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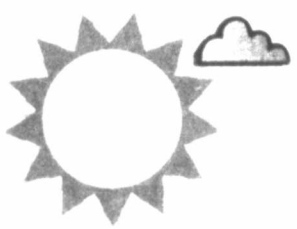
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## Deaths

**Richmond Lee Davis,**  
74, truck driver.  
**Ron Alvin Greenway,**  
60, SWBT retiree.

## Texas Today

### Former president gets to witness son's second inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — When former President Bush watches as his first-born son is sworn in for a second term as president, the tears may really flow this time. The son is getting what the father was denied.

Both men teared up at George W. Bush's first inauguration in 2001, after the younger Bush worried aloud about belonging to a family of "weepers" who can't keep their emotions in check.

After the swearing-in four years ago, George Herbert Walker Bush wiped away a tear after hugging his son. Tears welled up in the eyes of the newly minted president, but didn't spill over.

"The pride we feel this week is the same pride every parent feels when they see their son hit a home run or their daughter come home with straight A's," the former president, who lost a bid for re-election in 1992, said Wednesday.

The two George Bushes — who playfully call each other "41" and "43" in honor of their place in the lineup of U.S. presidents — are only the second father-son presidential team. They follow John Adams and John Quincy Adams, who each served one term.

### Continental posts \$206 million loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines Inc. on Thursday blamed a \$206 million fourth-quarter loss on continued high fuel costs, fare erosion from competitive pressures and what it called excessive government taxes and fees.

Continental lost \$363 million or \$5.55 per share for the year, joining other struggling air carriers in wrapping up 2004 on a negative note.

## Business incubator not ready to hatch

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Pampa's business incubator isn't quite ready to help hatch any businesses for the local economy, according to City Manager John Horst.

Horst spoke on the incubator and other aspects of Pampa's economy during a Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday in the Community Building.

"Our incubator will be in the U.S. Bus building. The city is working to get specifications and have the building redone to make it suitable. It should be complete by this fall," Horst said at the luncheon.

Four manufacturers are expected to take up residence in the building after the preparations are completed, he said.

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## County plans special session

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Gaining grant funds, spending other funds, and making funds available to others will be the subject of a special meeting by Gray County Commissioners at 9 a.m. Friday in the second floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

One of the three agenda items is to "consider name changes with regard to the District Attorney's checking accounts."

"We want to be prepared to add any names that need to be added, such as (Assistant 31st District Attorney) Lynn Switzer. If monies need to be paid out, she's not on the account

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## George W. Bush sworn in for second term

President vows to spread freedom across the 'darkest corners of the world'

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush swore a presidential oath for a second term in turbulent times Thursday and issued a sweeping pledge to spread liberty and freedom "to the darkest corners of the world."

"Our country has accepted obligations that are difficult to fulfill and would be dishonorable to abandon," said the president, who led the nation to war in Iraq in a first term marked by terrorist attacks on the United States.

Bush, the nation's 43rd president, raised one hand and placed the other on a family Bible as he vowed to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution in a 35-word pledge as old as the Republic.

In a speech delivered before a vast throng of fellow Americans spilling away from the steps of the Capitol,

Bush said he would place the nation on the side of the world's oppressed people. "All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know: the United States will not ignore your oppress, or excuse your oppressors. When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you."

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, 80 and ailing with thyroid cancer, administered the oath of office.

The weather was cold; the security extraordinarily tight for the nation's 55th inauguration, first since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Sharpshooters were perched on the rooftops of buildings near the Inaugural stands. Police stood shoulder to shoulder along the route of the Inaugural parade.

Bush awoke before dawn in the

White House, the nation's cold capital under security so tight that 100 square blocks were sealed off to traffic.

The president, his wife Laura and their twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, traveled by motorcade to St. John's Church a few blocks away for the traditional pre-inauguration prayer service.

A few hours later, they journeyed 16 blocks to the Capitol, police lining their route shoulder to shoulder.

A crowd of 100,000 or more was expected outside the Capitol, where Bush stood four years earlier to take the oath of office for the first time.

That was before terrorists struck the United States, plunging America into a challenging new era, and prompting the president to order the invasion of Afghanistan and — controversially — Iraq.

The inaugural pageantry unfolded half a world away from that conflict — a war and messy aftermath that has claimed the lives of more than 1,300 Americans and was a key fault line in last fall's election.

Bush's victory made him the 16th president in American history to win a second full term — a accomplishment denied his father, George H.W. Bush

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(Courtesy photos)

As the tsunami traveled inland on the island of Phuket in Thailand, it reached buildings, vehicles and people, left. At right, among the debris washed back ashore in the aftermath of the giant wave are numerous bodies of victims.

## Restaurateur asks public:

Put your money where your mouth is to help tsunami victims

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Methalya Jackson has haunting images of the death and destruction in her homeland, and she is raising funds to do something about it.

Jackson, manager of the Thai Delight restaurant in Coronado Center, was born in Chiang Mai, in northern Thailand. Her younger brother is a counselor with the U.S. consulate in Chiang Mai, and he helps American visitors in the island nation with issues such as legal matters.

Jackson and her brother have relatives who may be victims of the deadly tsunami that hit Thailand and neighboring countries last Dec. 26.

"I didn't lose any close family, but some uncles who are fishermen are unaccounted for. Of one of my (extended) families, a six-

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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Jackson with artwork showing one of the statues which guard the gates of the royal palace at Bangkok, Thailand.

*'All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know ... When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you.'*

— President Bush  
in his inaugural address

## Obituaries

### Richmond Lee Davis, 74

Richmond Lee Davis, 74, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Marlow, Okla.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler with James Conway, deacon of Immaculate Conception Church of Marlow, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A native of Panhandle, Mr. Davis was born Aug. 25, 1930. He married Lula Jo Babcock on July 3, 1955, at Shamrock; she died May 24, 1988.

Mr. Davis moved to Pampa in 1971 and retired from B&L Tank Truck as a truck driver in 1992.

He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynnita Conway of Marlow; four sons, George Callen of Santa Fe, Burl Davis and Bryan Davis, both of Pampa, and Shawn Davis of Elm Mott; his mother, Vitula Rose Davis of Amarillo; six sisters, Ruby Brown of Borger, Vineta Weiss of Shamrock, Velma Francis and Linda Hall, both of Amarillo, Betty Kirkland of Pampa and Johnnie McGee of Sanford; a brother, Odell Davis of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.



Davis

The family will receive visitors between 5 and 7 p.m. today at the funeral home in Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Ron Alvin Greenway, 60

DES MOINES, Iowa — Ron Alvin Greenway, 60, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005. A celebration of life service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at Christian Assembly Church in Hereford.

Mr. Greenway was born Sept. 8, 1944, at Frederick, Okla. He had been a lifelong resident of the Amarillo area and retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1991.

After his retirement, Mr. Greenway worked for Happy Independent School District and enjoyed volunteering at his local nursing home.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include four daughters, Ronda DeMoss of Gilbert, Iowa, Tina Skinner of Grand Prairie, Sandee Stokes of Pampa and Lisa McMaster of Plano; two sons, Jim Cook of Houston and Ronnie Greenway Jr. of Amarillo; his parents, Ancil and Betty Greenway of Hereford; five sisters, Cheryl Werflein of Bennett, Colo., Iretta Kimbell of Amarillo, Dana Wisner and Carla Lary, both of Clovis, N.M., and Shirla Williams of Amarillo; and 12 grandchildren.

A memorial fund has been established for Mr. Greenway. Contributions may be mailed to: Ron Greenway, P.O. Box 295, Gilbert, IA 50105.

## Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Richmond Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

## Stocks

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

Wheat ..... 3.16  
Milo ..... 3.10  
Corn ..... 3.60  
Soybeans ..... 4.40

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

OXY ..... 57.60 -0.70  
BP PLC ADR ..... 57.39 -0.72

Cabot Corp. .... 35.52 -0.14  
Cabot Oil Gas. .... 42.80 -0.80  
Coca Cola ..... 40.79 -0.31  
VLO ..... 48.10 -0.57  
HAL ..... 41.58 -0.62  
TRI ..... 41.13 +0.40  
NOI ..... 35.26 -0.45  
KMI ..... 73.94 -0.49  
XCEL ..... 18.00 -0.11  
Kerr McGee ..... 58.35 -0.76  
XOM ..... 50.67 -0.38  
Limited ..... 23.01 -0.04  
Williams ..... 15.72 -0.08  
MCD ..... 31.68 +0.06

Atmos ..... 26.71 -0.28  
Pioneer Nat. .... 35.48 -0.21  
JCP ..... 42.79 +0.16  
COP ..... 87.80 -1.47  
SLB ..... 64.11 -0.74  
Tenneco ..... 15.75 -0.50  
CVX ..... 52.10 -0.59  
Wal-Mart ..... 53.92 +0.14  
OKE ..... 27.72 -0.26  
NS Grp ..... 27.20 -0.60

New York Gold ..... 422.85  
Silver ..... 6.60  
West Texas Crude ..... 47.55

## Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 71. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers

before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 30. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. North-northeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. North-northeast wind 15 to 20 mph becoming east-southeast 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 46. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. South wind around 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 33.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 57.

## Government

# Proposed bill would require beer keg registration in state

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans purchasing beer kegs would be required to register with the state, swearing they are 21 years old and promising not to serve minors, under a new bill filed this week in the Texas House.

Retailers on Wednesday criticized the bill, contending the burden of the proposed registration program and its bookkeeping would fall on them.

However, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which would administer the registration, supports the measure, said Roy Hale, program specialist for the commission's enforcement division.

Rep. Rob Eissler filed the bill, one of three designed to reduce underage drinking.

Eissler, R-The Woodlands, supported the legislation at the urging of a constituent. Susan Wagener's son died of acute alcohol poisoning in 1999 on the campus of Texas A&M University.

A proposed law by Eissler, aimed at curbing birthday binge drinking that has led to deaths like those of Michael Wagener, would punish vendors who sell alcohol to people during the early morning hours of their 21st birthdays.

A third measure would limit the amount

of alcohol served in any one drink by licensed retailers to a half-ounce of pure alcohol or the equivalent. According to results of a police investigation into Wagener's death, he had been served eight or nine 4-ounce shots of liquor in 30 to 45 minutes, roughly the amount of a one-liter bottle of liquor.

"The point of the legislation is directed at underage drinking," said Eissler.

Retailers contend the proposed registration requirements are largely redundant because some businesses already register kegs voluntarily.

Hale, however, said 23 other states and the District of Columbia require buyers of kegs to register.

An estimated 60,000 or more kegs of beer sold annually in the state might come under the registration proposal, according to Texans Standing Tall, an Austin nonprofit dedicated to preventing underage alcohol use.

Underage drinking costs Texas an estimated \$5 billion a year in loss of life, accidents and treatment of various alcohol-related problems, said Steve Ross, a spokesman for the group.

## North Texas judge declares mistrial

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) — A North Texas judge has declared a mistrial in the case of a Mexican immigrant accused of falsely crying rape.

Johnson County Court-at-Law Judge William Anderson Jr. ended the trial Wednesday after jurors said for a third time that they could not decide whether the 28-year-

old woman made a false complaint.

Testimony in the trial had taken six days.

The woman told Cleburne police in October 2003 that she had been raped by three men in her back yard in February of that year.

Defense attorney Richard De Los Santos, who filed the mistrial motion, urged prosecutors to retry the case. He said his client wanted another trial to clear her name.

Cleburne police Cpl. Mark Goetz filed the Cleburne case after a five-month investigation cleared five rape suspects. Goetz said he became convinced that the woman lied to hide a relationship with the man who fathered the baby she claimed to have resulted from a rape.

The six-member Johnson County jury said the woman's videotaped interviews, translated by Spanish-language interpreters, were hard to understand and led to different interpretations.

After deliberating almost six hours over two days, jurors said they were split 4-2 in favor of convicting the woman.

"Cleburne police spent a lot of time investigating the alleged rape," said County Attorney Bill Moore.

The prosecutor said that his office will decide in the next few weeks whether the case should be retried.

Moore said that, while police routinely file false-reporting charges, few cases make it to a jury trial.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

Nine traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of North Hobart. Motorist assistance was rendered at Highway 60 and Hobart Street.

Two alarms were reported. One open door was reported.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, and at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Warrant service was attempted in the 600 block of Roberta and the 800 block of South Hobart.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered at Price and Alcock streets.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of Doucette. A knife was found.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of South Nelson. No assault or injuries were reported.

Two reports of assault were made in the police department lobby. One report of assault/family violence occurred in the 700 block of North West, with minor injuries reported.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of East Francis; the 2500 block of Duncan; at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles; and twice in the police department lobby. One theft occurred in the 700 block of North West, where a black leather jacket and Motorola Tarc phone were taken, for an estimated loss of \$288. Another theft was possible mail theft in the 700 block of North Somerville, involving a paycheck valued at approximately \$123.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne.

Public intoxication was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East Tyng, where "tagging," or spray painting, spelled out "LKS LOCOS."

Criminal mischief in the form of "tagging" was reported at the intersection of Barnes and Tyng streets, Craven and Starkweather streets, the 500 block of East Craven, and the 900 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Tyng, where a utility box owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway was spray painted. Estimated damage is \$50.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Craven, where a storage unit was spray painted, causing an estimated \$100 in damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Campbell, where a travel trailer was spray painted, causing an estimated \$150 in damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North West, where a vehicle window was shattered, causing an estimated \$100 in damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the alley between Starkweather and Tyng, where a dumpster was "tagged."

Mark Allen Haynes, 36, 628 Roberta, was arrested in the 609 block of Roberta on a capias pro fine for having an open container.

Israel Martinez, 35, 112 W. Browning, was arrested in the 800 block of South

Hobart for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, and for warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

Marlon Bryan Larue, 35, 123 S. Nelson, was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart for possession of between one and four grams of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, and for a probation violation on a charge of driving while license is invalid.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

5:04 p.m. — A 1996 Lincoln Continental, driven by Betty Harris Schaffer, 76, 310 Oak Drive, and a 1999 Honda Accord, driven by Alyssa Dawn Bromwell, 16, 2336 Comanche Trail, collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Schaffer was cited for failure to control speed.

### Sheriff

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

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

Jerimey Howard, 26, Lefors, was arrested for burglary of a habitation, no insurance, violation of a promise to appear, and a probation violation for forgery.

### Fire

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

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

8:51 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist at Texas Highway 152 and Price Road.

12:16 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

5:06 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Kentucky streets.

#### Thursday, Jan. 20

6:34 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 700 block of Bradley Drive.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 19

8:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 152 and Price Road and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

2:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a nursing facility in Wheeler.

5:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Wells. The call was canceled en route.

#### Thursday, Jan. 20

6:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Bradley on a fire standby.

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(Courtesy photo)

**People begin to realize their danger and turn to run as the tsunami washes over the island of Phuket, part of Thailand, on Dec. 26. Notice the woman in center front who is smiling at the camera even as the wave looms behind her.**

## Tsunami

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year-old girl is the only one found. No one knows what happened to her parents, brothers or sisters. She was playing on high ground that day," Jackson said.

The images Jackson has of the towering wave's effects are printed photos which were e-mailed to Jackson by a nephew, whose friend took the pictures during and after the disaster. They show the wave hitting the island, the destruction of buildings and other property, and a beach covered with debris, which appears to consist mainly of wooden boards and human bodies.

Jackson has pledged 25 percent of the net profits of the restaurant which are collected between Jan. 1 and Feb. 5 to the people of the Thai province of Phuket. Restaurant patrons may also enter a drawing to win a trip to Thailand to make the presentation, along with a member of the restaurant staff.

"I want to do something to help the Thai people, because I am Thai," Jackson said. "(The funds) will go directly to the people of Phuket Island from the citizens of Pampa."

Jackson decided to give the funds to the residents of Phuket because "it got hit badly. Of the six provinces (of Thailand), it was one of the worst hit," she said.

"So far, people have been responding pretty well. I would like to get about \$10,000. The donation will

go directly to residents of Phuket who lost homes and family members," Jackson said. She expects that the restaurant staff member and drawing winner will go to Thailand in early March to make the presentation. She plans to ask Thai Airways to provide the plane ticket for the winner of the drawing.

