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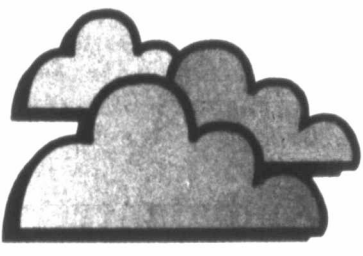
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Bobby Gene 'Bob' Reeder, 57, photographer.

Mudslide rescue

Desperate search continues for missing

LA CONCHITA, Calif. (AP) — Using shovels, high-tech cameras and their bare hands, rescuers searched before dawn Wednesday for signs of life — or death — under the enormous mound of mud that killed seven people in this seaside hamlet.

Crews working around the clock for a second straight night swarmed the debris pile under clear skies and powerful klieg lights that made it light as day.

Officials said 13 people, including three children, remained missing after Monday's mudslide, the deadliest tragedy of several triggered by five days of nearly nonstop rain.

At one point, a group of firefighters and locals who were helping in the effort could be seen carrying a body on a stretcher out of the pile and to a station set up by the county medical examiner. Oxnard Fire Department Battalion Chief Tom Waller said it was a woman, and that searchers believe other bodies were nearby.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was to tour the area Wednesday.

The days of torrential rains also triggered fatal traffic accidents all across the state, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands, imperiled hillside homes and caused flash floods. Twenty-two people have died since Friday.

In La Conchita, firefighters remained hopeful they might still find at least some people alive, while acknowledging that any survivors would have to be found quickly.

"The energy level is pretty high because there's a lot of good to be done and time is of the essence," said Dan Horton of the Ventura County Fire Department rescue unit.

DA denies charge in Lubbock court

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Rick Roach, 31st and 223rd District Attorney, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Nancy M. Koenig at 10 a.m. today in Lubbock for an initial appearance, according to

Deanna Schulte of the U.S. District Clerk's office in Lubbock.

He was arrested in the district courtroom of Gray County Courthouse between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Tuesday by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a charge of possession of metham-

phetamine, according to Kathy Colvin, a spokesperson for the United States Attorney's Northern District of Texas office in Dallas. A telephone call to Colvin this morning had not been returned as of press time today.

Roach denied the charge

in federal court this morning, according to the Associated Press.

Agents of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency were seen searching at least two vehicles yesterday morning in Pampa after Roach's arrest. One was a sport utility vehicle parked in the

space reserved for the district attorney. Another was a green Mercury Grand Marquis with exempt license plates.

After his arrest, Roach was booked into Randall County Jail at about 5:30

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City swaps motel land, accepts dog

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

The city commission made a conditional land swap Tuesday in hopes of facilitating the construction of a new motel in Pampa.

Chuck White, representing Pampans for Progress, a grass-roots group of local citizens, approached the Pampa City Commission offering to trade about half an acre on one side of the old Coronado Inn for the same amount of land on the other side of the motel property.



White

The tract the group wanted to exchange is near the front door of M.K. Brown Auditorium and would allow for an expansion of parking for the civic center, White told the commission. The tract the city is exchanging is part of a paved parking lot and would offer entrance to a proposed motel to be built at the location.

The old Coronado Inn has been torn down. White and a group of investors are trying to attract a national motel chain to build a new motel at the site.

While White told the commissioners that they had no contract in hand

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Pampa police officers and Gray County deputies raid a home on Jean Street Tuesday afternoon, in search of illegal drugs.

Search leads to cocaine, arrest

A bag of rock cocaine found behind a window curtain during a law enforcement raid led to the arrest Tuesday of Keith Stewart, 29, 330 Jean.

Pampa Police Department's special response team, backed up by Gray County sheriff's deputies, Constable Chris Lockridge, and a K-9 unit from Hemphill County with Officer Dave Thomas, conducted the raid at 1:15 p.m. yesterday at Stewart's address.

"The raid was a result of an ongoing investigation by Pampa Police Department's narcotics division,

with other information supplied by citizens and Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers," Police Lt. Fred Courtney said in a news release.

Officers made entry and began searching for drugs. The K-9 unit "hit" on several areas of the house, including the master bedroom, Courtney said.

"A preliminary search was fruitless. A second search by Officer Joey Williams, a team member, hit the jackpot when he discovered a 'baggy' of suspected crack rocks hidden behind a window curtain," Courtney said.

The substance in the baggy was field-tested and test results were positive for cocaine, according to the release.

The weight of the cocaine in the baggy was nearly three grams, police said. Possession of between one and three grams of cocaine is a third-degree felony punishable by incarceration between two and 10 years, and can include a fine of up to \$10,000, Courtney said.

Narcotics officers had believed that Stewart would be at home at the

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All-State Choir

Pampa High School choir students (left-right) Carissa Snelgrooes, Nicole Fernuik and Stacy Pepper recently participated in competition for All-State Choir. Snelgrooes made fifth chair soprano II; Fernuik, eighth chair alto I; and Pepper, fourth chair alto I. The All-State Choir will perform Feb. 12 during Texas Music Education Association's Convention in San Antonio.

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School finance kicks off session

AUSTIN (AP) — Less than two years after House Democrats stormed out of the state to stall a Republican redistricting bill, Texas legislators have returned to the Capitol urging bipartisanship.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, who so infuriated Democrats during their 2003 walkout, led the call for unity Tuesday.

"Our election system is a partisan one. We run as Democrats, we run as Republicans because that's how the system works. But our system of government also expects that we will work together for the common good of this state," Craddick said as the Legislature convened for its 79th regular session.

Atop the legislators' agenda for the 140-day session is a change of Texas' school funding system. Lawmakers also are looking to improve children's protective services, overhaul the workers' compensation system and consider restoring cuts made to children's health insurance programs two years ago.

'... our system of government also expects that we will work together for the good of this state.'

— Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge, left, looks on as Pampa Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns and Gray County Deputy Derek Peters load a pit bull into a cage. The dog was the sole occupant of a home on Jean Street when law enforcement officers served a search warrant, looking for drugs.

Search

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time of the raid, but he was not, police said.
 An associate of Stewart's drove by the house during the raid, and Officer Cade Logue and Officer Trainee Brady Bishop followed, Logue said. The associate went to a convenience store at 600 East Frederic and pulled in beside Stewart, Logue said.

Stewart was arrested and taken to Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams, according to jail records. He was released at approximately 10:45 a.m. today on \$10,000 bond, according to a jail spokesperson.

Pampa Animal Control Officer Sandy Burns removed a pit bull from the house, and the dog was taken into the care of Animal Control.

— Marilyn Powers and David Bowser, staff writers

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with a motel chain, he said they have been in negotiations with what he termed an excellent qualified business that might build on the site.

"I'm very excited," White told the commission concerning the prospects of a new motel next to M.K. Brown Auditorium. "From my viewpoint, this is very good for the community."

Commissioner Ray Boring said that rather than making the land swap permanent, he would rather see a time limit placed on it. While Boring suggest a 12-month time limit, White agreed to a 24-month time limit.

If a deal to build a new motel on the site is not signed by the end of two years, the commission has the option of negating the swap or extending the time limit.

"We should get it done inside of two years," White said.

He said his group hopes to have a contract in hand within 120 days.

In other business, the commission awarded a \$98,471.94 bid to Roberts Truck Center of Amarillo for

a truck chassis and cab and a bid of \$98,050 bid to Equipment Southwest, Inc., for a side loader packer body. The equipment is for the city's sanitation department.

