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Fingerprint key to arrest in slaying

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

The combined efforts of local, state and federal law agencies culminated in an arrest of a suspect in the murder of an elderly Canadian woman 19 months ago, authorities said today.

Marvin Lyle Baumeister, 41, of Vandalia, Mich., remained in Hemphill County Jail today in lieu of a \$500,000 bond, a dispatcher for the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office said.

Michigan FBI agents and Cass County Sheriff's deputies arrested Baumeister on Wednesday, Jan. 31, and charged with capital murder in the death of Imogene French, 77, of Canadian, on June 6, 1999, on a sealed indictment issued by the Hemphill County grand jury on Jan. 29. He was arrested without incident, officials said.

The fingerprint was lifted by Morse Burroughs of the Gray County Sheriff's Office who had been called to help process the crime scene, Texas Ranger Gary Henderson explained. "Morse did an excellent job of developing the print," he said.

Texas Rangers Gary Henderson of Pampa and Jay Foster of Dumas, along with FBI Special Agent Steve Vandiver of Amarillo flew to Michigan Wednesday. After extradition proceedings were completed, the three lawmen flew back with Baumeister and handed him over to the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office.

Hemphill County Sheriff Dean Butcher and Ranger Foster notified the victim's family as soon as the suspect had been arrested, officials said.

"It was a cooperative effort of

Hemphill County, Gray County, the FBI and the Texas Rangers," Henderson said. "If it hadn't been for all the agencies coming together, it wouldn't have happened."

Identification of a latent fingerprint recovered from the crime scene led to the break in the 19-month-old murder case, Henderson said.

The fingerprint was lifted by Morse Burroughs of the Gray County Sheriff's Office who had been called to help process the crime scene, Henderson

explained. "Morse did an excellent job of developing the print," he said.

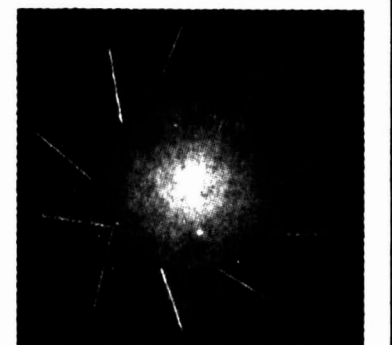
The FBI's Washington, D.C., lab was able to use the fingerprint to identify a suspect, he added.

Further investigation showed that the suspect, a trucker, had been in the Canadian area on the day of the crime, he said.

"Now that we have someone in custody, I know there is still some lab stuff to be analyzed," Henderson said. "There will be DNA tests."

The body of Imogene French was discovered shortly before noon on Sunday, June 6, 1999, by a man and his son who had stopped to buy a soft drink at the Oasis Truck Stop at the intersection of U.S. 83 and U.S. 60 in north Canadian.

The 77-year-old store clerk was found dead in a locked storeroom at the truck stop.



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No ticket matches
Lotto jackpot numbers
 No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The ticket was worth an estimated \$6 million.
 The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-12-14-41-48-53.
 Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

Cross-burning defendant sentenced

HOUSTON (AP) — Ignoring pleas for leniency from the convicted ring-leader of a June 1999 cross burning at the home of a black family, a federal judge Monday sentenced the man to 10 years in prison.
 Matthew Curtis Marshall, 21, was the last of five men to be sent to prison for the June 19 crime in Katy, a west Houston suburb. All pleaded guilty to violating the civil rights of Dwayne and Maria Ross and their two children.

- Elizabeth D. Brady, 80, retired bookkeeper, accountant.
- Mike Deanda, 75, retired Energas employee.
- Alton Marshall, 76, former sheriff, fire chief.

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A play day ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

School buses line the curb in front of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium waiting to transport more than 1,131 students from Pampa and throughout the surrounding area who attended a stage performance of "Heidi" by the Dallas Children's Theater.

Captivating ... Children see 'Heidi' in live theater

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Imagine 1,100 children, ages 8 to 12, confined in one area. Imagine 1,100 children sitting quietly except for a cough or slight rustle here and there.

Impossible? No. Such was the case last week when the Dallas Children's Theater presented "Heidi" at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium to third through sixth grade students from Pampa and the surrounding area.

More than a thousand children attended the morning performance and 1,131 came to the afternoon presentation, organizers said, nearly filling the civic auditorium.

For many of the students, the play was their

first introduction to Heidi, a spirited orphan sent to live with her reclusive grandfather high in the Swiss Alps.

When asked if he enjoyed the performance, a Wilson Elementary student shook his head "yes" enthusiastically. Had he ever seen a stage play before? He shook his head "no." Members of Jerry Lane's fourth grade class at Travis Elementary also gave the thumbs up after the show ended.

Fourth and fifth grade students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School said they first read Johanna Spyri's classic story "Heidi" Thursday morning.

"We read it to the younger classes," Lacy Loving explained.

Students arrived in buses from Stinnett.

(See 'HEIDI,' Page 2)

Sears eyes store for Pampa Search continues for a local dealer

Sears, Roebuck and Company wants to open a dealer store in Pampa but there's just one problem — so far no one has stepped forward who wants to own and operate the store.

Linn Baird, Sears regional market development manager, says several possible locations in Pampa for the store have been scouted but what she calls a "local entrepreneur" must be found first.

Since 1993, more than 670 local owners have opened Sears Dealer Stores nationwide, she said. These stores average 5,000-10,000 square feet of space and offer a wide selection of appliances, electronics, tools, lawn and garden equipment,

including Sears exclusive brands such as Kenmore and Craftsman.

Baird, who visited Pampa last week, said the dealer is responsible for start-up and on-going operating expenses associated with the store including building or leasing a facility, providing in-store fixtures, hiring and training employees, payroll and insurance. Estimated start-up costs range from \$55,000-\$100,000, with a leased facility.

Sears collects no fees or royalties and provides all store inventory and advertising, as well as an on-line retail ordering network, training and support to help grow and develop the business.

Restoration bond plan makes history buffs happy group

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Gray County residents interested in historical preservation have followed the courthouse restoration issue closely since it began approximately two years ago.

Several of those in the historically interested group expressed pleasure the issue of financing the project was decided Thursday.

Approximately 20 local residents were in the audience in the Gray County Courthouse when the commissioners court voted to obtain the needed \$1.5 million in financing through certificates of obligation.

Darlene Birkes, a well-known local historian and patron of the arts, said she is very pleased the financing has been decided and the project can begin.

"We had no alternative. These repairs had to be made," she said. "When you have a gift of \$3.8 million, you need to take advantage of it."

"I was very happy to see the positive support shown at Thursday's meeting for the restoration project," she added.

The county received a \$3.8 million grant from the Texas Historical Commission in May, 2000, to be used for the courthouse restoration.

(See RESTORATION, Page 2)

Motor home search nets 822 lbs. of 'pot' Another in series of I-40 seizures

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

An "extremely nervous" motor home driver lead a DPS trooper to seek and get permission to search the vehicle — a search that turned up 822 pounds of marijuana and landed two Michigan men in jail.

DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges, stationed in Borger, stopped the motor home at 12:43 Saturday afternoon when it was eastbound on Interstate 40 at mile marker 95, said Sgt. Joe Medrano. The trooper made the stop because the motor home was failing to stay in a single lane.

Medrano said when Bridges interviewed the driver the man became "extremely nervous" which prompted the trooper to ask for permission to search the motor home.

With permission given, upon searching the bedroom area Bridges discovered 12 black duffel bags containing the marijuana, the sergeant said.

Charged with possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds were Christoph Stevenson, 30, of Pontiac, Mich., and Joseph Steward, 31, of Redford, Mich.

(See 'POT,' Page 2)

Chief Morris named to Internet committee

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris has been selected to serve on a state committee designing training for law enforcement officers using the Internet.

Morris will meet with other members of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement's advisory committee for internet training at Sam Houston State Criminal Justice Center in San Marcos on Feb. 9.

"The purpose of this program is to increase dramatically Texas' effectiveness in the deliver of distance education and in sharing resources and educational materials," said Edward T. Laine, chief of professional standards and operations, in a letter confirming Morris' place on the committee.

Morris said distance education has become increasingly more important to Texas law enforcement agencies, especially small agencies in remote rural areas.

Chief Laine said that although the proposed Internet training program focuses on individual officers and agencies with less than 74 licensed officers, its products and programs will be made available to all law enforcement officers and county corrections personnel free of charge.

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Services tomorrow

DEANDA, Mike — Vigil services, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

ELIZABETH D. BRADY

CLAUDE — Elizabeth D. Brady, 80, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First United Church with the Rev. Gene Weintette, pastor, and Dr. Steven Waterhouse, pastor of Westcliff Bible Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Claude Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brady was born at Canadian and graduated from Canadian High School. She married William Ellis Brady Jr. in 1950 at Canadian; he died in 1990.

She held a bachelor of arts degree in business from West Texas State University and moved to Claude in 1950. She worked as an accountant and bookkeeper for Panhandle Gravel West, retiring in 1988. She belonged to First United Methodist Church and 55-Plus Club in Claude.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Chris Brady of Amarillo; two daughters, Brenda Brownlee of Stratford and Tracy Watson of Corsicana; and nine grandchildren.

The family will be at 301 Cherry in Claude and requests memorials be to Opportunity Plan Inc., Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015.

