to open the documents up to researchers, but decided to release them in late October as his book, "All the Best, George Bush," hits store

shelves. Bush is expected to share a few of the letters featured in his book at a lecture Thursday on the grounds of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station.

"This book is the nearest thing to a George Bush memoir," said David Alsobrook, executive director of the library and museum on the campus of Texas A&M University. "Anyone who reads this book will see the very essence of George

- · Cordie Farris Jones, 81, homemaker, teacher's aide.
- Gladys Laverne Kysar, 67, attended Pampa Sheltered Workshop.
- Billie Virginia Mae Osborne, 81, active club-
- · Willie 'Mimi' Ricketts, 94, retired seamstress.

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Cyber Net Land dispute rally draws crowd to river



The Texas flag flew upside down at the River Rally Sunday afternoon. Protesting the Texas Supreme Court ruling which awarded land in the area to nearby landowners, some said the flag signaled distress in Texas.

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

CANADIAN RIVER — Over 500 people showed up Sunday afternoon near the old Plemons townsite north of Borger to protest the Texas Supreme Court decision which awarded over 13,000 acres to landowners in Hutchinson and Roberts coun-

As hunters and outdoor recreation supporters spoke into the microphone about the unfairness of the court decision, a Texas flag was flown upside down in the background. Some protesters said it signaled a sign of distress. Confederate flags and a Cherokee nation flag also were flying at the peaceful gathering.

The recent court decision was a culmination of several decades of a hunters vs. landowners battle over who owned the land adjoining the Canadian River. While area residents hunted the river land area prior to the construction of the Sanford Dam in 1965, the recreation use was not as widespread until after the water which had flowed down the river which was over 100 ft. wide was dammed.

After the water was dammed, mesquite trees and ground cover grew where the river once flowed. Once the foliage grew up in the river bed, deer, turkeys and other wildlife flourished. The Cottonwood Creek which once had been a popular area for picnics, wading and recreation no longer existed. Drilling for oil



(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Greg Poole of Pampa took his son, Dallon, 4, to the River Rally Sunday to see the area which his dad has hunted for the past six years.

bed after the river waters narrowed to a trickle in the mid-

In the early 1970s the now defunct Canadian River Sportsmen group was formed to fight the landowners' claims that the land was theirs. After years of court battles, the Texas than 140 acres. The hunters say

the 13,000 acres were taken away from them and given to the property owners whose land adjoined the river.

Early day settlers to the area settled in the area where the River Rally was held Sunday. The settlers lived on the Canadian River banks in the Supreme Court ruled Oct. 7 the town of Plemons which was land belonged to the landown- formed in the late 1890s and ers, and hunters could retain less early 1900s. The once bustling

(See RALLY, Page 3)

Intoxicated manslaughter trial starts today in Wheeler

By JEFF WEST **Staff Writer**

Jury selection began today in the trial of a Shamrock man charged with intoxicated manslaughter.

Richard Joseph Johnson, 37, is accused of being drunk in October a year ago and wrecking his 1986 red Chevrolet Deluxe 20 pickup outside of the city. When emergency workers arrived at the scene Johnson told them that he had been alone in the vehicle when it rolled and landed on its side. according to court documents.

It was not until a wrecker had arrived and

pulled the pickup upright that the body of Frankie Mae Angton, 38, also of Shamrock was discovered. Area residents said the two were acquaintances

who sometimes seen riding together. Preliminary lab tests in Shamrock showed Johnson had a blood alcohol level of 0.20 but later tests in Lubbock showed a level of 0.15. The legal limit at the time of the accident was 0.10. It has since been lowered to 0.08 but the old limit would

Jury selection is expected to only take one day and trial is scheduled to begin Tuesday in 31st District Judge Steve Emmert's court in the Wheeler County Courthouse.



By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

Lefors School Superintendent Allen Law is worried because three of the school's vehicles have over 100,000 miles on them

and he asked for guidance from the school board. Law said the three vehicles, an '82 Suburban, '85 station wagon and a '89 Corsica, all have between 130,000 and 150,00 miles on them and he expressed his concern about students and teachers riding in the vehicles. There have been no major problems so far but he asked board members last week if they want

him to start pricing vehicles. The Lefors ISD recently bought a new school bus that is used if a large number of students are traveling but using the bus isn't economical if only a few people are going.

Several board members discussed getting a 15-passenger van but Law said federal law prevents new car dealers from selling those to school districts. He said state guidelines don't forbid

(See LEFORS, Page 2)

Man gets jail time for cocaine

Staff Writer

An Elk City man is in Gray County Jail after pleading guilty to

possession of a controlled substance last week. John Lawrence Nichols, 35, was a passenger in a pickup that was

stopped in October of last year. Both the driver, Richard Burton Palmer, 36, and Nichols were taken into custody on other charges. When officers were inventorying the vehicle they noticed the air vent was turned and had been moved. Looking behind the vent they found a bag with an unknown substance in it.

According to court records, when an officer told Nichols that charges would depend on whether the substance was cocaine or methamphetamine, Nichols said it was cocaine.

When 31st District Judge Steve Emmert asked why Nichols was being sentenced under misdemeanor guidelines for a more serious offense, Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale said there is

some question of who the drugs belongs to. "We might have trouble establishing care, custody and control," he

Palmer had already pled guilty to possession and was sentenced to six months in jail. Emmert sentenced Nichols to 90 days in the Gray County Jail with three days credit for time served.





Beth Rice was one of the people serving Frank Hooper among many others at the Chamber of Commerce fundraiser, "Stars Over Texas, A Hollywood Night Country Style." The event was a sellout this year. (See related photo on Page 2).

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Services tomorrow

IONES, Cordie Farris - 10 a.m., Second Baptist Church, Amarillo.

KYSAR, Gladys Laverne - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

Obituaries

CORDIE FARRIS JONES

AMARILLO - Cordie Farris Jones, 81, sister of a Wheeler resident, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Second Baptist Church with Dr. Charles Jones, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones had been an Amarillo resident for 39 years, moving from Dumas. She married James Jones in 1941 at Oklahoma City, Okla.; he died in 1992. She was a homemaker and a teacher's aide with the Amarillo Independent School District.

She had belonged to Second Baptist Church since 1960 and taught Sunday school for 30 years. Survivors include three daughters, Dora Miller and Bonnie Grant, both of Amarillo, and Jimmie Nelson of Concordia, Mo.; a son, Dan Jones of Dripping Springs; a brother, Earl Farris of Wheeler; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grand-

The family requests memorials be to Second Baptist Church, T.V. Ministry; or to BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

GLADYS LAVERNE KYSAR

WHEELER - Gladys Laverne Kysar, 67, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetie with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of

Miss Kysar was born Dec. 22, 1931, at Woodward, Okla., to Loyd and Bert Kysar. She had lived in the Mobeetie and Pampa area most of her life and belonged to First Baptist Church of

She participated in Special Olympics and attended Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by a brother, Richard Leroy Kysar, in 1983. Survivors include two brothers, Edwin Harold

Kysar of Friendswood and Garland Dewey Kysar of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Special

BILLIE VIRGINIA MAE OSBORNE Billie Virginia Mae Osborne, 81, of Pampa, died

Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at Austin. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the

Rev. Todd Dyess officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Osborne was born Sept. 26, 1918, at Metcalfe,

Ariz. She graduated from high school at Anson in 1936 and attended McMurry College in Abilene. She married Emmett Mobley Osborne

in 1937 at Pampa; he died in 1980. She belonged to First United Methodist Church and Člara Hill Sunday School Class for many years and had completed the Stephen Ministry series. She was secretary of the church for several years during the 1950s. She also belonged to Home Demonstration Club and to Pampa Fine Arts Association and was a life member of Federated Women's Club. In addition, she was active in Pampa Community Concert Association and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was named Artist of the Year in 1977 and served as a Girl Scout and 4-

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Guena LiMarr Osborne in 1939.

Survivors include two daughters, Billie Mae Dixon of Austin and Sibyl Allenson of Splendora; a son, E. Lyman Osborne of Baton Rouge, La.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Pampa or to Pampa Fine Arts Association.

WILLIE 'MIMI' RICKETTS

CANYON - Willie "Mimi" Ricketts, 94, sister of a Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Dreamland Cemetery with the Rev. Claud Tugwell officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Ricketts was born in Comanche County. She married Pat Ricketts in 1929 at Dodson; he preceded her in death. She had been a Canyon resident since 1951, moving from Turkey. She was a retired seamstress.

She belonged to First Baptist Church and Canyon Senior Citizens, where she worked for the Green Thumb Program.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Blume of Amarillo; a sister, Karo Beth Wells of Shamrock; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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Water	669-5830			

Police report

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

Friday, October 15 Assault was reported in the 1100 block of N.

Saturday, October 16 Matthew Benton, 22, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest and a Randall County warrant for issuance

Sunday, October 17 Josefina Gonzales, 37, 1025 Fisher, was arrested

of a bad check.

on charges of expired license plate, failure to appear, no seat belt, no insurance and unrestrained child.

James Ketchum, 29, 609 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of simple assault.