They also awarded a \$41,782.28 bid to Roberts Truck Center for a truck chassis and cab and a \$16,972 bid for a dump body to American Equipment for the city's public works department.

City Manager John Horst said the purchases were items that had been budgeted for this year.

The commission also approved the purchase of a tractor rig to pull the hazardous decontamination trailer the city has. It is being paid for by a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

After some discussion concerning whether or not it could be used by other panhandle communities, the commission accepted a forensic search dog. The dog, named Fena, is being donated by the Amber Alert Team, a nationwide organization concerned with lost or

missing children.

The dog will be cared for by the city's animal control department. Sandy Burns, Pampa's animal control supervisor will be the dog's handler. She will spend two weeks in training with the dog in Burlington, N.C.

Most communities, said Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 for such an animal.

This one is free to the city, he said.

Pitner said since Fena will be the only forensic search dog in the panhandle, he expects requests from other communities

to help track lost or missing children or adults. He said those requests would be handled on a per case basis.

The commission also voted during their meeting Tuesday afternoon to join High Ground of Texas, an economic development group that includes a number of Texas Panhandle and South Plains cities.

Horst said the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Pampa Industrial Foundation have split the \$2,000 a year

"From my viewpoint, this is very good for the community."

— Chuck White
 Pampans for Progress

DA

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p.m. yesterday, according to Danny Alexander, public information officer for Randall County Sheriff's Office.

"We have a contract with the federal government to keep federal prisoners, including Immigration and Naturalization Service suspects and others with federal charges against them," Alexander said this morning.

"He went to Lubbock this morning, but I don't know if he'll be back (to Randall County Jail) or not," Alexander said.

The FBI and DEA are working the case concerning Roach, he said.

"I can't answer any questions. I have to refer all media inquiries about this case to the U.S. Attorney's office in Dallas," said Amarillo FBI agent John Whitworth late Tuesday.

A vacancy in a district

attorney's office would be filled by appointment from Texas Governor Rick Perry's office, according to Kathy Walt, Perry's press secretary, and Scott Heywood, a member of the governor's staff.

The appointed official would serve until the next general election, they said.

"There isn't any vacancy until (an elected official) has resigned or is removed from office by a court. The governor's office has no authority to remove an elected official from office. It would make an appointment to fill a vacancy, however," Walt said in a telephone interview yesterday afternoon.

Until there is a vacancy, no action will be taken by the governor's office concerning a situation such as Roach's absence from his office, she said.

"I have no comment. It is

an ongoing investigation," said Gray County Auditor Elaine Morris when asked whether financial records of the district attorney's office were being scrutinized by investigators.

"This is an ongoing investigation, and the case is open," Colvin said yesterday.

Roach was arrested on charges stated in a federal criminal complaint citing violation of Title 21 of U.S. Code Section 844A, knowingly and intentionally possessing methamphetamine, Colvin said yesterday.

If convicted, Roach faces up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine on the charge, according to the Associated Press.

Roach was arrested on the 11th day after being sworn in to begin his second term as district attorney. His territory covers Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Before his election as district attorney in 2000, he was Roberts County attorney for 10 years. He has been a licensed attorney for 25 years.

— Staff Writer David Bowser and Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

Lefors ISD board meets Thursday

LEFORS — An executive session concerning the superintendent's performance review by Lefors Independent School District's board of trustees is among the agenda items for the school board's next meeting, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 in the high school library, 209 5th St.

Board members will also discuss the role

and procedures for the board-appointed attendance committee.

Other agenda items include the 2005-2006 calendar, current billings, cash position, and superintendent report.

Board members' photographs will be taken at the meeting.

Session

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Republican Gov. Rick Perry told legislators this session could be historic.

"It is the beginning of a bipartisan effort to protect the most vulnerable in our society, provide a future of unlimited opportunity for some four million-plus school children in this state," Perry said.

Whether lawmakers can agree on how to replace the \$30 billion share-the-wealth school funding system, nicknamed "Robin Hood" by some, is far from certain.

The system has been under fire from rich and poor districts that claim it does not adequately fund public education. State District Judge John Dietz ruled the system unconstitutional last fall and gave the state until October 2005 to fix it. Lawyers for the state are appealing his ruling to the Texas Supreme Court.

Texas Senate leaders are

preparing to unveil this week the details of a school finance plan they've rallied around. It is expected to involve lowering property taxes, broadening the business tax and making school property taxes state-levied, instead of local, taxes.

"I've been working almost nonstop, around-the-clock on school finance," said Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate.

On Monday, Perry

declared education reform and children's and adult protective services to be emergency issues. That means lawmakers can pass bills on those items sooner in the session than they could otherwise.

Lawmakers tried and failed to tackle school finance in a special session called by Perry last year. The attempt to overhaul the funding system collapsed when legislators and Perry couldn't agree on which new taxes to impose.

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	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Total Local and Intermediate Source	\$1,023,830	\$97,400	\$16,043	\$1,137,273
State Program Revenues	277,529	-	24,416	301,945
Federal Program Revenues	-	-	61,800	61,800
Total Revenues	1,301,359	97,400	102,259	1,501,018
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	801,659	-	45,249	846,908
Instructional Resources & Media Services	9,040	-	57	9,097
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,643	-	751	2,394
School Leadership	77,075	-	868	77,943
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	19,250	-	58	19,308
Health Services	30,321	-	512	30,833
Student (Pupil) Transportation	41,827	-	449	42,276
Food Services	1,785	-	73,025	74,810
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	94,218	-	122	94,340
General Administration	109,297	-	-	109,297
Plant Maintenance and Operations	177,275	-	1,102	179,377
Data Processing Services	65,721	-	608	66,329
Debt Service:				
Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	-	75,000	-	75,000
Debt Service - Interest	5,124	8,612	-	13,736
Debt Service - Issuance Cost and Fees	5,000	375	-	5,375
Intergovernmental:				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	17,210	-	-	17,210
Total Expenditures	1,456,445	83,987	122,801	1,663,233
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(155,086)	13,413	(20,542)	(162,215)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	-	-	20,512	20,512
Transfers Out	(20,512)	-	-	(20,512)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(20,512)	-	20,512	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(175,598)	13,413	(30)	(162,215)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	110,735	65,329	1,649	177,713
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$(64,863)	\$78,742	\$1,619	\$15,498

Viewpoints

Writer's block banished with one simple lesson

Earlier this week, I was completing a scholarship application that had left me baffled. At first, it was just the normal questions: What activities are you involved in, what academic awards have you won and what are your career ambitions?

Then came the tough problem.

One of the short answer questions asked me to decide which one of my community service activities were most meaningful to me and explain why. I was stumped.

I thought for what seemed like hours, probably closer to 15 minutes, and then it hit me. This was an easy question.

The following response soon poured out of me:

"Without question, the community service activity that is most meaningful to me is my time volunteering at Create a Beat, an after school program designed to educate underprivileged elementary school students in the fine arts. Through my capacity as an instructor's

aide, I have not only taught the children in the program

about creative writing and dramatic acting, but I have also been taught by them.

"When I first started with Create a Beat I was amazed at the lack of self-confidence that many of the children exhibited. I remember one child in particular who,

while receiving help from me on his math homework,

repeatedly told me he could not complete the work because he was, "stupid." When I showed my faith in him by telling him how untrue his statements were, the math problems started clicking in his head.