MIKE DEANDA

Mike Deanda, 75, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at Amarillo. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Deanda was born May 8, 1925, at San Saba, Texas, and had been a Pampa resident since 1955, moving from Coleman, Texas. He was a body shop repairman and was retired from Energas where he worked as a maintenance operator for 15 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving aboard the USS Shasta during World War II, and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ingram of Amarillo and Karen Deanda of Pampa; two sons, Raymond Deanda of Pearland and Danny Deanda of Austin; a step-daughter, Patricia Harvill of Pampa; a stepson, Donnie Grider of Roland, Okla.; his mother, Frances Deanda of Sweetwater; a brother, Saragosa Deanda of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

ALTON MARSHALL

MATADOR — Alton Marshall, 76, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in Amarillo. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Royce Jennings officiating. Burial will be in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Marshall was born at Matador and had been a lifelong resident of the community. He married Phyllis Lee in 1945 at McCook, Neb., and operated an automobile salvage business. In addition, he was fire chief of Matador Volunteer Fire Department and Motley County Sheriff from 1976-92.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed at Okinawa during World War II, and belonged to American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, I.O.O.F. Lodge and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; a son, Darrel Alton Marshall of Wheeler; three daughters, Teresa Locke of Pampa, Cindy Johannes of Matador and Eva Joyce Marshall of Lubbock; a brother, Albert Marshall of Paducah; a sister, Frances Mitchell of Matador; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Antebay Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.50
Milo	3.23
Corn	3.59
Soybeans	3.84

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

Occidental	23.13	up 0.52
Fidelity Magell	121.75	up 0.18
Furman	19.07	up 0.08

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

BP Amoco	52.81	up 0.83
Cabot	32.10	up 0.08
Cabot O&G	28.22	up 0.64
Chevron	83.17	up 0.75
Coca Cola	58.91	up 1.17
Columbia/HCA	37.35	up 0.48
Enron	81.15	up 1.17
Haltiburton	41.39	up 1.28
KMI	53.48	up 1.15
Kerr McGee	65.05	up 0.42
Limited	19.55	dn 0.26
McDonald's	29.22	dn 0.21
Exxon Mobil	83.99	up 1.00
New Atmos	21.99	dn 0.03
OCI	25.81	up 0.35
NOI	35.86	up 0.62
OKE	44.60	up 0.31
Penney's	14.90	dn 0.01
Phillips	52.49	up 5.64
Powder Nat	18.00	up 0.53
SLB	77.98	up 0.98
Tenneco	3.65	dn 0.09
Texaco	60.80	up 0.45
Ultramar	33.64	up 2.75
Wal Mart	54.58	dn 0.18
Williams	39.79	up 0.69
New York Gold		267.55
Silver		4.77
West Texas Crude		30.87

Carson Co. Sheriff

The following is the Carson County Jail intake report for the week of Jan. 29-Feb. 4.

Arrests

Julie Monden, 20, Panhandle, retaliation and theft.

James Gallcher, 33, Pampa, DPS traffic warrant.

Jose E. Rocha, 36, Amarillo, DWI/third offense.

Christoph Stevenson, 30, Pontiac, Mich., possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Joseph Steward, 31, Redford, Mich., possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Allen B. Frame, 46, Wheeler, DWI/third offense, driving while license suspended and interference with railroad.

Police report

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

Friday, Feb. 2

A domestic assault was reported in the 100 block of South Dwight.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 700 block of Magnolia.

A representative for Clarendon College Pampa Center, 1601 N. Kentucky, reported the theft of \$2,275.83 - \$1,722.10 in cash and \$553.73 in checks - from a cash register in the school business office sometime between 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

A representative for Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported theft of \$45.65 of gasoline.

Two batteries valued at \$178 were reported stolen from Culligan Water Conditioning trucks in the 100 block of East Foster.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported to have occurred in an unknown location. A purse was taken containing bank cards and checks.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Minor in possession was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct, minor in possession and evading arrest was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported. A jacket valued at \$50 was taken from the backseat of a vehicle while parked in the 100 block of East Foster.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported to have occurred sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Friday, in the 1100 block of West Alcock. Damage to the driver's side door was estimated at \$400. A car seat valued at \$50 was reported stolen.

A runaway was reported in the 100 block of East 27th. The subject was found and returned to the home.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 300 block of South Anne. Two white lamps valued at \$85 were reported stolen.

Randall Williams, 45, 916 S. Banks, was arrested on warrants for issuing bad checks, no valid driver's license, no proof of financial responsibility, failure to register vehicle and no inspection sticker.

Michael Jimmy Martinez, 36, 1032 Neel, was arrested in the 1700 block of North Sumner on warrants for driving with license suspended and failure to appear.

Sunday, Feb. 4

A runaway was reported in the 1800 block of Williston. The subject was found.

A concern for the health and safety of an elderly person was reported in the 400 block of South Graham.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Red Deer.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 500 block of North Wynne. Stolen and damaged property was valued at \$425.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of South Barnes. Damage to a window screen was valued at \$20.

Daniel Bedoya, 18, 413 Starkweather, was arrested in the 500 block of South Barnes for criminal trespass, criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Dixie Wilson, 46, 405 Doyle, was arrested in the 400 block of North Crest, for driving while intoxicated - breath test refusal. She was released on bond.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, Feb. 3

Jerry Dale Ledford, 29, 101 S. Dwight, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Ronda Kay Spotts, 35, Lefors, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - first offense. She was released on bond.

Sonia Galloway, 32, Amarillo, was arrested for no driver's license and failure to wear seat belt warrants out of Amarillo. She was released on an order from the City of Amarillo.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Erik Thomas Black, 18, 928 Brunon, was arrested on 14 outstanding warrants.

Rebecca R. Sweeney, 35, 864 S. Banks, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - first offense. He was released on bond.

Fires

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

Saturday, Feb. 3

7:53 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of Campbell.

3:40 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at the Henry and Gordon streets.

6:07 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Pennsylvania and Duncan streets.

Sunday, Feb. 4

12:53 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of Duncan.

4:19 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Harvester and Hamilton streets.

4:38 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of Tignor.

7:06 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Denver.

7:44 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Graham.

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RESTORATION

project, but is required to make a 72-28 percent matching funds grant.

Retired county clerk Wanda Carter said, "I know it will be hard for people on fixed incomes. Even \$10 more a month will be hard for some of them," she said. "But we need to use the money while we can get it. I have mixed emotions."

After spending 28 years in office at the Gray County Courthouse, Carter has seen many changes through the years. She retired in 1998. "It is amazing we haven't had a fire there," said Carter. She was referring to the original paper-wrapped wiring still being in use in the 70-year-old structure.

Longtime Pampa resident Phyllis Laramore said she came to Pampa in 1926 and watched the construction of the Gray County Courthouse.

"I am pleased we're going to restore the courthouse. I know it needs to be repaired and restored," she said. "If we built a new court house it would cost too much and not be constructed as

well as the old one."

Thelma Bray, an active historical preservationist, is also pleased with the Gray County Commissioners Court decision.

"I felt good about the decision the commissioners court made," she said. When I went in the courthouse Thursday, I could hear the squeaky sound of equipment. I have been worried about the electrical wiring."

Bray said she felt very positive following the decision. "I am very grateful for all these people's efforts," she said. "They have worked hard on this."

Four of the members of the Gray County Commissioners Court voted to obtain the needed \$1.5 million financing by certificates of obligation. Voting in the majority were County Judge Richard Peet and Commissioners Joe Wheeley, Gerald Wright and James Hefley. Voting against the measure was Commissioner Jim Greene.

Before the measure passed, Greene made the motion to call for a bond election on the matter. Greene's motion died due to lack of a second.

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Both men were taken to the Carson County Jail where at press time a spokesman said both were behind bars awaiting a bond hearing.

Saturday's bust was one of a series of large drug seizures that have been made out of the Borger DPS office.

Medrano praised Bridges and Trooper Oscar Esqueda for what he said has been "outstanding

work" regarding seizures on I-40.

Last month Bridges made a 442-pound marijuana seizure and in the past few months Esqueda made seizures of 1,200 pounds of marijuana, 600 pounds of marijuana and 79 pounds of cocaine.

Even so, Medrano laments what he believes to be fact about drug couriers using I-40.

"I'm afraid we are only touching the surface of it," he said.

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'HEIDI'

McLean, Canadian, Panhandle, Kelton, Claude, Groom, Lefors, White Deer, Skellytown, Miami, Grandview-Hopkins and Spring Creek, as well as all Pampa elementary schools, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, and Pampa Community Christian Academy. Pampa Sheltered Workshop clients also attended the play.

"Through her simple innocence, young Heidi helps others to see how they can find happiness and love," explains Producer/Tour Director Sarah Jayne Fiorello. "She places such importance on home and family that others appreciate who and what they have surrounding them."

"Heidi is a thoroughly engaging character who brings hope into the life of a gruff old man and health and happiness to an invalid girl. She gives the audience the hope that they will find their

favorite mountain to call home."

Presented by an experienced and talented cast of eight actors, the play captured the students' attention to the point they hardly made a sound except for rousing cheers between acts. A spattering of applause soon spread across the auditorium as the children reacted to Heidi's invalid friend Klara taking her first steps.

Beautifully painted backgrounds featuring the high meadows of the Swiss Alps added authenticity to the play.

The Dallas Children's Theater presented its national touring production of "Heidi" by Linda Daugherty through grants totaling more than \$5,000 from the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Pampa ISD and other local school districts, the David & Nona Payne Foundation and H.E. and Inez McCauley Foundation.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Feb. 3

7:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Narda and transported one to PRMC.

7:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Campbell and transported one to PRMC.

10:31 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Loop 171 east of Pampa and transported one to PRMC.

3:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Henry and Gordon on a medical and transported one to PRMC.

5:59 - A mobile ICU responded to Duncan and Penn on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.

11:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 300 Henry and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Feb. 4

12:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

12:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Duncan and transported one to PRMC.

1:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

3:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Graham and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, Feb. 5

1:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

2:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

Accidents

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

Friday, Feb. 2

7:53 a.m. - A 1982 Subaru driven by Timothy Oliver Kettenring, 16, 2324 Comanche, and a 1982 Oldsmobile Toronado driven by Elizabeth E. Wood, 47, 1140 Prairie Dr., collided in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Kettenring was cited for failure to control speed and defective equipment - brakes. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Saturday, Feb. 3

9:08 a.m. - A 1989 Geo Prizm driven by Henry Lee Williams, 42, 820 S. Somerville, and a 1988 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Shirley Landers Young, 39, 1128 Prairie Dr., collided at the intersection of Varnon and Crawford streets. Williams was cited for failure to control speed. No injuries were reported at the scene.

