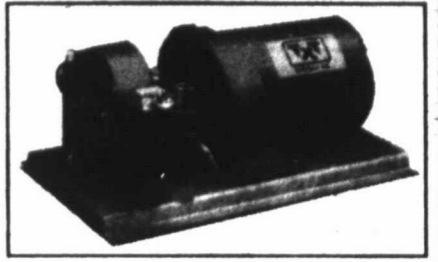


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WHITE DEER - White Deer Volunteer Fire Department will present a family-oriented country music show at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, in the high school auditorium. The show is rescheduled from Sept. 27.

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## Major city water main ruptures

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
EDITOR

A break in one of City of Pampa's major water mains this morning may shut down water supplies to a large area on the city's west side while city workers repair it.

Officials said the rupture was discovered this morning when water could be seen coming from the ground

near Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The 20-inch concrete steel cylinder line channels water from the water treatment plant west of the city, said Public Service Director Richard Morris.

To repair the line, water service will have to be shut off to much of the residences and businesses along Price Road and Kentucky Avenue, but won't affect the nursing homes and the col-

lege, Morris said. He said the repairs will probably take two to three days to complete.

"It will take a minimum of two to three days. And that's if everything goes good," Morris said.

If the break gets too large, the city may have to cut off water to the area immediately, he said earlier today.

"We'll wait as long as possible. It will probably be later today, but maybe

as late as tomorrow morning," he explained.

"We're posting notices on doors (of those affected)," Morris said. The notices allow property owners or residents go to Culligan for water to use if needed, he said.

Canadian Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) which provides water to the city will be called in to

(See RUPTURE, Page 3)

## Cooper Energy 'restructuring' Pampa facility

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Cooper Energy Services, formerly known as Nickles Industrial Manufacturing Co., is downsizing its Pampa operation by eliminating all manufacturing activity, according to Chuck Potes, western U.S. service manager for the company in its Odessa office.

The downsizing began Monday, Jan. 5 and will continue through March, Potes said.

"Cooper Energy Services has elected to restructure our Pampa organization. As a result, we will no longer offer machine shop services in Pampa," Potes said in a telephone interview with *The Pampa News* this morning.

The parts and field services departments will remain open at the Pampa office, Potes said. The company's Ponca

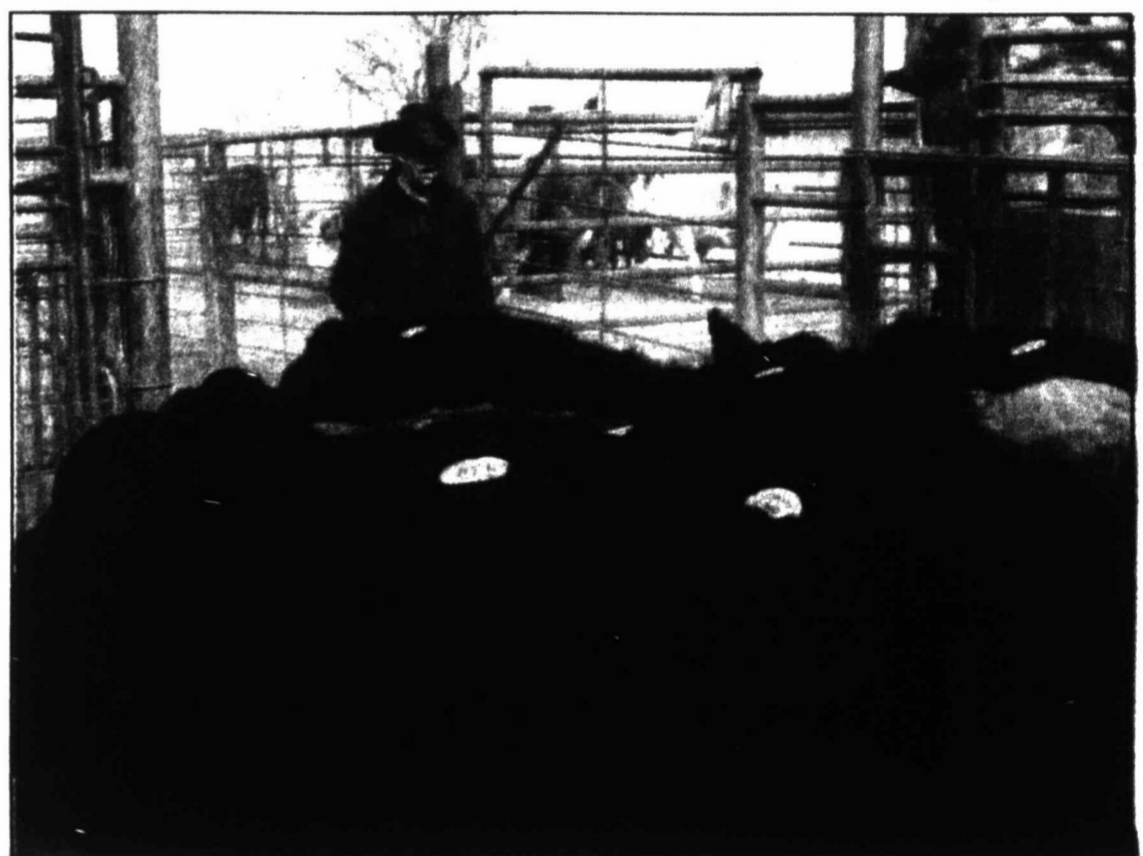
City and Odessa locations will take over the manufacturing services formerly performed at Pampa, he said.

"I prefer not to answer that question," Potes said when asked how many Pampa positions would be eliminated. He said he also could not say if Pampa workers in the manufacturing department would be offered positions in other Cooper Energy Services locations.

Potes said company policy also prevented him from providing the number of employees currently working in the Pampa manufacturing department.

Personnel at the Pampa office referred *The Pampa News* to the Odessa office, stating they could not comment on the situation.

The Pampa office of Cooper Energy Services is located at 423 S. Gray.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Bill Lang of Hereford loads up a set of calves at the Shamrock Livestock Auction that will go to Wellington to spend the next few months grazing.

## Shamrock cattle sale better than expected

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

SHAMROCK - A cold, dry winter wind kicked up dust in the alley between the pens as cattle were moved to the sales ring at Shamrock Livestock Auction Wednesday.

Although there weren't as many cattle as normal, P.R. Bass, who runs the auction, was more pleased with Wednesday's sale than he thought he'd be.

Standing next to a propane heater after the sale, Bass said that after a reported case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, in Washington State two days before Christmas, he wasn't sure anybody would bring cattle in to be sold. The futures market had dropped. The price for cattle from panhandle feedyards plummeted \$20 per cwt. over night.

"I didn't even want to have a sale," Bass said.

Wednesday, the parking lot here was full of pickups and stock trailers. The Branding Iron

Café in the sale barn was doing a brisk business.

"I figured we'd have more people than cattle," Bass said.

In his first sale of the New Year, both prices and the number of cattle were down at the sales barn in Shamrock, but they weren't down as far as Bass had feared.

"This thing is great," Bass said.

Wheeler County cattleman and Shamrock Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan, who had carefully watched the sale in order to price his cattle, said prices were almost as high as they had been before the report of a sick cow half a continent away.

The strong sales, in view of what the cattle industry was afraid would be a disaster, buoyed hopes of local cattlemen who came to the auction to see what prices would be set in this bastion of capitalism, the open market of a livestock sales ring.

"It was so much better than everybody expected," Bass said.

(See SALE, Page 3)

## Troopers confiscate 165 lbs. of marijuana

Texas Department of Public Safety officers Wednesday confiscated 165 pounds of marijuana found in a truck traveling along Interstate 40 near McLean and arrested the driver on felony possession charges.