"It was only hours later, that I realized this boy, like many others in the program,

had never been told that he could succeed in reaching his hopes and dreams.

It was then that I knew that by simply conveying my belief in the talented group of children, I could make a real difference in the future of America's next great generation. That is why Create a Beat, without a doubt, is the most meaningful community service activity in which I participate."

After my application was submitted, I reflected on why it took me so long to

answer this easy question. I was reading too much into what was being asked.

Instead of just picking an answer based on which volunteer work has really been the most meaningful to me, I was trying to pick an answer based on what would make the best short essay. I now realize, this simply cannot be done.

If you judge the answer to essay questions from the heart instead of the mind, the writer's block will alleviate.

**Ben
Briscoe**

News Intern



Today in History

By the Associated Press

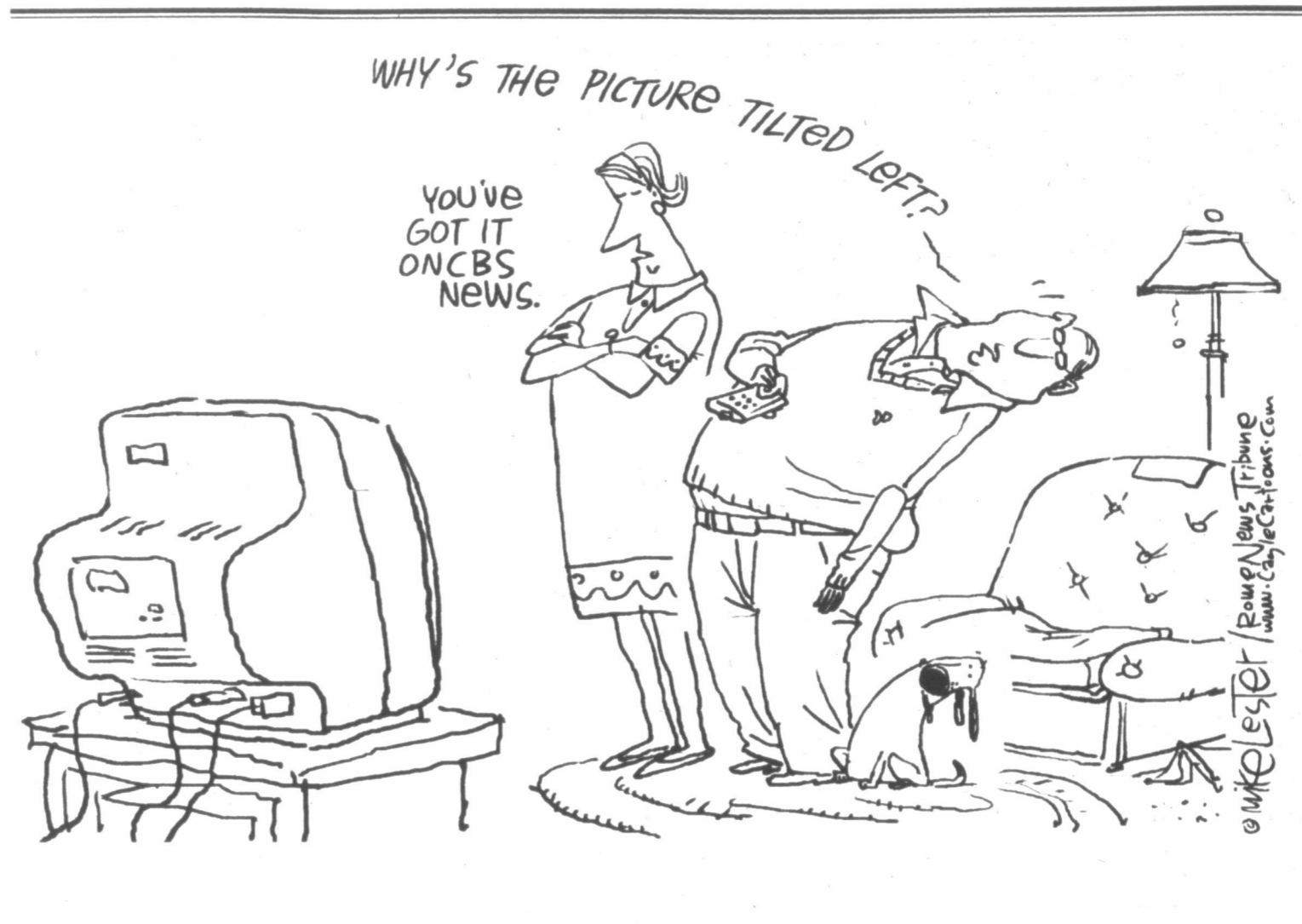
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2005. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

On this date:

- In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.
- In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.
- In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.
- In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.
- In 1942, President Roosevelt created the National War Labor Board.
- In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.
- In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.
- In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.
- Ten years ago: In Port-au-Prince, Haiti, an American soldier was killed, another wounded, in a shootout with a former Haitian army officer who was also killed. Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, was arrested in Minneapolis on charges she'd tried to hire a hit man to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (the charges were later dropped in a settlement with the government).



Our readers write

Clean Pampa from drugs

Finally some justice. I just heard where one of our fine prominent citizens just got arrested for drugs. It's about time.

You see, my daughter was arrested a few months ago for drugs. My father passed away last September and pushed her over the edge. She couldn't deal. So when the warning signs come up I started begging for help. I asked the Pampa Police Dept., sheriff's office, school, district attorney's office, her lawyer, counselor, her physician, FBI, Texas Rangers, pastors from a few churches, insurance company.

She called me and begged me to get her in rehab. It

took a month. It was the worst month of our lives. Now don't get me wrong, there were a few people out there that helped. But most told me they couldn't talk to me cause she was 18. The police department protected my daughter from me instead of from her drugs.

My proposal is that we fight back and someone comes into this town like the Texas Rangers and starts cleaning house. Put a little pressure on these people. Because I assure you that it isn't just one bad apple out there.

I know I'm taking a risk writing this cause my daughter's court date hasn't been set. But everyone must know that she is trying. She is in a good rehab unit far away from here and wants

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No longer any journalistic humility

Put the two words "journalistic humility" into the Lexis-Nexis electronic retrieval system. Ask for all articles over the past year that include the term. Here's the reply message: "No documents were found for your search. You should edit your search and try again."

Many year-end analyses of elite journalism's defeats last year — most notably Dan Rather's debacle — dealt with the role of technology: blogs threatening bigwigs. But, as they say in high school driver's ed classes, the leading cause of accidents is the nut behind the wheel.

Pride is going before the fall of networks and leading newspapers. A generation or two ago, a typical reporter at least in theory aspired to be "a fly on the wall," presenting a variety of views rather than imposing or even insinuating his own. Columnists (like liberal Supreme Court justices) could flaunt their opinions, but reporters were to be strict constructors of stories and avoid legislating from their notepads.

This was journalism still

based on statements of faith such as "The Journalist's Creed," written by Walter Williams, dean of the University of Missouri's Journalism School from 1908 to 1935. The creed states that "the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public." Williams called for reporting that "fears God and honors man ... self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers."

How many reporters followed that creed is hard to tell — movies throughout the 20th century tended to emphasize journalistic cynicism and rudeness — but what humility was present has now vanished. A "fly on the wall" perspective is now secondary to nailing to the wall the hides of those considered reactionary. In that sense, American journalism

is slowly becoming European, with newspapers revealing a clear ideological base.