4:55 p.m. - A 1990 Plymouth Voyager driven by Mary Ann Black, 39, 504 E. Foster, and a 1989 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Peppy Young Hanley, 45, 1001 S. Dwight, collided at Starkweather and Foster streets. Black was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and no liability insurance. No

injuries were reported at the scene.

6:02 p.m. - A 1999 Pontiac Sunfire driven by Gregory Brock Couch, 16, 1340 Christine, and a 1993 Mercury Topaz driven by Nelda Roach Hudson, 45, 1032 E. Francis, collided at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Duncan streets. Couch was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Hudson was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance Service suffering from possible injuries.

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Today, mostly sunny with highs 60 to 65. West to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows around 37. Southwest winds becoming northwest 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 50. North to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows near 30. High Sunday was 49; the overnight low 31.

STATEWIDE - Cloud cover early Monday was generally restricted to the Panhandle and deep South Texas, with skies elsewhere reported as mostly clear, forecasters said. The state is expected to be mostly sunny and dry on Monday with increasing clouds by Wednesday, forecasters said. Monday should be mostly sunny with highs in the 60s in North Texas, but the evening should become partly cloudy. West Texas should most mostly sunny Monday, according to forecasts. High temperatures should be mostly in the 50s and 60s, although some areas along the Rio Grande may reach the

lower 80s.

Parts of the Panhandle, including Dalhart, still had snow on the ground Sunday. Temperatures otherwise were mostly in the 40s, and El Paso reached the mid-50s.

Sunny skies are expected to prevail in South Texas on Monday, with temperatures mostly in the 50s and 60s. Deep South Texas temperatures, however, may rise to the upper 70s.

South Texas was a mixture of cloudy and clear on Sunday. Temperatures ranged from the mid-50s and 60s to the lower 70s.

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By JEFF DO Associated

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Scientist blame germs for heart disease, mental illness

By JEFF DONN
Associated Press Writer

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Paul W. Ewald's best thinking started with an attack of diarrhea on a field trip to Kansas.

A zoologist, he was studying the social habits of sparrows. But during that ordeal 24 years ago, he had time to ponder other things: Was his personal predicament simply the havoc of a germ bent on spreading itself around? Or was his body trying to flush away the germ? Was this the evolutionary adaptation of an invader or the evolved human defense against it?

Healthy again, he checked the medical literature. "I realized that virtually all considerations of evolutionary processes in the medical literature were incorrect," he says.

So, he set out to fix that. Although not a physician, Ewald has applied the insights of 19th century evolutionary thinker Charles Darwin to help pioneer a perspective on disease now known as Darwinian, or evolutionary, medicine. Ewald has concluded that mainstream medicine, fixated on genes and lifestyle, is overlooking the chief cause of the most enduring, widespread and harmful illnesses of humankind.

Heart disease? He suspects germs. Cancer? Likely infection by germs. Mental illness? Also germs.

With a few colleagues, he has promoted a modest research renaissance in the germ theory of disease, which has been largely overshadowed by other ideas since polio, smallpox, tuberculosis and other perennial scourges were unmasked as infectious many decades ago. The scientific proof is mounting that Ewald could be right — at least in saying germs have been underestimated — about a second wave of diseases.

Peptic ulcers, long tied to stress and overachieving personalities, are now widely blamed on the *Helicobacter pylori* bacterium and often treated with antibiotics. Cervical cancer has been traced to the human papilloma virus, which also causes genital warts.

Ewald didn't make these discoveries, but he has pounced on them as evidence that genetics and environment have been overstated as contributors to disease and that the best germ research lies ahead.

"Infectious medicine has always been underestimated," says Ewald. "The problem is that infectious diseases are extremely diverse."

Confronting such a vast array, his thinking has transcended the boundaries of his formal training and specialized confines of most scientific thought. His latest book, "Plague Time: How Stealth Infections Cause Cancers, Heart Disease, and Other Deadly Ailments," published in October, spans the history of medicine from the bubonic plague to the Human Genome Project. Ewald, a 47-year-old Amherst College biology professor, wrote the book for the lay public with plain language and a flair for storytelling rare in science.

Many scientists, even including some evolutionary medicine advocates, wonder if Ewald goes too far in the sweep of his germ theory. "I'm made uncomfortable by global generalizations," says University of Michigan psychiatrist Randolph Nesse. "They make some scientists think that Darwinian medicine is something different from regular medicine in terms of its standards."

Ewald says his ideas are "supposed to jar people out of the complacency they feel about modern medicine."

Ewald portrays disease as primitive warfare. Viruses, bacteria and other microscopic creatures penetrate the body's defenses. Once inside, they feast on humans, multiply, and then go looking for new bodies to overrun.

Over time, humans evolve new defenses or invent protections like antibiotics and vaccines. Germs, which can breed new generations every half hour or less, evolve rapidly to defeat the latest defenses. Ewald argues that new antibiotics are bound to lose ground to fast-evolving germs.

He says humans can favor benign germs by making life tougher on harmful forms. Better sanitation blockades the worst strains of cholera, which ride the water supply to find new human hosts. When there's no easy route, evolution gives the advantage to more friendly cholera germs — those that survive longer inside a human without being lethal. Ewald says vaccines should be designed to disarm only the harmful parts of germs, encouraging the evolution of gentler forms.

In one of his central insights, he says genetic diseases cannot evolve and wage battle like germs, because human genetic mutations are too rare. If a genetic disease is both harmful and common, it should kill off the humans who carry it and fail to replenish itself quickly enough through mutations to persist over many successive human generations. Therefore, Ewald reasons, widespread ailments like heart disease, cancer and many mental illnesses should stem mainly from evolving germs, not bad genes.

He also thinks the role of chemical pollutants in causing sickness is overstated. The human body, he says, is adapted to handle low levels of chemicals, and few are pervasive enough in high enough amounts to explain many major illnesses outright.

Mainstream researchers view many diseases as a delicate interplay of all these factors: genes, environmental agents such as cigarette smoke or asbestos, and germs too.

Ewald generally agrees, but he says the establishment is so hypnotized by the watchworks of human genetics that it often overlooks the ever-changing target of germs. He says a Germ Genome Project would do more to explain major illnesses than the lavishly praised human one.

"Not everything is going to be caused by infection," Ewald says, "but essentially all the big, important ones are going to be caused by infection."

He has some respected companions in the ranks of germ theorists. They include George Williams, a retired zoologist, former editor of *The Quarterly Review of Biology*, and co-author of the influential 1995 book "Why We Get Sick: The New Science of Darwinian Medicine."

Williams agrees that germs will ultimately help explain the still unknown sources of many major diseases.

"Whether that's true to the extent Paul is saying, I'm not sure," he adds. "But it certainly needs to be looked into."

Right now, no one can be sure, and even some scientists intrigued by Ewald's theories are wary of his broad claims.

John Hays, a molecular geneticist at Oregon State University, says overwhelming evidence shows a close connection between cancer and mutations of genes that control cell growth. "I don't see any way to get to the vast majority

of cancer without these mutations," he says.

And cardiologist Paul Ridker, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, has searched in vain for germs that could cause cardiovascular disease.

"The critical components of who has a heart attack are acquired: obesity and smoking," he says. "You don't necessarily have to invoke exposure to an organism."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Jeff Donn is the AP's Northeast regional reporter, based in Boston.

TMA: Texas children facing health crisis

■ Being overweight or obese as a youngster is about more than aesthetics. It also makes children more susceptible to chronic diseases that can cause longterm problems such as diabetes. "We're seeing diabetes attack a new part of the population because of obesity in children and adolescents," said Dr. Stephen Barnett, an Austin pediatrician and chair of TMA's Child and Adolescent Health Committee.

AUSTIN — According to a recent issue of "Texas Medicine," children in Texas face a health crisis that may put the state's future at risk. "Texas Medicine" is the official news magazine of Texas Medical Association.

Texas children are increasingly overweight, out of shape and are acquiring chronic diseases that once were found only in adults such as Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and even some forms of cancer.

Studies show the prevalence of obesity among the nation's youth has increased steadily over the last several decades. According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey conducted from 1963-1991, the prevalence of obesity among children of both genders aged 6-11 doubled. And the prognosis is worse for children in some ethnic groups. In that same study, 2 percent of African-American boys aged 6-11 were obese in 1963, but that number jumped to 13.4 percent by 1991.

In Texas, the statistics tell a similar story. A 1999 study of 915 Hispanic third graders in El Paso found 35 percent of the boys and 29 percent of the girls were overweight, while 22 percent of the boys and 15 percent of the girls were clinically obese.

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pediatrician and chair of TMA's Child and Adolescent Health Committee.

Dr. Stephen Ponder, director of the Diabetes and Endocrine Center at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, said he sees almost as many new cases of Type 2 diabetes at Type 1, which used to be the only form of diabetes in juveniles. He noted obesity is the primary risk factor for Type 2 diabetes which often progresses for many years before it is diagnosed.

"I didn't see this kind of morbid obesity 10 to 15 years ago," said Dr. Ponder, who reported treating an 11-year-old boy who weighed 347 pounds. He explained in addition to high blood pressure and lipid problems associated with diabetes, many of the youth suffer from sleep apnea which can cause problems at school and lead to misdiagnoses of emotional and mental disorders.

The longterm consequences also are a grave concern to health professionals, especially with the rapid growth of the Hispanic population in Texas. Treating patients with diabetes and other obesity-related health problems becomes incredibly expensive and difficult to manage.

"The broader perspective is, how are we going to pay for all this?" asked Dr. Jim Rohack, a Temple cardiologist and president of TMA. "How are we going to pay for Medicare if individuals are going to have to leave the workforce, disabled by complications of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, heart attack, or stroke at a premature age?"

TMA is striving to change these current and future trends through its public health initiative, Project WATCH. Project WATCH is a collaborative effort of TMC and TMA Alliance, which is funded by the TMA Foundation. The initiative seeks to reduce death and illness from heart disease and stroke by educating the public about the five leading preventable risk factors for cardiovascular disease: Weight, activity, tobacco, cholesterol and high blood pressure. TMA and Texas physicians are working to educate patients about these risk factors and decrease the number of Texans who develop and die from cardiovascular disease each year. The current phase of Project WATCH is aimed at children.

