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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

CHS Soccer Boys Claim Sudden Death Victory

A soccer showdown took place at W.O. Barnes Stadium on Friday, Feb. 16. The district lead was on line as first place Bridgeport (12-1-1/4-0) took on second place Castleberry (17-2/3-1).

The Lions were hoping to defeat the Bulls and move into a tie with Bridgeport for 1st place in district. Between the two teams they had combined for 29 wins and just 3 losses. These were two very good teams.

The game began as a defensive struggle. The Lions managed to get five shots on goal in the first 20 minutes of the game (35:01, 31:45, 30:30, 26:10, 22:47). During that span the Lions held the Bulls not only scoreless but without even a shot on goal. The Bulls first shot on goal came as the 11:26 mark off a CHS error. Unfortunately for the Lions it found paydirt and scored and gave the Bulls a 1-0 lead.

Castleberry responded eight minutes later when junior Eddie Zapata's (#23) kick found the right corner of the back of the net to tie the score (1-1) at the 3:23 mark. Then with just seconds left before the half ended the Lions took the lead 2-1. Junior Jose Chairez (#12) found just a sliver of an opening on the left side and sailed his kick past the Bulls goalie with just 3.4 seconds left until halftime. Lions led 2-1 at half.

The second half was a little bit of a dif-

ferent story for the Lions. They had dominated most of the play in the first half. They Lions had out-kicked the Bulls 7-1 with shots on goal which had resulted in the 2-1 halftime lead. However, in the second half it was the Bulls who dominated. They kept CHS senior goalie Sebastian Torres (#1) busy as he defended the Lions goal.

The Lions were outshot 9-5 with kicks on goal in the second half. But it was not until the final 5 minutes of regulation that the Bulls finally got the goal the goal they were seeking. They tied the game at the 4:27 mark of the second half. After a very physical game, which saw no less than five yellow cards issued, regulation ended in a 2-2 tie.

The teams then began the penalty kick phase. All five of the penalty kicks by the Lions (kicked by #23 Eddie Zapata, #17 Johan Castaneda, #7 Isaac Chavez, #11 Giovanni Paredes, and #3 Gerardo Garcia) found the goal – but unfortunately that was also true for all five of the Bulls kicks. The game now entered “Sudden Death”. Both teams were successful in their first kicks (#14 Fernando Hernandez for CHS). The second round attempt by the Bulls sailed way high over the goal opening the chance for a CHS victory. Chairez (who already had one goal in regulation) was up but his kick just barely missed as it hit the crossbar.

The third round of Sudden Death saw the Lions make the two plays that won the game. First was when goalie Torres (#1) successfully defended the next Bulls kick. Then junior Christopher Montoya (#19) hit the game winner! Lions win! Lions win! Lions win!

The Lions (18-2) are now 4-1 in district. They are tied with Bridgeport for first place. CHS plays at Lake Worth on Feb. 23, then return home for games against Decatur (where they hope to avenge their only district loss) on Feb. 27 and March 1 against Springtown. Go Lions!

From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters

FWDP to Meet March 19

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m., at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.


Linda McDonald will instruct a painted snowman project.

For more information contact Suzane at 817.269.2821 or visit our website at www.fwdecorativepainters.com.

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Obituary



Richard Louis "Dick" Peart, Sr.

Richard Louis "Dick" Peart, Sr., 89, passed peacefully in the presence of loved ones on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024.

A visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024 at Greenwood Funeral Home, with burial at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Dick was born in Hazel Green, Wisconsin on Sept. 29, 1934, to Merritt James Peart and Leona Viola Kreul Peart. He served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956. He was last stationed at Carswell AFB, where he met and married Nancy Lou May at the base chapel on Aug. 13, 1954.

Dick was employed by General Dynamics immediately after leaving the service. He and Nancy made their home in White Settlement, Texas where they raised their three children. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1999 after more than 30 years. He was a loving and beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy; his parents and two brothers.