At 9:40 a.m., Wednesday, the trooper stopped an east-bound 1985 Chevrolet truck on a traffic violation, according to DPS reports. After receiving a verbal consent to search, the marijuana was found in a false compartment on the truck.

Jesus Jose Mendez, 31, Port Hueneme, Calif., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds. He remained in Gray County Jail this morning on a bond of \$7,500 set by Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez.

## Gray County precinct consolidation final

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Gray County voters may notice a change in their voting precinct number on their new voter registration cards, which will be mailed Jan. 12.

The changes in voting precincts are:

- Voting Precinct 1 remains the same, with the voting location at Lefors Community Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors.

- Voting Precincts 2, 10 and 13 are now combined into Voting Precinct 2, with the voting location at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

- Voting Precinct 3 remains unchanged, with the voting

location at Grandview Hopkins School in Grandview Hopkins.

- Voting Precincts 4 and 5 are now combined into Voting Precinct 4, with the voting location at Lovett Library - McLean, 302 N. Main, McLean.

- Voting Precincts 14 and 15 are now combined into Voting Precinct 5, with the voting location at Travis Elementary School gym, 2300 Primrose.

- Voting Precincts 8 and 9 are now Voting Precinct 6, with the voting location at Austin Elementary School, 1900 Duncan.

- Voting Precincts 7, 11 and 12 are now combined into Voting Precinct 7, with the vot-

ing location at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

County commissioners had voted in a special public hearing and meeting on Oct. 17, 2003 to consolidate the county's voting precincts from 14 to seven, plus the early voting location, which will remain unchanged.

The consolidation was proposed by commissioners to cut election costs. The consolidation will reduce the number of paid election staff by 14 per election, and will also reduce the number of new election machines mandated by the federal government to be placed in each voting precinct.

The new machines must be

in place by January 2006. The mandate came about partly due to the last presidential election, in which Florida's ballot style caused problems with counting votes, and to the Help Americans Vote Act, or HAVA, passed by Congress to help disabled persons vote.

Cost of the machines is \$3,200 each. The State of Texas will provide \$3,000 per machine, and the county will also receive \$1.30 per registered voter to help offset the cost of the new machines, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet at the October special meeting of county commissioners.

After commissioners voted

to consolidate precincts, 25 items had to be submitted to state offices to gain approval of the plan. The U.S. Attorney General's Office has approved the consolidation.

The voting locations for the permanently consolidated precincts have been confirmed through the county clerk's office, according to a news release from Gaye Whitehead, county tax assessor-collector.

"The voting locations will be as convenient as possible to all voters concerned. These changes do not in any way reduce or affect the political impact of any minority or ethnic group," she said in the news release.

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Saturday, Jan. 3

Aggravated assault was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks. The victim was kicked in the stomach and was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center. Injuries and treatment, if any, were unknown.

#### Monday, Jan. 5

An information report was taken in the 700 block of Roberta.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 6

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. No other details are known at this time.

A vehicle accident was reported which occurred on Dec. 14. A 1996 Cadillac was struck by an unknown vehicle, causing unknown damage.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 7

A gas drive-off was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Value of gasoline taken was \$29.30.

A missing firearm was reported. The loca-

tion where the firearm was last known to have been is uncertain.

A bicycle was found in the 400 block of Carr.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. Means of entry was unknown. A PlayStation and print cards were taken. Estimated loss was \$200.

Lost property was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks. A billfold and contents, value unknown, and approximately \$300 in cash was lost.

Jose Macias, 21, 633 Reid, was arrested for unrestrained child and no driver's license.

Shawna Gail Henry, 36, 300 Miami, was arrested on a warrant for a charge of no insurance.

Chance Edward Hewly, 17, 404 Jupiter, was arrested for assault/domestic violence in the 400 block of North Jupiter. The victim was his mother. No injuries were reported.

Jonnita Rodgers, 28, 1309 Garland, was arrested for capias pro fines on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle registration.

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 7

Jesus Jose Mendez, 31, Port Hueneme, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds.

Delbert Lynn Thompson, 37, 524 Lefors, turned himself in at Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 7

1:01 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a city trash container fire in the 1100 block of Sierra. No cause of the fire was listed on the fire report.

3:21 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of North Hobart.

### AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 7

8:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

10:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Wilcox and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWTX.

1:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

2:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of North Hobart. No transport.

8:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 West and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Nelson. No transport.

11:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Thursday, Jan. 8

1:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

### CLARIFICATION

In a Jan. 6 front page article regarding the upcoming election for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors, only a partial area for Precinct 3 was given. Precinct 3 of the water district covers parts of Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties, including the town of Mobeetie. The election is set for Feb. 7.

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 50s and northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the mid 20s and northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday should see partly cloudy skies: Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the south 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs around 50. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.

## Deadline to apply for emergency funds nearing

Under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, Gray County has been awarded federal funds in the amount of \$9,252 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

Chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the board consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities-USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America.

A local board made up of officials from Pampa United Way, Harvest House, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Tralee Crisis Center,

Good Samaritan Christian Services, a local church, Judge Richard Peet and a formerly homeless person will determine how the funds will be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs run by service agencies in the area.

The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

To qualify to receive funds from the program, local agencies must be private voluntary non-profit organizations or units of government; must have an accounting system; must practice nondiscrimination; must demonstrate capa-

bility of delivering emergency food and/or shelter programs; and must, if a private voluntary organization, be overseen by a voluntary board of directors.

The county has previously distributed the funds to Southside Senior Citizens Center, Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa Meals on Wheels, The Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Christian Services and Harvest House. These agencies were responsible for providing 3,098 meals and 16 nights of lodging.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 14. For more information or to request an application, contact Katrina Bigham of Pampa United Way at 669-1001. Applications are available for pick-up at the local United Way office located at 200 N. Ballard, Room 105.

## Unemployment benefit claims up in first week of new year

BY LEIGH STROPE  
AP LABOR WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment benefits increased last week following three straight weeks of declines, the Labor Department said Thursday.

New applications filed for unemployment insurance rose to 353,000, an increase of 14,000 for the week ending Jan. 3. That compared to 339,000 new applications in the previous week, when claims were at their lowest level since President Bush's inauguration day, Jan. 20, 2001.

Economists said last week's rise in claims probably was because of the holidays, including less time for people to file for unemployment benefits the week of Christmas and layoffs from temporary holiday jobs that ended.

The report came on the eve of the government's report Friday on the overall civilian unemployment rate for December. The rate currently stands at 5.9 percent — down from a

high this summer of 6.4 percent. Analysts expect it to hold steady or bump up slightly in December.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week fluctuations, fell 5,500 to 350,250 last week. That was the lowest level since Feb. 3, 2001.

Despite last week's rise, claims have remained below 400,000 for 14 consecutive weeks, which economists view as a sign that the fragile jobs market appears to be turning a crucial corner.

In the last recession, job growth began surging once weekly unemployment claims had fallen to around 350,000, said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. He expects the same this time around, with strong jobs numbers appearing in the early spring.

"Get ready, buckle up, because I think that is a good model for thinking about the current situation," Mayland said. "We are right at about that level now, and I expect payroll growth to really ramp up."

U.S. companies have added just 328,000 new jobs in the past four months, and analysts have been looking for stronger growth. Mayland said he predicts that companies added about 135,000 new jobs last month.

Since President Bush took office, the economy has lost 2.3 million jobs, a development that Democrats hope to use against him as he seeks reelection in November. The Bush administration contends that stronger economic growth will eventually lead to more meaningful job creation on a sustained basis.

In Thursday's report, 32 states and territories reported an increase in initial jobless claims for the week of Dec. 27, and 21 reported an increase.