Jackson has been a U.S. resident for 32 years. She earned a college degree in statistics in Thailand, and an MBA in mathematics from Berkeley University in California. She has been managing the Thai Delight Restaurant in Pampa since October 2004. She is on leave of absence from Sun Microsystems, in California's Bay Area, where she has been employed for the past 18 years and is an engineering manager.

On the day of the tsunami, Jackson was driving back from California, where she had been visiting during the holidays.

"When I got back to Pampa, I called my brother right away. He was packing his bag to go to Phuket to try to identify missing U.S. citizens," she said. Her brother was educated in Great Britain and has worked for the BBC, a British broadcasting company.

Pampans who want to help in the recovery effort can do so just by having a meal. But some plan to do more.

"One lady said if she won the drawing, she would donate the value of her plane ticket back to the fund, rather than using that money for the ticket," Jackson said.

## PISD board sets special meeting

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education plans to meet in special session at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21.

The board will consider a state waiver for Pampa High School regarding test-

ing dates. Superintendent Barry Haensch said the waiver is a routine, annual request that had inadvertently been omitted from the agenda for the board's regular meeting Thursday night.

## Bush

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ment denied his father, George H.W. Bush in 1992. In the process, he led Republicans to larger majorities in the House and Senate, and has outlined a conservative second-term domestic agenda that includes major changes in Social Security and taxes.

But with the war a concern, he was beginning his new term with the lowest approval rating at that point of any recent two-term president — 49 percent in an Associated Press poll this month.

The Constitution commanded that Bush take the oath of office at the stroke of noon. Tradition dictated the Capitol as the setting, curiosity and celebration accounted for the throng that traditionally spilled down Capitol Hill toward the historic National Mall and the monuments beyond.

Tradition, too, called for Chief Justice William Rehnquist to administer the oath of office. At 80, ailing with thyroid cancer, he symbolized an aging court — and the likelihood of political warfare with Democrats if the conservative president had second term appointments to make.

## Project

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are completed, he said. "Incubators seem to be very successful in all the cities they're located in right now," Horst said.

Dumas has a business incubator that is full, with a waiting list. Berger, like Pampa, is working to get theirs started.

The incubator is not the only sign that Pampa's economy is staying alive, Horst said. Sales tax revenues are

exceeding budget projections, with December 2004's collection 30 percent higher than December 2003's, and with January 2005's total 27 percent over that of January 2004, he said.

"Overall, if this pattern holds, we should be somewhere between 20 and 30 percent over for this year," Horst said.

Three new businesses are planning to come to Pampa in the area on the north end of town near the new Wal-Mart Supercenter, Horst said. They are Dollar Tree, a discount

store; Game Stop, a video game store; and a ladies' clothing store.

A representative of Innovative Staffing Solutions LLC, an employment service, said that the company has "close to 40 jobs to fill. I can't say with who. About 30 are permanent oil field jobs."

A proposed motel near Pampa Regional Medical Center, the site of which has a sign stating that a motel is "coming soon" to the location, is still in the works, Horst said. The prospective builder, who is not local, has

not applied for a building permit, but has had plans drawn up for the motel, he said.

The City of Pampa has received \$25,000 in state funds so far for the business incubator, and will garner another \$25,000 upon its completion, Horst said.

Companies must plan to generate 75 percent of their sales from outside their community in order to be included in a business incubator, Horst said. This would exclude retail sales and services, he said.

## County

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(right now)," said County Judge Richard Peet.

Information from state offices is being sought concerning what actions, if any, should be taken concerning access to funds of the district attorney's office, Peet said.

"That's an 'if,'" he said of the addition of Switzer's name to the DA's checking account. "We're not sure what action to take."

Another agenda item is the "budget of Constable Precinct 2."

The agenda item was prompted by a repair bill submitted to commissioners for payment of \$2,562 concerning Constable Chris Lockridge's patrol car, which is furnished by the county. The bill was discussed in commissioners' last meeting, on Jan. 14.

"It is not a budgeted item. I told him (Lockridge) it was in his best interest to come today," County Auditor Elaine Morris said at the Jan. 14 meeting. She later explained that she had not talked directly to Lockridge about the commissioners' meeting, and was not certain he had received her message about attending it.

The bill is from Fenton Motors of Pampa concerning windshield wiper motors, two coils, and transmission repairs to Lockridge's patrol car.

"After this bill, he will have \$1,539 left in his budget for the year," Morris said at the meeting.

Commissioners voted Jan.

14 to defer any action on the Fenton Motors bill until they could discuss it with Lockridge.

The third item on tomorrow's agenda concerns a request by the Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to administer grant funds in exchange for a percentage of the total grant. This item was discussed Jan. 14, but commissioners deferred action until they could learn more about the county's role in the agreement.

The federal grant money is to be used to provide treatment for methamphetamine and prescription painkiller abuse, according to representatives at the Jan. 14 meeting.

The grant is for \$500,000. Gray County would receive 10 percent, or \$50,000, of that amount, the representatives said, in exchange for administering the grant money.

"The county would only be responsible for the distribution of funds and for attending two meetings during the year. The county also would have to be present for one audit," one of the representatives said.

"From past experiences, our feet have been burned," said one member of the com-

mission, referring to the Panhandle drug task force participation which resulted in Gray County's being named as a defendant in a lawsuit.

Peet also pointed out that Gray County wouldn't have any input on training counselors for the council's services. He said that in the drug task force suit, Gray County and other participants were cited as being responsible for seeing that the task force members were properly trained.

"Concerning the most recent grant I've taken on, the reimbursement process is tedious at best," said Morris, voicing another concern about the grant. "My concern would be what that reimbursement process is and the turnaround time on reimbursements."

"We don't want to get into the business of subcontracting," Peet said.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley asked if Gray County would pay rent, utilities, salaries and other bills regarding the service, and council representatives

answered yes. "Would that make them (local council workers) Gray County employees?" he asked.

"We would write you one check and you would be responsible for parceling it out," Peet said.

All grant proposals for the 11 drug abuse treatment grants to be awarded by the federal government are due Jan. 26 in Washington, D.C., the representative said.

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# Viewpoints

## What won't people do to pamper their pets?

I have somehow managed to get myself included on an e-mail list for a pet supply store, whereby I am notified of sales and specials. How thoughtful. Today I received an e-mail advertising "Safe Paw Ice Melter."

I feel now as though I must fly home and apologize to my two "girls" for not keeping de-icer on hand through the recent winter storms for their paws. My only excuse is I had no idea there was such a wondrous product.

Poor things. Their paws had to melt by themselves.

According to the literature provided by the retailer, Safe Paw is:

"—Nontoxic, (so it) won't

cause burns. Does not injure paws, eyes, or skin. Safe for children. (That gives you pause, doesn't it?)

—100 percent salt free, environmentally safe.

—Won't damage concrete, lawn, asphalt, or shoes. Non-polluting.

—Effective to -2°F. (Wince)

—Concentrated, goes twice as far as salt ice melters."

Ah, I get this. "Safe Paw" is the same as kitty-litter! I thought perhaps it was similar to the can of stuff you spray on your windshield when ice is present. Well, why didn't they just say so?

I know why. Because an 8-pound container of Safe

Paw sells for \$12.95. I won't mention the cost of a 35-pound container. Kitty-litter, on the other hand, sells for a single buck at local stores.

On my fact-finding, what is paw de-icer mission, I also discovered other winter pet items such as Muttluks which I believe are a type of mitten, heated pet bowls, paw "tectores," warming mats and a handy-dandy pail de-icer as well as, of course, blankets, coats and other "pet apparel."

Boy, the pet supply business must be good. I bought

my two brazen brats dog biscuits and a bag of hooves this week then felt guilty for putting two stuffed toys back on the shelf. With suckers like me around, no wonder there is a market for such

merchandise as "warming body wraps."

The following "Cold Weather & Holiday Tips for Pets" I found under "Articles of Interest to PHCA Pet Owners" on-line:

"\* When the temperature dips below 40 degrees, it is best to keep ALL pets

indoors. Short-haired dogs and young animals are especially susceptible to the frigid temperatures.

Carefully store antifreeze where pets cannot reach it. Many animals like the taste of antifreeze and will readily consume it when given the opportunity. However, antifreeze, even in the smallest amounts, can have a very harmful and often fatal effect on your pet.