He is survived by daughter, Debra Bowman (John); sons, Richard Louis Peart Jr. (Veronica), Rodger Peart (Sandy); grandchildren, John Bowman (Melissa), Vanessa Peart, Daniel Peart (Nikki), Wesley Peart (Tiffany), Richard Louis Peart III "Trey" (Kara), and Merritt James Peart; great-grandchildren, Savannah Davis, Kyler and Jaxon Bowman, Paxton, Harrison, Quade Richard, Charlie, and Hudson Peart; brother, Charles Peart (Susan); and numerous nieces and nephews.

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WSISD Texas Academic Performance Report Hearing

The annual Texas Academic Performance Report Hearing will be held on Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at the regularly scheduled White Settlement ISD School Board meeting in the WSISD Administration Building, 8224 White Settlement Road in Fort Worth.

On This Day - Feb. 22

- 1371 – Robert II becomes King of Scotland, beginning the Stuart dynasty.
- 1819 – By the Adams–Onís Treaty, Spain sells Florida to the United States for five million U.S. dollars.
- 1848 – The French Revolution of 1848, which would lead to the establishment of the French Second Republic, begins.
- 1862 – American Civil War: Jefferson Davis is officially inaugurated for a six-year term as the President of the Confederate States of America in Richmond, Virginia. He was previously inaugurated as a provisional president on February 18, 1861.
- 1889 – President Grover Cleveland signs a bill admitting North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington as U.S. states.
- 1909 – The sixteen battleships of the Great White Fleet, led by USS Connecticut, return to the United States after a voyage around the world.

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Donald Wesley Grannan

Chief Master Sergeant Donald Wesley Grannan, US Air Force (Ret), a devoted patriot, loving husband, and pillar of his community, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side, on Feb. 16, 2024, in Benbrook, Texas. He was 93 years old.

Born in Princeton, Indiana, in 1930, Don dedicated 30 years of his life to the United States Air Force, with deployments around the world through the Korean and Vietnam Wars and the Cold War. His unwavering commitment to duty and honor earned him the respect of his peers and the admiration of those he led. After retiring from the Air Force, he continued his service in the defense industry, where he eventually retired from Lockheed-Martin. Don loved his country and proudly waved the flag and honored those who served alongside him. For more than 70 years, he was an active member of the American Legion Post 297 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10429, where his patriotism was a testament to his deep-rooted belief in the American principles of freedom and justice.

Don was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Fort Worth, where he found solace and strength in his faith which guided him throughout his life. His love for God was evident in his actions, kindness, and compassion toward others. He was a longtime member of the General Worth Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, where his leadership as a past Faithful Navigator exemplified his dedication to faith, community, and service.

He is survived by his wife of more than 45 years, Laurel Kay Grannan (Hayes). Together, they raised a beautiful family, a legacy that lives on through his seven children; Sharon Marie Kuehner, Linda Kathleen Grannan, Donna June Grannan, Kyle Joseph Grannan, Kevin Wesley Grannan, Gary Owen Grannan, and Donald Richard Grannan; five stepchildren; Michael Roy Pritchard, Patrick Odell Pritchard, Timothy Wayne Pritchard, Terry Edward Pritchard, and Shawn William Pritchard; and 32 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. Additionally, he was known as “Grandpa” to countless other friends and neighbors, too numerous to count; and was deeply loved by all who knew him. Don cherished his role as a husband, father, and grandfather. His family brought him immense joy and he relished every moment spent with them.

Friends, family, and community members are invited to pay their respects during the viewing at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 1201 S Cherry Lane, White Settlement, TX, on Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., with funeral service at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service, Don will be laid to rest at Laurel Land Cemetery at 7100 Crowley Rd, Fort Worth, TX. A Celebration of Life will be held after the burial, at American Legion Post 297, 8201 Old Benbrook Road, Benbrook, TX.

American Officer - General William Jenkins Worth



The City of Fort Worth, a beloved Texas city sometimes known as “Cowtown” or “Where the West Begins,” has a storied past that has helped shape the history of the state. However, the name behind the city was a legend in its own right. Gen. William Jenkins Worth was a distinguished officer and war hero who fought for the Texas and the nation.