Selling alcohol to a minor was reported in the 1300 block of S. Hobart. Theft of a dog was reported in the 1000 block of

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, October 16

Terry L. Kretchman, 28, Phoenix, was arrested on charges of displaying license not belonging to vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft and possession of an illegal knife.

John Trujillo, 35, Portales, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated. Nicole Q. Terry, 18, 317 Buckler, was arrested

on charges of making a terroristic threat.

James Middleton, 45, 738 S. Barnes, was arrested on charges of theft.

Johnathon Munn, 17, was arrested on charges of failure to attend school.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Oct. 16 11:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded south on Highway 70 and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

5:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of East Harvester and transported one to

8:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Sunday, Oct. 17

2:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported one to PRMC.

7:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Nelson and transported one to

8:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nadia and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, Oct. 18

3:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee; no transport. 5:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local

nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Sunday, October 17

11:46 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Hobart and Randy Matson on an automobile accident.

2:04 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of S. Nelson on a good intent call.

Accidents

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

Sunday, October 17

Debra Bowers, 18, Midland College, was cited for disregarding a red light when the 1998 Ford Contour she was driving when she was went through the light at Hobart and Randy Matson and struck a 1996 Escort driven by Richard E.

Irvine, 36, White Deer. No injuries were reported.

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Welcome new CofC member!!! Ann Malone, owner of Silver City amusement center has joined the chamber!



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

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A sellout crowd got some good bargains on merchandise and services provided to help raise funds for. the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Saturday night.

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Lefors

their use but do recommend they not be used "for safety concerns." It was noted that several school districts in the area still use the larger vans but Law warned there are lawsuits pending against school districts that have had wrecks with them. Those vans can't be used to run a bus route, he said.

It was suggested the superintendent check on prices for another Suburban either new or used and to look into the cost of an eight-passenger van. Those vans don't have the restrictions the larger vans do. The cost of a van would probably be less, several board members agreed.

Law also said the school will host an open house Tuesday, Oct. 19 starting at 6 p.m.

Vargus sentenced to prison

two years minus time served on charges of rob- a medical diagnosis.

the offense Vargus answered no.

"So you are saying that you are not mentally competent now?" Emmert asked.

"No sir," Vargus replied. "Well that's it then, this hearing is over," Emmert

said and told the court reporter stop recording. At that point defense attorney Ronald T. Spriggs, of Amarillo spoke to his client quickly and asked the judge to go back on the record and said Vargus

had misunderstood the question. Vargus said he had been told he had the mind of

After refusing one plea bargain and nearly stop- a fourth grader but upon further questioning it ping another a Pampa man is heading to prison for was discovered that was an expressed opinion not

ery. When Vargus testified he told the court that he Josue Ramon Vargus of Pampa was answering a had been offered an earlier plea bargain that had series of routine questions from 31st District Judge not included jail time but had refused it. He said Steve Emmert and when the judge asked if Vargus that he did not think he could comply with the was mentally competent now and on the day of terms of probation that were offered, and chose instead to do time in jail with no probation.

After Emmert read the pre-sentencing report he told Vargus, "According to the psychological tests, there is nothing wrong with your intellect. Whoever told you that was wrong. You should not beat yourself up over that use that as an excuse.

Vargus agreed he was sane and Emmert agreed to the the plea bargain on the 1998 charge and gave Vargus credit for the 217 days already land owe of the test

Bartenders battle for bragging rights

PLANO, Texas (AP) — The bartender known as Wonder Boy, a flashy young man in a black hat, was mighty fast on the draw,

twirl and pour.

But not fast enough. Guy Minshall of Cheshire, England, earned the most points with his impressive bottle manipulation, winning the annual T.G.I. Friday's World Bartender Championships with "minimal spillage," the judges said.
Ronald Valencia, alias Wonder

Boy, a sheriff's badge on his vest and chaps flapping on his legs, wielded his bartenders' tools like

weapons.

Valencia tossed glasses, bottles of liquor and shakers around willy-nilly as he danced to techno-Western tunes. The young Filipino bartender teased the crowd, feigning surprise when he caught bottles behind his back, over his head or under his leg.

Although his flashy moves and flirty smiles weren't enough to win him the \$3,000 top prize, Valencia's routine earned him second place honors in the so-called "Shake, Rattle and Pour" competition.

Eight finalists worked their way through local, regional, divisional and national competitions. to earn their places behind the championship bar. They also endured written tests over the past three days on menu-item ingredients, alcohol-service guidelines and current events.

Roughly 300 customers and employees of the Dallas-based chain crowded into a Friday's in Plano Sunday to see the finale of the competition and hopefully a little of the finesse made famous by Tom Cruise in the movie,

The finalists' tossing routines nized for their skills. or "bar-obics" — were choreofrom conservative flips of well finalist Fred Potenza of bottles to mesmerizing "rolls" of Tarrytown, N.Y. "It's a lot of the odd-shaped Chambord bottle studying and preparation." down an arm.

decade, encourages their bar- bar's schematic. tenders to come up with creative, tles behind the bar. It also benefits the Children's Miracle tion.

years for the charity through auctions held between bartender Stewart Slocum.

tition boosts morale because it We're having a real good time."

gives them a chance to be recog-

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"I enjoy doing it because not a graphed to music and ranged lot of people can do this," said

He and the other finalists Friday's officials say the com- showed up at the restaurant a litpetition, held for at least a tle early Sunday to study the

"You need to know how big the flashy ways to entertain cus- bar is, how it's laid out, where the tomers and serve tasty drinks — ice cream and other ingredients even if it means a few broken bot- are kept," said Potenza as he prepped for the timed competi-

Meanwhile, finalist Janene The company has raised more Stephan of Milwaukee — who than \$500,000 over the past two was voted crowd favorite — said she just enjoyed the camaraderie.

"I really didn't prepare very performances, said spokesman well at all compared to the othtewart Slocum. ers," she said, laughing. "At this point I'm just happy to be here.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — High today 59 under partly cloudy skies and low tonight, 34 with northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high in the mid 60s and southwest winds at 10-20

STATEWIDE — The cold front that gripped Texas today brought freezing temperatures to the Panhandle and far western mountains, with rainfall in central sections and the south.

The front, which stretched

Tampico, Mexico, was accompanied by an upper-level low pressure system that was triggering precipitation.

Winds were mostly southwesterly in the eastern two-thirds of Texas, bringing warm moist air and 67 at Galveston. in contact with cool surface air. A chance of contact with cool surface air. eastern half of the state.

Rain and showers fell along a line from Wichita Falls to Del Rio, with isolated thunderstorms from around 40 in the northwest between San Antonio and to 50 in the southeast. Brownsville and in the north.

Plains and far west were Grande.

from New Orleans to near northerly at 5 to 10 mph, with gusty conditions in South Texas and along the coast.

Lows ranged from 31 degrees at Guadalupe Pass to 67 at Galveston. It was 32 at Dalhart, 46 at San Angelo and Dryden

A chance of continued rain That helped produce rain in the was forecast through Tuesday, mixed with snow in the Panhandle.

Overnight lows should range

Highs should be in the 50s to Winds in the Panhandle, South 60s, with 70s along the Rio

Outdoor group vocal about rulings

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

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CANADIAN RIVER — Hunters, fishermen, cycle riders, and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts made no bones Sunday about their feelings surrounding a court ruling that returns Canadian River land

From throughout the Texas Panhandle they gathered near a tank battery in the midst of Mesquite trees to voice their displeasure over the unanimous ruling by the nine-member Texas Supreme Court. The judges awarded what those present had always considered public land to adjoining landowners and the recreationists feel their land has been taken away from them.

Neal Farmer of Borger, who was one of the organizers of the River Rally, told the group at the onset there was no intention to have any trouble. He said there had been rumors that some of the group was going to burn landowners property and cut cattlemen's fences.

"We're not here for that. We're here to try to save this land, not

destroy it," he said. No landowners were on hand for the rally, but several Hutchinson

County Sheriff Deputies and DPS troopers were present. Many of those gathered were dressed in their camouflage hunting

Not optimistic about having the decision reversed, Farmer said he had contacted Governor George Bush's office for assistance, but said the issue is of no concern to the governor. He urged the group to flood Austin offices and agencies by phone and handwritten letters voicing their objections to the court decision.

As people from the 500-plus crowd stepped to the microphone to speak on the issue, a white flag with the words, "Come and take," under a black cannon and black star was in the background. According to the Texas handbook, the flag was flown in 1835 during the battle of Gonzales.

A Texas flag hanging upside down was also flanking the speakers. Larry Hilton of Borger voiced his displeasure with the ruling as his grandson sat on his shoulders. He said he had used the land for many years and is disappointed future generations are not going to be able to enjoy it. He suggested to the crowd that when they went to vote to list the names of the current elected officials, including the nine Texas Supreme Court justices, and to mark an X next to their opponent's

Greg Poole of Pampa said he had been frequenting the area for about six years. He said if the flood gates were turned open we'll see who gets out of here. Poole had his son, Dallon, 4, with him at the

G.T. Curlin of Fritch said he is a transplanted Kentuckian who has been in the area about 20 years. He suggested there had been a "payoff" to judges to obtain the ruling favorable to the landowners. He alleged the hunters had been "screwed, blued and tattooed." He also said the landowners could afford to pay off officials, and said the group needs money. He urged the outdoorsmen and women to "stick to their guns."

