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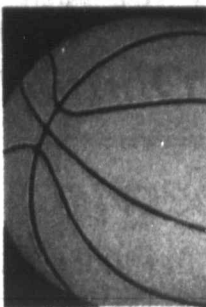


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Cornelison issues statement on posting errors

Editor's note: This is the first of two stories concerning this morning's Gray County Commissioners' meeting. The second story will be published in Thursday's newspaper.

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Gray County Treasurer Lee Cornelison began this morning's county commissioners' meeting by addressing the issue of posting errors of cash receipts which had been noted by a representative of an independent accounting firm at commissioners' Jan. 16 meeting.

Cornelison had signed the register as a resident to be heard on a topic not included in the meeting's agenda.

When County Judge Richard Peet recognized Cornelison to speak, Cornelison stood and read from a printed letter, copies of which he distributed to commissioners and media representatives.

"I am concerned that this court wants to make the public believe there are discrepancies in my office. That is never good. I have pristine bank account activities and investments and our journal will balance with the bank," Cornelison said.

"We have allowed a glowing 2005 outside audit to be brought to a level of question that embarrasses the whole county and our outside auditor. I am sorry to Doshier, Pickens and Francis, and especially Cory for

the intimidation you have had to endure by this court," he said.

The certified public accounting firm of Doshier, Pickens and Francis, PC, which conducted the 2005 outside audit of the county's financial records, presented their report to commissioners on Jan. 16. The report stated that there were no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported. Cory Joiner of the firm presented the report.

Joiner said Jan. 16 that the county has a strong equity position and working capital position. He also stated that an area of concern was the number of errors in cash receipts, resulting in a larger-than-normal

number of general journal entries, which is the method used to correct those types of errors.

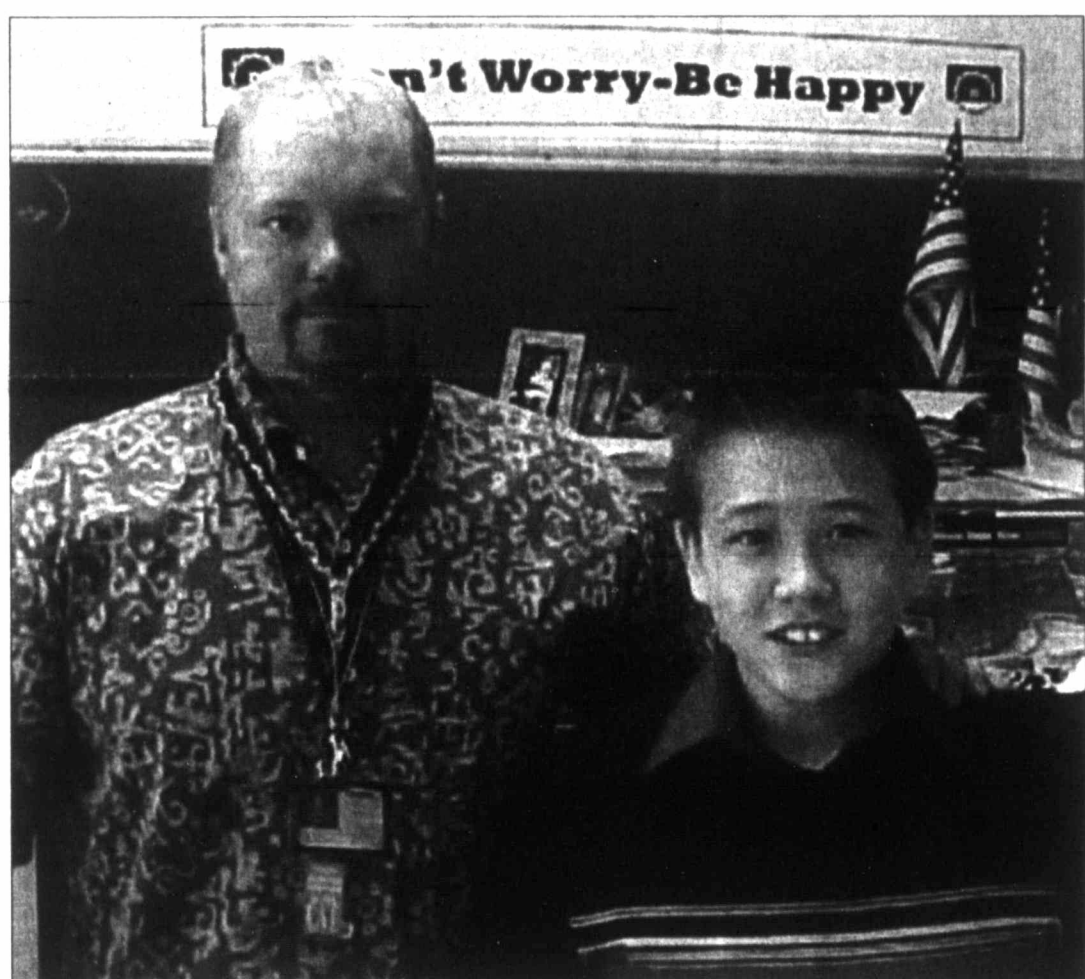
"The cash receiving area is where the most corrections are being made, when officials submit their reports and checks to the treasurer's office and he posts them. That's the main area where cash receipts are being posted into the county," Joiner said Jan. 16.