Worth was born in the small community of Hudson, New York, in 1794. His parents were devout Quakers, and his father made a comfortable living as a merchant ship captain. When the War of 1812 erupted, the younger Worth enlisted in the army. Though Quakers are typically pacifists, Worth nevertheless decided for a life of adventure and service to the country in the army.

Worth earned a commission as a first lieutenant in March 1813 and was immediately assigned to serve as an aide to Gen. Winfield Scott. Scott became an important mentor and close friend as the two spent years together serving the nation. Worth fought in a number of fierce battles against the British as American forces pushed into

British territory in Canada. At the Battle of Lundy’s Lane in July 1814, he and Scott were both wounded in what was the bloodiest battle of the war. Worth’s leg injury almost proved fatal, and he never fully regained use of the leg.

However, Worth was still determined to serve in the army. So impressed with his bravery and determination, he was named Commandant of Cadets at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1816 as a major. As commandant, Worth instilled the lessons of duty and honor into the aspiring young officers. He taught the importance of never excusing a dishonorable act in another officer and the necessity of integrity in all matters, to keep one’s word no matter what. His essays on honor are still required reading for West Point cadets.

In 1838, he was promoted to colonel and given command of an infantry regiment. He fought in the Second Seminole War in Florida as tribes and settlers clashed. He was promoted to brigadier general afterward.

After Texas was admitted in 1845, Mexico threatened war with the United States over its former possession. Worth was assigned to patrol the border with Gen. Zachary Taylor when war erupted in mid-1846. He negotiated the surrender of the Mexican city of Matamoros in September and pushed his forces steadily southward toward the capital. After another year of heavy fighting, Worth and his men swept aside the last defenses of Mexico City with the victory at Chapultepec. Worth himself was commended for his bravery in this battle. When Mexico City was captured, Worth personally replaced the Mexican flag with the American flag at the Capitol building.

After the end of the Mexican War, Worth was given command of the army’s Department of Texas in 1848. He realized that fighting between settlers and frontier tribes would continue and devised a system of protecting the Texas frontier. This plan materialized in a string of forts acting as a barrier between tribal lands and the farms and

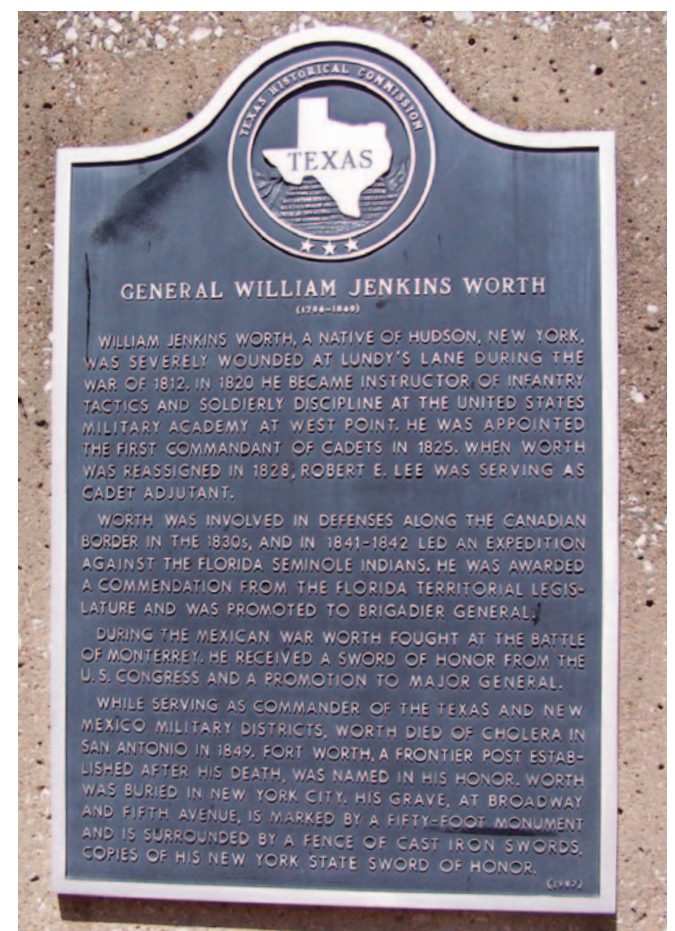
towns settlers of Central and North Texas. Though 10 forts were planned between Eagle Pass on the Rio Grande and the Trinity River, only seven were built, including Fort Graham, Fort Duncan, and Fort Lincoln.