I saw the beginnings of this firsthand while serving my journalistic apprenticeship at the Boston Globe in 1970-1971 and in 1973, at a time when the Globe was transitioning from a reporting staff of sometimes cynical but often humble old-timers to a brigade of liberal or radical Ivy Leaguers.

By 1973, I was a hardcore Marxist full of myself and had no trouble getting into the Globe stories that insinuated my views of class warfare and capitalistic corruption. News and feature editors encouraged me, as long as my doctrines were not so explicit as to scare typical subscribers.

"Humility" would not have described me or my fellow new Globe reporters. They and I still insisted pub-

licly that we were "objective," but privately we agreed that we would give all sides what we felt they deserved, with reporters serving as judges and sometimes executioners. Journalists became the Inquisition.

New York University journalism professor Jay Rosen last year published an aptly titled article, "Journalism is itself a religion." He described "the priesthood of the journalism profession in the United States, especially those at top news organizations in New York and Washington." He noted the religion's rituals, such as the awarding of Pulitzer Prizes.

His exhibit A was Bill Moyers' praise of the Columbia University School of Journalism and the Columbia Journalism Review: "I think of CJR and the J-School as sort of the 'high church' of our craft, reminding us of the better angels of our nature and the demons, powers and princi-

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Booklet shows how to sidestep U.S. law

Thought experiment: What if the U.S. government produced a comic-book-style pamphlet for Americans headed to Mexico, advising them how to break Mexican laws safely and successfully? We'd never hear the end of the outrage. And we shouldn't, because it would be outrageous.

So what's the Mexican government's excuse for publishing 1.5 million copies of "Guide for Mexican Migrants," a booklet teaching its citizens how to violate U.S. law by sneaking into this country?

Mexican officials say they did not intend to promote illegal border crossings, only to inform those considering doing so of the risks. Then why advise Mexicans how to evade U.S. authorities once in the country? Could the fact that illegal migrant workers send home billions of U.S. dollars have anything to do with this? That said, let's be honest here. There's a reason Washington doesn't seem to

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be all that disturbed. It's called hypocrisy.

The feds have long been soft on enforcement at the Mexican border, in part because American families and U.S. business interests depend on cheap migrant labor. If the booklet teaches Mexicans how to exploit the United States, our lax enforcement teaches American employers how to exploit illegal Mexicans.

We support President Bush's steps toward immigration reform, specifically his guest-worker proposal that would give migrant workers a chance at a three-year visa and, ultimately, a place in line toward citizenship. He risks angering many in his own party, and we applaud his courage.

We also recognize that the illegal immigration issue is vast and complex, with no cheap or easy solutions. A foreign government printing a how-to booklet for its citizens to sneak in and break our laws does not help.

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Red Cross offering CPR, First Aid and instructor courses

Gray County Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, is offering the following classes at the local office:

CPR — Monday, Jan. 24, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

First Aid — Monday, Jan. 31, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

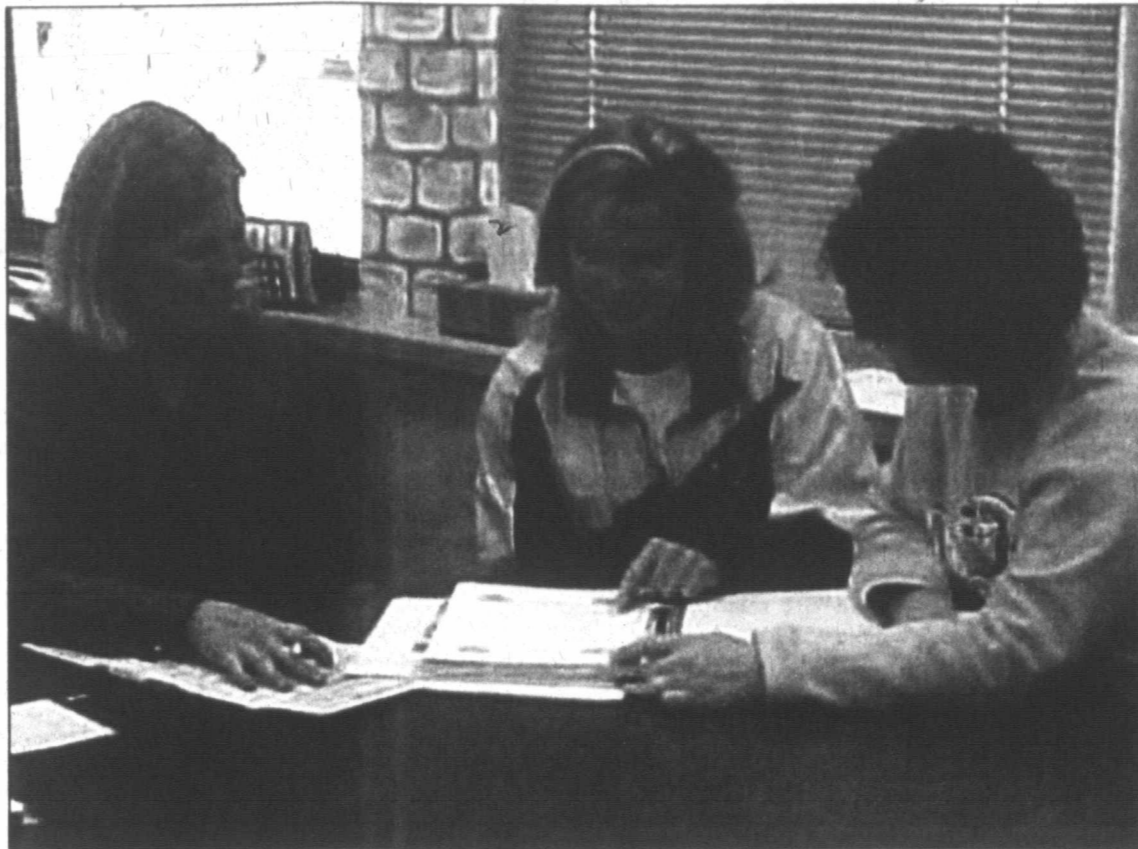
Intro to Disaster — Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Mass Care — Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

To register or for more information, call 806-669-7121 or 800-297-2270.

Persons interested in being an instructor, Frank Phillips College of Borger is offering an Instructor Class, CPR — Monday, Jan. 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Jan. 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the instructor classes, call Frank Phillips College at 806-274-5311, ext. 749 or Hutchinson County Red Cross Chapter at 806-273-6012 or Gray County Area Red Cross Chapter at 806-669-7121.



Chili Supper planners

Dana Terry, Chili Supper chairman; Beverly Owens, principal and Abby Pirtle, Booster Club president, discuss plans for the upcoming Austin Chili Supper on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Calendar of Events

• **2CARE for Moms and Babies** is conducting free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **The Contract Procurement Center** in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, at Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 2921 I-40 West, Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Al Sammann, regional director of Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center in Lubbock. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

• **Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic** will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail swclassic@cox.net.

Letter

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from here and wants to go to a transitional home if the law permits in Arizona when she gets out. She does not want to come back to this town — period.

How does that make one feel that she doesn't want to come back to our quaint little town? It makes me sick that my daughter doesn't want to come back to the town she grew up in because

she doesn't trust the Upper Beings of Pampa Texas to not harrass her. That she doesn't feel safe in her own home town.