Diabetic treatment may trigger lethal brain swelling

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

A routine treatment for children in diabetic crisis can trigger a rare complication that can kill them or cause brain damage, researchers say.

The study appears to confirm doctors' suspicions that giving bicarbonate to diabetic children to reverse a toxic acid buildup in their blood increases their risk of cerebral edema, or swelling of the brain.

The researchers recommended that doctors abandon the use of bicarbonate in most cases. Doctors should just give insulin to such children and, if needed, perform a procedure to draw water off the brain, they said.

The researchers also identified two risk factors that can help doctors spot children likely to develop such swelling.

The study focused on a diabetic crisis called diabetic ketoacidosis. It is an acid buildup that can occur if a child with Type 1, or insulin-dependent, diabetes misses an insulin injection, is hurt or becomes seriously ill.

The acid buildup can put a child into a coma within hours. Symptoms include excessive thirst and urination, vomiting, fatigue, abdominal pain, mental confusion and breath that smells like nail polish remover.

Swelling of the brain kills about one-fifth of these children and leaves an additional one-

fourth with brain damage ranging from learning disabilities to a persistent vegetative state.

Dr. Nicole Glaser, an assistant pediatrics professor at the University of California-Davis School of Medicine, and colleagues in the United States and Australia looked at 6,977 children hospitalized for diabetic ketoacidosis between 1982 and 1997. Sixty-one had cerebral edema.

Children who got bicarbonate were 4.2 times more likely than the other youngsters to develop cerebral edema.

Those who developed cerebral edema were also found to be far more likely to have very low carbon dioxide and sharply higher nitrogen levels in their blood.

Children with those risk factors "need to be very intensively monitored and aggressively treated" with something other than bicarbonate, Glaser said.

The study was reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"It's a terrific piece" of

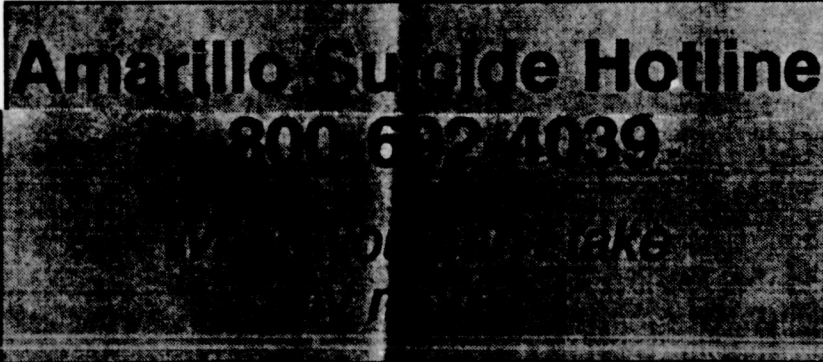
research, said Dr. Robert Goldstein, chief scientific officer of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. "It can't help but have a positive influence." He said the level of carbon dioxide in particular "tells you, 'Aha! I really have to worry about this child.'"

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. David Dunger of the University of Cambridge and Dr. Julie Edge of John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England, urged caution because other factors, such as the child's age and the severity of the diabetic ketoacidosis, could play a role in the development of cerebral edema.

On the Net:
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Son Rebuffs Aunt's Attempts To Contact Long-Gone Dad

DEAR ABBY: After my divorce 12 years ago, my ex-husband left the state and had no contact with our son, "Lance," or me. We didn't even know where he had gone. Lance was 5 at the time and is now 17.

When Lance was 6, I married a great guy who is wonderful to both of us.

Several years ago, my ex got in touch with my sister and sent her a letter and a picture of him and his new family to give to our son. When my sister gave it to Lance, he told her he wanted nothing to do with his "old dad" (his words) and told her to let things be the way they have been.

My sister continues to harass Lance to write or call his father, and has out-and-out screamed at my son for choosing his stepfather over his birth father. She has even tried to set up secret meetings, but Lance knows better than to trust her and wants nothing to do with her. Time and again he has said he wants nothing to do with his biological father. I feel my son is old enough to make his own decisions.

Because of this, we attend no family events and have cut ourselves out of everyone's life. And we have never said anything to anyone about what my sister is doing.

Lance turns 18 this year and already has plans in motion to legally change his name to his stepfather's and to be adopted by him. He uses his stepfather's name now, except for legal documents.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

(Another thing that annoys my sister.)

How can we continue to deal with my sister until he turns 18, and what should we say if someone brings up the fact that we never come around?

TRULY A FAMILY IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TRULY: There is nothing you can do to stop your sister from meddling. She is convinced she knows what is best for her nephew and obviously has a long alliance with your ex-husband. Your son has done an admirable job of handling her on his own.

I'm mystified that you would protect your sister by telling no one about her trouble-making and cut yourself off from the rest of the family. It was a mistake you should correct. If someone brings up the fact that you have been absent, speak up and explain why. If you do, I'm sure you'll find you have allies.

DEAR ABBY: I recently saw the letter in your column from Jack Anspach, who dreamed that the next president would have six letters in his first name and four letters in his last name. He bemoaned the fact that he had failed to place a bet.

Apparently, it escaped his attention — and yours — that the names of both major-party candidates have six and four letters. I would have expected you or one of your staff to have caught such an obvious error before going to print.

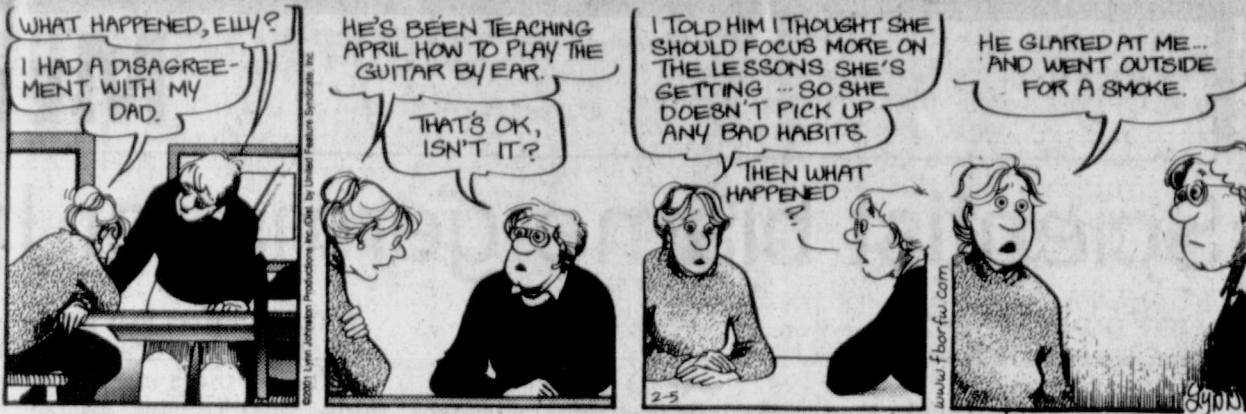
By now, he's probably got your column matted and framed and proudly on display in his office. Imagine his surprise when he finally discovers that Al is short for Albert.

JODY IN MEMPHIS

DEAR JODY: Jack got it! I got it! And I'm pleased that so many of my readers also got the joke. A little amusement in serious times can be a ray of sunshine on a dreary day, and I think we all needed a dose of humor around that time.

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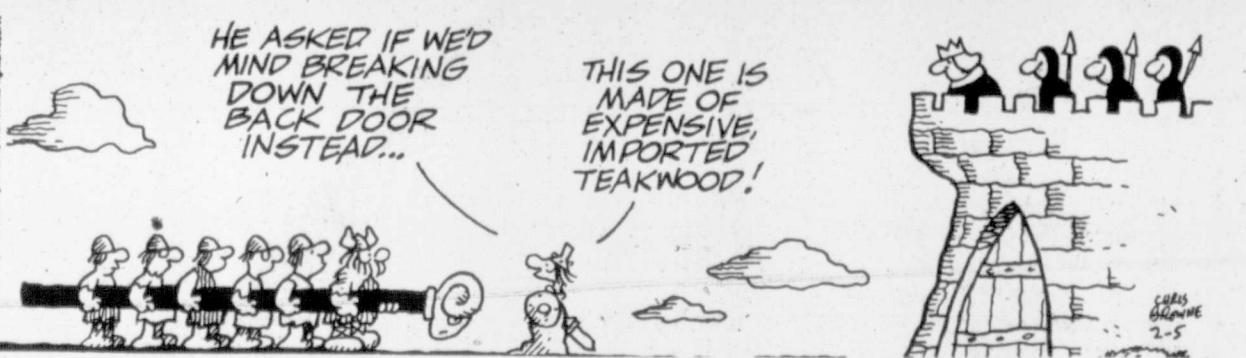
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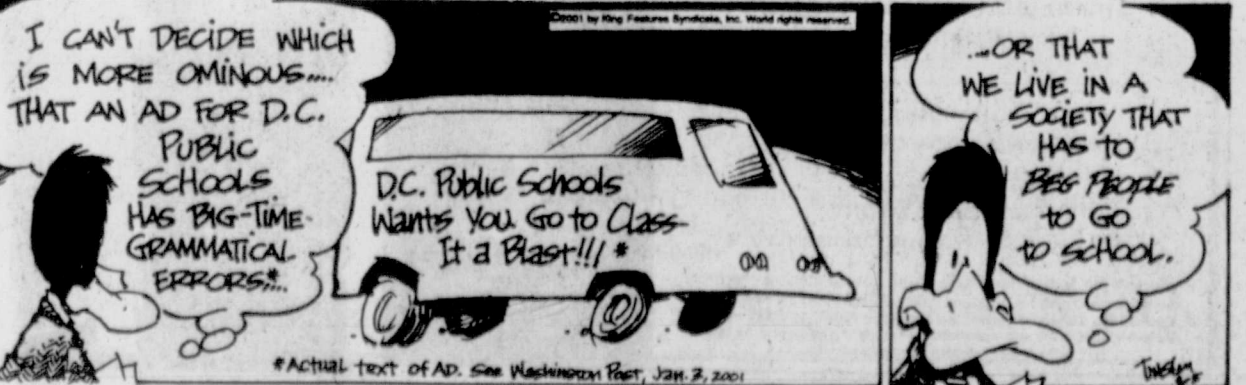
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Horoscope