In the spring of 1849, as Worth’s career continued to ascend, San Antonio was struck by a deadly cholera epidemic. Worth contracted the disease and died at the age of 55. Gen. William Harney then ordered that the last fort, near the Trinity River, be named in honor of Worth as Fort Worth. The City of Fort Worth would be incorporated in 1874.

Worth was later buried in a tomb at what is now Worth Square in New York City, where a street is also named for him. Several other cities and counties were later named for him. Lake Worth, a small Texas suburb nestled next to Fort Worth, is also named for the famed general and is a thriving community of around 5,000 residents.

Worth’s most famous namesake, Fort Worth, is now the fifth largest city in Texas with more than 920,000 residents.

Pictured below: Historical Marker located at 916 Main Street, Fort Worth, 76102



TxDOT Scholarship Contest Application Deadline April 2

Texas students who helped clean up and beautify their communities can now apply for a scholarship contest awarding a total of \$10,000.

The annual Don't mess with Texas® Scholarship Contest is now accepting applications for the 2024 school year.

All Texas high school seniors currently attending public, private or home school, and planning to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall 2024 semester are eligible to apply.

Judges will select two winners based on applicants' proven results in leading projects or efforts focused on educating communities about the importance of keeping our state and roadways clean and litter-free.

Sponsored by Ozarka and iHeartMedia, the contest recognizes the creativity of high school seniors who are taking a leadership role in preventing litter in their communities.

"It's important that future generations feel empowered to create long-term, sustainable solutions to make their communities litter-free. Our state is counting on these leaders to keep Texas litter-free for decades to come," said Norma Rios, program coordinator for TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas campaign.

Past winners include 2023 winner Hayden with Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy in Greenville. Hayden developed the Trashy Tuesday campaign. At least twice a month students would gather after school on a Tuesday and clean litter around their campus. The project expanded to cleaning community parks as well.

Neddah with Brownsville Early College High School in Brownsville was another 2023 scholarship recipient. Neddah was a leader of the Environmental Club at her school. They conducted a litter survey, and then developed and implemented a litter management plan at her campus. They also created an on-campus recycling program and created a competition among the classrooms to see who can recycle the most.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org.

Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. (CDT) on April 2, 2024.

From Alzheimer's Foundation of America

AFA's Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship Contest Deadline April 1

High school seniors impacted by Alzheimer's disease can earn up to \$5,000 for college through the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's (AFA) Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship Contest. Students can enter the contest by visiting www.alzfdn.org/scholarship.

College-bound high school seniors are invited to apply for the scholarship by submitting an essay (1,500 words maximum) or submitting a video (four minutes in length or less), describing how Alzheimer's disease has impacted their lives and what they have learned about themselves, their family and/or their community through their experience with Alzheimer's. Entries can be submitted by visiting www.alzfdn.org/scholarship. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2024, at 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

- Experiences that students can write about include:
- Having a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness
 - Helping care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another

- dementia-related illness
- Volunteering or working in a care setting that serves individuals with dementia
- The first-place winner receives a \$5,000 scholarship. Additional prizes awarded for runners up and honorable mentions. More than \$428,000 in college scholarships have been awarded since the program's inception.

AFA is able to provide scholarship funds through the generous support of charitable donors. Individuals wishing to support this and other programs and services for families affected by Alzheimer's disease can do so by visiting www.alzfdn.org/donate or calling AFA at 866-232-8484.

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Romance Scams on the Rise - Elderly are Particularly Vulnerable

They say, “you can’t buy love,” but scammers have figured out a way to exploit it for profit.