"It stinks," said Billy Aranda of Borger, in referring to the court deci-

Kevin Anderson of Borger proposed that hunters and fishermen and women not buy licenses from the state. "Enough is enough," he said. "We need to get together and stay together."

David Shelton from Stinnett said he had hunted the area all his life. He said artists, horseback riders, bird watchers and picnickers have all used the area for many years. "The land commission and Supreme Court have fallen in with the people with the money and taken the land away from the little guy," he said.

Winifred Bethel of Fritch said he had hunted the area since 1928. 'It's bad. The state government sucks. That's why I have a Clinton/Gore sticker on my vehicle," he said. He referred to the

landowners are land grabbers. Bruce Baker said he hunts the river area annually to put food on the table. He said he has been getting a deer each year. He was riding his motorcycle with the slogan, "Come and take it" printed on a placard. "Now we know how the Indians felt," was also on a sign on the

Gale Murphy of Borger urged those at the rally to put pressure on the government. He said the land commissioner gave the land away.

"Our founding fathers never intended for this to happen," he said. "If the land belongs to the land owners, let them pay the taxes and the back taxes," said Todd Wilson. "The lake area is now going to be overrun with hunters."

Jeremy Zollars told they group he grew up on a hill overlooking the river breaks and can't go to the area anymore. "We went to 42 steps and Turtle Rock all our life, and now we're locked out," said Zollars of favorite recreation areas which are located on private lands. "This is where I grew up, and now I can't come back.'

Kenny Livingston, who said he is a teacher in the Gruver ISD predicted Texas will now have a personal property tax along with income tax due to the ruling. He said the ruling is a "crock of bull......"

Livingston also told the crowd while the "little people" wouldn't be able to hunt that law enforcement officers would get to hunt on private lands and said it wasn't fair. He yelled at two of the DPS troopers present asking them where they were going to hunt. One answered, "East Texas."

When a member of the crowd asked him if he couldn't hunt near Gruver in Hansford County on farm land, he said those people didn't steal the land and continued saying the land had been in their fami-

lies for hundreds of years. "Let's kick some ...," he concluded. Michael Long of Pampa urged residents not to "let it ride. "I've hunted here for about 30 years," he said. He urged everyone to email

A woman from Amarillo urged the protesters to write the National Rifle Association.

Buck Phelps of Claude said he lived in the Sunset Heights area north of the Phillips Petroleum Company plants until he had to move. A retired Phillips employee, he said he had used the area for years

David Hensley suggested that the landowners could still graze the land if it was public owned. "We know the difference between a cow and a deer," he said.

Also drawing the ire of the River Rally group was the game wardens. Several complained of harassment by them.

Shelly Tracy suggested to the group that they organize and become non-profit. She also proposed trying to secure a lawyer for the group who is interested in hunting.

A collection was taken during the two hour rally which netted over \$1,100 for the group. Neal Farmer was selected as president, Steve Kossey are vice-president and Tom Berini as secretary-treasurer.

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Over 500 men, women and children attended the River Rally Sunday afternoon to voice their protest about the recent court decision awarding land to area landowners. The peaceful protesters crowded into an surrounded by Mesquite trees and near a tank battery to gather one last time on the property before the landowners are awarded the property on Friday. **Motorcyclist Bruce Baker** was taking what might be his last ride through the area Sunday afternoon prior to the River Rally. He said he has been riding a 22-mile loop in the area for four years. He displayed several slogans on the motorcycle as he circulated in the area.



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RALLY

community was headquarters for the 300 county residents as it was the only town in Hutchinson County until the oil boom began in

When an election was held to move the county seat to Stinnett, the town withered away. No structures remain where the community once had a school, several businesses, a bank and a courthouse. The only visible reminders of the times gone by is a cemetery where many early day settlers are buried. The area is still known as the Plemons area and has been home to many area residents seeking outdoor recreation activities for over 70 years. The Plemons Bridge which crosses the former Canadian River is the only means travelers from the south can obtain access to the area.

Two Borger men are traveling to Austin Wednesday to ask state officials to reconsider the decision and keep the area open to recre-

Neal Farmer, owner of Bob's Western Wear in Borger and Steve Kossey a local contract welder, are seeking meetings with several state agencies to hand-deliver letters and petitions from local people who are seeking to retain the land for recreational use.

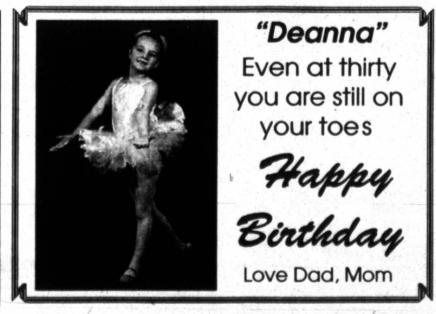
Farmer said his wife, Karen, has searched extensively to find any deeds regarding the land in question. He said she has not been able to locate documentation of any recorded transactions identifying the land as ever being owned by private land owners.

"I'm not asking for anyone to give me land I've never owned," he said. "We just feel this is public land and has always been.

"I don't want people to think we're a bunch of white supremacists. We just wanted to gather to get signatures on the petition we're taking to Austin and let people know what's going on," he said. "This isn't an optimistic situation. The way it looks now, we only have until Friday for the area to be public land."

Farmer said at one time Sen. Teel Bivins suggested the state purchase the Coldwater Ranch for the hunters and recreationists. "If he wanted to do that it seems to me that indicates he thought the Canadian River land is public property," said Farmer. "It's really strange.

He said the land which was awarded to the land owners is a 35mile stretch which begins two miles south of the Plemons Bridge and winds east down the Canadian River to two miles south of Highway 70 near Price Road which is also known as the Pampa to Perryton highway.



Farmer said he was very confused by the ruling because the river area from two miles south of the Plemons Bridge back to the Sanford Dam was not affected in the ruling. "I'm trying to find out the answers as to why," he said. "I don't think this ruling is about land or oil-it's about water."

He said Southwestern Public Service purchased water rights from landowners several years ago along the river area. Farmer said he understood the royalty payments would be based on how much land they own.

Farmer said he has not been able to obtain any figures from the state on the amount of oil and gas royalties.

He said the recreationists. have sought assistance from State Representative Warren Chisum and U. S. Congressman Mac Thornberry. Farmer said Chisum told him "It's out of my hands. I Farmer said his wife attended a Town Hall can't do anything." meeting Saturday night in Booker at which Thornberry was present. He said when she asked Thornberry about the land dispute he said he didn't know much about the issue. "Later during the meeting when asked what committees he was on he said he was on the public lands committee. Now that's just ironic," said Farmer.

The Pampa News talked with Lou Zicker in Thornberry's Washington office Monday morning seeking the committees Thornberry serves on. He said the congressman is on the house armed services, budget and resources committees. He said the resources committee deals with federal land issues, not states.

"I don't think the elected officials realize how many voters we have who use this area. People come from all over the Panhandle to this area," Farmer said. "We've gotten the feeling officials have just given up and want this issue to just be over."

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My brother was always small and shy, and although he had a number of female and male friends, he didn't date until college. While in junior high school and high school, a knee injury left him with only swimming and dance for gym class choices. He endured a lot of razzing about his sexuality when he dressed to go to a dance class with the girls while all the other guys were pre-paring to do "manly" activities such as wrestling.

Finally, my brother lost his tolerance and pointed out, "You are going into a class of sweaty, smelly guys in shorts and sweatshirts. I'm going into a class with girls in skintight leotards and tights. Who do you think is having a problem?" And that ended the discussion!

As for cooking, my brother has always been the better cook in our family, and he loved it at an early age. To this day, he takes cooking classes and cooks up gourmet feasts out of nothing.

The mother is correct to encourage her son's interests. Dancers are often in better shape than other athletes, and certainly the number



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of male chefs on TV and running restaurants shows there is nothing effeminate about cooking. Someday, the other boys will realize that Trevor actually has a lot of advantages they missed out on - and they'll be envious instead of harass-

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DEAR PROUD SISTER: Your brother handled the teasing

with humor and confidence. However, not all children have the confidence to deal with it in such a sophisticated manner. A survey funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that one in 13 students has been attacked or harassed because he or she was suspected of being gay. Four out of five of those individuals were actually heterosexual. Weapons have been banned from our school ground - and words that are used as weapons don't belong there, either.

discussion in our office about dating. A co-worker is going out with her husband tonight. She considers it a date, but another co-worker and I disagree. Of course, if you are married, you're allowed to go out with each other, but it's not considered a "date," is it? Abby, what do you think? CYNTHIA IN EL PASO

DEAR ABBY: We're having a

DEAR CYNTHIA: My trusty Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (10th Edition) defines "date" as "an appointment to meet at a specified time; esp. a social engagement between two persons that often has a romantic character." That definition describes the engagement your co-worker has with her husband, so she does indeed have a "date." Dating while married is a terrific way to keep romance alive - don't you agree?