Come on, Pampa. We need to clean the streets of Pampa up. It takes a clean community. Don't let your kids fall into the drug trap. Learn how to get them help. Keep begging, Keep calling. Let's work together as a team. Clean Pampa from drugs!

Chalena Freeman
Pampa

Press

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politics of power against which journalism is always wrestling."

Demons? Former New York journalist William Proctor points out that New York Times editors condemn "the sin of religious certainty," yet have their own "set of absolute truths. (Editors are) absolutely sure that the religious groups they consider intolerant and judgmental are absolutely wrong, espe-

cially traditional Roman Catholics, evangelicals and most Orthodox Jews. And they are just as convinced that the religious groups that they consider tolerant and progressive are absolutely right."

I saw the beginnings of the dramatic journalistic surge to the left; Rosen and Proctor are seeing the culmination.

Marvin Olasky, Ph.D., is a professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and editor of "World" magazine.

Attorney: Coleman in denial

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas official says a former undercover agent who sent dozens of blacks from Tulsa to prison on bogus drug charges pumped county-owned gasoline into a private vehicle and failed to recognize he had broken the law.

The former agent, Tom Coleman, is accused of lying about his arrest record in hearings for four defendants in 2003. If convicted of two felony charges of aggravated perjury, he could be sentenced to 20 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine. Prosecutors dropped a third charge Monday without explanation.

Jay Adams Jr., a West Texas county attorney, told

jurors Tuesday that he saw Coleman pump the gas into a pickup truck in May 1996. He said Coleman told him

Tuesday after calling nine witnesses.

It was not known if Coleman would testify.

'It was total and complete denial.'

— Jay Adams Jr.
County attorney

"It was total and complete denial," Adams said.

Coleman called Adams after having trouble getting work.

"He'd been applying for jobs and what he was complaining about was when a prospective employer called the sheriff's office, they were told he was being filed on for theft Class B," Adams said.

The state rested its case

The defense called two witnesses Tuesday, both of whom had testified earlier for the state.

One of them was Adams who, under cross-examination from prosecutor Rod Hobson, revealed that Coleman left his sheriff's deputy job in Cochran County in May 1996 owing nearly \$7,000 to about 15 merchants in Morton.

Coleman had failed to pay rent for several months, and for groceries, propane bills and for flowers.



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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married almost two years and am having problems with my wife's male friends. She has never had a lot of female friends, and she has had physical relationships with some of her male friends in the past.

We have had several arguments over her relationships with these men and my inability to trust them. I agree with her on that point; however, I would feel awkward if she confided in a male friend if she and I ever got into a tiff.

I am really troubled by this. I believe it opens a window of opportunity for the guy to make advances when she's at a low point. I recently was forwarded an e-mail from one of her male friends that referred to her as "Sweetie" and "Puddin' Pop." Is that right? Should I confront her on this? What should I do? -- UNEASY IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR UNEASY: Do not "confront" your wife, but do discuss your feelings with her. That you are uneasy about her continuing a relationship with old lovers is understandable. However, to expect a woman who has always related better to men than to women to forgo friendships with men seems unrealistic.

It is important that you evaluate what is (or isn't) going on with your wife that has aroused your insecurities. "Sweetie" and "Puddin' Pop" are familiarities, but they're a far cry from "My Darling," or something more explicit. I know several people who call everyone "Sweetheart," "Honey" or "Sweet Pea." I suspect it's because they aren't very good at remembering names.

Please talk this out with your wife. You married someone who had a life before she met you. Neither one of you was born yesterday. She was honest with you about it. Trust her unless she gives you reason not to do so.

DEAR ABBY: I have met the woman of my dreams, the one who was made just for me, and the one I was made for. I am 29 and shy by nature. Before meeting "Jane," I never had a long-term relationship. Nothing lasted more than two dates. I never took the chance because I was afraid of getting hurt.

Jane, on the other hand, is the opposite. She has had boyfriends since the age of 13.

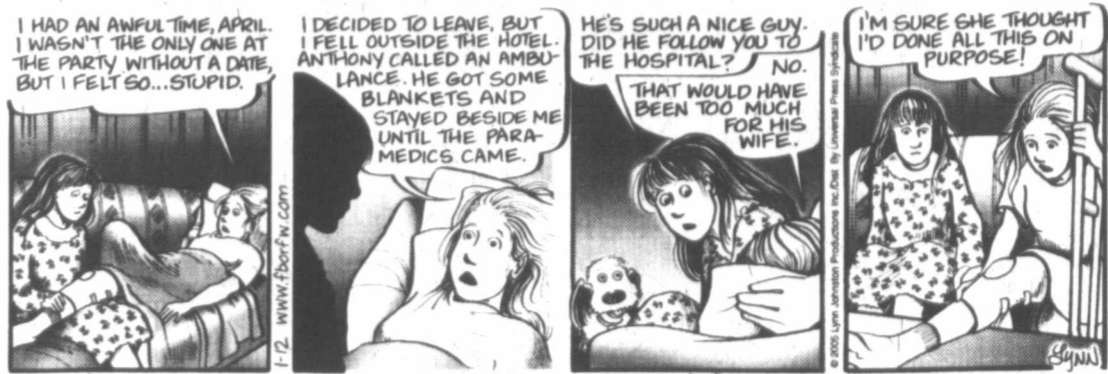
We are both having trouble forgetting the past. Although I know Jane loves me and her ex's mean nothing to her now, she still mentions their names in passing every so often. She still has photos of them, old letters, gifts, etc. It's a constant reminder of her past, and of mine, which was alone and depressed.

Just thinking about Jane in another man's arms, and how alone I was, tears me up inside. Why does she have these old things if I am supposed to be her true love? She never speaks of them with longing, but her talking about them at all is hurtful to me. How can I get past her past and move on with the present? -- WANTS NO REMINDERS

DEAR WANTS NO REMINDERS: Many people keep mementoes because they are souvenirs of happy times or memories. I'm sorry your past was lonely and sad, but for you to expect your girlfriend to come down with amnesia is unrealistic. Since the souvenirs bother you, tell Jane how you feel. If she cares about your feelings, she'll put them away and store them with other dusty memorabilia.

When you feel yourself dwelling on the past, remember this: Most people are as happy as they make their minds up to be. Concentrate on the present, and the future will take care of itself. The surest way to trip yourself up is to keep looking over your shoulder. Please don't make that mistake, or you'll ruin a good thing.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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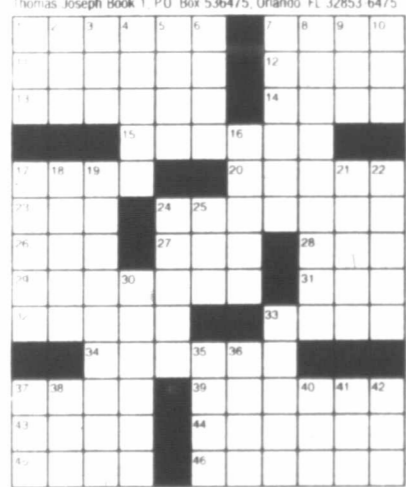
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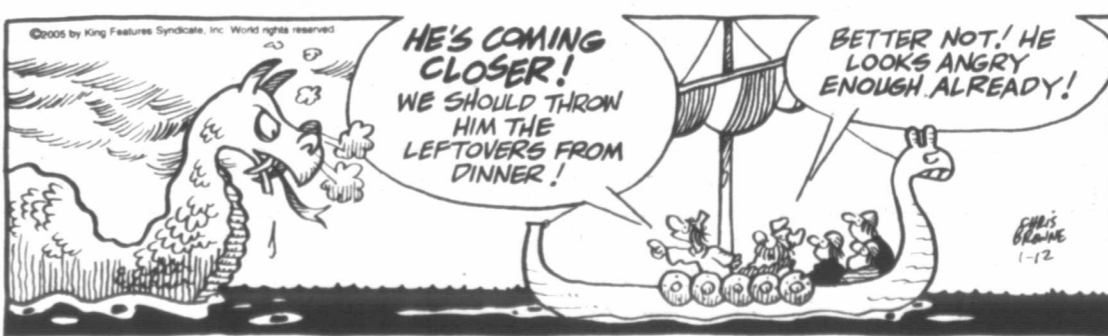


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Sports Day

Harvester wrestlers busy this week; Hereford Rumble results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Wrestling team took part in last weekend's Hereford Rumble at Hereford. Pampa competed in eight duels in all.