Conduct regular "paw checks" for dogs brought in from outdoors. Clean away snow or ice from between toes and dry paw pads thoroughly. The snow-melters and de-icers commonly used are chemical compounds, many of which cause painful

burns to dogs' feet, as well as to their tongues and mouths as they lick their paws clean.

Car engines provide a warm and inviting sleeping place for cats left out in the cold. When a car is re-started, the fan belt can cause serious injuries. Tap loudly on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car. (Is this so any sleeping cats will vamoose from atop your car? What, are they camouflaged?)

Frequent brushing of indoor pets is even more important in winter. Low humidity can lead to dry, itchy skin and increased

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**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2005. There are 345 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 20, 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

**On this date:**

In 1801, John Marshall was appointed chief justice of the United States.

In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1945, President Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway.

In 1985, President Reagan and Vice President Bush were sworn in for second terms of office in a brief White House ceremony (it being a Sunday, the public swearing-in was held the following day).

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1986, Britain and France announced plans to build the Channel Tunnel.

**Ten years ago:** The Japanese government, criticized for being slow to respond to Kobe's devastating earthquake, admitted its initial reaction might have been "confused." The U.S. State Department announced a partial lifting of economic sanctions against communist North Korea.

**Five years ago:** Census 2000 officially got under way as Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt knocked on the door of a small wood-frame house in Unalakleet, Alaska, to begin the nationwide head count. The Clinton administration issued visas to the grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez, enabling them to visit the United States to make their case for the 6-year-old's return to Cuba.

**One year ago:** President Bush, in his State of the Union address, asserted that America was strengthening its economy and successfully combating terrorism.

*'America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement.'*

— Alexis de Tocqueville  
French author



## Another inauguration memory

A lot of eyes will be focused on the Capitol steps today (Jan. 20) as George W. Bush raises his right hand and takes the oath of office as President of the United States. It is an unforgettable moment for the Bush family, one that will remain locked in their memories for the rest of their lives.

In my own case, my father's first inauguration on January 20, 1981, is a memory I will cherish, one of those experiences only a tiny number of people in all our history have been privileged to enjoy, and watching today's ceremonies and festivities will bring every

moment of that day back into sharp focus.

To have been an intimate participant in this majestic ceremony celebrating the American people's triumph and observance of their ability to choose their own president is to have celebrated, close up and personal, a civic rite that has proclaimed for over two centuries the triumph of freedom over tyranny.

When I woke up that

morning my first thought was to find some souvenir that would mark that momentous day. When I got out of bed I wandered into the hallway and walked down to my father's and Nancy's bedroom, looking for something. On every door there was a name tag identifying the occupant of the room. On my dad's door the tag read "President-elect Ronald Reagan." I had found my souvenir.

The night before, my wife

Colleen and I along with some friends had dinner at Blair House, where we were staying and where we had been given a tour of that splendid mansion crammed full of priceless antiques and mementos of the nation's history.

I asked the curator if this was where we would stay when we came to Washington to visit my dad, and he shook his head and said "no," and pointed across the street at the White House. He said "That's where you'll stay, and if you think Blair House is beautiful,"

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Examples of America at its worst

The abuses perpetrated at Abu Ghraib Prison cannot be undone.

The images, once seen, cannot be erased from memory. Their damaging power, however, can be mitigated by the administration of justice.

At his court-martial last spring, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits broke down in tears. "I'd like to apologize to the Iraqi people," he told the court. "You have to stand up for what's right. You can't let people abuse people like that. It was wrong."

An Army judge sentenced Sivits to one year in prison for his part in the scandal. Staff Sgt. Ivan Frederick

expressed similar feelings of remorse at his court-martial. "I was wrong about what I did and I shouldn't have done it," said Frederick, who received an eight-year sentence.

Then came Spc. Charles A. Graner Jr. to his court-martial at Fort Hood.

According to the government and its witnesses, Graner was the sadistic ring-leader of the abuses at Abu Ghraib.

Yet Graner and his defense team showed little humility about such serious

charges, to say nothing of contrition.

After a day of graphic testimony describing inhumane torment, an NBC reporter asked Graner if he felt sorry about what happened to the Abu Ghraib detainees.

Graner replied, "What detainees?" Graner's attorney, Guy Womack, was obliged to defend his client against the government's case. That defense, however, did not compel him to trivialize documented abuses.

In his opening statement,

Womack told the jury, "Don't cheerleaders all over America form pyramids six to eight times a year? Is that torture?"

The military justice process is an opportunity for America to redeem, partly, the decency lost at Abu Ghraib.

Holding soldiers to ethical codes of conduct, applying the law impartially even in time of war demonstrates America at its best. A 10-member jury at Fort Hood decided Graner's guilt on Friday. Graner's callous indifference and Womack's arrogant insensitivity are examples of America at its worst.

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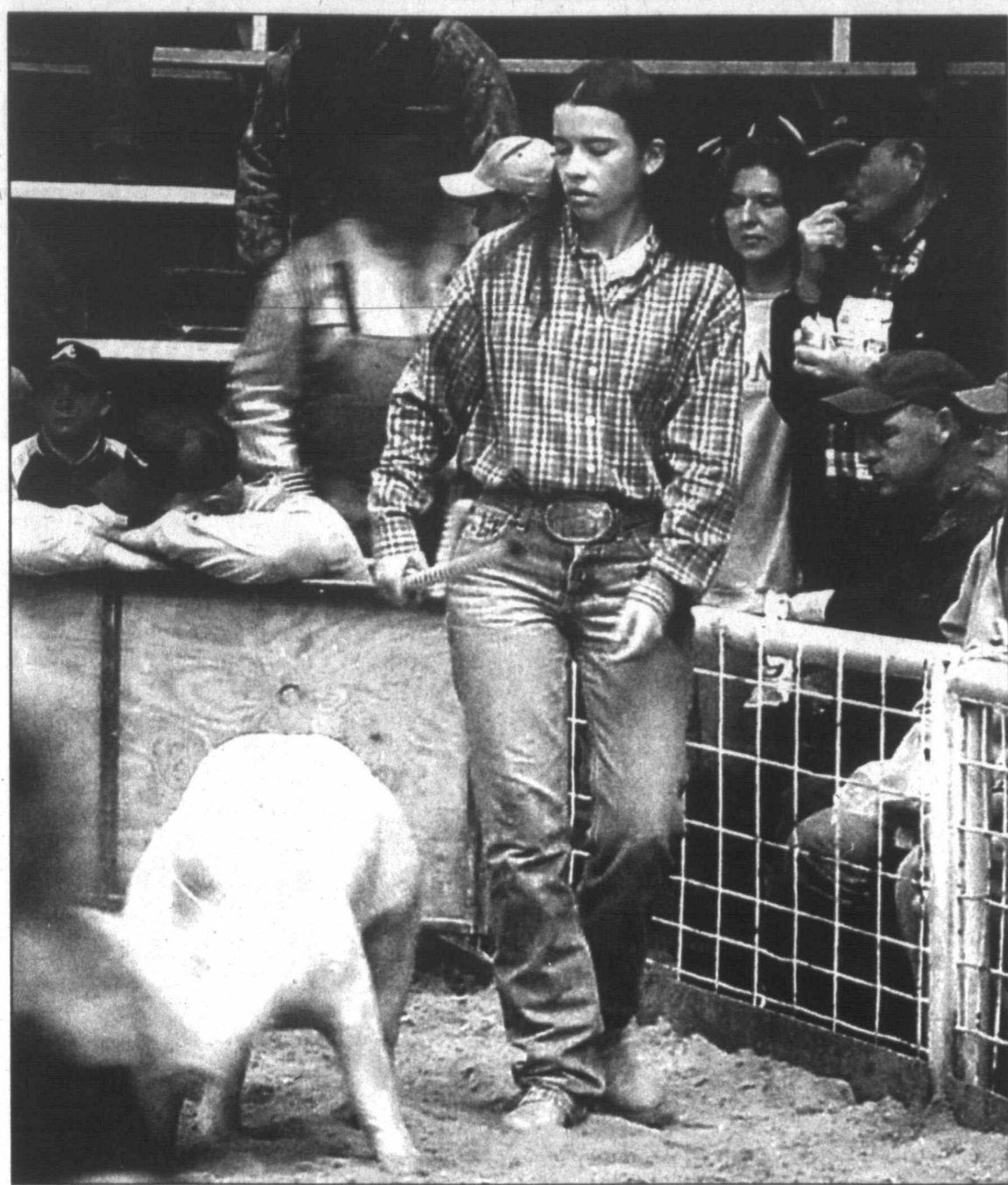
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### Veteran exhibitor

Emily Greer, a senior at Pampa High School, will be exhibiting at Gray County Livestock Show on Jan. 22 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Greer has been participating in FFA and 4-H for many years, and will finish her show season up in Houston in March. The show will start at 8 a.m. the 22nd.