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Horoscope TUESDAY, OCT. 19, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * Plans quickly run amok, as misunderstandings run riot. What you thought with a sure thing now becomes problematic. Money agreements might require further negotiation; both sides need to toe the line. Tonight: Stay easygoing with friends - they, too, had a hard day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * You could spend a good part of your day shaking your head and feeling misunderstood. Others question your ideas and decisions. You might be making a bigger deal out of a problem than need be. Take a walk at lunch or nibble on a favorite snack to chill out. Tonight: Check in on an older relative. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * * Take an overview; turn chaos to your favor. When everyone else is scattering and trying to regroup, you can rush in and make sense for others. You have the choice to look at the cup as half-full, rather than half-empty. Tonight: Once

again, you pull a rabbit out of a hat!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * Buckle down; refuse to be intimidated by another's irritation or point of

you to no end with his unusual ideas and solutions. Perhaps you need to return to a more childlike mind-set. Tonight: Let another blow off steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) * * * Unexpected developments shed a new light on a difficult situation. Keep on trucking, as they say! Stay aware, in conversations. Know what you want from others. Confusion runs amok; gath-

Tonight: Say yes to a partner's plans. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * You could easily be frayed by recent

er feedback and put plans together again.

pressures and decide to go in another direction. Somehow, you gain a perspective, despite a problem that's pulling you away from the situation at hand. You feel undone by what is happening, and you need time to regroup. Tonight: Whatever will soothe your nerves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Use care when dealing with a partner. You might not be hearing the whole story. Others could be a bit uptight, as you find out by falling into a hornet's nest. Defer judgment until you figure out what needs to happen here. Money issues surface. Tonight: Don't spend to escape.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) * Pressure is intense. Others easily misunderstand your intentions. Family matters sizzle; problems build. Step away, rather than getting embroiled in even worse messes. Your sense of humor goes a long way. Tonight: Race home, lock your doors, screen calls and escape.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * You are sure that another is out view. A lot goes on around you. A friend of control and is saying things he would

Marmaduke

might disappoint you. A child amuses normally regret. The problem is, you are too bogged down and tired to provide any constructive influence to the situation. Think through your options carefully, then sleep on it. This, too, will pass.

Tonight: Join friends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* Curb any unnecessary cash expenditures, as you could presently be an emotional spender. Attempt to gain control. Listen to a friend, but be aware that he isn't always grounded, either. A child or loved one acts up. Take a deep breath and consider alternatives. Tonight: Pay

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * * Though you're normally gregarious, personal matters seem to weigh on you right now. You are tired and need to take a break from the grind. A boss isn't sending clear signals. You need to undernd what is happening, but unfortunately you might not possess all the information until later. Tonight: Do for yourself! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** You could easily spend a large part of the day shaking your head. Realize your limits and what is necessary. Build on existing security, but also be prepared to change your plans or approach if necessary. Take some time to yourself to think and regroup. Tonight: Take a deep breath.

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Actor John Lithgow (1945), designer Peter Max (1937), author John LeCarre

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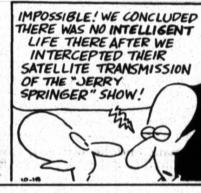
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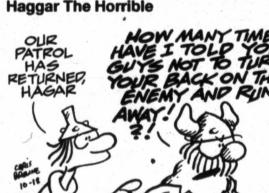
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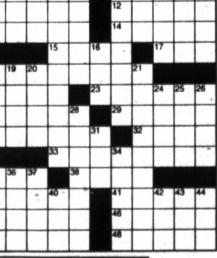
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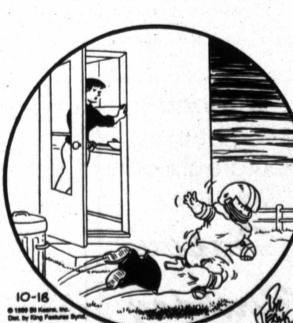


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"That's enough, Billy. Time to tackle your homework.

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FOOTBALL

LEFORS — Lucio Moreno scored on runs of 25 and 5 yards, while Ryan Manley had touchdown runs of 4, 12 and 19 yards as Miami came from behind to defeat Lefors 44-18 in a District 1 Six-Man football game Friday night.

Miami was trailing 18-12 before they busted through Lefor's defense to gain 32 unanswered points in the second half.

Michael Steel scored all three Lefors touchdowns, including one on an 80-yard kickoff return.

Miami finished with 411 vards of total offense while Lefors had 169. The Pirates were hurt by three turnovers.

The victory left Miami 5-1 overall and 2-0 in district play. Lefors fell to 3-4 and 0-

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TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) Working together for just over a year, Dale Earnhardt and crew chief Kevin Hamlin think they've finally figured out how to compete on a consistent basis.

Earnhardt came from 27th place Sunday to outfox the Talladega field at Superspeedway and hold off Dale Jarrett to win the Winston 500.

The seven-time Winston Cup champion needed just five laps to get into the top five, and remained a contender the rest of the day.

"I think we've got it where we should be able to run in the top five every week," Earnhardt said. "It goes to show that you never give up on your race car and you never give up on your race team.

Hamlin was the crew chief for Mike Skinner, Earnhardt's teammate, until he switched in the middle of last season.

Under Hamlin, Earnhardt has either placed first or second in all four of the year's restrictor plate races. He's won three times this season sweeping the Talladega races and winning at Bristol.

The seven-time Winston Cup Champion is so content, he's in the process of signing a new contract extension with owner Richard Childress. The current contract expires at the end of next season, but Childress said the team had a lifetime agreement.

We're gonna win that eighth championship, that's the goal here," Childress said. "Dale Earnhardt can still do it and anyone who doubted him was crazy."

On Sunday, Earnhardt came from farther back than any previous winner at Talladega. The previous record was 18th by Mark Martin in 1997.

Earnhardt led only 18 of the 188 laps, but got in front for the final time on lap 185 and was able to stay ahead of a ferocious 20-car lead draft to the checkered flag. He beat Jarrett by .114 sec-

onds — about 2 car-lengths. "I was really amazed that I held Jarrett off," Earnhardt said. "I thought he would

make a run at me, or muster a run at me, but he couldn't." Ricky Rudd finished third, followed by Ward Burton,

Kenny Wallace, rookie Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte. Burton was the highest finisher among the five drivers eligible for a \$1 million bonus had they won on Sunday.

Earnhardt's key moment came on lap 140 when he drove into the pits with a group of leaders for a regu-larly scheduled stop. Just as they reached pit road, Terry Labonte's car began leaking and smoking from a punctured oil reservoir, bringing out the last of three caution

the drivers but Earnhardt, Bobby Labonte and Ward Burton kept going through the pits and back onto the track. But those three stopped and wound up finishing in the top seven.

"I just played my cards right," Earnhardt said.

Mets stay alive after 15-inning classic

hours, 46 minutes of incredible words of Orel Hershiser. twists and overwhelming drama, no one could figure out the score. Was it 4-3? 5-3? 7-3?

It didn't matter. The New York back, lived to play another day in the NL championship series.

run in the 15th inning Sunday, giving the Mets a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves in Game 5 of a one for the ages.

The 482-pitch epic ended in confusion, with two runners crossing the plate while Ventura was mobbed by his teammates Mets, once again salvaging their before he could get to second base season with an improbable comeafter hitting an apparent grand slam. Workers pulled up the bases, the umpires left the field Robin Ventura's grand slam- and everyone in the press box single drove home the winning desperately sought out the actual score.

About 10 minutes after the game ended, official scorer Red series that is rapidly becoming Foley said Ventura was credited not with a grand slam but with a The game that cut Atlanta's run-scoring single, and the final lead in the best-of-7 series to 3-2 was 4-3. The umpires insisted the

Elias Sports Bureau were responsible for the final decision.

In Boston, where the New York Yankees were playing the Red Sox in Game 4 of the ALCS, they put up the 4-3 score on the manual scoreboard, drawing cheers. Then it changed to 7-3, and the reaction turned to confusion. Finally, the electronic scoreboard reported the Mets won 4-3 on Ventura's grand

Officially, it was a single that went over the right-field fence. The result: Game 6 will be played Tuesday night at Turner Field.

It was the longest LCS game by innings since the Mets needed 16 to beat Houston in the deciding game of the 1986 NL series. It was the longest postseason game by

13-minute marathon between the New York Yankees and Seattle Mariners in Game 2 of a 1995 division series.

Atlanta, which won the first three games in the series, has suffered two straight devastating losses. John Olerud's two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning Saturday gave the Mets a 3-2 victory.

The Braves were three outs from reaching the World Series for the first time since 1996 after Keith Lockhart's two-out, runscoring triple in the top of the 15th broke a 2-2 tie — the first run scored in the game since the third

The Mets, who had to win their 18 in the series, drove a fat, 1-1 final four games of the regular fastball over the right-field wall.

NEW YORK (AP) - After 5 sports classic channel," in the ruled it 4-3, saying Foley and the time ever, surpassing the 5-hour, season just to make the playoffs, would not die.

ie Kevin McGlinchy, who then

After fouling off pitch after pitch, Shawon Dunston led off the home half of the 15th with a single to center against 22-year-old rook-

walked pinch-hitter Matt Franco. Edgardo Alfonzo bunted the runners to second and third before McGlinchy walked Olerud intentionally to load the bases. Todd Pratt, who entered the game in the 14th after Mike Piazza suffered a strained right forearm, walked on five pitches to force in the tying run. With the Shea Stadium crowd McGlinchy knew he had to throw strikes. Ventura, who was 1-for-

Lady Harvesters win **Lake Meredith Invite**

District 3-4A meet by winning Hansen 14th (13:19). Lake Meredith the Invitational last weekend.