Michigan had the biggest increase, a gain of 20,583 that it attributed to layoffs in the automobile and transportation-equipment industries. Missouri reported the biggest decline, with claims falling by 2,566 because of fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.

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Paula Simpson, John Haesle, Ronnie Holmes and Berinda Turcotte take a break from rehearsals for "The Secret Lives of Mildred Wild." Two more actors are needed to complete the cast - the role of Miss Manley, a television studio reporter and her camera man, Mr. Bulby. If anyone is interested in acting, these smaller roles are a good way to get started, according to the play's director, Kayla Pursley. For more information, call 663-0559.

## Two more parts to be filled for next ACT I production

Rehearsals started Jan. 5 for ACT I's next production "The Secret Lives of Mildred Wild," directed by Kayla Pursley.

Four veteran actors, Diana Bruner, Ronnie Holmes, Paula Simpson and Berinda Turcotte and one newcomer, John Haesle, will keep the laughs coming for four performances opening Feb. 27.

"I still need two more actors

to complete the cast," says Pursley. Miss Manley is the television studio reporter who comes to interview Mildred after she wins the Hollywood Matinee Homemaker of the Week contest. Mr. Bulby is the cameraman for Manley.

"We first meet Manley and Bulby in Act I, Scene 2 and again briefly in Act 3," says Pursley. "I need one male and

one female between the age of 20 - 30 for both roles. Bulby has very few lines but lots of action videoing Mildred's reaction to being Homemaker of the Week."

The cast rehearses Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

For more information contact Kayla Pursley at 663-0559.

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### RUPTURE

help repair the leak, he said.

"It's big enough will have to call CRMWA in to help us with equipment and employees. They've got equipment we don't have. We're probably going to have to shore (the site)," he said.

Morris said the cold spell earlier this week during which temperatures dropped below zero on one night was "just enough" to cause the break.

The line repairs will affect everyone on Kentucky Street from Sumner west to the water treatment plant. Everyone on the south side of Kentucky except for Clarendon College and Pampa Nursing Home will not have water service during the repairs.

Morris said a loop had been installed to supply the college and nursing home after the city discovered a small leak in the area about two years ago.

Everyone on both the east

and west side of Price Road to the water treatment plant will be affected also, he said.

Trailer parks to be effected by the repairs include Spring Meadows, Kentucky Acres, Tumble Weed, Coronado and Suburban Court.

Businesses effected include Larry Baker, H&S, Control Equipment, Fluid Compressor, PPI, The Operating Company, Onies, Curtis Well, Baker-Hughes, Panhandle Meter, High Plains Filtration and N&S.

### Sources: Former Enron finance chief negotiates plea

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 200 potential jurors for the trial of the wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow are scheduled to fill out questionnaires Thursday to determine if they are fit to decide her fate as his attorneys continue negotiating a possible plea deal in his role in the company's scandalous implosion more than two years ago.

But a source familiar with the matter said the deal, which would include an agreement to pay at least \$20 million to the Securities and Exchange Commission, is contingent upon whether a separate plea deal is

reached for Lea Fastow as well. If a deal for her isn't reached, Andrew Fastow could nix a deal for himself and proceed to trial, the source said.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner, who is presiding over Lea Fastow's case, on Wednesday rejected a plea deal that would have called for her to serve five months in prison. The judge said the deal was too bind-

ing and he wanted more leeway on her sentence.

Attorneys on both sides could revise a proposed deal for Lea Fastow to propose to Hittner. But 250 jurors remain slated to arrive at the federal courthouse in Houston midmorning Thursday to fill out questionnaires that will allow attorneys to winnow out those with obvious biases in preparation for her Feb. 10 trial.

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### SALE

While the selling price of cattle coming out of panhandle feedyards, headed for slaughter, the last two weeks had dropped more than 20 percent, the feeder cattle, the price of cattle going to the feedyards to be fattened on grain, appeared to be down less than 10 percent.

Normally, the Wednesday sale at Shamrock would see 1,100 to 1,300 head of cattle. This week, there were between 200 and 250 as area ranchers held off selling their cattle until they could see what the market was going to do.

Based on the sales this week, Bass said he expects to see a better run of cattle at next Wednesday's sale.

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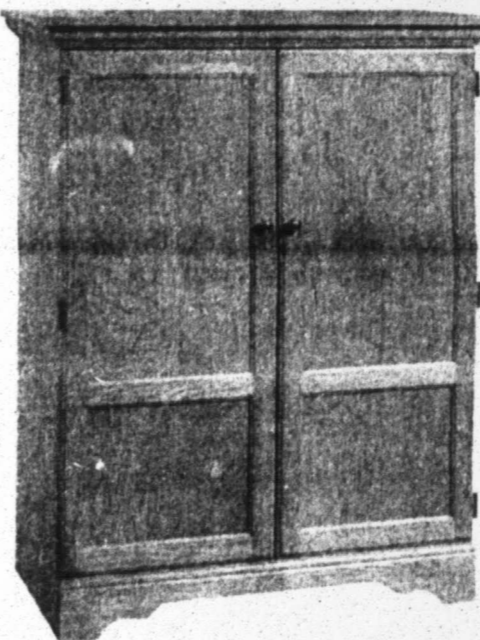
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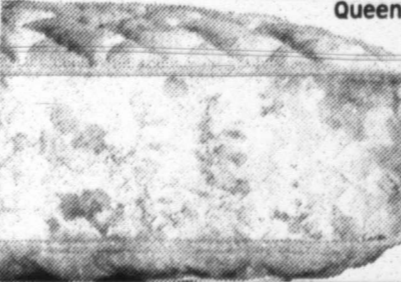
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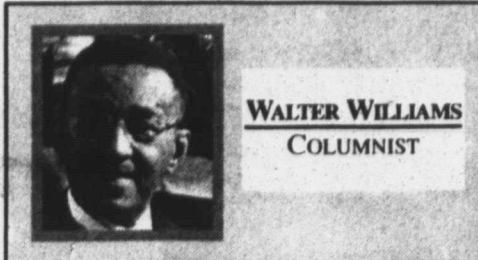
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## Urban legend holds some truth

Literally hundreds of readers informed me that in last week's column, "Some Things I Wonder About," my reference to a Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City - who set his 32-foot Winnebago on cruise control, left the driver's seat to brew a cup of coffee, crashed, then sued Winnebago for not having a warning against the dangers of doing so and received a jury award of \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home - was an urban legend and as such totally false.



WALTER WILLIAMS  
COLUMNIST

My having fallen for this "urban legend" points to more due diligence to fact-checking. Without making any excuses whatsoever for my lapse in due diligence, let's look at it.

Thirty, 40 or 50 years ago, no one in their right mind would have believed the Merv Grazinski urban legend possible, but not so today. Personal responsibility has taken a back seat in our increasingly immoral and litigious society. Consider some actual lawsuits researched at [www.overlawyered.com](http://www.overlawyered.com).

The wife of a hockey fan who crashed his car after drinking too much at a Minnesota Wild game has sued the team, saying her husband who was paralyzed in the Feb. 8, 2002, auto crash shouldn't have been served so much alcohol.

According to the July 10, 2002, Akron Beacon Journal, "Two carpet installers who admit they read the label of an adhesive they used, admit they understood the adhesive was flammable and should

reduced to \$43 million.

Then there's the infamous McDonald's case, where Stella Liebeck purchased hot coffee, placed it between her legs, spilling it and scalding herself, and was awarded \$2.9 million for her troubles. Clearly, she was at fault, but George Mason University Law Professor Richard Bernstein points out that a proximate cause for her injury was the fact she was wearing a cotton sweat suit that absorbed the coffee and held it close to her body. However, if she were wearing a Gore-Tex suit, or some other liquid resistant material, she would have suffered no injuries. Bernstein asks what's the tort principle that holds McDonald's responsible but not the sweat suit manufacturer?