## Texas two-step, candlelight mark inaugural eve parties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Country singer Neal McCoy, who has been entertaining U.S. troops with the USO, opened the Black Tie and Boots Ball with a rock 'n' roll song: "The Boys Are Back in Town."

After he switched to country, the dance floor quickly filled with boot-clad ballgoers. "It's good to see people who know how to flow through here," McCoy said. "We travel all over the U.S. and I hate to see people halt when we play a two-steppin' song."

President Bush and his wife, Laura, attended the ball, a uniquely Lone Star State experience that has become the hottest ticket in town, as well as three candlelight dinners for major

donors who contributed \$100,000 and \$250,000 to the inaugural.

The Bushes stayed less than 15 minutes at each of the candlelight dinners, stopping longer at the last event site only to allow Mrs. Bush to change clothes for the Texas gala.

The president and his wife, along with their daughters, Barbara and Jenna, and Vice President and Mrs. Cheney, arrived at the Black Tie and Boots Ball around 9:30 p.m. EST. Bush told his fellow Texans, "It's nice to be home."

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani — often mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2008 — said the partygoers had made him an

honorary Texan, presenting him with boots and a cowboy hat. "I've spent a lot of time in Texas," Giuliani said. "I feel very simpatico with the people of Texas."

Although it is not one of the official inaugural balls, demand for tickets to Black Tie and Boots prompted some to offer them at top dollar on eBay. The semi-required dress code was unusual: formal gowns and tuxedos with cowboy boots, hats and bolo ties.

Asleep at the Wheel, a nine-time Grammy winner, usually gets people dancing to its own chart-topper, "The Letter That Johnny Walker Read," or a reprisal of the Bob Wills favorite, "San Antonio Rose."

Oh, and if you fear your pets may be getting too much sun, the web site says to "(a)pply a mix of equal parts of SPF 15 sun block and petroleum jelly to pets with pink noses before they go outside."

Remember, be kind to your pets even if they are spoiled.

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shedding. Frequent brushing helps remove dead skin and hair and helps stimulate oil glands."

## 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.

- **Several courses, worth varying continuing education units**, will be offered in the area for individuals with pesticide applicator licenses. The courses will include the following: Crop Production Clinics on Jan. 13 in Spearman and on Jan. 14 in Panhandle; West Rolling Plains Chemical Conference, Jan. 18, Dickens; Ornamental & Turf, Jan. 20, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center; Right of Way, Jan. 25, TAMREC; Hemphill County Ag Day, Jan. 27, Canadian; and Grain Elevator Workshop, Feb. 8, Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo. For more information, contact Gray County Cooperative Extension office at 669-8033.

- **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.

- **Pampa High's Class of 1970** will hold its 35th Class Reunion from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the north side meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. All classmates are invited to attend. For more information, call Bob Jeffers at 665-2213.

- **Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild** will meet all 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call Becky at (806) 358-2765.

- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

## Memory

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place. Once you've been over there you won't want to come back here." He was right.

My father had chosen to break tradition and have the swearing-in ceremony on the West front of the Capitol instead of the East front. When I stood with my father on the podium on West front I understood. The view down the mall was superb, far better than the view of a huge parking lot on the other side.

It was a gray overcast day, but when my dad stepped to the podium to be sworn in, the sun suddenly burst out of the clouds. As we turned to go inside, the doorman said to me and Colleen and my son Cameron, "Enjoy today. It's your day."

During the inaugural parade my father kept updating us on the whereabouts of the hostages as they left captivity in Iran and started their journey home. As I listened I kept my eyes on five-star General Omar Bradley, who was sitting in a corner of the reviewing booth in his wheelchair. During the course of that long parade General Bradley never missed saluting each flag as it was carried by — as every flag went by his right hand went up, and he saluted each and every one of the hundreds of flags that passed in front of us.

That night Colleen and I were the host and hostess of the first inaugural ball at the Washington Hilton, where my father and Nancy would attend. Ironically it was the hotel where he was shot just a few weeks later.

When my dad and Nancy arrived, we went into a private room and Dad went over to the mirror to straighten out his tie. Then he turned around, suddenly jumped straight up in the air and

clicked his heels together like a dancer in a Hollywood musical and proclaimed "I'm the president of the United States of America."

When we went out to greet the guests, my moment to enjoy was the honor of

being the first person that night to introduce Ronald Reagan as the president of the United States.

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Columnist Mike Reagan is the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan.

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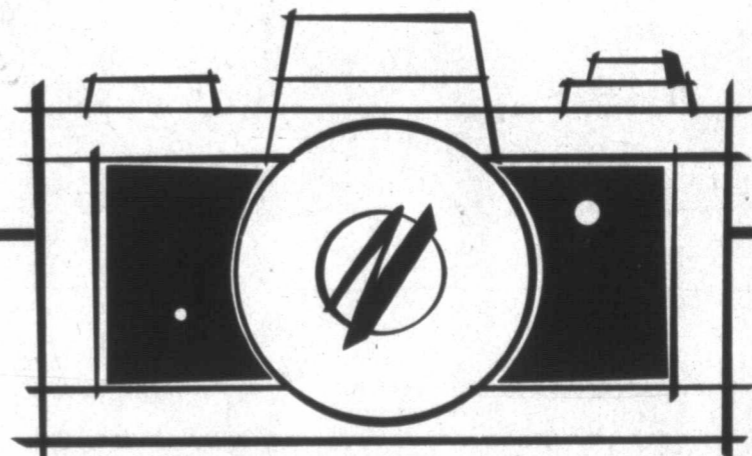
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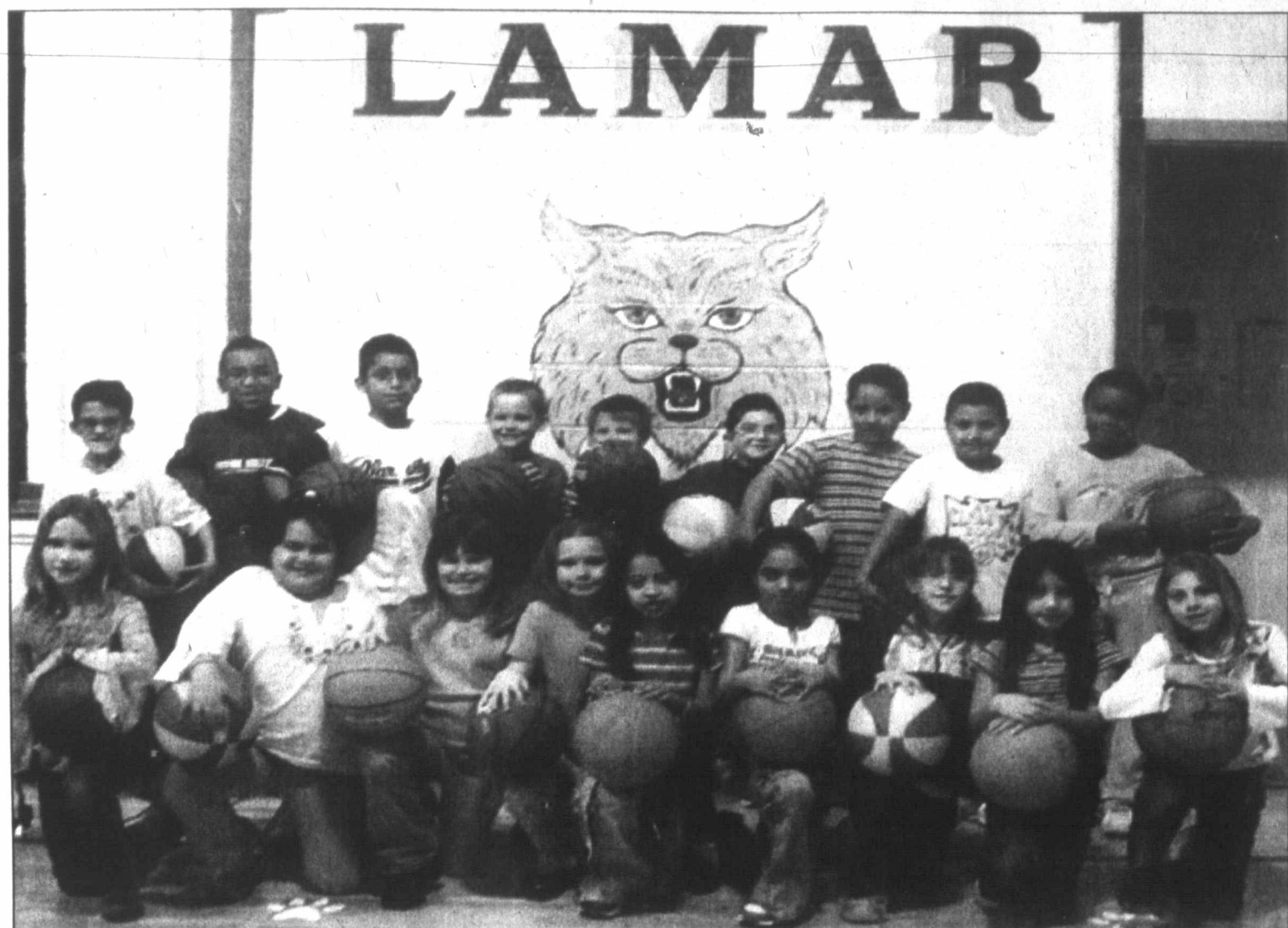
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# Sports Day