The girls had 20 points and

Fatheree finished 1-2 with 16:47.40. respective times of 11:51 and 11:53 for the Lady Harvesters. while Chad Platt was 17th Their teammates weren't far (18:49) and Matthew Crow

Samantha Hurst was fourth (12:15), T'Andrea Holmes win the team title. sixth (12:46), Amanda White seventh (12:50), Vanessa Orr are looking forward to diseighth (12:56) and Anna trict," Elms added. Resendiz ninth (13:03).

was third with 110 points, fol-Randall sixth 138.

FRITCH - The No. 2- Other individuals who comranked Pampa girls cross peted for Pampa were Andrea country team tuned up for the Lee 10th (13:07) and Marci

The Pampa girls have won six of seven meets this season. Pampa's Gonzo Salazar in ran very well," said Pampa the boys division won the HIgh coach Mark Elms. individual title with a time of 16:13. Coby Brown of Dumas Beth Lee and Rebecca was second with a time of

Jay Gerber was fifth (17:46) was 22nd (19:24) for Pampa. Dumas scored 38 points to

"The boys ran awesome and

In the girls junior varsity Pampa finished with 20 division, Jamie Clay was 24th points while Borger was a dis- (16:19) and Kimberly Porter tant second with 45. Tascosa placed 26th (16:33) for Pampa.

The district meet is Oct. 29 lowed by Dumas fourth, 117; at 4:30 p.m. at the Horse Plainview fifth 121 and Center near West Texas State A&M in Canyon.

Hereford turns back Pampa in volleyball

PAMPA — The match ended Nachtigall also had 5 digs. after the first two games, but The Lady Harvesters host Saturday in McNeely

Fieldhouse. "We had our chances to win. We just couldn't quite pull it off. We did some good things, so maybe that's a sign we're coming around," said Pampa

coach Carmen Pennick. Tandi Morton, Anne Gaddis, Destiny Engel led Pampa with 6 kills each while Lindsey Hampton and Chasity

Nachtigall had 3 each. blocks and 3 assists while remains unbeaten in district Morton had 2 solo blocks, 2 play at 8-0. assists and 6 digs.

blocks and 3 assisted blocks. 15-9, 15-13.

Pampa gave powerful Palo Duro at 7 p.m. in Hereford a good battle before McNeely Fieldhouse in the succumbing 15-6, 18-16 in final home match of the sea-District 3-4A volleyball action son.

Seniors on the team will be recognized Tuesday night.

Pampa is 4-4 in district and still holds down the thirdplace playoff spot in the stand-

'We're not out of the woods yet as far as the playoffs. Palo Duro is an important match and so is the one with Borger coming up," added Pennick.

Hereford, a two-time Gaddis also had 3 solo defending state champion,

In other district matches Lindsey Earl had 17 set Saturday, Palo Duro beat assists, a service ace and 7 digs Caprock 15-6, 12-15 and 15-5 while Destiny Engel had 7 solo and Dumas downed Borger

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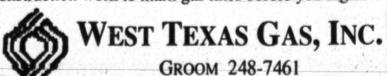
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The second-ranked Pampa High girls cross country team won the Lake Meredith Invitational in Fritch last weekend. Team members are (front row, I-r) T'Andra Holmes, Amanda White and Rebecca Fatheree; (back row, I-r) Andrea Lee, Samantha Hurst, Anna Resendiz, Beth Lee, Marci Hansen and Vanessa Orr.

Aikman doesn't care about Giants' woes

By TOM CANAVAN **AP Sports Writer**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Troy Aikman didn't want to hear anything about the New York Giants being in turmoil.

The Dallas Cowboys quarterback had heard it all.

The Giants' offense is struggling, quarterbacks are playing musical chairs this week, their defense is miffed that it worked so hard for nothing and the team is heading toward a second straight disappointing season.
Put it all together and the

Cowboys (3-1) should have no problem handing the Giants (2-3) another Monday night mauling.

"I would be willing to bet Philadelphia was a little divided last week, too," Aikman said sarcastically as he reminded everyone that the then-winless Eagles overcame their problems to beat

Dallas 13-10. "Obviously you don't like to see any team divided," Aikman said. "I have been in those situations earlier in my career, and it is very frustrating. But I don't think that that necessarily means that they are not going to go out and play well."

The Cowboys have their own problems to worry about. They will be without receiver Michael Irvin for an undetermined period because of a neck and spine injury sus-

tained in last week's game. Ernie Mills and Wane McGarrity will replace him.

"I have confidence in the guys that are going in and playing, but at the same time,

anytime you lose a player of last week. Michael's stature, you lose impact remains to be seen."

team coming into the game. The offense has struggled since opening weekend and

so angry that coach Jim Fassel you, you can't hide." came close to having a civil war in his locker room.

Cooler heads prevailed. team," said center Brian record perfect.

Williams, who is expected to lot of things out in the open we have to step up."
earlier on. We know what we Emmitt Smith of have to go out and execute."

with a concussion, will return ence lead with 29 receptions. to the starting lineup. Kerry Kickoff is Collins struggled in his start p.m., CDT.

Giants linebacker Jessie something off your football Armstead hasn't noticed any team," Cowboys coach Chan outward changes in the Gailey said. "It will have an offense this week. It has impact. How much of an always been an emotionless group, and the rift with the The Giants are a troubled defense didn't change that.

'We've all got to wait and see," Armstead said. "I don't know what will happen. I that's taking a toll on the don't know if the gun is going defense, which has played to shoot forward or shoot well enough to win four back. Too much attention can help you or hurt you. It might After last week's 14-3 loss at make a guy realize that the Arizona, the defenders were spotlight is on, and if it's on

The Giants have never beaten Dallas on a Monday night. The Cowboys posted a 31-7 "I feel great about the win last year to keep the

"If I start worrying about return to the lineup after that stuff, it will make me nermissing the Cardinals' game vous," Fassel said. "The botwith a hand injury. "We got a tom line is it's prime time, and

Emmitt Smith of Dallas have to do, but obviously we comes into the game leading the NFC in rushing with 409 Quarterback Kent Graham, yards. Giants receiver Amani who missed the Arizona game Toomer is tied for the confer-

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DUBLIN, OHIO — Jesse Francis and Emily Waters of Pampa are among 12,000 student-athletes across the nation who have been nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Wendy's initiated the Heisman trophy in 1994 as a way of recognizing the top senior students across the country who have achieved excellence in academics, community involvement and athletics.

In addition to being standout athletes, Francis and Waters both excel in the classroom.

Francis plays basketball and football for the Harvesters. He is the son of Dale and Cindy Francis. Waters plays tennis and basketball. She is the daughter of Lee and Diane Waters.

The Heisman Award nominees are selected by high school principals and guidance counselors, who are asked to pick one male and one female scholar-citizen-athlete from each school Waters and pass the information along to Wendy's.

"These young people truly are special. What they've accom-

plished so early in life is both commendable and inspiring," said Dave Thomas, Wendy's founder and television spokesperson. "Each year our program finds the country's 'best of the best.' We're proud to

To be eligible for the high school Heisman, students must have completed their junior year, maintained at least a B plus grade point average, participated in one of 31 sports officially sanctioned by the National Federation of State High Schools Association, and demonstrated active involvement in community service projects.

In late September, all nominees were evaluated by the education testing service of CTB-McGraw Hill to narrow the field to 1,020 State Award Finalists. Near the end of October the field will be narrowed again, this time to 102 State Award Winners.

A panel of judges, comprised of former Heisman Trophy winners, top educators, business professionals and community leaders, then selects 12 National Finalists in November. The finalists — one male and one female representing six geographic regions — are invited to New York City to participate in the Heisman Weekend festivities at the Downtown Athletic Club, Dec. 9-12. There, two students will be selected as the National Winners and honored during ESPN's live broadcast of the College Heisman Memorial Trophy presentation on Dec. 11.

A&M awakens against Jayhawks

had some tense moments this season. It was beginning to look like another one Saturday against 31-point underdog Kansas.

Then, quarterback Randy McCown led the Aggies to 21 points over a 1:50 span of the second and third quarters and the No. 18 Aggies (5-1, 2-1 in Big 12 games) breezed to a 34-17 victory.

The Jayhawks (2-5, 0-3) had the Aggies down 10-0 at one point and they were leading 10-3 when the Aggies finally got their bigplay passing attack in the air.

"We definitely have some things to work on but we had over 500 yards of offense,"

COLLEGE STATION, Texas McCown said. "All our receivers Aggies worried in the second (AP) — Texas A&M's offense has made good catches and ran good routes. We didn't get flustered. We relaxed and did what we knew we were capable of doing."

> The Aggies have been trying to have a more balanced attack this season and it hasn't always worked. Texas Tech shut down the A&M offense and pulled off a 21-19 upset of the Aggies, then ranked No. 5.

The offense struggled against Southern Mississippi's tough defense before winning 23-6 with Kansas' Mitch Bowles fumbled a lot of defensive help.

upset going.