TUESDAY, FEB. 6, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Your mind is made up. You dictate the situation. You take action. Communication revolves around friendships and long-term goals. Why shouldn't you go for what you want? The world is your oyster, and in the next few months your ability to realize what you want crests. Tonight: Wherever you are the most content.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Reach out for another. Recognize that nearly anything is possible as long as you keep talking. Others, especially those you respect or put on a pedestal, come to you for advice. Realize what a compliment that is. Check out an impending expenditure. Tonight: Mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Think in terms of wise spending, investments and building for the future. Though you might not have the answers immediately, you will if you explore the information that is accessible to you. Seek out experts. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your smile wins friends and makes a big difference in how others per-

ceive you. Think about your long-term goals. Others easily agree with your logic. A partner opens up and becomes more willing to discuss a problem. Flirtation marks a key interaction. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You feel good, no matter what you do. Sit back and think until later in the day. Another finally chooses to speak his mind. Listen carefully to someone who has many good ideas. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Head out the door with exact plans. Be thoughtful yet direct about what you want. You make a must appearance. Your sunny personality emerges early on. Be inquisitive; ask questions. Tonight: Take a night off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Handle business with a direct approach. Others respond to your inquiries. Listen carefully to another. This person is creative and comes up with a lot of answers. Direct your energy toward long-term goals. Do you really know what you want? Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Reach out for someone at a distance. Ask questions and get expert opinions. You need more information in order to make a strong domestic decision. Check out a piece of real estate. Don't commit until you talk to someone in the know. Deal directly with a boss. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Deal with another. One-on-one relating takes you in a new direction. Listen to your instincts about others. You

do know what to say. You also know the right answer. Remain confident. Make an important long-distance call later. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Let others reveal their true colors. Others appreciate your insight about money. Review a situation carefully, and reach out for someone at a distance. Your sense of humor and positive vibes make a huge difference to associates. You gain later by taking your time with a key person. Tonight: Togetherness feels right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You are unusually verbal and bright. You might want to think about what is going on with a loved one who might be especially reticent. Bosses make demands. You produce. Your creativity marks your interactions with others. Let a flirtation build, if single. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Your imagination reveals much more about you than you realize. Think carefully about your expectations of a family member. Add that extra zest or humor to a relationship — seriousness doesn't work all the time. Let go and add more joy to your life. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

BORN TODAY

Former president Ronald Reagan (1911), reggae musician Bob Marley (1945), baseball legend Babe Ruth (1895)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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- 14 Tired
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- 38 Water source
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- 41 Director Frank
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- 48 "Malcolm in the Middle" brother

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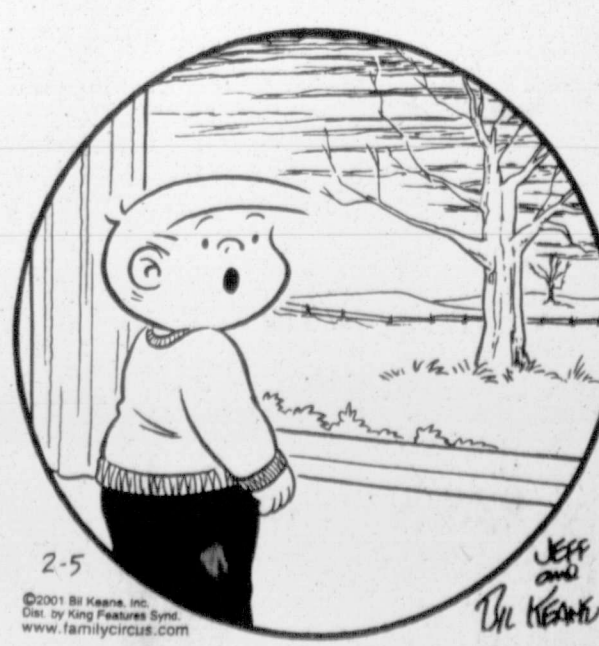
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — A men's basketball league is being formed in Pampa. Interested players can register by calling 665-3980. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 28.

WRESTLING

AMARILLO — Wrestling returns to the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16.

Stars such as Ricky Romero III, Chris Youngblood, Mark Youngblood, The Angel of Darkness, Big Biker Animal, Doink the Clown, Kid Lightning and Mighty Muscle will be battling for King of the Ring.

Former All-State amateur wrestler Chris Red of Borger will make his debut, plus there will be a special guest appearance by legendary Ricky Romero Sr.

Wrestling World Superstars will make a special appearance at the Pampa Wal-Mart on Friday, Feb. 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for autograph-signing party. The entire family is welcomed to attend.

Admission will be seven dollars per adult and five dollars per child under 12 years old.

Promoter Chris Walker of Amarillo can be contacted at (806) 372-1801 if more information is needed.

AUTO RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Ron Fellows isn't a very good spectator.

As the final 30 minutes of the Rolex 24-Hours sports car endurance race ticked away, Fellows sat in his Chevrolet C-5 Corvette on pit road watching his competitors speed past on the banked front straightaway at Daytona International Speedway.

The Canadian driver, along with Frenchman Franck Freon and Americans Chris Kneifel and Johnny O'Connell, had already clinched the overall victory in this country's most prestigious road race. But an overheating gearbox kept the yellow No. 2 Corvette waiting quietly on pit road for a frustrating 25 minutes.

"It certainly was one of the stranger things I've done, sitting there waiting for the race to be over, even though we had won it," Fellows said. "It's just a testimony to how strong the team effort was."

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The 7th annual Pampa Harvester Baseball Hit-A-Thon will be held Feb. 10, starting at 10 a.m. at Harvester Field.

The varsity team will scrimmage Fritch following the Hit-A-Thon at Fritch.

For the Hit-A-Thon each player will hit three fair balls. The distance of the longest hit will be scored. A home run will be 372 feet and will be the greatest distance accredited a player.

Players will collect pledge money following the Hit-A-Thon. Donors can make a single donation instead of a pledge.

GENERAL

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Mark Chmura is full of sorrow and hope.

One day after being acquitted of sexually assaulting a teen-ager, Chmura broke down in tears as he apologized for his conduct and wished to resume his NFL career.

"I'm ready to get back to work. I plan on suiting up for someone next year," said Chmura, who was acquitted Saturday night of charges of child enticement and sexual assault that carried up to 40 years in prison.

"I hope I'm still a good player," Chmura said. "This has opened my eyes up to a lot of things. I disappointed a lot of people. And for that I am truly sorry ... I'm a role model and I let a lot of people down."

Pampa swimmers get ready for regionals

PAMPA — The Pampa swim team is well on the way to building a winning tradition. For the second year in a row, the PHS swimmers dominated the District 2-4A meet in

Lubbock. It was their second straight district title. Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams captured the first-place plaque and qualified for the Class 4A regionals, starting

Thursday in Lubbock. Head coach Amy Howard looks for her teams to either win or finish near the top of the regional standings. "Our boys should place in

the top three and the girls have a chance of winning it. The girls are picked to finish higher than the boys because we've got two relay teams who haven't lost a meet all

year. So they're definitely going to state," Howard said. Pampa is led by Willie Griffin and Andrea Branchetti, the district swimmers of the year. They each won two events at the district meet last month in Lubbock.

Joining Griffin on the boys' team are Clay David, Doug Warren, Ben Whitten, Michael Eskridge, Cameron Cargill, Julian George, Kody Kirkland, Joe Johnson, Garrett Johnston, Jon Sturgill, Alan Arzola, Michael Martinez and Jason Kilhoffer.

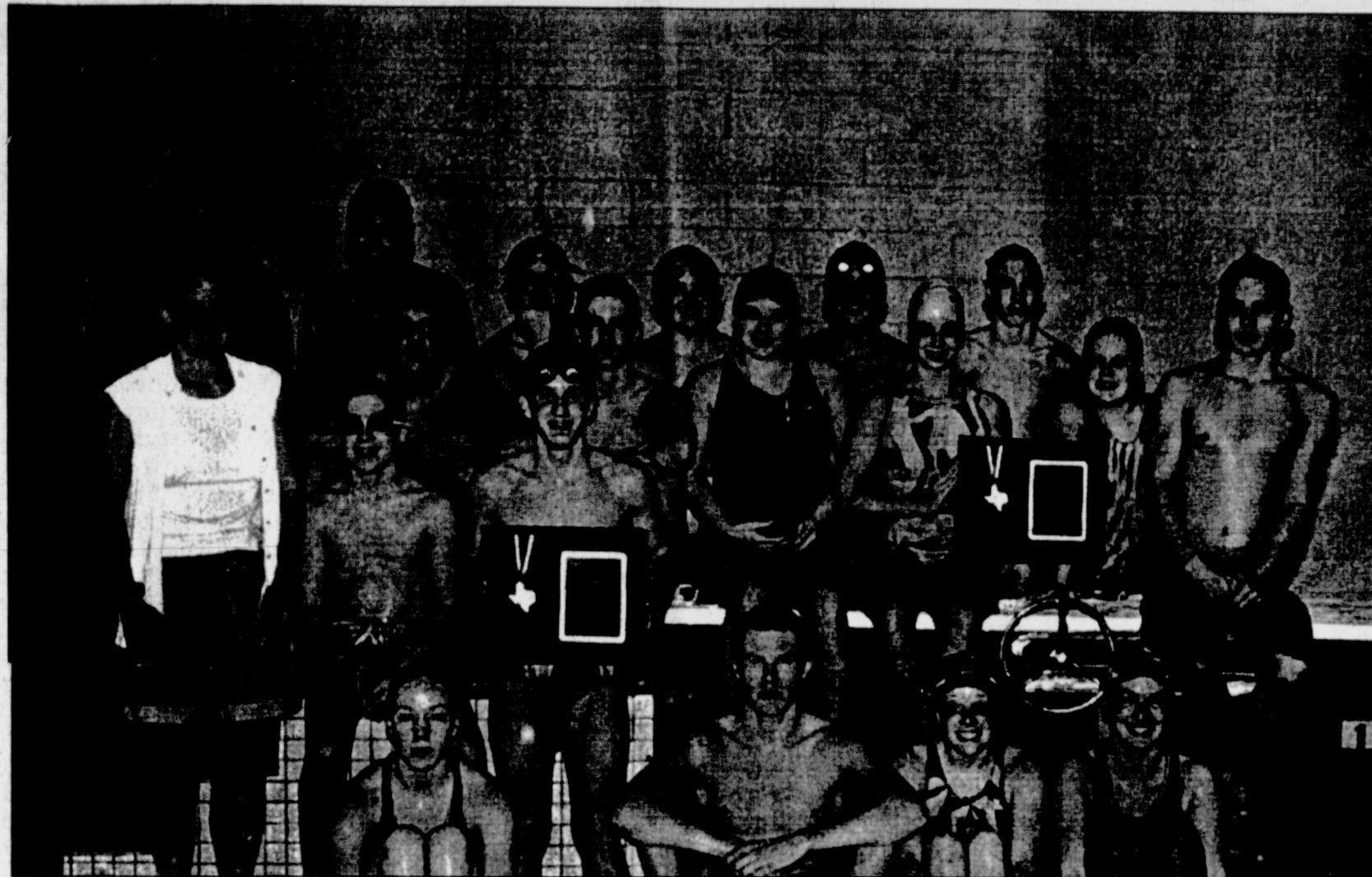
Branchetti's teammates on the girls' squad are Misty Moman, Kelley Stowers, Desiree Vigil, Tamra Henthorn, Jessica White, Megan David, Jessica Hall and Kendra Strickland.