None of these cases, and many others, differs in principle from the Merv Grazinski urban legend. What's common to all of them is the absolution or the attempt at absolution from personal responsibility. Are people to be held responsible for their actions? In the case of tobacco use, it's not the smoker who's responsible for his illness, it's tobacco companies. In the case of obesity, it's not the individual, but fast food companies and food manufacturers who are responsible. It's the same with criminal violence -- the gun manufacturer is partly to blame.

What does all this say for the future of our nation?

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### What happened to cabooses?

To the editor:  
 I remember when everything was okay with our world - the Cold War, Wolfman Jack, nuclear proliferation, Eric Burdon and the Animals, and cabooses.

Having been away from Pampa most of my life in Houston and San Antonio, I was separated from the sight and sound of trains as they plied their way on the arterial tracks of the Panhandle as Highway 60 runs its parallel course with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Cities like Houston have a way of hiding railroads with auto traffic, the occasional sound of gunfire followed by the siren, the loudness of 4 million people. One just could not make out the whistle of a train as it approached a street crossing.

Now that I'm back in Pampa, I go to sleep and awaken with the trains as they rumble through our community. Driving to Amarillo presents me with the challenge of counting the railroad engines and cars while motoring a straight path on the highway and not piquing the interest of a DPS trooper, just as my father would do with me in the back seat counting along as we traveled to Amarillo and exactly as I would do as a solo teenage driver.

I count the railroad engines and ensuing cars - to the very last - and realize how unfinished a train seems without a caboose! It's like a semi without its tractor, a rattlesnake without rattles...

Cabooses were a part of what was great with our country and what is missing today. In the land of political correctness, declining moralities, violence and terrorism, Michael Jackson and Britney Spears in the news - wouldn't it be wonderful to see a caboose at the end of a 102-car train and wave to the brakeman from your car - and he wave back?

Dennis Palmitier  
 Pampa

### TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2004. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Jan. 8, 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:  
 In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.  
 In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1894, fire caused serious damage, at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.

In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris.

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## Texans talk about public education

### CAPITOL COMMENTS

by  
 Kay Bailey Hutchinson  
 U.S. Senator

hearty support for the need to add creativity in curriculum, and teaching methods, as well as for the idea of giving performance bonuses to teachers and schools.

Below is a small sampling of the feedback I received on this important issue:

- Increase student and parent accountability. *Harvey, Houston*
- Offer vouchers for children in schools that don't perform. *Delaney, Georgetown*
- Increase the use of charter schools and allow schools to compete for students. Allow parents and students to choose from schools in their district. *Sean, Houston*
- More instructional teaching and less classroom worksheets. *John, Allen*
- There is a big difference between testing and teaching. Better pay encourages better teachers and more men to enter into and stay in the profession. *Nancy, San Antonio*
- Get the unions out of the classroom. *Ray, Spring*
- Many students are uninspired by their teachers and their ability to properly instruct. *Larry, Azle*
- Encourage smaller class sizes, especially in primary grades. *Mary, Brownsville*
- Creativity is so important to the

development of our children. *Kerry, Boerne*

• Give each teacher more flexibility in the classroom. Each student is an individual and requires different ways of teaching. Most teachers should be more creative. Testing should be done but it is not the most important thing. A great teacher once told me that most important thing you can give any child is a love of learning. *Vickie, Fredericksburg*

As we begin our third year under No Child Left Behind, the Department of Education will continue to tackle the challenges facing our nation's education system.

As with all legislation, this received some criticism, which I think is best deflected in the words of Texan, and U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige. He said, "There is no doubt No Child Left Behind is a tough law. True reform is never easy. But with the unprecedented levels of federal funding for education, new options for parents, historic amounts of flexibility for state and local leaders, to target resources where they are needed most, and an emphasis on teaching methods and programs that have been scientifically proven to work, we're already off to a great start."

In December, the Department of Education announced that 26 Texas schools had been designated as "Blue Ribbon Award" honorees. We'll continue to work until all of our schools are Blue Ribbon Schools.

For more information about the Department of Education, visit [www.nochildleftbehind.gov](http://www.nochildleftbehind.gov).

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## SPORTS

## NFC East should be more lively for Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Division games will be even more interesting for Bill Parcells and the Dallas Cowboys next season now that Joe Gibbs will be coaching in Washington and Tom Coughlin is in charge of the New York Giants.

Consider this: From 1983-90, when Gibbs was in his first stint coaching the Redskins and Parcells led the Giants, at least one of their teams had the best record in the division every season. Their squads won six division titles — three each — and lost on tiebreakers the other two times.

Coughlin, by the way, was an assistant to Parcells for three of those seasons. And of the four games he's coached against his ex-boss, two were in the playoffs.

So after a debut season in Dallas that was marked by vis-

its to his former stomping grounds, it looks like an underlying theme for Parcells in 2004 will be the renewal of some coaching rivalries — albeit friendly ones.

"Joe Gibbs and Tom Coughlin coming back to the league have just made the NFC a lot tougher," Parcells said Wednesday.

As division foes, the Redskins and Giants will each play the Cowboys twice next season, once at Texas Stadium and once on the road.

When the schedule is released around April, a Gibbs-Parcells game could land in a marquee spot, such as a Monday night early in the season or on Thanksgiving.

Gibbs, who stunned everyone by coming out of retirement Wednesday, has long been among the coaches Parcells respects most. His

teams won Super Bowls following the 1982, '87 and '91 seasons. Parcells led the Giants to Super Bowl victories following the '86 and '90 seasons.

"I said when he retired that Joe was the best coach I'd ever faced," Parcells said. "I have great respect for his ability. I don't think the time that he has spent away from the game will have any effect at all."

In head-to-head games, Parcells went 11-6 against Gibbs.

The most memorable was a 17-0 victory in a frigid playoff game when the Giants were headed to their first championship.

The Redskins won the division in 1983, '84 and '87. They were the odd-team-out in a three-way tie with the Giants and Cowboys in '85, with Dallas winning the East

and New York getting a wild card. The Giants won the division in '86, '89 and '90, and lost a tiebreaker to Philadelphia in '88.

Gibbs was with the Redskins from 1981-92, starting with a 26-10 loss to Dallas. His overall record against the Cowboys is 12-12.

Coughlin, hired Tuesday, was Parcells' receivers coach from 1988-90. He was out of coachi; this past season and spent time with Parcells at Cowboys training camp in San Antonio.

"Tom was one of the best two or three coaches that I have ever worked with," Parcells said. "He did an outstanding job in Jacksonville, starting from nowhere and taking that franchise to two AFC championship games."

As coach of the Jaguars from 1995-2002, Coughlin

went 1-3 against Parcells. Parcells won the first three and all were noteworthy.

Parcells was in New England in 1996 when his Patriots won 28-25 in overtime early that season. The Patriots won a rematch in the AFC championship game, sending Parcells to his third Super Bowl.

Their next matchup was in the 1998 playoffs, with Parcells coaching the Jets. Winning that game sent New York to the AFC title game.

Coughlin finally beat Parcells early in the 1999 season, Parcells' last before returning with Dallas this past season.

As for the fourth coach in the division, that's Andy Reid of Philadelphia. His credentials are pretty good, too — the Eagles have won the division the past three seasons.

## NOTEBOOK

## WRESTLING

**HEREFORD** - Hereford defeated Pampa 60-22 in a middle school wrestling match Monday.

Two Pampa wrestlers came away with victories in the regular match. Scotty Brown (102) and Jimmy Logan (134) both had pins in the second period.