Among those taking part in this years' Hot Shot Contest are, from left to right, back row- Roy Nelson, Cory Ponce Nickerson, Alex Marrufo, Gattin Taylor, Reno Glasgow, Brian Blancas, Cesar Garcia, Wilfredo Hernandez and Sierra Williams. Front row- Kirsti Winegeart, Katie Hulsey, Destiny Glover, Riea Thomason, Irasema Madrid, Daniela Vizcaino, Loretta Nelson, Yesenia Hernandez and Samantha Estes.

## Hot Shot Contest this Saturday

The 2005 Lamar Hot Shot Contest will be held this Saturday in the MPAC Building at Pampa High School from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boys will shoot against boys, and girls will shoot against girls. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each grade level. Everyone who takes part in this years' contest will receive a Sonic Wacky Pack coupon.

Concessions will be provided.

T-shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased and will range in price from \$10 to \$15.

To register, contact any elementary school P.E. teacher, or register at the MPAC door at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday morning.

For more information, call Rose Steel or Joni Morgan at Lamar Elementary School, 669-4880.

## POYC to hold equipment turn-in day this Saturday

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is holding a final turn in for football uniforms and equipment Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to Optimist Football Commissioner Billy West.

Coaches and parents are urged to bring any Optimist football uniforms and equipment to the Optimist Club at that time. "We need to take an inventory and see

what we need for next season," said Kevin Davis, the Optimist Vice-president in charge of youth activities. "Nearly everybody has turned in everything relating to football, but we still have a few things out," Davis continued. "We will appreciate people bringing them in."

The Pampa Optimist Youth club is a Pampa United Way agency.

## Pampa teams busy over next few days

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will be busy tonight as both face Canyon.

The boys will travel to the land of the Eagles with the 7th grade A team and 8th grade B team hitting the floor at 5 p.m. The 8th grade A and 7th grade B teams will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The girls will stay home to host their Canyon counterparts. The 7th grade A team and the 8th grade B team will tip off at 5 p.m., followed by the 8th grade A team and the 7th grade B team at 6:30 p.m.

The varsity and junior

varsity Pampa High School wrestling team will be at Boys Ranch this afternoon. Matches began at 2 p.m.

The varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will travel to Dumas tomorrow to take on the Demons. The junior varsity boys will start at 6 p.m. The varsity boys' team will tip off at 7:30. The varsity girls' game will get underway at 6 p.m., while the junior varsity girls' team will play at 7:30 p.m.

The Freshmen boys' will host Dumas Saturday morning at 10 a.m. The freshmen girls host Caprock Saturday morning at 10 a.m.



The Lady Harvester soccer team shows off the trophy claimed in last weekend's Lubbock Tournament. Pictured are, from left to right, top row- Sarah Smith (trainer), Heather Balay, Adeena Dallas, Karri Carter, Ashley Pitman, Lensey Mixon, Krista McClelland, Jenée' Norris, Kristen Dunn and Brittany Balay. Middle row- Bridget Craig, Erika Silva, Vanessa Resendiz, K'liegh Sweeney, Emalie Luna, Jordan Albracht, Erica Wildcat and Hailie Allen. Front row- Chera Chavado, Beth Adams and Diana Resendiz.

## Lady Harvesters outgunned by Tascosa

Pampa Lady Harvester soccer team got off to a rocky start this past Tuesday during the first half of play as the Tascosa girls took advantage of the strong wind to hammer shots at Pampa senior goal keeper Chera Chavado. Chavado saved 12 shots, but the Lady Rebels were able to connect on four attempts to end the half, 4-0.

Pampa stepped up its defense in the second half, holding Tascosa scoreless. Vanessa Resendiz and Hailie Allen had several shots on goal with near scores but just

could not connect. At the same time, Tascosa was also held scoreless in the second half, with the game ending, 4-0.

Coach's Notes: Defensive standouts were Jordan Albracht, K'Leigh Sweeney, Diana Resendiz, Erica Wildcat, Adeena Dallas, Jenée' Norris, Heather Balay, and goal keeper Chera Chavado with 19 saves.

The girls play in the Midland Tournament this weekend. Pampa's next home game is Friday, Jan. 28, at 4:15 p.m.

## Baseball Boosters holding workday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The start of the 2005 Harvester baseball season is just around the corner, and the Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a work day at the baseball field this Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

Parents, players and any one who would like to lend support to this year's team are encouraged to take part.

Bring elbow grease, mowers, blowers, weed eaters and other tools that can be used to prepare the field for play.

For additional information on how you can help, please contact a booster club member or the PHS athletic office at 669-4830.

## James bags triple-double

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — LeBron James became the youngest player in NBA history to record a triple-double, with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in Cleveland's 107-101 win over Portland.

Lamar Odom was 20 years and 54 days on Dec. 30, 1999, when he had one for the Los Angeles Clippers. James beat Odom's mark by 34 days.

James' pass to Zydrunas Ilgauskas with 1:19 left gave him 10 assists and completed the feat. His teammates congratulated him during a timeout a short time later, and his mother cheered him from a courtside seat.

## GOLFERS ARE A TOUGH BREED

### So long as there is a ray of sun, golf can be played somewhere

While driving home one afternoon last week, I happened to take a route that wound around a golf course. I didn't pay much attention to it as I continued my trek to the house. I then wondered if anyone was actually out amid the blustery, cold wind swinging sticks. Sure enough, as I glanced to take a look, there were a couple guys, not young men mind you, on the course, getting in a round. I immediately thought back to a friend of mine who, many years ago, had a habit of calling me on cold, snowy Colorado days to ask, "Want to go squeeze in a few holes?"

One particular morning, with about an inch of snow on the ground, he called. I met him at the golf course. He had a connection there that would let him on for free on days when normal folks stayed home. We weren't normal. Bags and clubs in hand, we set off. Carts were out of the question so we walked. Keep in mind we were both in our late twenties at the time and relatively fit (hard to believe looking at me now). I never used one man's name in vein — aloud or in my mind — more in my life than I did his that day.

After about four holes of this torture, I looked at him and said, "I'm out of here." He pleaded with me to just hang in there for a couple more holes to see what would hap-

pen. I agreed and we played on. Within the next couple holes, the skies cleared and the snow began to melt. It had been warm in the days prior to this, so the snow melt was fast. We played 18 holes that day, one of the best golfing days I have had.