Romance scams are at an all-time high and, while victims cross all demographics, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that elders are increasingly targeted. Why? Because they often have retirement savings at their disposal and may be more isolated and less tech savvy.

“Romance scammers often manipulate emotions to gain trust,” says Mark Kwapiszkeski, head of enterprise fraud for PNC. “Those who fall victim end up putting feelings above logic. This can create embarrassment and, as a result, these crimes are less likely to be reported.”

Scammers will create convincing profiles on dating and social media apps, reaching out to their target feigning familiarity or attraction. Things move quickly, but there is always a reason they can’t meet on video or in person. They may claim to have a reason that requires them to be overseas or out of reach. They tell their target everything they want to hear, and the hook is set.

Suddenly, a crisis arises that they insist they need help financial help with to mitigate. Or maybe they need finances to set up a new

life together. They ask for the money, but would prefer it be sent in a form like cryptocurrency or gift card where there is little chance of the victim ever recovering it.

Such scams are highly effective. In 2022 alone, romance scams resulted in \$1.3 billion lost, more than double the money lost in the previous year, according to the FTC.

To add insult to injury, scammers may convince their target to send them revealing photos they will later use to extort them. They may even play the long game and build trust over time, then convince their target to invest with them, without the victim ever getting any return.

“A romance scammer can invest a long time in cultivating trust, which makes these scams particularly nefarious,” Kwapiszkeski says.

To protect against potential romance scams, follow these tips:

- Before sending money or sharing financial information, consult a friend or family member. Simply talking to someone not involved in the situation is often enough to identify red flags.
- Trust your gut. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Beware of “love bombing,” when a person lavishes you with excessive flattery, affection and praise early in the relationship to manipulate your emotions.
- Be wary of strangers reaching out on social media.
- If you like someone, ask for a quick video chat. If they refuse or make up outlandish excuses, that’s a red flag.
- Stay alert to photos or biographical details that don’t match up with what someone’s told you.
- Use image and name-reverse searches to validate the identity of people you meet online.
- Never send intimate photos to strangers or invest without doing your due diligence.
- Confide in family and friends if you grow suspicious.

Elders have lost homes, emptied out retirement accounts and risked lifetime savings for a love interest that never truly existed. Once the shock abates and the money is gone, the shame sets in and some have even resorted to self-harm instead of admitting to being defrauded in this way. If a loved one falls victim to a romance scam, it’s important to respond with empathy.

If you believe you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud, PNC Bank’s web resources, as part of its Security and Privacy Center (pnc.com), can help. After taking immediate measures to protect yourself, block the scammer on all accounts, change your passwords, and report the incident to the FTC and FBI.

The best line of defense against romance scams is awareness. Understanding common tactics can help you stay protected.

From the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s Office

Citizen Prosecutor Academy Classes to Begin

The Citizen Prosecutor Academy (CPA) is an 11-week program designed to give citizens an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system in Tarrant County. We are now taking applications for our 2024 Spring Academy classes. The Spring Academy begins Thursday, March 7, and graduation will be Thursday, May 23. You can find applications [here](#).

With our Assistant Criminal District Attorneys and Investigators as instructors, participants review each step of the prosecutorial process to gain an insider’s perspective on how the system works. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Graduation will be hosted upon completion of the Academy program.

The topics of the past academy classes have included: Adult Sexual Assault; The Civil Division; Conviction Integrity; Digital Forensic and Technical Services; Diversion Programs; Felony: An Overview; Gang Unit; Grand Jury; Intake; Intimate Partner Violence; Intoxication Manslaughter, DWI and No Refusal; Introduction to a Trial; Introduction to the Criminal Justice System/Criminal District Attorney’s Office; The Juvenile System; Mental Health & Protective Orders; Misdemeanor Crimes; Special Victims Unit; Victim Advocates and White Collar/Public Integrity Crimes.

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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Feb. 23:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 69. North wind around 10 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 45. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west south-west after midnight.



Saturday, Feb. 24:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 75. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



Sunday, Feb. 25:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 82. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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