While the Harvesters gained victories over El Paso Riverside (42-18) and Lubbock Estacado (41-28), they lost to El Paso Burgess, El Paso Montwood, El Paso Eastwood, Amarillo High, Anardarko (Okla.), and Lubbock High.

The meet included 21 teams, each dueling eight times during the tournament.

Among the Harvester top performers were:

—**Richard Leal** (103lb.), went 7-1 including four forfeits and one pin. Said Head Coach Josh Cadenhead, "Richard wrestled really well. He had two big wins, a pin and his only loss coming from a tough wrestler out of Eastwood."

—**Scotty Brown** (112lb.), finished 5-3 with three forfeits and one pin. "Scotty wrestled really tough. He had two wins, one of which was a technical fall. He has really improved and is really wrestling tough as a freshman," said Cadenhead.

—**Matt Railsback** (119lb.), 4-4 with two forfeits. According to Cadenhead, "Matt wrestled extremely aggressive this weekend. He was only pinned once in his four losses. He has made

huge progress through this season and continues to get better each time we wrestle."

—**Trevor Collins** (125lb.), went 1-7 with one forfeit. Said Cadenhead, "Trevor is wrestling a tough weight class. He is very determined, both on the mat and in the wrestling room to get better each week. He is hanging around out on the mat a little longer each match and will benefit from the experience down the road."

—**Michael Moore** (135lb.), finished 2-6 with two forfeits. "Michael is another guy that is in a tough weight class. He is a hard worker who is gaining experience in every match," said Cadenhead.

—**Jimmie Logan** (140lb.), 2-6 including two pins. "Jimmy is a freshman who is improving weekly in the wrestling room. He had several tough outings this weekend, but came away with two pins his final two matches."

—**John Burns** (152lb.), went 6-2 with one forfeit and two pins. Boasted Cadenhead, "John continues to be the dominate wrestler for the Harvesters. John has handled his opponents with little problem. One of his losses (5-1) came in his fifth match Friday, while the other came against a wrestler from Anardarko, Okla. He continues to be a leader in the wrestling room keeping his eye on a district championship."

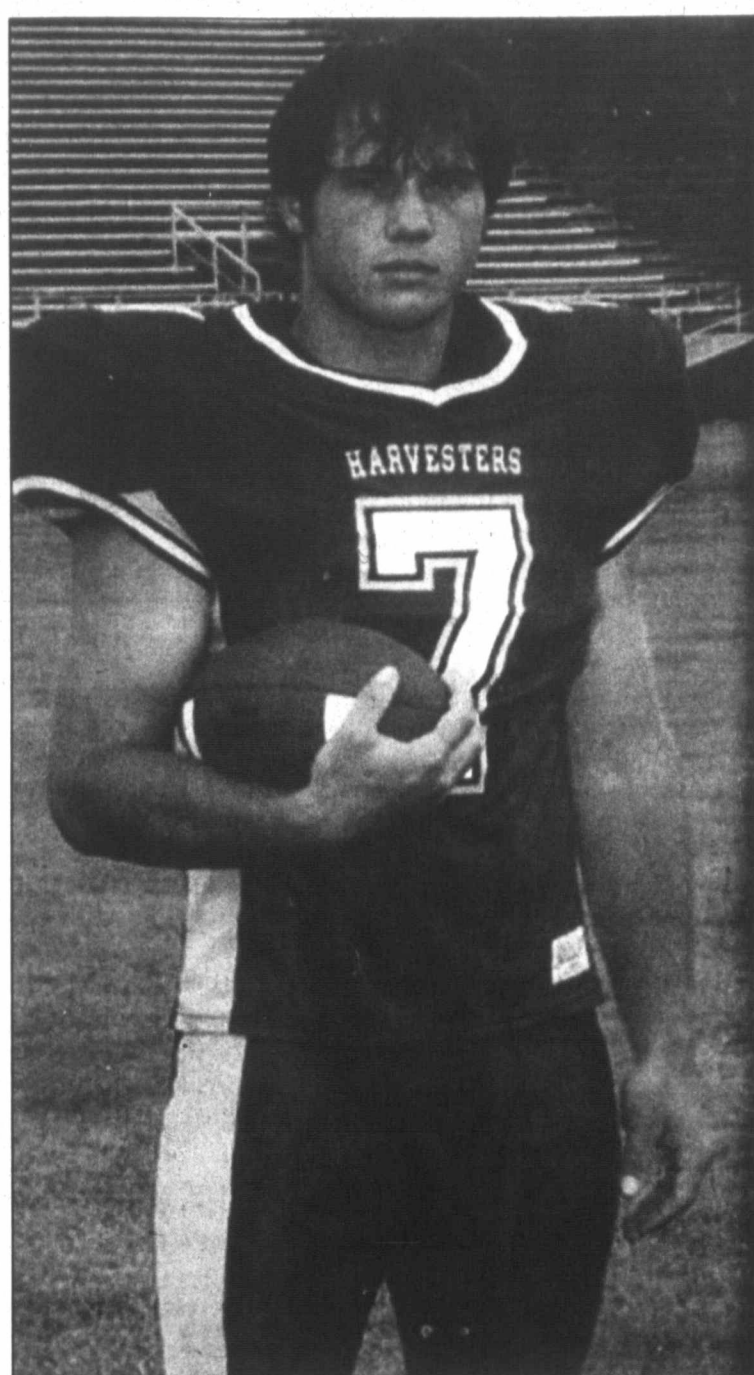
—**Cody Wood** (180lb.), 3-5 with three forfeits. Said Cadenhead, "Cody has not seen much live wrestling, but

was very intense when he got his chance on the mat. He continues to gain experience which will benefit him down the road."

—**Chris Veal** (215lb.), finished 4-4 with two forfeits and two pins. "Chris is entering his senior year looking for a trip to Regionals. He battled tough this past weekend collecting two pins to add to his wins."

In summarizing his team's overall performance in Hereford this past weekend, Cadenhead said, "I am really pleased with the way we improved in the little areas of wrestling. We did not give up as many pins as we have in the past and we had several more matches last until the 3rd period." He added, "I remind the guys daily that we want to wrestle at our peak when we go to district (at River Road on Feb. 4). We are improving in the important areas of the sport. As a young team, it is important to set goals each match so that we can judge our improvement. The guys are working extremely hard every practice and it will show when we enter the district tournament in February."