So, while my first reaction after seeing those two gentlemen on the course last week was to point a finger and laugh, I revisited that day long ago. Mindset changed, I thought, "If you've got it that bad, I hope you're at least having as much fun now as I did then."

Golfers are just a different breed, aren't they?

**This just in:**

To whoever sent in the clipping of the picture I took of the new basketball banner recently hung in McNeely Field House, you are right on both accounts. The name is misspelled. And we (The Pampa News) had nothing to do with it. However, you may rest easy knowing the problem has been brought to the attention of those in charge of such issues, and is currently being rectified. By the way, I would like to thank you, but I can't. I am not sure why I tend to receive so many white envelopes with no return address — not even a name. Nor is such information ever included among the contents. Nonetheless, thank you.

Michael J. Stevens  
Sports Editor



## Adams, Hammer take Closest to the Pin honors at weekly Hidden Hills Senior Scramble

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Here are the results from the Senior Golf Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course from Jan. 19, 2005:

**1st Place (60)**  
Bill Hammer  
Jimmy Cantrell  
Bill Harwood

**2nd Place (62)**  
Jim Brashears  
Carl Johnson  
James Lee

Bob Henderson

**3rd Place (62)**  
Willie Nickelberry  
Joe Mabry  
Harvey Malone  
B.F. Dorman

**4th Place (63)**  
Pat Montoya  
Travis Johnston  
Charlie Terrell  
Waylon Haynes

**Closest to the Pin (#6), Don Adams**  
**Closest to the Pin (#15), Bill Hammer**

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By THOMAS J.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing in response to "Really Down in T-Town," whose truck-driving husband talks constantly. She said people dread it when they see him coming, and it has reached a point that she finds herself trying to avoid him at home.

The behavior she described sounds like it could be a symptom of adult ADHD. You were right to suggest that the husband might suffer from insecurity. ADHD will do that to you. However, like depression, it is a physiological problem rather than an emotional one. "Really Down" should have her husband assessed for adult ADHD. Therapy and medication can be a great help. My heart breaks for him. -- **BEEN THERE IN CANADA**

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** Thank you for the suggestion. That letter brought responses from many readers who viewed the problem in a different light. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** In my younger days I hitchhiked extensively from coast to coast. The longest rides were with truckers. They popped little white pills -- amphetamines -- to help them stay alert during long hauls. "Speed" is a great drug for loosening the tongue. The faster the mouth runs, the less discretion. Almost all of the drivers I rode with engaged in loud, nonstop talking. It took lots of patience to endure their rap -- but it was worth it to get where I was going.

Assuming that woman's description of her husband is accurate, he needs to detox -- the sooner the better. If he's at the point of driving others away, he's near "crashing" and could be unsafe on the road. In addition, his emotions could start seasawing, and he could become abusive. Please urge her to get him some help. -- **BEEN THERE MYSELF IN CALI-**

**FORNIA**  
**DEAR BEEN THERE:** I'm printing your letter as a warning for those who might need one. However, readers with experience in the trucking business felt the wife should have more empathy for her spouse. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in the safety department of a large trucking company. It has been my experience that most drivers talk a lot. Our drivers are long-haul truckers, who often spend long, lonely hours, weeks at a time, on the road. They need contact with another human voice. When they call in to the company, given the chance, they'll talk for hours. They love to tell stories of their adventures, and I have found that if I listen, I learn a lot.

Perhaps "Down in T-Town" should make a few trips with her husband. It might change her perspective. If, after she spends some time with him on the road, the problem continues, I would ask him to talk to the family doctor. -- **KATY IN SPRINGDALE, ARIZ.**

**DEAR KATY:** You may be onto something. I have a stack of letters from truckers' wives, all saying the same thing. One woman wrote: "It takes a special person to be a truck driver. People who work in offices and restaurants have co-workers to talk to and become friends with. It may not be that the husband needs counseling. He may just be lonely."

A former dispatcher in South Carolina said: "When a trucker gets home, he wants to talk to his wife because he hasn't had any other human contact all day -- especially from someone who loves him. Please tell 'Really Down in T-Town' she should make time to sit down and talk. That way her husband can get the emotional attention he's craving."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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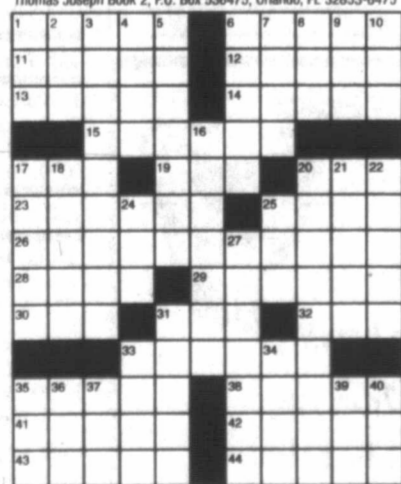
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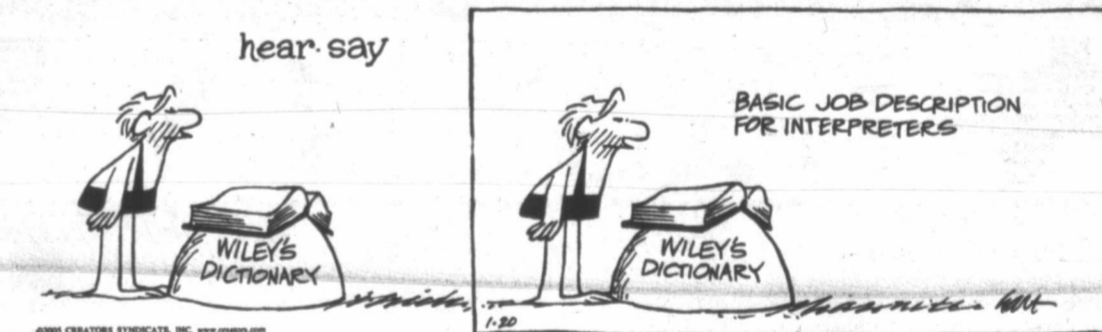
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Don't grumble at a new perspective or a different way of handling problems. Go with the flow rather than fight others' requests. Learn to walk in another's shoes before you condemn or judge. Good will flourish. Tonight: Make the most of things now that the weekend is here!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Reach out and work with others. Your sense of humor takes you far. Think happy thoughts rather than get upset with another's approach to a boss. Don't make spending a conflict or struggle of wills. Tonight: Be a team.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Others could floor you with their attitudes. Use your ingenuity to loosen people up. Once you establish

easier interaction, good choices will appear. Plans could radically twist and turn. Remember to claim your power. Tonight: You are a happy camper wherever you are.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★ You might need time to yourself. You have a tendency to run yourself ragged, especially the past few days. Refuse to take out your fatigue by grumbling and becoming the Crab. Please vanish; everyone, including you, will be happier. Tonight: Get extra sleep -- you need it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ An upset with a child might not be easily avoided. A loved one or new friendship could deliver a jolt as well. Remember your long-term goals. Celebrate what is good in your life. Look at the glass as half-full rather than half-empty. Understand that you cannot control others, only yourself. Tonight: Thank goodness it is Friday.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★ You might feel that you cannot do anything right. A partner proves to be touchy, if not downright disagreeable. Family could be controlling. You might have to invest in your home or do some major repairs. Don't get frantic; focus on your work first. Tonight: Chill out.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Others find you to be unusually pushy, a characteristic normally not associated with your sign. Listen to both sides of an argument. Remember, nothing is black-and-white. Your ability to pull back could rescue the moment, if not the day. Tonight: Plans could change.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★ Your spending might be akin to a runaway train. Could you be acting out because of frustration or anger? A partner demonstrates wisdom, while you

cannot find answers. Trust key people a little more. The bank probably did not make a mistake; you slipped up. Tonight: Let another lead.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★ You could be making life more difficult. Instead of pointing a finger, hold up a mirror. What role are you playing in a problem? Inadvertently you could be controlling or difficult. Others hold the cards. Let them play them. Tonight: Go along with plans.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ If you feel like you can't say something positive, don't say anything. You might be hard-pressed to act like a mummy, but you will be happier ultimately. Concentrate on work or a project. Tonight: Take care of yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You prove to be ingenious while others tend to cause themselves problems. A friend's criticism might be stemming from jealousy. Let your ingenuity find the best path toward success. A flirtation builds. Tonight: Dance the night away.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★ Pressure builds. Play ostrich rather than find yourself at odds with someone who could impact your life. Ultimately, you will be happier and much more upbeat. Think long term rather than prove you are right. Tonight: Opt for peace and quiet.