Pecos, Andrews and Monahans will be the teams to beat at regionals, but Pampa has the advantage of coming from a smaller district, Howard said.

"Pecos boys are the powerhouse, but we qualified all our boys because of being in a smaller district, so that's in our favor. It's the same with the girls," she said. "Those good swimmers have eliminated each other because they're in the same district."

The first-place swimmer in each event at the Lubbock meet, plus the eight fastest times from the other regionals advance to the state meet Feb. 23-24 in Austin.

Howard in her second year in Pampa was named the district's coach of the year.



Pampa High swimmers, posing with their district championship plaques, are (front row, from left) Jessica Hall, Willie Griffin, Kelley Stowers and Andrea Branchetti; (second row, from left) Jessica White, Jason Kilhoffer and Alan Arzola; (third row, from left) Garrett Johnston, Clay David, Misty Moman, Megan David, Kendra Strickland and Ben Whitten; (back row, from left) coach Amy Howard, Michael Martinez, Michael Eskridge, Cameron Cargill, Joe Johnson and Kody Kirkland.

Fifty years later, a loser becomes a winner

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

If Ralph Branca played baseball today, he'd be called a sap or a sucker, or worse.

Almost 50 years ago, he served up the pitch that Bobby Thomson of the New York Giants sent rocketing into the left field seats in the old Polo Grounds for what is considered the most memorable home run the game has ever seen.

A few years later, Branca learned that the Giants had been stealing signs from his Brooklyn Dodgers and nearly every other team they faced in their stretch run to the 1951 National League pennant. But from that day until last week, when a story in The Wall Street Journal revealed the extent of the Giants' chicanery, Branca was resigned to take that secret to the grave. "To me, it was a forbidden subject," he said Sunday. "And I didn't want to demean Bobby or seem like I was a crybaby."

Think about that for a moment. Ballplayers are better than ever in every sport at every level, from rec leagues to the pros. Yet you can't point to even one today and say

with certainty he would have accepted his fate with silence or anything approaching the dignity that Branca, now 75, displayed over the years.

Let the same thing happen to a ballplayer today and he'd turn up at a news conference tomorrow flanked by his

and impresario Vince McMahon didn't invent the behavior; they only encouraged and exaggerated it. If the opening weekend crowds and the TV ratings were any indication, we're going to be served up this kind of stuff more and more. The NFL avoids that message at its own risk.

Gaining an edge, playing fast and loose with the rules, is as old as sport itself. Stealing signs from the opposing catcher signaling his pitcher was being done long before the Giants launched their operation in 1951. They used a telescope and had an electrician install a bell-and-buzzer system to relay the information from their clubhouse beyond the centerfield wall to the dugout.

What differentiated their scheme from dozens of previous ones was better technology; that, and the fact that for dozens of years, no one who knew what happened that summer breathed a word of it in public. "It was like getting something off my chest after all those years," said Thomson, 77. "I'm not a criminal, although I may have felt like one at first."

Sad as it may seem, the NFL up the volume and lay bare what few mysteries remain. If the coach makes a bad call, a sideline reporter is in his face immediately, demanding an explanation. If an official blows a call, we hear his tortured rationalization a second later — in stereo. If a player holds, hooks or hits an opponent late and gets away with it, we're encouraged to cackle along with him.

agent and an army of publicists demanding an investigation. After all this time, all Branca ever sought was a private moment with Thomson to share a secret each man anguished over alone for five decades.

"I didn't want to tarnish one of the legendary moments of the game," Branca said, fittingly, on the day when the two men shared a podium as the 50th anniversary celebra-

tion of what became known as the "Miracle at Coogan's Bluff" began. "We are coming off a week-end in sports devoted to the exact opposite sentiment. The whole idea of the NFL is to make a mockery of the game, to pull back the curtain, pump

scored 13 points for the Seminoles (6-16, 1-8), who matched a season-high with 21 turnovers. Florida State fell to 0-8 this season against ranked teams and has lost 13 straight to the Blue Devils.

Fort Elliott girls finish unbeaten
BRISCOE — Fort Elliott girls closed out the District 2-1A season with a perfect record, defeating Follett 53-37 last weekend.

Kyleigh Trimble was Fort Elliott's high scorer with 15 points. Teammate Ashley Estes followed with 12.

Jessica Cates and Leah Cates led Follett with 10 points each.

-Follett handed Fort Elliott its first district loss 51-46 in the boys' contest.

Casey Anderson tossed in 22 points to lead the Follett scoring attack.

Nathan Hefley had 16 points and Aaron Hartline 10 for the Broncos.

Carlos Boozer scored 23 points and Shane Battier 21 for the Blue Devils, who reversed Thursday's poor free throw performance by going 8-for-8 from the line in the first half and 25-for-32 overall.

Reserve Monte Cummings

— Ralph Branca

Duke, Rutgers share hardcourt success

By The Associated Press

Duke needed to get back into the victory column. Rutgers just needed a win.

Two programs, separated by years of basketball prosperity, shared an objective and celebrated similar success on Sunday.

No. 3 Duke bounced back from Thursday's emotional loss to North Carolina, now top ranked, by beating Florida State 100-58, by beating Florida State 100-58.

"This wasn't as big a game for everybody, but it was for us," Duke's Mike Dunleavy said.

The victory gave the Blue Devils (20-2, 8-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) their 16th 20-win season in the last 18 years under Mike Krzyzewski.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, Rutgers ended an eight-game losing streak and earned its first Big East win of the season with a 70-64 victory over then-No. 22 Seton Hall; No. 4 Michigan State topped Purdue 72-55; No. 13 Maryland stopped

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Pampa gymnasts have personal-best scores at Lubbock



Level 5 Gymnastics of Pampa team members are (front, from left) Diana Mechelay, Kelli Willson; (middle row, from left) Lacie Thompson, Kelby Doughty and Brandi Holden; Keisha Crowell (top)

Gymnastics of Pampa team members recently competed in the Lubbock Winter Classic.

The Classic is for recreational gymnasts up to the highest level of Junior Olympic competition, Level 10. Other teams entered in the competition came from Amarillo, Lubbock, Big Spring, San Angelo and Midland.

Lacie Long was Team Pampa's highest level competitor at Level 7, where she took the bronze medal in the All-Around with an improved 33.45 score. She finished with the silver on floor exercise with a personal best 9.2. She also won bronze medals on vault, 9.0, and on bars 7.95.

Competing in Level 6 for the first time, Brittany Warminski took top honors in the 11 years and older division with a 33.8 All-Around.

She also won gold on floor 9.0, beam 9.0 and bars 7.2 and finished fourth on vault 8.6.

Lacie Thompson had Team Pampa's most outstanding performance of the meet, where she had personal best performances on balance beam 9.45 and floor exercise 9.2 for the gold in each event. She also won gold on uneven bars with a 9.2 score and her 8.5

on vault was good for the bronze. Her winning All-Around score of 36.35 was also a personal best. Lacie competed in the 10 and older division and led her team to the first place team trophy in Level 5.

Nine-year-old Kelby Doughty dominated in the Level 5, 7-9 year-old division where she had three personal best performances. She scored her best ever for gold on balance beam 9.15 and on floor exercise 8.75 for the bronze. Kelby also won gold medals on bars with a 9.05 and on vault 8.7. Her best ever All-Around of 35.65 was good for the gold.

Brandi Holden competed in the 10 and older division of Level 5 for Team Pampa. She had personal bests on balance beam 8.75 for the silver and on floor exercise 8.6 for fifth place.

She placed seventh on vault 7.8, and won the bronze on bars 8.35. Her best ever All-Around was a 33.5 and was good for the silver medal.

Also competing in the 10 and older division, Keisha Crowell had her best scores ever on uneven bars 8.8, for the silver and on floor exercise 8.75, for the bronze. She finished in sixth place on balance beam with a 7.65, and had a personal

best in All-Around 32.35 for fifth place.

Diana Mechelay competed in her first Level 5 meet in Lubbock. She had solid performances and scored 7.0 on vault, 7.05 on bars, 7.35 on beam, and 8.0 on floor. Her 29.4 All-Around was good for 10th place in the 7-9 year-old age group.

Kelli Willson also competed in her first Level 5 meet in Lubbock.

She finished eighth on vault 7.55, seventh on bars 7.4 and ninth All-Around 28.25 in the 10 and older division. She just missed placing on floor with a 7.9 score.