The Harvesters were in action last night at McNeely Field House. We will post those results as soon as they become available. The PHS junior varsity team will take part in a tournament at Amarillo High School tomorrow. The varsity team will take to the mats next this Friday and Saturday at the Vernon Tournament.



Pampa senior Q.B. Cobb has been nominated as one of 50 outstanding Players of the Year.

Q.B. Cobb nominated for Red Zone Player of the Year award

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa's Q.B. Cobb has been nominated as an Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year. According to its web site, "All varsity players who meet all academic requirements to be able to play are eligible for nomination. This is not merely an award based on statistics — our Red Zone players of the year show leadership, courage, determination, endurance and tenacity." This would, in fact, describe Cobb.

Cobb had an outstanding season as an important part of the Pampa football program this past season, despite missing a few games due to a leg injury. He was a force on defense as well as solid blocker and pass receiver on offense,

netting him recognition and accolades from sports writers and district coaches.

Many Friday night games were followed by Saturday rodeo events. Add that to his academic career and it is easy to see why Cobb was nominated.

Cobb is to receive a certificate and is now eligible, along with others from across the country, to be featured in USA Today.

Nominations were to be submitted by players' coaches. Cobb's nomination came courtesy of former Harvester Head Coach, Heath Parker and his staff. Said Parker, "Q.B. was a joy to coach. If my sons turn out anything like Q.B. then I have done my job as a father."



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Lady Harvester McKensie East puts a shot up over the fingertips of a Palo Duro defensive player during last Friday's game. Pampa played in Hereford last night, taking the Lady Whitefaces to double overtime.

Lady Harvesters take exciting 58-57 double overtime win over Hereford

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters traveled to Hereford last night and came away with an exciting 58-57, double-overtime win. Pampa is now 9-13 (1-1) for the season.

Pampa had an outstanding first half, scoring 28 points to Hereford's 20. Missed shots, turnovers and blown opportunities hampered Pampa in the second half, while the Lady Whitefaces closed the gap — particularly in the fourth period where Hereford scored 21 points.

The teams ended regulation tied, 50-50.

Both teams managed just four points each in the first overtime period. Pampa secured the win in the second over-

time period, scoring four points to Hereford's three.

Pampa Head Coach Troy Fry said, "This was a big game for us. The overtime was a good experience for us."

Fry said he later told Coach Valerie Valdez this was the most excited he has seen his team following a win.

"McKensie East had a great game, especially in the overtimes. She grabbed some big, clutch rebounds for us," said Fry.

Top scorers were Britteni Rice-25, Callie Cobb-12, and Lindsey Ammons-11.

The junior varsity Lady Harvester basketball team also left Hereford with a victory last night, defeating the Lady Whitefaces 44-37.

Both teams will host Randall this Friday night.

PJHS takes two from Hereford

Here are the results from Monday's Pampa vs. Hereford (away) junior high school girls' basketball games as provided by PJHS Head Coach Deanna Polasek:

7th A Team 38, Hereford 20

Leading from start to finish, the 7th grade A girls' basketball team rolled over Hereford Monday night 38-20. This brings our record to 2-0 in the second half of the season. We are really starting to gel as a team. It was an exciting win. Leading scorers were Sammie Pearson with nine points. Ashley Facio added eight. Shelbie Watson and Serina Wagner had 6 points each. Lariat Lowrey, Brooklyn Barker, and Kara Stephens also scored. Whitney Wade, Carlyn Teichmann and Emilie Troxell contributed with great defense, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks. As a team, we were in double figures in each of these categories. Everything was really working well for us offensively and defensively.

7th B Team 24, Hereford 19

Early in the game we trailed 4-5, but then we took the lead and never looked back. We ended up winning 24-19. We played some good defense. There were times we let them try to get back in the game, but we held on strong. They played well as a team the whole game. Our leading scorers were Faby Soria, Kimberly Curtis, Andi Hutto, Rachel Heuston, and Kristin Bivins with 4 points each. Kayla Ware and Gabby Powell also added to the score. Cheyanne Collins, Ashley Williams, Kelsey Watson, and Lauren Jacoby contributed defensively and had rebounds, assists, steals and blocks.

Johnson apologizes for encounter

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson made his first pitch as a member of the New York Yankees: an apology.

Johnson opened a news conference by talking about his confrontation on a Manhattan sidewalk with a television cameraman on the way to his physical

the previous day.

In a trade in the works for more than a month and agreed to Dec. 30, the Yankees sent pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, catcher Dioner Navarro and \$9 million to the Arizona Diamondbacks for Johnson.

The five-time Cy Young Award win-

ner got a \$32 million, two-year contract extension that runs through 2007, and the deal was finally completed when he ace'd his medical tests Monday. The 41-year-old left-hander even astounded New York's team doctor because his elbow and shoulder were still in such good shape.

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This year, count on you and only you. Depending on others could be disappointing, if not disastrous. Often, events, outcomes and relationships seem too good to be true. Honor this thought and protect yourself from worst-case scenarios. Let good feelings flow, but don't tax relationships with extra demands. Accept each person for who he or she is. Communication and understanding will flourish, especially if you disengage from other expectations. If you are single, pick and choose your sweetie rather than let someone else choose you. Claim your power, my dear Goat. Intimate ties could have an austere or cold element. If you are attached, work on warming up your sweetie. Negativity often could emanate from partnerships. PISCES likes to chatter.

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)
*** You might wake up with a smile, but by the afternoon, challenges boomerang in your direction. Be careful how you express your frustration and anger. Though you might feel pulled in two different directions, rise above the situation. Tonight: You need some downtime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Just when you think you are free and clear, a hassle erupts. You might be hard-pressed to keep your focus, attention and temper. Detach and eye your objectives. A friend cheers you on. A close associate or money matter comes forth. Tonight: Let off steam. Play racquet ball with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Everyone has his or her own agenda, which might not be a surprise. Right now, others push to have what they want. Avoid tumbling into a money conflict. Do your best not to react to various pressures. Concentrate on work. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Others challenge you. Don't curl up into your shell. Claim your power and don't allow a slow depression to come on. Avoid reacting by detaching. Take a walk. Go out. Remember, others could be having a hard day too. Tonight: Let your imagination make the suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Good intentions appear to fall to the wayside. You might be more exhausted than you realize. Work with others as much as you can. To honor your feelings, relate on a one-on-one level. The stress could be less. Curb irritation and use your lunchtime for a walk or some other stress-buster. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Reach out for those around you. Your personal and public lives demand networking and attention. Others could throw a tantrum if they don't get their way; hold steady and don't react. This behavior helps others see their actions. Tonight: Accept an apology.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
** High demands drain your energy. You can explain all you want, but you cannot please everyone. Direct your attention where you can make a difference. Avoid a quarrelsome person until you are sure that he or she has calmed down. Tonight: Screen calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Express your creativity, but don't take unnecessary risks. You cut

through others' contrariness and help them relax. Your humor lightens up many. You might not get the response you desire at first. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
** Push comes to shove. If you can cocoon, by all means do so. Chill out and avoid expressing your frustration and anger. You will only make a situation into a problem. Also, an apology could be necessary to clear the air. Tonight: Play it smart -- chill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Your efforts fall on deaf ears. You could be reactive. Go where you might be appreciated and cared about in return. Know when to say "enough." Understand your reactions. Tonight: Swap today's war stories with a buddy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
** Funds and spending leap out of control. Depression or exhaustion easily could be a side effect. Understand what a whirlwind you are in. Center and jump over the present emotional climate. Tonight: Get to the root of a problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You might have a magnetic personality and style. However, the actions of those around you -- bosses, parents and authority figures -- might impair your actions and ability to let go. The good news is, this situation is only temporary. Tonight: Accept an apology.