In exhibition matches, Trevor Collins (108) had a pin in the first period and Logan (134) had a pin in the third period.

Pampa's next meet will be at 5 p.m. Jan. 12 in Dumas. The next home meet will be Jan. 20 with matches starting at 5.

## BASKETBALL

**GROOM** — Miami defeated Groom 54-43 in a non-district boys' game Tuesday night.

Jeffrey Browning led the Miami attack with 24 points. Kris Roach had 16 points and Kyler Roach 10 for the Warriors.

Chance Barkley led Groom with 17 points, followed by Cody Schaffer 10.

## FOOTBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — It's "Gunspoint" no more.

The Greenspoint business and residential district, which suffered from rampant crime and deterioration after the 1980s oil bust, is using its prominent place in the city's Super Bowl plan to tout the area's revitalization.

"Turnaround is the key word," said Jack Drake, president of the Greater Greenspoint District and its accompanying redevelopment authority. "The old nickname does not apply. It's an old perception. For those who know, Greenspoint is as safe as any community, and safer than many in Houston today."

No one disputes the area is more secure than it was just a few years ago, although police still keep busy from their base at Greenspoint Mall. The department's blotter from October, the last month for which statistics are available, lists more than eight pages of robberies, burglaries, car thefts and other crimes, including one slaying.

Two other major hotel and business centers, downtown and uptown, saw far fewer reported crimes that month and no suspected murders.

The main demographic difference among the areas is that Greenspoint is more populous. With 85,000 residents, the area would be among the state's 30 largest cities, on par with Tyler.

Greenspoint, a broad area situated around the intersection of Interstate 45 and the Sam Houston Parkway, also boasts about 9,000 hotel rooms, about 16 percent of the space in Houston.

## FLASHBACK

**1982:** Pampa defeated Borger 52-51 in overtime to win the Borger Holiday Tournament.

Charles Nelson scored the winning basket with 15 seconds remaining. Nelson and brother Mike Nelson led Pampa scorers with 14 points each.

## Pampa hosts Dumas in District 3-4A contests

PAMPA — Pampa welcomes Dumas in a District 3-4A basketball double-header Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The girls' game tips off at 6, followed by the boys' game around 7:45.

Pampa is 1-1 in district play while Dumas is 0-1 in the boys' division. The Harvesters defeated Hereford and lost to Palo Duro.

The Demons lost to No. 3 ranked Palo Duro in their district opener.

Dumas (14-9 overall) has the size inside to compete with almost any team. Parker Hammons (6-7 senior), Landon Gamblin (6-5 senior) and Maurice

Washington (6-6 senior) give the Demons the tallest lineup in District 3-4A.

The Lady Harvesters (2-2 in district) have won their last two district outings while the Demonettes are winless in district at 0-3.

Pampa and Dumas met in the Caprock Tournament last month with the Demonettes coming away with a 54-50 victory. Nissy Braxton has been Dumas' go-to player.

The 5-6 senior has been averaging 10 points per game.

For the season, Dumas has an impressive 14-9 record. Pampa has reach the .500 mark (7-8) with a victory tomorrow night.

## Lady Longhorns beat Kansas in Big 12 opener

## Stephens scores 26 points to lead Texas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Even at less than full strength, Stacy Stephens was too much for Kansas to handle.

Texas' senior forward, still rehabbing from surgery in June on her left Achilles' tendon, had a season-high 26 points in third-ranked Texas' 73-54 victory over the Jayhawks in the Big 12 opener for both Wednesday night.

"Every day out, every game out, I feel a little bit better," Stephens said. "The doctor said six to nine months and I'll be back at 100 percent. I'm still not 100, but I'm getting there."

Heather Schreiber hit three 3s and added 18 points, and Tiffany Jackson had 16 points for Texas (13-1), which extended its winning streak to six games and

beat the Jayhawks (7-5) for the fifth straight time.

Stephens, Schreiber and Jackson also had nine rebounds each for the Longhorns, who controlled the boards 40-24.

"We knew if we gave them second and third shots, it was going to be a long night," Schreiber said. "We were focused on keeping them off the boards and getting second-chance shots for our team."

Kansas trailed by 14 points at halftime but cut the margin to 44-38 on Kandis Bonner's 3-point play with just over 15 1/2 minutes remaining.

Stephens drew two fouls on Bonner over the next 90 seconds, though, and the Longhorns scored on both possessions to start a 16-4

run that gave them a 60-42 lead with just over seven minutes left.

"This was a Stacy Stephens-type game, and we haven't really seen that prior to this game," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. She's still coming back from the surgery, and her conditioning isn't what it would be normally at this time of year. So it's really good to see her step up — and at a really opportune time."

After that run by the Longhorns, Kansas could get no closer than 14 points.

"Kansas is a much-improved team," Conradt said. "They're going to beat some people in the Big 12. I'm just thankful it wasn't Texas tonight."

Jackson, held to two points in the first half, scored eight in Texas' decisive surge and six more down the stretch.

"The defense was really collapsing on me the first half," Jackson said.

"The second half, the guards just put me in good positions and gave me good passes."

Tamara Ransburg, who hit her first six shots and finished 8-for-10 from the field, led Kansas with 16 points. Crystal Kemp was 6-for-9 and added 12 points.

The rest of the Jayhawks shot a combined 11-for-37 (30 percent), while Texas shot 49 percent (31-for-63).

Ransburg's basket with 8:33 left in the first half got Kansas to 22-18, but the Jayhawks didn't score again until Ransburg hit from the lane with 3:19 remaining.

"I think we got a little too excited at times," Kemp said. "We have to be able to take the momentum, and we didn't do that."

Schreiber scored four points in Texas' 10-0 run over that span, and Stephens had six points in the last 2 1/2 minutes to put Texas up 38-24 at the half.

## Freshmen girls beat Groom

PAMPA — Pampa freshmen defeated Groom varsity 44-40 in girls' basketball action earlier this week.

Shandale Young was Pampa's top scorer with 19 points.

Jennifer Jenkins led Groom with 21 points.

"We played hard and did a good job helping each other," said Pampa coach Troy Owens. "We are getting better communicating

and rotating."

Others in the Pampa scoring column were Stephanie McVay (9), Tamara Trevather (4), Kelsie Wyatt (4), Cassy Tice (4), Angela Mechelay (2) and Krista McClelland (2).

Good defense was played by Holly Owens, Trevather and Mechelay, coach Owens said.

Pampa improved its record to 6-3.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

PHS Cheerleaders Monica Eakin (right) and Felicia Urban will be at courtside when Pampa hosts Dumas in District 3-4A action Friday night. Gametime is 6 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

## PHS soccer team opens season at Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS — On Friday, the Pampa boys' soccer team faces Wichita Falls High at the Wichita Falls Winter Cup.

It will be the opening match for both teams. In the TASCOO pre-season poll, coaches voted Wichita Falls No. 1 in the region. The game is scheduled for 2 p.m. at McNeil

Field. In the second matchup of the day, the Harvester take on Amarillo High (0-0). This will be the first of two pre-district matches between the two schools. Gametime is set for 8 p.m., but fans should expect some delay since it will be the fourth game of the day.

In Saturday's action, Pampa plays Denton Ryan, which is ranked No. 2 in the TASCOO Region 1 coaches poll. Pre-season rankings have Ryan (0-0) ranked No. 7 in the state polls. The game will begin at 11 a.m.

Depending upon how Pampa performs, an additional game could

be in the cards for the Harvester. The third-place matches begin at 2 and the championships at 3:30.

District 3-4A play starts Feb. 10 when Pampa hosts Canyon. The Harvester reached the playoffs a year ago after placing third behind Randall and Borger in the final district standings.