The Jayhawks lost to the Aggies 24-21 in the closing min- us," Bowles said. "The fumbled utes last year and they had the kickoff return was a big play."

quarter Saturday until two big mistakes cost them dearly.

Francis

"When they scored 14 points right before the half, that was tough," Kansas linebacker Andre LeClair said. "We tried to keep our heads up. But it's tough to beat a team like A&M when we make those kinds of mistakes."

Trailing 10-3, the Aggies turned a roughing the kicker penalty into a 15-yard touchdown pass from McCown to Leroy Hodge. the following kickoff setting up Kansas thought it had another McCown's 15-yard touchdown run and a 17-10 halftime lead.

"We tried not to let it bother

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared this week: No. 1 Florida State (7-0) beat Wake Forest 33-10. Next: at Clemson, Saturday. No. 2 Penn State (7-0) beat No. 18 Ohio State 23-10. Next: at No. 20 Purdue, Saturday. No. 3 Nebraska (6-0) did not play. Next: at

No. 19 Texas, Saturday.
No. 4 Virginia Tech (6-0) beat No. 16
Syracuse 62-0. Next: at Pittsburgh, Oct. 30.
No. 5 Michigan State (6-1) lost to No. 20
Purdue 52-28. Next: at No. 17 Wisconsin, Saturday. No. 6 Tennessee (4-1) did not play. Next: at

No. 11 Alabama, Saturday. No. 7 Florida (6-1) beat Auburn 32-14. Next: vs. No. 14 Georgia, Oct. 30. No. 8 Georgia Tech (5-1) beat Duke 38-31. Next: vs. North Carolina State, Oct. 30. No. 9 Kansas State (6-0) beat Utah State 40-No. 10 Michigan (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday. No. 11 Alabama (5-1) beat No. 22 Mississippi

30-24. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Saturday. No. 12 Mississippi State (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday. No. 13 Texas A&M (5-1) beat Kansas 34-17. No. 14 Georgia (5-1) beat Vanderbilt 27-17. Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday. No. 15 Marshall (6-0) beat Toledo 38-13, Thursday. Next: at Buffalo, Saturday, Oct.

No. 16 Syracuse (5-2) lost to No. 4 Virginia Tech 62-0. Next: vs. Boston College, Oct. 30. No. 17 Wisconsin (5-2) beat Indiana 59-0. Next: vs. No. 5 Michigan State, Saturday

Nebraska, Saturday. No. 20 Purdue (5-2) beat No. 5 Michigan

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Saturday. No. 21 Brigham Young (5-1) beat New Mexico 31-7. Next: at UNLV, Saturday. No. 22 Mississippi (5-2) lost to No. 11 Alabama 30-22. Next: at LSU, Oct. 30. No. 23 East Carolina (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.
No. 24 Miami (2-3) vs. Temple, ppd., weather. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.
No. 25 Southern Mississippi (4-2) beat Army 24-0. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.

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Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m Vancouver at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m. Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Yankees post 9-2 win Boston

game away from AL flag

BOSTON (AP) — Fans were furious and frustrated.

Sox had been robbed. Yet all the bottles they threw on the field at Fenway Park on

"To have people throw stuff, that's disgraceful, it really is," Yankees manager Joe Torre said after his team's win was marred by an eight-minute delay in the ninth inning caused by a downpour of objects tossed from the stands.

Boston made four errors that led to three unearned runs, including a dropped catch by pitcher Bret Saberhagen that allowed the owner said, Yankees to take a 3-2 lead in the fourth.

that 3-2 lead in the eighth the fans' behavior. when Jose Offerman singled Andy Pettitte, who once again postseason pressure.

John Valentin followed with a grounder to second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, who ed from the ballpark by missed a swipe tag by about a foot, then made a balloon toss

to first for the out. That's when things got goofy at the old ballpark. Second-base umpire Tim Red Sox was screaming at my Tschida thought Knoblauch tagged Valentin and called out dugout," Torre said. "That the runner, creating an inningend double play.

New York then broke open whatsoever." the game with a six-run ninth that included Ricky Ledee's

grand slam off Rod Beck. call," Tschida said. appeared to me as though he right at all."

got him." In Game 1, second-base Orlando Hernandez pitches umpire Rick Reed failed to tonight against Boston's Kent his past problems with drugs call Knoblauch for dropping a Mercker in a rematch of Game and alcohol.

New York one throw, admitting he made an 1 starters. "To be in the bottom half.

know why."

Then it got even hairier.

When Nomar Garciaparra this thing out." Sunday night didn't change was called out on a close play what bothered them most: The leading off the ninth, Boston York within a win of a record with umpire Dale Scott that 36th American League pen- led to his ejection.

Fans had enough, too, and they released their anger by tossing objects onto the field.

"It's quite regrettable. I'm sorry it happened," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner the best-of-5 first round. said. "The excitement level is Boston up to this point.'

Steinbrenner Williams.

Williams refused to go to the interview room. Yankees play-New York was clinging to ers and staff were furious with

"I think it's inexcusable," with one out, chasing starter Torre said. "Not that Jimy Williams did what he did. I'm showed he's at his best under a manager. I understand the frustration that goes

Yankees wives were escortpolice, and New York reliever Jeff Nelson got involved in a shouting match with a Red Sox security official.

"The head of security for the players about staying in the was a disappointment, they showed absolutely no class

Even Red Sox players were angry with their fans.

'We're sorry for the way we "I didn't make the right acted," Boston's Mike Stanley all," Tschida said. "It said. "That's not right, not

Fans and the Red Sox won't Better!"

"To be able to keep them one would have given the Red from going 2-2 with us, it was Sox two on and no outs in the huge," said Pettitte, who 10th with the score tied. allowed two runs and eight Bernie Williams' homer won it hits in 7 1-3 innings in winning his third straight post-"We feel like it's being taken season start. "I think we feel urious and frustrated. away from us," Boston's real confident about tomor-They felt their Boston Red Darren Lewis said. "We don't row. I'm sure El Duque's going to throw a great game for us. Hopefully, we can close

Boston must win the next two to give the ball back to Yankees' 9-2 win gave them a manager Jimy Williams ran Pedro Martinez, who stopped 3-1 lead in the AL champi- out of his dugout and threw the Yankees' 12-game postseaonship series and moved New his cap during an argument son winning streak with seven shutout innings in Saturday's

13-1 rout of Roger Clemens. "Can we come back? Sure we can. We did it before,' Garciaparra said, remembering how Boston overcame a 2-0 deficit to beat Cleveland in

Darryl Strawberry's secondpretty tremendous. We've inning homer - a drive off been treated beautifully by the screen attached to the Pesky Pole down the rightblamed field line - put the Yankees ahead but the Red Sox tied it "He really incited it," the in the bottom half on Troy O'Leary's RBI single and went ahead on Offerman's runscoring single in the third.

But the Yankees' turnaround started with the next batter. John Valentin doubled off the Green Monster in left, and Bernie Williams picked up the ball and made a quick relay to Derek Jeter, who threw out Offerman at the plate.

Tino Martinez's RBI double tied it in the fourth after Garciaparra's throwing error allowed Williams to advance. Saberhagen, covering first, then dropped the throw from first baseman Stanley on Chad Curtis' two-out grounder as the go-ahead run came across.

"I was looking down at the bag," Saberhagen said. "I didn't watch it all the way in."

Notes: It started raining minutes after the game, but weathermen predicted it would stop before game time tonight. ... When Jeter batted in the first, fans chanted: "Nomar's Before Strawberry Boston had seen this before. have much time to recover. homered, fans were chanting "Just Say No!" a reference to

Bowden vs. Bowden coming By RICHARD ROSENBLATT **AP Football Writer**

The 300 Club is a week away from welcoming another member Florida State coach Bobby

Last year. Penn State coach loe Paterno joined the exclusive group of coaches with 300 career victories. On Saturday, Bowden gets his first chance to be mentioned in the same breath as Bear Bryant, Pop Warner, Amos Alonzo

Stagg and Paterno. But unlike any other coach in the history of college football, Bowden will have to beat his son Tommy's team — Clemson — on Saturday. It's the first father vs. son coaching matchup in major

college football. If Poppa Bowden wins, he says "it will be a dream; it'll be a night-

nare if we don't." Father knows his son will be cooking up a few surprises for No. Florida State (7-0, 3-0 ACC). Clemson (3-3, 3-1) is coming off a 42-30 win over Maryland, a game in which quarterback Woodrow Danzler totaled 435 yards — 252 passing, 183 running.

"We better be sharp next week or we'll get whipped," Bobby lowden said following his team's ess-than-impressive 30-10 win over Wake Forest on Saturday

A loss would not only delay No. 300, it would severely damage Florida State's run at a national championship.

"I think everyone knows who we're playing," Danzler said after his second start since replacing the injured Brandon Streeter. "We just have to go out and prepare."

The matchup might seem oneided, but Tommy's Tigers have a chance. Clemson has the ability to score — 26.3 points per game — and averages 395 yards. The question is whether the Tigers' porous defense — 23.8 points and 355 yards per game - and can slow Florida State's offense, fourth in the nation in scoring at 40.1 points

Peter Warrick, the Seminoles star receiver, remains suspended because of his legal problems. Ron Dugans, now the team's top receiver, left Saturday's game with bruised sternum and may not

Bobby Bowden said it would be

a dream if the Seminoles win.