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More reports of lasers being shot into airplane cockpits

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least a dozen cases of lasers being beamed into aircraft cockpits since Christmas are being investigated by the FBI.

The lasers can temporarily blind pilots. A cluster of incidents received wide attention between Christmas and New Year's Day, and the FBI says at least four more have occurred in the past week. Authorities have continued to rule out terrorism.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta was briefing reporters Wednesday about the issue at the Federal Aviation Administration's aeronautical research center in Oklahoma City.

Mineta was expected to

announce new measures for alerting pilots and preparing them to react when lasers are shined at their aircraft. He was also expected to outline

Calif. airport.

"To our knowledge there was no danger to the aircraft," said Cathy Viray, spokeswoman for the FBI in Los

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— Cathy Viray
FBI spokeswoman

ways to notify law enforcement investigators more quickly.

Last week, a pilot told law enforcement officials that a green light appeared on the nose of his aircraft as it was taking off from the Burbank,

Angeles.

Last weekend, two pilots near Washington Dulles International Airport reported lasers beamed at them, according to FBI spokeswoman Debra Weierman.

The first incident occurred

Saturday and involved a helicopter from the Fairfax County (Va.) Police Department; the other happened Sunday to a US Airways Express flight.

Weierman said the bureau was investigating. There have been no arrests and neither pilot was affected by the laser light, she said.

In Boise, Idaho, a pilot told the FBI that someone was possibly using a red laser on a small plane shortly after take-off Friday evening, according to Dominic Venturi, the FBI supervisor.

"It did not injure the pilot or any of the passengers on board," Venturi said, adding the FBI believes it has identified the person responsible.

"We feel confident it is not related to terrorism," he said.

Beginning Christmas night, there were reports of lasers pointed at aircraft cockpits in Cleveland, Houston, Colorado Springs, Colo.,

Medford, Ore., and Nashville, Tenn. Many of the reports described a green beam.

A New Jersey man was arrested and charged last week for aiming a green laser at a small jet flying

Expanded courses

CCPC to expand offerings

Clarendon College-Pampa Center has announced expanded programs in math, science, computer, and fine arts and continuing education.

"Clarendon College is very interested in expanding its offerings in Pampa and we have just recently hired Mr. Frank Vance as a full-time Mathematics Instructor for the Pampa Campus," said Joe Kyle Reeve, Dean of Pampa Center. "This will let us expand our math program and allow us to support other programs that are math intensive."

The areas to be expanded include developmental math, beginning, intermediate and college algebra, business calculus, Calculus I, statistics and elementary statistical methods, accounting, and computer science.

"We knew there was a need for increased curriculum and we hope area residents will take advantage of the expanded schedule," Reeve added. "We are hoping to inform more students about the pluses that Pampa Center has to offer including low student to instructor ratios, individualized degree planning and courses that will transfer to any four-year college. Students can save transportation and dorm expenses while working their first college years then transfer to a four-year college with their courses transferring."

The computer courses have increased to include several

microcomputer courses and programming fundamentals.

Fine Art courses include

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Dean, CCPC

two theater online courses and three fine arts appreciation courses, one of which is online, as well as a music theory and sight singing and ear training courses and a choir. The choir class is open to individuals who want academic credit or who simply enjoy singing and would like to participate in a community choir.

Science courses include biology, zoology, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology and chemistry. There are also psychology, human growth and development and sociology courses.

Along with academic courses, Pampa Center has two workforce training programs. Students can apply for the one-year computer program taught by DeWayne Stephens whereby they obtain two certifications: networking and technician specialist.

"They have entry-level certification and can build computers," said Stephens. He noted that some students continue earning their associate degree in applied science from Pampa Center. They can also transfer the 60 hours of their AA degree to a four-year college and work for a bachelor of arts degree in applied science, occupational technology or business management.

In addition to the networking specialist program, Pampa Center has an Office Technology program that trains students how to be effective administrative assistants and clerical staff. This program is taught Jan Haynes and has a history of supplying well-trained clerical staff to businesses around the Pampa area.

"There are numerous course offerings for the basic college required courses of English, government and history," said Reeve, "so that we can accommodate people's working schedules and aid mothers who need babysitting."

Along with academic courses a new Continuing Education and Community Service Schedule is in the offering. These classes will include everything from bird watching to "How to secure your home or business network," school officials said.

For more information, contact the CCPC admissions office at (806)665-8801 or learn more online at www.clarendoncollege.edu.

County to distribute food, shelter funds

Gray County has been awarded federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, according to a press release from Katrina Bigham of Pampa United Way.

Gray County has been chosen to receive \$8,150 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and 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.

The local board is charged with distributing funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the

country.

Sitting on the local board in addition to Gray County judge are representatives of United Way, Ministerial Associations, City of Pampa, The Salvation Army, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Tralee Crisis Center and Harvest House.

Board members determine how the funds awarded to Gray Co. are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the national grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; 2) have an accounting system; 3) practice nondiscrimination; 4) have

demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and 5) if they are a private, voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Gray Co. has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Harvest House, Tralee Crisis Center and Pampa Meals on Wheels participating.

These agencies are responsible for providing 310 meals, five nights lodging and 16 paid utilities.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Bigham at the United Way office, 200 N. Ballard, Suite 105, or call the office at 669-1001 to obtain an application.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 14.

Correctional officer seminar set at Jordan unit

Texas Department of Criminal Justice invites prospective correctional officers to a Correctional Officer Hiring Seminar at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Jordan Prison Unit.

The prison is located five miles east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60. Turn north on Gray County Road 12 and go two miles to the Jordan Unit.

TDCJ is accepting applications for correctional officers in Pampa. The seminar will provide information about the duties of a correc-

tional officer, qualifications, salary, benefits, and application process. Interested applicants will be scheduled for screening in Pampa the week of Jan. 24.

The seminar will be held inside the prison unit and proper attire is required; no T-shirts, shorts or short skirts are permitted. Also, no exposed shoulders or midriff, tight-fitting or see-through clothing, or open-toed shoes without socks or hose.

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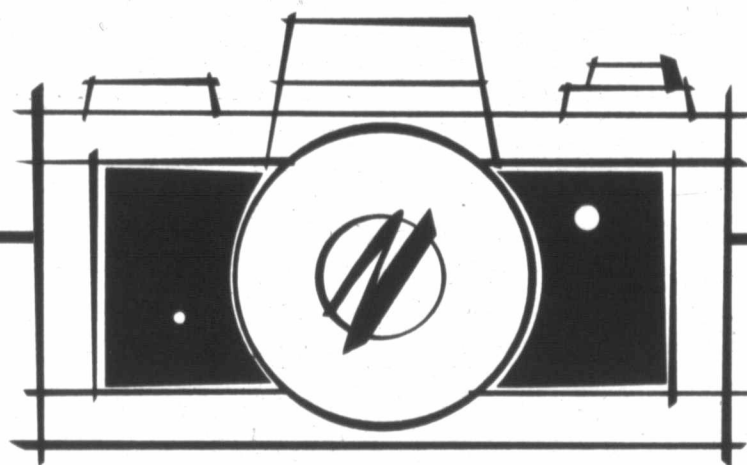
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