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# Belligerent Rose only a bit apologetic on baseball betting

NEW YORK (AP) — Only occasionally contrite but repeatedly defiant, belligerent sparkplug fans love, Pete Rose blames his accusers and medical conditions for the problems that got him kicked out of baseball.

Rose spills his thoughts in a colorful autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Without Bars," released today by Rodale Inc. Rose, still banned 14 1/2 years later, also concedes for the first time that he bet on Cincinnati Reds games while he was manager.

The highly touted 322-page book, in which Rose admits he gambled on the Reds while managing the team in the late 1980s, contains no bombshells. It alternates between apologies for his wrongs and the aggressiveness Rose showed during a 24-season major league career.

Rose writes he has had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Oppositional Defiant Behavior, which he says he got from his mother, and the book contains several quotes from a doctor about the effects. He repeats that he still loves to gamble legally at racetracks, and

describes himself as "grumpy, short-tempered and cold-hearted."

He also talks about the emotional moment when he faced his family before going to prison and "humiliating body searches" in prison. He recounts anecdotes of his career such as taking an umpire to dinner after he was ejected from a game and makes a few puerile jokes.

He also compares his compulsive gambling to the behavior of former President Clinton, actors Robert Downey Jr. and Winona Ryder, and blames former Reds manager Jack McKeon and general manager Jim Bowden for not giving Pete Rose Jr. enough of a chance when he played for Cincinnati in 1997.

On Wednesday, Rose insisted he didn't plan to draw attention away from the elections of Dennis Eckersley and Paul Molitor to baseball's Hall of Fame this week.

"I never intended to diminish the exciting news for these deserving players," Rose said in a statement.

What Rose intended for his

public confession has gone terribly awry, former teammate Mike Schmidt said.

"It doesn't look good, it's taken a turn for the worse," Schmidt told the AP. "It is a sad thing. ... I haven't heard anything good, but I hope the commissioner is reserving judgment. I've heard some of the worst references about Pete."

Rose repeatedly challenges the report on his gambling by John Dowd and the accusations made by his former associates before he accepted a lifetime ban in August 1989.

Rose said at the time of the investigation, he couldn't believe the way baseball treated him, calling baseball's evidence "flimsy."

"I spent 24 years building a baseball career that other players could only dream of," he wrote.

"And I put it all at risk over the thrill of 'risk' itself. I spent thousands of hours in the batting cage. I took hundreds of grounders and fly balls each day in an effort to master my craft. I was known for a diligent work ethic that was unequalled among

my peers. Nobody worked harder or took the game more seriously than Pete Rose — nobody. Yet after knowing (Paul) Janszen for only seven months, I trusted him to place bets on the game I loved. How could I be so disciplined in one aspect of my life and so reckless in the other? ...

"I was Pete Rose — baseball's all-time Hit King. I had more records than anybody on the damn planet. Nothing could possibly be wrong with someone who achieved that much success — nothing! ... I was Charlie Hustle — baseball legend. I would not go down without a fight."

Rose writes about the day he went to federal prison in 1990 after pleading guilty to tax charges and talked to his son, Tyler, then 6.

"I had no answer for the betrayed look in Tyler's eyes," Rose wrote. "My dad never let me down on any level and failing my own son was too tough to handle. So hell, I started to cry, too — rare for me because, like I said, I'm not a warm-and-fuzzy guy. ... As you can imagine, this was the lowest point in my life."

He says that in prison, he was given identification No. 01832-061.

"I never thought I'd be wearing anything other than No. 14 on my back," Rose wrote, adding that guards "couldn't help but gawk at the sight of Charlie Hustle in lockdown."

Rose pleaded guilty to two counts of filing false income taxes by failing to report income and was sentenced to five months in prison, three months in a halfway house and 1,000 hours of community service.

## White Deer cagers beat Clarendon

WHITE DEER — Senior guard Emily Nusser led a balanced scoring attack with 21 points as White Deer outlasted Clarendon 68-64 in high school basketball action.

Kara Lewis had 15 points and Ashley Davis 13 for the Does.

Clarendon's scoring leader was Destiny Weatheron with 33 points.

"I'm probably the only person in America to go to jail for underpaying his taxes by 4 percent," Rose wrote. Then he added, "The responsibility rested squarely on my shoulders. I just wasn't ready to accept it."

The book quotes Dr. David E. Comings of the City of Hope National Medical Center on ADHD and how it applies to Rose.

"ADHD kids are very strong-willed. They don't like anyone telling them what to do," Comings said.

White Deer improved its record to 12-7.

Clarendon downed White Deer 51-30 in the boys' contest.

Jeremy Howard had 15 points for Clarendon. Stephen Ballard followed with 12.

Andrew Parsley had 8 points and Nick Hillman 6 for the Bucks.

# Coaches want BCS to put more weight on polls when selecting

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — College football coaches want polls to carry more weight during the selection process for the Bowl Championship Series, hoping to avoid a repeat of the embarrassment created by a split national championship.

The American Football Coaches Association, which represents the 117 coaches of Division I-A teams, also wants better access to the high-paying BCS bowls for teams that don't compete in power conferences.

"I'm not surprised by these recommendations," AFCA executive director Grant Teaff said Wednesday. "The current system may not be perfect but it is one that the Division I-A coaches continue to prefer."

"Coaches also believe that all Division I-A teams should have access to a BCS-level game because it is important that student-athletes all have the opportunity to compete at the highest level."

More than 70 coaches met at the end of the AFCA's convention Wednesday to vote on proposals to the BCS administrators. It is unknown when the conference commissioners who coordinate the BCS would take up the requests.

When the final BCS standings were released in December to set up the bowl matchups, the coaches were stunned to discover that Southern California, their pick as No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN poll, wasn't playing in the title game at the Sugar Bowl, which instead matched LSU and Oklahoma.

Surprise turned to dismay

when it was discovered the 63 voting coaches were contractually obligated to "select Sugar Bowl winner LSU as their top team in the final poll. However, three coaches broke ranks and picked the Trojans No. 1.

USC won The Associated Press' poll of sportswriters and broadcasters.

"There needs to be tweaking," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "It didn't come out right. It didn't work."

The BCS formula, designed to match the top two teams at the end of each season, uses the two polls, seven computer rankings, strength of schedule, losses and a bonus-point system for quality wins.

USC has been No. 1 in both polls heading into the postseason. But Oklahoma topped the BCS rankings and the Trojans were nudged out of a spot in the Sugar Bowl because the BCS computers awarded LSU the No. 2 spot based on a strength of schedule component.

Teaff said pitfalls were apparent when the coaches agreed six years ago to the organization's role in the current system, but "nobody expected that the pit would fall that hard."

Many proposals to change the BCS system were floated during the AFCA's four-day convention.

One proposal called for any team that did not win its conference title to be disqualified from the championship game.

"That would've eliminated Nebraska (from playing the Rose Bowl against Miami in 2001) and Oregon would've

gone, and that would've eliminated Oklahoma this year," Washington State coach Bill Doba said.

Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said that proposal penalizes conferences without title games. He preferred that the No. 1 team in the final poll of the regular season gain an automatic invitation to the BCS title matchup.

All the coaches favored making only small adjustments to the current system rather than junking it for a radical solution, such as a playoff.

"You want to be careful about too long of a playoff system; it's not like the NFL," Kent State's Dean Pees said. "Everybody talks about Division I-AA and II, but I don't remember seeing any other games on TV other than the championship."

Also unanimously rejected was a proposal that would include one additional championship game — the so-called "bowl system plus one" model.

Increased access to the BCS bowls is a long-awaited goal for the schools that don't play in the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC.