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E G S K O Z W B Z E C K G E G S K  
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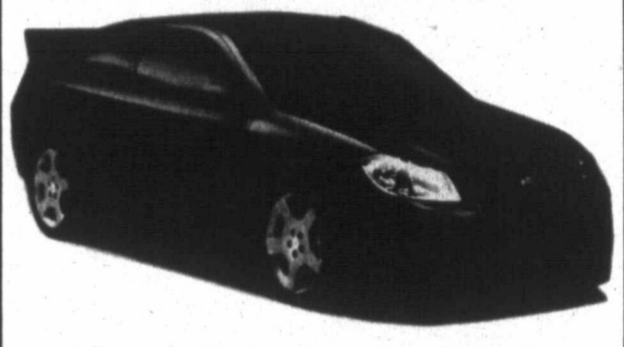
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Rebate 1,500  
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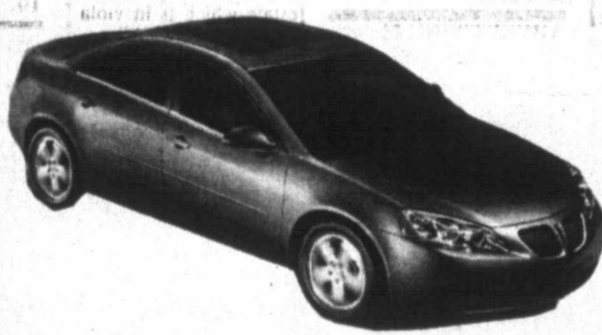
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MSRP 15,120  
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**Crazy Sale Price... \$13,160**

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MSRP 21,305  
C/S Discount 1,100  
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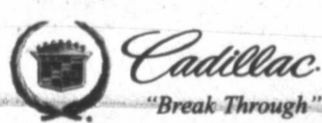


1500, 4WD, Crew Cab  
MSRP 35,165  
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Rebate 2,000  
Selling Price 30,005  
Owner Loyalty 1,500  
Stk#C04223  
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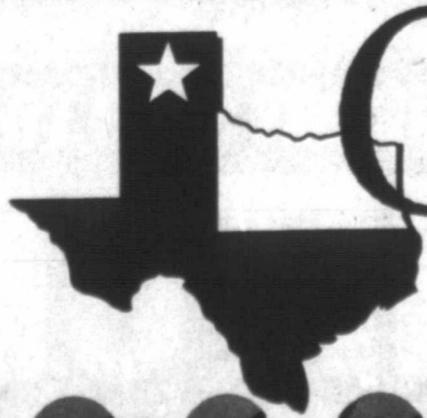
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**IRS Tax Tip**

# Choosing a tax return preparer

Most tax return preparers are professional, honest and provide excellent service to their clients. But if you pay someone to prepare your tax return, choose that preparer wisely, advises the IRS. Taxpayers are legally responsible for what's on their returns—even if prepared by someone else.

Here are a few points to keep in mind when someone else prepares your tax return:

—A paid preparer is required by law to sign the return, fill in the preparer areas on the form and give you a copy of the return.

—Before signing, review the complete return to ensure the tax information and your name, address and social security numbers(s) are correct and that you understand the entries and are comfortable with the accuracy of the return.

—Never sign a blank return and never sign in pencil.

—If you have provided specific authorization in a power of attorney filed with the IRS, you may have copies of notices or refund checks mailed to your preparer or representative; but you are the only one that can sign and cash your refund check.

—A Third Party Designee Check Box on Form 1040 allows you to designate a representative to speak to the IRS concerning how your return was prepared or about payment and refund issues and mathematical errors.

It is important that you find a qualified tax professional if you need help preparing and filing your tax return. Unqualified tax preparers may overlook legitimate deductions or credits which could result in you paying more tax than you should. They may also make costly mistakes that could end with you owing additional tax, along with penalties and interest.

Following are some suggestions to consider when hiring a tax professional:

—Avoid preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers, or who guarantee results or base fees on a percentage of the amount of the refund.

—Choose a preparer you will be able to contact after the return is filed and one that will be responsive to your needs. Ask questions and get references from clients who have used the tax professional before. Were they satisfied with the service received?

—Check to see if the preparer has any questionable history with the Better Business Bureau, the state's board of accountancy for CPAs, the state's bar association for attorneys or the state's Attorney General's office.

—Determine if the preparer's credentials meet your needs. Is he or she an Enrolled Agent, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Tax Attorney? Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters including audits, collection actions and appeals. Other return preparers may represent taxpayers only in audits regarding a return that they signed as a preparer.

—Find out if the preparer belongs to a professional organization that provides or requires its members to pursue continuing education and also holds them accountable to a code of ethics.

Unfortunately, unscrupulous tax return preparers do exist and can cause considerable financial and legal problems for their clients. Examples of improper actions by unscrupulous preparers include the preparation and filing of false income tax returns that claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions.

You can check IRS.gov for information regarding tax schemes and scams—including abusive tax shelters. Tax evasion is both risky and a crime punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Remember—no matter who prepares your tax return, you are legally responsible for the information on it.

Report suspected tax fraud and abusive return preparers to the nearest IRS office, either by telephone at toll-free 1-800-829-0433 or in writing to the local IRS office. You can find the local IRS offices on the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Links:  
 Powers of Attorney <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc311.html>  
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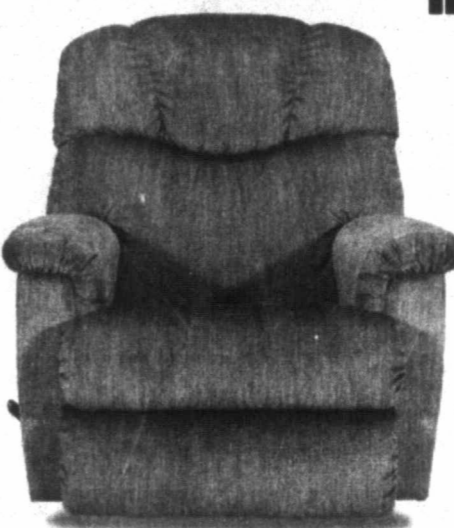
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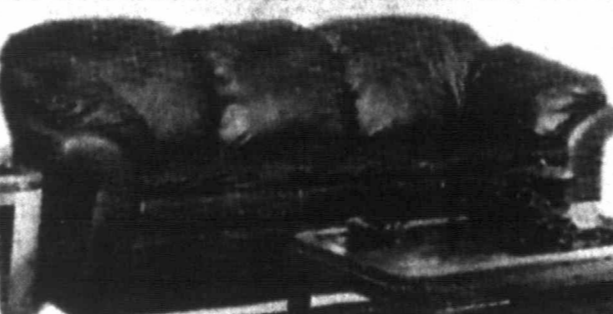
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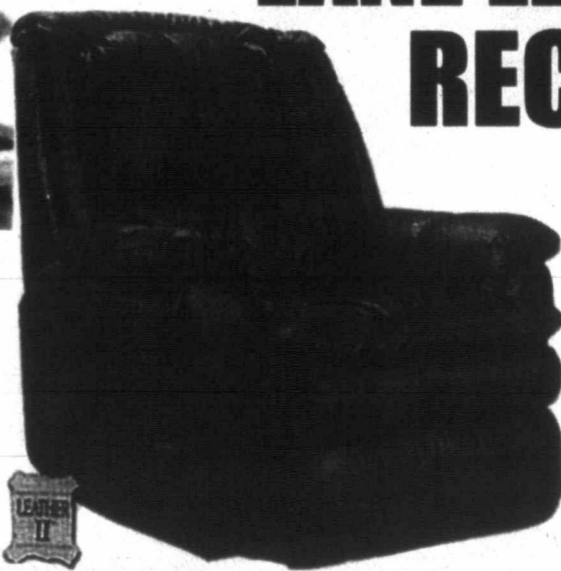
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