In Level 4 competition, Jordan Dodge, Madison Fatheree, Lindsey Riley and Rebecca Taylor competed for the first time in a USA Gymnastics Meet.

Madison led the Level 4's with a 28.95 All-Around for a red ribbon. She earned a blue ribbon for balance beam with an 8.0, red ribbons on floor 7.3, and vault 7.0, and a white ribbon for bars 6.65.

Rebecca Taylor finished a 28.6 All-Around for a red ribbon.

She had her team's highest bar score 7.05, for a red ribbon. She also earned red on balance beam 7.85m and floor 7.0, and a white for vault 6.7.

Jordan Dodge earned red

ribbons for floor exercise 7.6, and vault 7.05.

She finished with white ribbons on beam 6.5, bars 6.3 and in the All-Around 27.45.

Lindsey Riley received red ribbons on beam 7.65, and floor 7.45, and white ribbons on bars 6.25, and in the All-Around 27.10. Her 5.75 on vault was good for a yellow ribbon.

The Level 4 team scores combined for the third-place trophy in team competition.

In recreational competition, Keziah Clendennen earned a blue ribbon for vault 9.2.

She received blue ribbons for bars 8.9, beam 8.45, and floor exercise 8.2. Her All-Around score was a 34.75. Keziah competed in Level 3.

Heather Dalrymple also competed in Level 3. She received blue ribbons for bars 8.75, vault 8.65, and floor 8.5. She won a white ribbon for beam 6.9. Her All-Around was a 32.8.

Carrie Angel completed in Level 3 on beam 7.1, where she earned a red ribbon and on floor 8.4, where she won a blue ribbon.

She competed in Level 2 on vault, 8.5 for a blue ribbon and on bars 8.4, for a blue. Her All-Around was a 32.4.

Raiders' Gannon is player of the game for AFC in Pro Bowl

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — For most of Rich Gannon's career, playing in the Pro Bowl was something for other players. Having reached that level, the Oakland Raiders quarterback wasn't about to pass up an opportunity to stand out.

Still recovering from the separated left shoulder he sustained Jan. 14 in Baltimore's 16-3 victory over the Raiders in the AFC championship game, Gannon played anyway Sunday, albeit briefly. He wound up the player of the game.

"It's OK and getting better," Gannon said after completing 12 of 14 passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns in the opening 11 minutes, igniting the AFC to a 38-17 victory over the NFC. "It's still not 100 percent healthy, but I was able to get out of there today without getting slammed. So that's important."

"I've loved it here so much, we're heading to Maui next week." The 35-year-old Gannon was playing in his second Pro Bowl since signing a four-year, \$16 million contract with the Raiders in 1999. Before that, he spent most of his first 11 NFL seasons

as a reserve with Minnesota, Washington and Kansas City.

He certainly made his coach proud.

"The guy had a serious injury, he rehabilitated it extremely hard," said Raiders coach Jon Gruden, who led the AFC to its fourth victory in the last five Pro Bowls, trimming the NFC's lead to 16-15 since the game went to its present format in 1971. "He wanted to be here, and he wanted to play."

"For him to win 13 games as a starter and be the starting quarterback in the Pro Bowl and then win the player of the game, I think really answers his critics."

Afterward, the player who led the Raiders to their best season in 10 years credited his AFC teammates. "These guys are incredible, you feel like you're driving a Ferrari," Gannon said. "I feel like a kid in a candy store today, it's just amazing."

Gannon threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez and a 16-yarder to Marvin Harrison before being replaced by Peyton Manning, who also threw two scoring passes — a 2-yarder to Jimmy Smith in the second quarter and a 24-yarder to Indianapolis teammate Marvin Harrison in the third period.

Gannon's two TD passes

and a 29-yard field goal by Matt Stover gave the AFC a 17-0 lead a little over a minute into the second quarter. The NFC wasn't closer than 14 points after that.

At that stage, the AFC had 14 first downs and 231 yards of offense to no first downs and 6 yards for the NFC.

"Coach Gruden told me all week, 'I expect a big game out of you and I'm going to throw it to you,'" said Gonzalez, who had six receptions for 108 yards — all in the first half. "Rich was putting that ball in the perfect spot for all of us."

The NFC got a 48-yard field goal from Martin Gramatica in the second quarter, and touchdown passes of 17 yards from Donovan McNabb to Terrell Owens and 20 yards from Daunte Culpepper to Torry Holt in the third period.

It was 31-17 when Jason Taylor batted down Culpepper's pass to Owens on fourth-and-1 from the NFC 44-yard line early in the fourth quarter. Edgerrin James ran 20 yards for a touchdown three plays later to clinch the AFC victory.

"They got up on us because they were very sharp," NFC coach Dennis Green said. "Gannon really worked the tight end. It took a while for us to get into rhythm on defense, and we had some

drops on offense. We're kind of young, they had the experience."

Twenty-six of the NFC's 43 players were making their first Pro Bowl appearance, while 16 AFC players were

Love's drought has bizarre end

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Davis Love went 34 months and 62 events on the PGA Tour before he finally won again. He never could have guessed his dubious drought would end at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

He was seven strokes behind going into the final round, a deficit that glared at him as he read the paper Sunday morning. That's when the light came on.

Tiger Woods was seven strokes back with only seven holes to play when he won Pebble last year. At least Love had a full round ahead of him.

"It can be done," he said. A year after Woods' incredible comeback, Love devised one of his own by playing the first seven holes in 8-under par and closing with a 63, the lowest final round by a winner in the 60-year history of the National Pro-Am. "I'm thrilled to have won," Love said. "It is not, obviously, what we expected."

Indeed, the script could not have been dreamed up by any of the Hollywood amateurs who gathered on the Monterey Peninsula for a rare week of sun-

shine. Love went to the driving range and found grease from the garage smeared over his clubs.

Next thing he knew, it was on his clothes, and he had to go back to the house to change. That limited his practice to about 15 minutes. Like it mattered. He proceeded to birdie six of the first seven holes. The exception was No. 2, where his wedge from 104 yards in the fairway went into the hole for eagle. Seven holes. Eight under. In the lead.

If the final chapter was a thriller for Love, it was a horror show for Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson. Both had a chance to get into a playoff until crucial shots disappeared down the cliffs and onto the rocky beach below. Love finished at 16-under 272 for a one-stroke victory over Singh, and three strokes ahead of Mickelson and Olin Browne, the co-leaders after 54 holes.

"I've been where Phil and Vijay are a few times in the last two years, and it's not a lot of fun," Love said.

Singh was one stroke behind when his tee shot on the par-3 17th sailed left of the green, bounding down the rocks. He had to make a 10-foot putt for bogey, then made a birdie on the 18th for a 69.

Mickelson was charging hard with birdies on the 16th and 17th, and he was 257 yards from the hole on the 18th, in perfect position to make birdie. He hit a driver off the deck, and it flared to the left and over the sea wall.

Mickelson made double bogey. "I always go for that green. I've never hit it in the water," Mickelson said. "When it got up in the wind, it never had a chance."

Mickelson and Browne each shot 73. That left Love as a winner for the 14th time in his career, but the first time since the MCI Classic in April, 1998.

"I had a range of emotions today — nowhere near the lead, then in the lead," Love said. "I kept trying to put what had happened early in the round behind me, and play to win the golf tournament."

North Carolina moves to No. 1

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

North Carolina and a new coach appears to be a formula that results in a No. 1 ranking.

The Tar Heels, just four days after beating archrival Duke on the road, moved into the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball rankings Monday.

This is the 80th time North Carolina (19-2) has been ranked No. 1 and it's the first time since the final poll of the 1997-98 season. Just like this season, when first-year coach Matt Doherty has them on top, that season was the first as head man for Bill Guthridge, who succeeded Dean Smith.

The Tar Heels, who extended their winning streak to 16 games with a victory over Georgia Tech on Saturday, received 60 first-place votes and 1,787 points from the nationwide media panel in making the move from No. 4.

"That is not one of my goals — not to be No. 1 during the season. My goal is to be No. 1 at the end of the season," Doherty said. "We all want that. I want us to be the best team in the country, but it just makes our job tougher. That's

someone's opinion. I want to prove it on the floor."

Stanford (20-1), the last unbeaten Division I team, dropped from first to second after losing 79-73 to UCLA. The Cardinal, who held the No. 1 spot for four weeks, got nine first-place votes and 1,677 points, 22 more than Duke (20-2), which dropped one spot following the home loss to North Carolina.

Michigan State (18-2), which beat Michigan and Purdue last week, got the other three first-place votes and moved up one place to fourth.

Kansas, which lost at Missouri last week, dropped two spots to fifth. Virginia, which beat Maryland and Wake Forest, jumped from 11th to sixth and was followed in the Top Ten by Illinois, Florida, Syracuse and Tennessee.

Arizona, which lost to Oregon then beat Oregon State, dropped four places and leads the Second Ten. Arizona was followed by Iowa State, Maryland, Iowa, Georgetown, Wisconsin, Boston College, Alabama, Wake Forest and Notre Dame.

The last five ranked teams were Oklahoma, Southern California,

Fresno State, Xavier and Mississippi.

North Carolina became the fifth team to hold the No. 1 spot this season, joining preseason pick Arizona, Duke, Michigan State and Stanford. It's the most teams to be ranked No. 1 since 1994-95, when six teams did it: Arkansas, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Connecticut, Kansas and UCLA.

The 80 polls at No. 1 puts the Tar Heels third on the all-time list behind UCLA (128) and Kentucky (87). Duke is next on the list at 75 polls.

North Carolina started the season 3-0, then lost consecutive games to Michigan State and Kentucky. The latter, on Dec. 2, was the last game before the current winning streak began.

"It feels good, but it's something you can't focus on too much, because you get too overwhelmed with being No. 1 and somebody will knock you off," said senior center Brendan Haywoorly in the 1998-99 season, when it got as high as No. 13. The Musketeers have won six straight since a loss to Massachusetts snapped a previous six-game winning streak.

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Upcoming events at West Texas A&M ...

Military Music. West Texas A&M University is one of four stops on the West Point Clarinet Quartet's regional tour. The recital is free and open to the public and begins at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 in Northern Recital Hall. Other tour sites include Texas Tech, Eastern New Mexico and New Mexico State.