Since the BCS was established in 1998, smaller schools have complained they are shut out of the most lucrative bowl games, even if a team excels.

Options include designating a fifth BCS bowl or loosening requirements for the four existing bowls, AFCA spokesman Todd Bell said.

The timetable for consideration by BCS administrators is unknown.

## Scoreboard

### FOOTBALL

#### NFL Playoff Glimpse

#### All Times EST

#### Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 3

Tennessee 20, Baltimore 17

Carolina 29, Dallas 10

Sunday, Jan. 4

Green Bay 33, Seattle 27, OT

Indianapolis 41, Denver 10

Saturday, Jan. 10

Carolina at St. Louis, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

Tennessee at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 11

Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4:45 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 18

AFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (CBS)

NFC Championship Game, 6:45 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Feb. 1

Super Bowl at Houston, 8:25 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Feb. 8

Pro Bowl, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

### TRANSACTIONS

#### BASEBALL

##### American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Brian Daubach on a minor league contract. Announced Mike Cubbage, third base coach, will not return for the 2004 season.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Cliff Floyd on a one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with SS David Ortiz on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Terry Adams and SS Chris Gomez on one-year contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Myette on a minor league contract. Named Terry Reynolds director of amateur scouting.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Tony Taylor bullpen coach.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Nate Bland, RHP Kirk Bullinger, RHP Jeff Fernandez, RHP Rodrigo Rosario, RHP Miguel Saladin, INF Jason Alford, INF Mike Coolbaugh, C Dax Norris and C Chris Tremie on minor league contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Julian Tavarez on a two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Claimed C Tom Wilson off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays. Designated RHP Brandon Villalarte for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Suspended New Jersey F Kenyon Martin and Los Angeles Clippers F Corey Maggette for two games without pay for their actions in a game Jan. 6.

CHICAGO BULLS—Signed F Ronak Dupree to a 10-day contract.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Waived G Jannero Pargo.

MIAMI HEAT—Activated F John Wallace from the injured list. Placed F Jerome Beasley on the injured list.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Anthony Goldwire to a 10-day contract. Waived G Keith McLeod.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Waived G Robert Fack and C Mikki Moore.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Named Dennis Green coach and signed him to a four-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Bill Rees director of player personnel. Signed DB Allan Armondson, P Danny Boyd, TE Gabe Creelon, TE Marcus Helfman, RB Maurice Hicks and P Filip Filipovic.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named Joe Gibbs coach and team president and signed him to a five-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Toronto F Mats Sundin one game without pay for throwing his stick into the crowd during a game Jan. 6 against Nashville.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned C Dan Fritsche to Same of the OHL.

DALLAS STARS—Assigned G Ron Turgrutt to Utah of the AHL. Recalled G Mike Smith from Utah.

### LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated G Roman Cechmanek and RW Ian Laperriere from injured reserve. Assigned G Mathieu Chouinard to Manchester of the AHL. Designated D Maxim Kuznetsov for assignment.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned F Josh Langfeld to Binghamton of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled F Kyle Wellwood from St. John's of the AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Activated LW Alexander Semin from injured reserve. Placed RW Dainius Zubrus on injured reserve.

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#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	20	14	.588	—
Boston	18	19	.486	3 1/2
Philadelphia	16	19	.457	4 1/2
Miami	15	20	.429	5 1/2
New York	14	22	.389	7
Washington	9	24	.273	10 1/2
Orlando	8	28	.222	13

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	10	.730	—
Detroit	23	13	.639	3 1/2
New Orleans	22	13	.629	4
Toronto	19	15	.545	7
Milwaukee	19	16	.543	7
Chicago	11	24	.314	15
Cleveland	11	24	.314	15
Atlanta	10	26	.278	16 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	11	.686	—
Minnesota	22	11	.667	1
Dallas	20	14	.588	3 1/2
Denver	21	15	.583	3 1/2
Houston	19	15	.559	4 1/2
Utah	18	16	.529	5 1/2
Memphis	17	17	.500	6 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	24	9	.727	—
L.A. Lakers	21	11	.656	2 1/2
Seattle	18	15	.545	6
Portland	15	17	.469	8 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	18	.438	9 1/2
Golden State	14	20	.412	10 1/2
Phoenix	12	24	.333	13 1/2

##### Western Conference

#### Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana 114, Orlando 107				
Cleveland 107, New York 96				
New Jersey 92, L.A. Clippers 75				
Minnesota 106, L.A. Lakers 90				
San Antonio 94, Washington 72				
Sacramento 105, Atlanta 89				
Memphis at Portland, p.p.d., weather				

#### Wednesday's Games

Boston 101, Orlando 93

Toronto 75, Cleveland 69

Philadelphia 100, L.A. Clippers 80

Miami 102, Chicago 95

Detroit 85, Houston 66

Milwaukee 95, Phoenix 87

New Orleans 97, Washington 87

Memphis at Utah, p.p.d., weather

Denver 113, L.A. Lakers 91

Dallas 105, Golden State 99

Seattle 104, Sacramento 93

Houston at New York, 7 p.m.

# Instant hope in D.C.: Gibbs returning to coach Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — After a decade of high-profile Washington Redskins failures, only one name could restore credibility in an instant: Joe Gibbs.

And they got him.

The Hall of Fame coach is coming back after an 11-year absence, a stunning development and a much-needed lift for a franchise that has been to the playoffs only once since he left after the 1992 season.

"Who better to set our strategy and lead the Redskins back to championship glory?" said owner Dan Snyder, who again proved he's the master of the big splash offseason move.

Gibbs agreed to a five-year

deal worth approximately \$25 million, said a source within the NFL, speaking on condition of anonymity. That would make Gibbs' contract comparable to the NFL-record deal given to his predecessor, Steve Spurrier.

"The desire to coach has always been with me, even after being away from the game for 11 years," said Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls in 12 seasons with the Redskins.

Gibbs also was given the title of Redskins team president, but the protocol for roster decisions will essentially remain the same. Vinny Cerrato continues as director of player personnel, and

Snyder will have the final word to settle any disputes, according to the source. Gibbs' track record and work ethic, however, make him certain to have more influence than Spurrier had.

Gibbs was to be introduced at a news conference Thursday, but he already has at least two assistants in place, according to the source. Former Buffalo Bills coach Gregg Williams will be the team's sixth defensive coordinator in six years, a hiring first reported by SportsLine.com.

Joe Bugel returns to coach the offensive line, the same job he held when he oversaw the famed "Hogs" under

Gibbs from 1981-89, the source said.

Gibbs, 63, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1996, based in part on his adamant denials of any intention to coach again. He joins the late Paul Brown as the only coaches to return after being elected to the Hall.

He will find today's NFL different, largely because free agency has made it difficult for teams to keep a group of talented players together for more than a couple of years. Roster stability, particularly along the offensive line, was a hallmark of the Gibbs years.

But the adjustment has been made before. Dick Vermeil left Philadelphia in

1982 and returned with St. Louis in 1997, winning a Super Bowl in his third season with the Rams.

"I appreciated very much where he was when he left

and understood completely why he left," said Vermeil, now coaching Kansas City.

"And I can understand completely why he's back."

After leaving the Redskins,

## Meredith Gun Club sets match

SANFORD — Next on the Meredith Gun Club schedule is a .22 Rifle Steel Silhouette match on Saturday at the shooting range, located just south of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on SR 1319.

Antelope Creek is the deep canyon just outside of Sanford. Entry fee is six dollars.

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All matches are unsanctioned and open to the public.

Beginners are welcomed.

.22 ammunition will be given as prizes for all classes, with a minimum of two entrants.