"It'll be a nightmare if we

don't," he said. Then, referring to his wife, Ann, he said: "We got to go up there and play Ann's boy, not mine, but Ann's. Several other games with national title implications are set for next Saturday: No. 2 Penn

State at No. 16 Purdue; No. 3 Nebraska at No. 18 Texas; and No. 5 Tennessee at No. 10 Alabama. In results of other Top 25 games Saturday, it was: No. 2 Penn State 23, No. 18 Ohio State 10: No. 4 Virginia Tech 62, Syracuse 0; No. 6 Florida 32, Auburn 14; No. 7 Kansas State 40, Utah State 0; No.

No. 10 Alabama 30, No. 25 Mississippi 24. Also, it was: No. 16 Purdue 52, No. 11 Michigan State 28; No. 13 Texas A&M 34, Kansas 17; No. 14 Georgia 27, Vanderbilt 17; No. 17 Wisconsin 59, Indiana 0; No. 19 BYU 31, New Mexico 7; and No. 21 Southern Mississippi 24, Army

8 Georgia Tech 38, Duke 31; and

THE UPSET No. 16 Purdue 52, No. 11 Michigan State 28

At West Lafayette, Ind., the Spartans (6-1, 3-1 Big Ten) saw their title dreams shattered by Drew Brees, who threw for 509 yards and five first-half TDs and added a scoring run in the second

Chris Daniels, the league's leading pass catcher, set Big Ten records with 21 receptions for 301 yards for the Boilermakers (5-2, 2-

"This is a very humbling game," said Michigan State coach Nick Saban, whose team ended Ohio State's perfect season bid last season. "We got slammed. I wasn't pleased with the way we played

In I-AA, Appalachian State (4-2) upset top-ranked Georgia Southern (5-2) 17-16; and

Richmond surprised Hofstra, ranked No. 3, 31-21. THE BLOWOUTS

No. 4 Virginia Tech 62, Syracuse

At Blacksburg, Va., the Hokies (6-0, 2-0 Big East) improved to their best start since 1967 and showed they are a national title contender in handing the Orangemen (5-2, 2-1) their worst loss in 77 years.

The dominating win -Syracuse had 120 total vards led coach Frank Beamer to boast, "We have the ability right now to get you in every way. I don't think we have a weakness.

He might be right. Michael Vick threw for 135 yards and one TD, Shyrone Stith ran for 140 yards and two TDs, and the defense scored twice on a fumble and interception returns.

It was the largest shutout loss by a ranked team in the 63-yearold history of the AP poll. The previous largest was No. 1 Army's 61-0 win over No. 6 Penn State in 1945.

No. 17 Wisconsin 59, Indiana 0 At Madison, Wis., Ron Dayne ran for 167 of the Badgers' schoolrecord 705 total yards, and the running back became just the fourth player in Division I to record four 1,000-yard rushing

Wisconsin (5-2, 3-1 Big Ten) led 38-0 by halftime, and Dayne sat out the second half.

THE RECORD-SETTER At Alliance, Ohio, Mount

Union now owns the longest winning streak in college football history at 48 games after Saturday's 44-20 win over Otterbein.

The Purple Raiders, shooting for a fourth consecutive Division III national title, broke Oklahoma's 47-game streak set 42 years ago under coach Bud

Canadian defeats WT High

CANADIAN - Running in two touchdowns, second-quarter Coleman Bartlett broke open a scoreless game and helped Canadian to a 41-12 victory over West Texas High School in Friday night football action.

Bartlett caught 5 passes for 73 yards, scored four touchdowns and 104 yards rushing.

Canadian held WT to seven first downs and 172 total yards, and finished with 398 offensive yards, Scott Kindy and Jacob Childress had scoring runs for the Comanches.

Canadian, 6-1 for the season brought their record to 2-0 in District 5-2A play. WT High is 1-6 and 0-2.

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

Delta Kappa Gamma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Oct. 9 in Assembly of God Fellowship Hall with Altrus Jana Vinson, Jeanne Depee, Karen Floyd and Mary Dean Dozier serving as hostesses. Thirty-one members and a guest, Sarah Dupee, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Irene Sanders presented a program on Y2K. —Minutes for the previous meeting were read. -DKG fund-raising proceeds are to be donated to Latch Key, Cal Farley's Boys' Town and Nursing Altrusa International Foundation and Foundation Home Project.

—The financial report was given and members were reminded yearly membership fees are due. -A letter from the area coordinator was read

Committee, gave the scholarship report. Forms are available for members who need financial assistance in continuing education.

-Rudelle Rand, Project Committee chair, reported funds will be donated to the Assembly of God for use of its facility.

—The Founders Project was discussed. A fund-raising auction was held following the meeting with Nancy Coffee serving as auctioneer. Various craft items were auctioned including watercolor greeting cards donated by artist R.L.

Twentieth Century Club Twentieth Century Club met Oct. 12 at Lovett Memorial Library.

Hutsell. All items were provided by members.

During the meeting, members toured the new Heritage Art Club library facilities, under the direction of Anne Stobbe, director, and voted to contribute \$500 to the construction of the Clarendon College-Pampa

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

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Oct. 12 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Mattie Norton and Mary Wilson served as greeters. Twenty-nine members and two guests, Andrea Baker and Cameron McDonald, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

-The accent was delivered by Judy Warner on

—Joyce Williams received a "Heart of an Angel" award for her efforts with the Prospective Members Dinner.

-Members were urged to participate in "Make a -Kay Harvey, chairman of Personal Growth Difference Day" Saturday, Oct. 23. The club will donate books to Lovett Memorial Library and to

> Lamar Library. -The recently launched "Box Tops for Education" project was discussed.

> -Sheltered Workshop Volunteer Reception is slated at 7 p.m. Nov. 2. -District Vice-Governor Martha Hardwick will

> attend the Oct. 26 meeting. -District Nine Leadership Event will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, at Dallas.

—The following Altrusans were accepted for membership: Darlene Birkes, Tresa Miller, Oct. 29 at the Meredith House, call (580) 928-5720 after five and Annette Long, Gaye Honderich and Donna Slavick.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at Pampa Country Club.

Memorial Library with Ruth Barrett and Marie ments. Smith serving as hostesses. Nine members were

The program was delivered by Debbie Davis. She Heritage Art Club met Oct. 4 at Lovett demonstrated how to make dried flower arrange-

The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at Lovett Library.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-6000.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd.

For more information, call 669-3988 TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. Training sessions will be from 6-9 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Aug. 24 at TCC, 310 S. Cuyler. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or attend the auction for quality 1-800-658-2796. RSVP by Aug. 17.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE Crown of Texas Hospice will present "Hospice - Living Life to Leaders of America will begin Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 28-812 W. 25th St. For more information, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365. This educational series

other professionals.

SHRINE MEETING

Pampa Shriners will meet at 6 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Sportman's Club on South Barnes. Bring a covered dish. Entertainment will be Betty Crawford and Robert Brewer. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS**

FUND BENEFIT

Sayre Masonic Lodge and Sayre Rotary Club will hold a benefit auction for the Children's Christmas Fund beginning at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 in the conference room of the Western Technology Center at Sayre, Okla. hunts on land not hunted except for the auction. Also on Oct. 17, Sayre chapter of Future Business the Fullest" from 1-4 p.m., serving Indian Tacos beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more information, (580) 497-2458 before five.

CLARENDON COLLEGE Clarendon College-Pampa

to the community. Contact hours October and Excel during are available for nurses and the November. To register or for course is worth 3.0 CEUs for more information, call Pampa

Center at (806) 665-8801. **HARRINGTON HOUSE**

The 1999 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 Polk Street in Amarillo, is currently underway. The house is open to tours from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through mid-December. Each tour, limited to four people over 14 years of age, is 50 minutes long. For more information or to arrange a tour, call (806) 374-5490. MISS TEEN ALL AMERICAN

Pageant officials are seeking applicants for the 2000 Miss Texas Teen All American Pageant slated Nov. 13 and 14 at DFW Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. To quality, the applicant must be 13-19 years of age as of Aug. 1, 2000, must have never been married and must be a legal resident of the U.S. To apply, send a recent photo, name, address, telephone number, date of birth and short bio by fax, 1-304-242-8341, or mail to: Dept. C - Miss Texas Teen All American, 603 Schrader Ave., is being offered free as a service Center will offer Internet I during Wheeling, WV 26003-9619.



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For a long time, doctors assumed that spreading cancer makes do with the blood supply already in place. But no. Now they know that cancer grows its own.

This biologic insight has turned out to be among the precious few that opens an entirely new strategy for controlling a human ill. In the past two or three years, the discovery has become the starting point for the most studied, the most tested, and absolutely the most talked about endeavor in all of cancer research.

If it leads where scientists hope — and where drug companies are placing big research bets - then it should be possible to stop cancerous tumors by blocking their ability to launch the fresh blood vessels needed for survival. To kill a cancer, the thinking goes, starve it.