Godspell. The Branding Iron Theatre will open 2001 with eight performances of one of the first and most popular rock musicals, Godspell. The

production is based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew and tells the story of the last seven days of Christ's life. However, this version features parables contemporized to appeal to a modern audience and includes vintage rock numbers and ballads such as "Prepare Ye the Way," "All Good Gifts" and "Day By Day."

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. Feb. 8-10 and 15-17 and at 3 p.m. Feb. 11 and 18 at the Branding Iron Theatre. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 for seniors and children 10 and under. For

more information, or to reserve tickets, call 651-2798 (day) or 651-2804 (evening of the performance).

Dinner and a Show. WT Women, a women's social/service organization composed of current and retired faculty, staff and spouses, will sponsor the annual "Dinner and Musical" Saturday, Feb. 10. The family-style pork chop dinner begins at 6 p.m. in the Buffalo Room of the Alumni Banquet Facility. Tickets are \$10 each. After din-

ner, participants will adjourn to the Branding Iron Theatre for the musical, *Godspell*, which begins at 8 p.m. Faculty and staff are entitled to two free tickets to the musical, while tickets for additional guests are \$7. Dinner tickets may be obtained from Karen Esquivel in the Business Office on the first floor of Old Main or at Thompson's China & Gift Shop in Canyon. Tickets for *Godspell* may be reserved through the box office in the Fine Arts Building or by calling 651-2798.



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Texas news round up ...

Inmate's medicine unopened; state investigates boot camp for drugs

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers and other state personnel examined Mansfield boot camp's medical records and supplies after a complaint alleged the camp was illegally possessing and distributing narcotics, a boot camp spokesman said Sunday.

The three-hour search Friday was prompted by a complaint, said attorney Tony Schaffer, who represents Correctional Services Corp., the Florida-based private contractor that runs the camp for Tarrant County.

"They said, 'It's been reported that you've been illegally distributing and possessing narcotics,'" Schaffer said. "We were like, 'Well, OK, come on in.'"

The authorities declined to identify who brought the complaint which was filed Friday, he said.

Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said in Monday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that she had not heard about the search.

The boot camp has been at the center of controversy since an inmate, Bryan Alexander, died. Rick Alexander, Bryan's father has alleged that the boot camp provided inadequate medical care. He accuses the boot camp of forcing his son to exercise when he was coughing and wheezing.

Authorities also say antibiotics hand-delivered to the sick teen-ager by his father were never opened.

Alexander's father said the discovery supports his claim that his 18-year-old son didn't receive proper medical attention at the boot camp.

Frustration growing over cost of providing for undocumented immigrants from Mexico

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After an undocumented immigrant was jailed for fishing without a license, he was the recipient of a \$10,000 pacemaker — paid for by local tax dollars.

The Zapata County incident was just one of many examples feeding growing frustration among border communities over the cost of providing for undocumented immigrants from Mexico.

County leaders say it is unreasonable that they should pay for detaining and providing medical care for undocumented immigrants who either commit crimes in their

communities or are hurt or killed while sneaking past an ever-strengthening U.S. Border Patrol.

In 1999, Texas border counties alone spent \$23.3 million on undocumented immigrants.

The 24 counties in the four states that hug the U.S.-Mexico border, the poorest region in the nation, doled out about \$108 million on undocumented immigrants, according to a Justice Department-funded study released in El Paso Friday.

"That is a lot of money that we don't have, that we could have used to provide services to our other constituents," said Dennis Armijo, a county commissioner from Luna County, New Mexico.

Emotions sometimes ran hot Saturday in El Paso as members of the U.S.-Mexico Border Counties Coalition discussed the financial toll of undocumented immigration and vented frustration over why the federal government wasn't picking up the tab.

Leaders said the report would be forwarded to state and federal lawmakers in hopes of securing more money for the region.

The study, funded by a Justice Department grant, was conducted by universities in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Meeting with USS Cole commander offers little comfort to mother of Texan who died

DALLAS (AP) — Almost four months after terrorists bombed the USS Cole, Cmdr. Kirk Lippold, the Cole's captain, and Master Chief James Parlier are visiting the families of the 17 victims to offer condolences and answer questions about the attack.

Sarah Gauna, the mother of slain sailor Tim Gauna, was visited by the pair Sunday in Ennis as they tried to comfort her, console her and answer tough questions about how her son was killed.

Monday was the day Tim Gauna was supposed to come home, but the seaman from Texas was one of the 17 sailors killed Oct. 12 when suicide bombers attacked the Cole in Yemen.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams that my son would be a hero," Sarah Gauna said in Monday's editions of The Dallas Morning News, as she cried and tightly clutched a photo of her son. "My son is a hero."

When the men arrived at the home of Seaman Gauna's uncle, James, Sarah Gauna kept them waiting for a few minutes before agreeing to see them. She hugged Master Chief Parlier, who had known her son on board the ship, then moved to the commander.

Cmdr. Lippold reached out to hug her, but she hesitated. After he wrapped his arms around her, she began to cry out: "Why Tim?"

"I'm sorry," he half-whispered. Her reply, muffled in his Navy dress blues: "Are you?"

"Yes, I am," he answered. Then the Gauna family met in private with Cmdr. Lippold and Master Chief Parlier for about two hours. Gauna had brought a 4-inch-thick binder of documents about the explosion, with dozens of passages highlighted to remind her of questions to ask.

Cmdr. Lippold, who left the meeting without comment, has been criticized by the victims' families and a Navy investigation for failing to carry out security measures before the Cole docked in Yemen, a country known for

terrorist activity. But when the investigation was closed last month by Defense Department officials, Cmdr. Lippold was not disciplined, in part because investigators found he had not been properly informed about the potential threat.

Arrest made in deaths of dean, 18-year-old

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Bail is set at \$200,000 for Lubbock man charged with two counts of murder Sunday after his arrest in the deaths of a Texas Tech administrator and 18-year-old woman last week.

Police said Vaughn Ross, 29, who was taken into custody Sunday evening, is the boyfriend of the sister of Viola Ross, whose body was found Tuesday along with that of 53-year-old Douglas Birdsall.

Birdsall was Tech's associate dean of libraries. Both he and Viola Ross, who was not related to Vaughn Ross, were shot in the head.

Police said DNA testing of the tip of a latex glove found in the car where the bodies were found led to the arrest.

Authorities have said that, after the two were slain, they were driven into a tree-lined gully about five miles from the university. Police believe the shooting occurred Tuesday night in an alley less than a mile from downtown.

Birdsall arrived at Tech in 1989 from North Dakota State University's library system. Police said Ross was not a student at the school.

Birdsall and Viola Ross were found inside a car parked in a tree-lined drainage gully at Canyon Lake No. 6.

A bicyclist riding trails surrounding the lake spotted Birdsall's 1993 Saab. Police spent about seven hours processing the crime scene before opening the car and removing the bodies.

ELSEWHERE

LOS PALOMINOS ACCIDENT: The drummer of the Grammy-winning Tejano band Los Palominos died Sunday after a bus accident just outside of Port Lavaca, police said. Jesse Arreola, 31, died when the driver of the band's chartered bus ran a stop sign, throwing Arreola into a ditch, authorities said. The bus then ran over Arreola, said Veronica Diaz of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department. ... WASTE TREATMENT-PROBLEMS: A national research group warns that problems at a pilot hazardous-waste treatment facility in Corpus Christi could delay the nation's plans to destroy more than 24,500 tons of chemical weapons. The group has been monitoring the Corpus Christi facility, a temporary venture that treats wastewater containing chemicals produced when the weapons are neutralized and destroyed.

... OBIT-PARKER: Eddie Parker, a legendary pool player known as "Fast Eddie" and the inspiration for the movie "The Hustler," died at a pool tournament in Texas. He was 69. Parker, of San Antonio, died of an apparent heart attack Friday night at the U.S. Classic Billiards Eight-ball Showdown and was pronounced dead at a Brownsville hospital. ... COCAINE BUST: A standard drug check at a Shreveport, Louisiana bus station turned up what police suspect is \$225,000 worth of cocaine in two women's underwear. The bus was headed to Columbus, Ga., from Amarillo.

Ex-teacher marries pupil he was jailed for molesting

SEATTLE (AP) — An ex-school-teacher who spent nearly four years in prison for having sex with a 15-year-old student has married his former pupil.

Mark Billie, 46, met Toni Pala, 20, when she was 13, and began a sexual relationship with her when she was 15. He married her earlier this month, six months after his release from prison, The Seattle Times reported Monday.

"It's certainly not illegal," said Scott O'Toole, who once prosecuted Billie. "He's paid his debt to society."

After Billie's conviction in 1996, he was barred from any contact with Pala while he was in prison. After his release in 1999, the two resumed their relationship despite a judge's order that Billie avoid contact with her. When their relationship was discovered, Billie was sent back to prison for five months.

After his release last July, a judge lifted the order and the two re-established contact.

"I was in solitary for 93 days. I never stopped thinking about Toni," Billie said. "I just felt that in some way, shape or form, it wasn't over."

His wife told the newspaper she never felt manipulated by Billie.

"I never felt like a victim," she said. "I never felt that Mark was grooming me or preparing me."

Her parents, who live in Kirkland, declined to comment except to say they love their daughter.

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Disabled boy, 11, dies in fire

NEW YORK (AP) — An 11-year-old boy — unable to cry for help or escape because he was mute and paralyzed by cerebral palsy — died in a Brooklyn apartment fire triggered by a faulty lamp.

The blaze, caused by frayed wiring in a lamp, started early Sunday in a bedroom where Kevin Carter was sleeping, fire officials said.

The boy's grandmother tried to pull him from the bedroom but was repelled by the flames. She and other relatives carried the boy's twin sister, who also has cerebral palsy and spinal meningitis, out of the fifth-floor apartment.

It took firefighters 30 minutes to control the fire. The boy was pronounced dead at the scene. The boy's mother, at a friend's across the street when the fire broke out, fainted when she learned her son had died.

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