For more information on Saturday's match and future matches, contact John Trirogoff at 665-9626 or Larry Porter at 865-3695.

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 Witness, SUSAN WINBORNE, clerk of the county court of Gray County.  
 Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Pampa, this 11th day of December, 2003, and

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 By Jeanne Horton, Deputy  
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## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 9, 2004:

You have the ability to change your life by taking courses and attending seminars that help you open your mind. Let go of preconceived ideas. You will want to investigate different ways of thinking. Your work and personal interactions will gain as a result. If you are single, you could meet someone very special this year because of this attitude — someone you might not have chosen to relate to in the past. You are much more in the public eye as of October 2004. If attached, your relationship can only benefit from your transformation. Invite your partner on this path. LEO understands more than you think.

### 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)

\*\*\*\*\* Extremes punctuate others' thinking, especially if it involves plans. Thank each person for his or her input, but be willing to forge ahead independently. You might have to follow a business schedule first. Then you will have the energy you need. Tonight: Be as naughty and as nice as you can be.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Deal with bosses and career matters head-on. Although you have that special Bull touch that puts others at ease, you actually might be confused by what is going on. Don't hesitate to ask questions, if need be. Tonight: Happy at home.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Making an idea you have a reality might take more effort than you realize. Discuss your ideas with a very

practical person who might be a stick in the mud. Though you don't have to agree, you might learn something here. Tonight: Do what you do best: Flirt.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Take action if you feel you are lucky, but do it without putting yourself into major debt. Buy that lottery ticket. Make that bet, but understand the results if you lose. Return all calls and messages. Clear off your desk. You want to enter the weekend free and clear. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* If any sign can handle popularity, it is yours. Many surround you, asking for suggestions and a different point of view. Focus on work and getting the job done. You will be rewarded if you simply follow through. Tonight: Split as fast as you can.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Your good luck carries you through the day. Someone wants a private discussion or time with you. It is your pleasure as well as his or hers. Work with one person at a time. Don't allow your office to get too crowded. Tonight: Happily be naughty.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Where your friends are could make a big difference in your choices. An amorous adventure could be slated, but the call is ultimately yours. Do you want to jeopardize what you have and value? Tonight: The party surrounds you.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You might want to let others lead the way. You discover that this attitude might be the right way to go. Review what you think has worked in the past. Someone shares a hot piece of gossip. Verify it before you act on it. For many, it will be right-on. Tonight: Go to

the gym first.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Hop into work ready to do more than your share. Your insight could make all the difference in preventing a mistake. Find experts if need be. Financial gain becomes a possibility if you follow this path. Others admire your endurance. Tonight: Take off and split town if possible.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Stay on top of what is going on with both a personal and a professional relationship. You gain by finding experts and distancing yourself from immediate chaos. You find a partner to be a tremendous relief. Tonight: Togetherness works. Dinner for two.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* You can do nothing to change the pace, so don't try. You might find that sharing a secret with a key associate or loved one is important to your well-being. The sense of togetherness cannot be duplicated. Network away. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Know that you have much to do, and there might be no way around it. Others will chip in, especially if they realize that you have to put in overtime. Associates are particularly amiable right now. Ask for all the help you need. Tonight: Work late.

### BORN TODAY

Singer Joan Baez (1941), actress Susannah York (1941), author Judith Krantz (1928) \*\*\*

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Husband's Salon Tan Is Sign That He's Cheating

**DEAR ABBY:** A while back you listed clues to look for if you suspected your husband of being unfaithful. I'd like to add to that list: a bronzed body from a tanning salon.

My husband, "Jerry," and I are called the "ideal" couple. We're both physically active and in good condition. We've been married 46 years.

Jerry brings me coffee, fruit and the newspaper in bed every morning. He has also seduced, or tried to seduce, my sisters, some of my closest friends and business associates.

When I confront him, he tells me that I have a problem and that I need help — not him! I am in therapy in order to decide what to do with the rest of my life.

Please print this list again for those who might have missed it.

SUSPICIOUS NO MORE

**DEAR SUSPICIOUS NO MORE:** You are a strong lady. I'm sure you'll make the right decisions about your future. I'm also pleased you're getting professional support, because therapy can be helpful regardless of age.

And now, the list:

- (1) A sudden change in manner of dress and grooming.
- (2) Secretiveness.
- (3) Unexplained absences.
- (4) Unfamiliar charges on credit card or phone bills.
- (5) Hang-ups on your home phone.
- (6) More business trips than usual.
- (7) Stops confiding in you or asking your advice.
- (8) Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you.
- (9) Mutual friends start acting strangely toward you. (They either knew about the cheating or have been told stories about what a horrible wife or girlfriend you are.)
- (10) Refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.
- (11) Carries condoms even though you are on the pill.
- (12) Deletes incoming phone numbers from caller ID.

(13) Leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Speedstick.

(14) Becomes accusatory, asking if you are being true to him, usually out of guilt.

(15) Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one person at a time?"

(16) Buys himself new underwear.

(17) Insists that the child seat, toys, etc., are kept out of his car.

(18) Stops wearing his wedding ring.

(19) Supposedly works a lot of overtime, but it never shows up on the pay stub.

(20) Suddenly wants to try new love techniques.

(21) Has unexplained scratches or bruises on his neck or back.

(22) Has a sudden desire to be helpful with the laundry.

(23) Picks fights in order to stomp out of the house.

(24) Shows a sudden interest in a different type of music.

(25) Has a sudden preoccupation with his appearance.

(26) Spends an excessive amount of time on the computer, especially after you have gone to bed.

(27) Works long hours on weekends, but is never at his desk to answer the phone. Then calls back later with a reason, such as, "I was working in the conference room where there is more space."

(28) Has lots of "emergency errands." Then comes home empty-handed, saying, "They didn't have what I needed."

(29) And the telltale sign of a cheating spouse? Having to ask the question in the first place. Listen to your gut!

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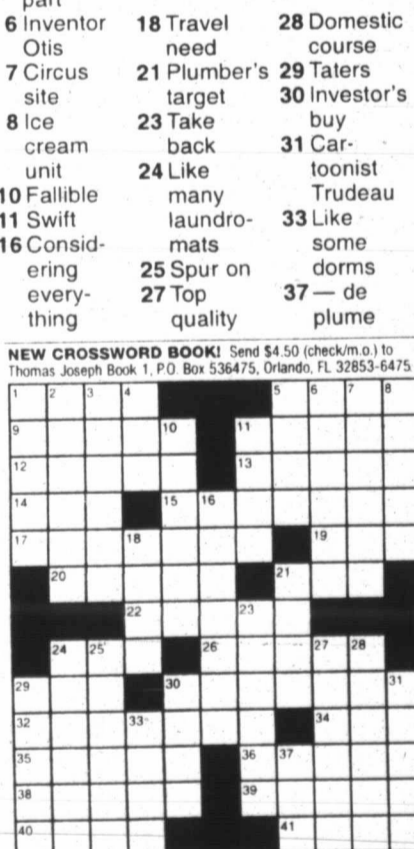
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ACROSS DOWN

- 1 "Que —?"
- 5 Ball girls
- 9 Grammar topic
- 11 — acid (B vitamin)
- 12 Secondary study
- 13 Pedro's pal
- 14 Throw in
- 15 Meets
- 17 Maid or butler
- 19 Little spring
- 20 Pious sort
- 21 Track trip
- 22 Mall business
- 24 Spying org.
- 26 Impart wisdom
- 29 Father's pride
- 30 Accumulated work
- 32 Flute's cousin
- 34 "I — Rock"
- 35 Merger
- 36 Big name in racing
- 38 Was an adorer
- 39 Tough puzzle
- 40 Ignored the limit
- 41 Singer Gray



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