At this point, no one knows if it will work. But cancer experts say they cannot remember a time when there has been so much enthusiasm for a new approach to treatment.

The idea has taken more than 30 years to evolve from the universally scoffed-at brainstorm of Harvard surgeon Judah Folkman. Now it is an enterprise being chased by dozens of companies, ranging from the biggest pharmaceutical makers to one-idea startups.

At least 20 drugs that block the growth of blood vessels are in various stages of testing on people with cancer. More are nearly ready for testing. At the National Cancer Institute, Dr. James Pluda guesses that literally hundreds of other potential ones are in development.

'It's considered one of the hottest areas in all of medicine, not just cancer," he says. "I'm not aware of any drug company, big or small, that is not working in this field."

Cancerous tumors rely on the construction of new blood vessels — a process scientists call angiogenesis — to bring in oxygen and nutrients. Without this blood supply, they never grow larger than a pinhead. The question is whether any of the drugs in the works can thwart this basic biological process and thereby cure cancer, or at least stop it from

The reason so many companies are interested in this is the possibility — and I emphasize possibility — that it will be broadly applicable to all tumor types," says Dr. Susan Hellmann, development director at

In other words, if all kinds of cancer need new blood vessels, then one drug that interrupts this process might be good against all of them. With this in mind, drugs such as Sugen's experimental blood vessel blocker, SU5416, are being tested against cancers all over the body, including the colon, lung, kidney, ovaries, breast and skin.

Forty-four separate studies are under way with this one drug alone. It's even being tested against cancers of the blood, on the theory that even this malignancy requires the growth of fresh blood vessels in the bone marrow, where the cancer starts.

"These could be huge drugs, almost like the Holy Grail," says Peter Hirth, Sugen's president.

Doctors explaining their enthusiasm for this approach usually start by rhapsodizing over its elegant scientific underpinnings, worked out by Folkman and others who joined the field later. Then they mention the exceptionally promising experiments on rats and mice, in which tumors stop growing, shrivel up, even disappear. Finally, they get around to the miracles.

These amazing stories, the against-all-odds recoveries of people at death's door, are the most gripping and yet ephemeral of all the evience in this young field. I stages of testing, and their study subjects are so riddled with cancer, to \$85 the day after the story ran. (It since settled back into the 20s.) that no one can say with confidence whether the drugs do any good at

But a few of the terminally ill volunteers in these last-ditch experiments have suddenly gotten better. Even skeptics who have watched cancer breakthroughs come and go cannot help being

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Like most of those who have tried the new drugs, Clayton Twigg had failed all standard treatments and was dying. He had a rare and extremely aggressive form of thyroid cancer that had spread into his chest. At one point, his neck grew so big there was no indentation between chin and chest.

Unwilling to give up, Twigg volunteered for an experimental blood vessel blocker at University Hospitals of Cleveland. In February, he became the eighth patient in a study of the safety of combretastatin, made by Oxigene.

By the second treatment, bingo! The tumor had started to shrink," said Twigg, 56, an engineer from Westlake, Ohio.

By the end of six treatments, doctors could no longer see the growth on scans. In August, they decided to operate. But when they looked around his thyroid for remaining traces of cancer, there were none.

The news, though obviously good, does not mean Twigg has been cured. Undetectable cancer may lurk somewhere in his body. Still, his doctors say they have never heard of such a dramatic remission at Twigg's stage of this particular cancer.

Nevertheless, those who follow drug testing are reluctant to make too much of stories like this. Cancer is not an entirely predictable disease; people sometimes get better for no apparent reason. Furthermore, despite being terminally ill, those admitted to drug studies are often healthier than run-of-the-mill cancer patients, so they respond better to

"I don't want to give the impression this is a cure-all, the silver bullet for cancer," says Dr. Scott Remick, who heads Twigg's study. "But there's no doubt this patient has had a very significant response.

Twigg takes part in what's called a Phase One study. It is limited to a few patients and is intended to see how much of the drug can be given safely. The next stage often includes more patients and tests whether the drug has any effect on the tumor. But true proof of combretastatin's value must await Phase Three, the large, costly comparison study in which hundreds of patients are randomly assigned to get the drug or dummy shots, then followed for a year or two to see if the treatment makes them live longer.

Because of the time it takes to carry drugs through these levels of testing, many believe it will be four or five years before the value of the blood vessel stoppers becomes clear.

The two highest profile candidates in this field are drugs called endostatin and angiostatin that have not even entered Phase One. Last year, an optimistically worded article in The New York Times (deletearticle) quoted scientists predicting that these drugs, discovered by Harvard's Folkman, could become a cure for cancer within two years. As cancer fighters, they appear to be especially powerful, at least in mice and rats, the only test subjects so far.

Folkman and others pointed out that cancer is infinitely harder to cure in people than it is in the inbred strains of rodents that serve as scientists' drug proving ground. Nevertheless, the stock of EntreMed, the

Endostatin testing will start this fall on 45 to 90 terminally ill volunteers in Boston, Houston and Madison, Wis. Because of the publicity,

the experiment will be subjected to a level of kibitzing rare in early stage drug testing, which usually succeeds or fails in anonymity. Folkman, for one, doubts this first human test will show much benefit, and disappointment is inevitable. "People two weeks into this will

write newspaper articles saying it doesn't work," he says. "They will get safety data in Phase One, but efficacy will take a long time, if it The reason: Blood vessel blockers are nothing like traditional cancer treatment. Mainstream chemotherapy drugs are poisons that work by

harming cancer cells more than they do normal ones. Often they shrink cancers fast, even though they may fail to destroy every last bit of the disease, leaving some to grow back and kill. The experimental drugs are unlikely to make cancer wither and vanish — at least, not quickly and predictably. Some may make tumors

recede; others may only prevent them from getting any larger or If so, this will mean cancer patients may need to take the drugs for months, years, even for life. "Maybe these drugs won't make the dis-

ease disappear," says Dr. Lee Rosen of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. "But if we can stop it from growing and make it a chronic disease, that's an OK thing." Most of the drugs in the pipeline were designed from scratch to tar-get the body's normal blood vessel construction machinery, which is

hardly ever turned on in healthy adults. Some target messenger proteins, such as vascular endothelial growth factor, that activate this process. Some block the enzymes that are necessary for new blood vessels to burrow through surrounding tissue. Others, like endostatin, seem to inhibit the entire process.

Some older drugs are being looked at afresh, as well. For instance, thalidomide, the disgraced sleeping pill, is being tested for its newly recognized effects on blood vessels in people with a variety of cancers. So are taxol and interferon-alpha, standard cancer medicines that may work in low doses as angiogenesis blockers.

While it is possible these medicines will turn out to be effective alone, many researchers expect they will work best when combined with standard chemotherapy, surgery and radiation. Lab experiments suggest that tumors may be far more sensitive to the killing effects of chemotherapy after they have been weakened with blood vessel

'We hope that a dual therapy, one designed to go after the blood vessel and one to go after the cancer cell itself, will lead to a super-additive effect," says UCLA's Dr. Fairooz Kabbinavar.

If these drugs pan out, doctors envision a time when patients will get a blood test to see which chemical triggers their tumorsto make new blood vessels. Then they will take a cocktail of blockers tailored to their disease, wait a few weeks for their cancer's blood supply to shut down and come back for a knockout punch of chemo or radiation.

'It's been one foot in front of another in cancer medicine for the past 50 years," says Dr. Stephen Sallan of Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "New concepts, and anti-angiogenesis is just one of them, certainly make me feel we will accelerate the pace."

For some, such as Clayton Twigg, who were present in the first moments of this new attack on cancer, the future may have arrived just in time. Once given six months to live, he is planning a fishing trip to Canada and thinking about returning to work.

"I'm not out of the woods yet, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed," he says. "Hopefully we have found something, if not for all of cancer, then at least for those with the kind I have. It's a terrific time for sci-

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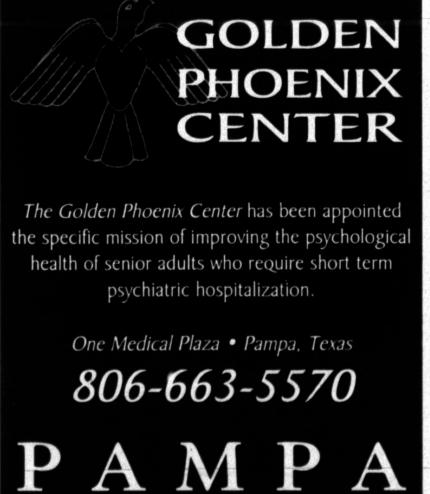
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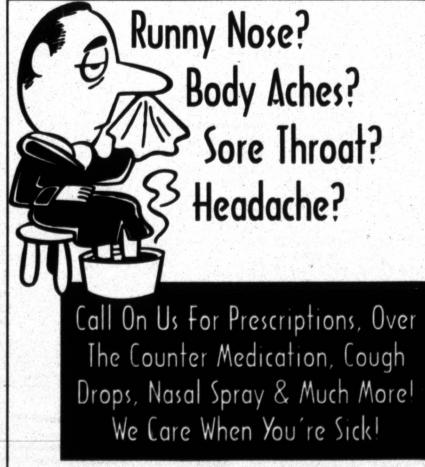
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