The errors are being caught by staff of the county auditor's office and corrected, Joiner said.

"I am concerned that this court needs clarification on a statement

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Life saver



Courtesy Photo
Neal Leeper, 8th grade Science Teacher at Pampa Junior High School, acted quickly and saved the life of Dylan Hooker, sixth grade student, who was choking on a mini-corn dog Tuesday. After applying 15 abdominal thrusts (and coming to believe that the obstruction was not going to come out) Leeper continued. By this time, Dylan was turning blue and Neal was sweating. Finally, on the 16th attempt, the object dislodged. Dylan was embarrassed, recovered quickly and was soon back to eating.

6-part drug program to begin Thursday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A six-part program on substance abuse awareness will begin Thursday when "We Can Make a Difference" is presented from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

David Cain, site manager for Cabot Corporation's Pampa plant, will be the featured speaker.

"It will remind everyone that they really can make a difference in our community to change things. It will be about the importance of the community coming together," said Lesley Gershmel, Pampa High School counselor and one of the organizers of the series of programs.

The program had its beginnings in the comments of several concerned residents, Gershmel said.

"It came about after several people, including Chief (Trevlyn) Pitner, Lynn Switzer, me and Derrell DeLoach, started talking about the need to do something on this. We started meeting to come up with a plan," she said.

Pitner is chief of Pampa Police Department. Switzer is 31st District Attorney. DeLoach is a member of Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education.

"Hopefully, it'll create more interest in learning more over the next few weeks about Pampa's drug problem and what we can do about it," Gershmel said of Thursday's meeting.

All six meetings are free of charge and open to the public, she said.

The schedule of future meetings in the series is:

Feb. 23 -- Drug Trends in Pampa, by Pitner, Switzer, Gershmel and Sharon Braddock of Genesis House.

March 2 -- Physical Signs and Consequences of Drug Use, by Dr. Dan Powell and DeLoach, who is a nurse practitioner.

March 23 -- Community Role, by Ric Smith, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent from Dallas.

April 27 -- Path of Destruction, by Jenny Gomez, coordinator of the

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Medicine help available Free firewood still available for residents

AMARILLO— Anyone who is having trouble affording their prescription medicine may attend a program Friday in Amarillo which will offer help to such individuals.

The "Help is Here Express" will be at Texas Tech University Pharmacy School, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, 1300 S. Coulter, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Express is provided by the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, a national program which helps patients access prescription medicines. The Express is making its way

across the country to raise awareness and boost enrollment in patient assistance programs.

Since its launch last April, the program has matched nearly 1.3 million patients nationally, including almost 87,000 in Texas, with sources of assistance. The program is sponsored by American pharmaceutical research companies working with doctors, pharmacists, health care providers and community groups.

Senator Kel Seliger and Rep. David Swinford are expected to attend Friday's event.

Free firewood is available on a first-come, first-served basis on County Road Gray 2, according to Precinct 2 County Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

Persons wishing to pick up some of the wood may travel west on Highway 152 from Pampa, turn north on Gray 2 and go one mile.

The wood is lying alongside the county road at that point, Willoughby said. It has been made available as a result of county road cleanup work, he said.

Black history month kicks off Saturday with commemorative march, luncheon, entertainment

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

Black History Month kicks off in Pampa Saturday.

The African-American Community Cultural Society will host a community-wide commemorative march at 1 p.m. Saturday starting from the Southside Senior Citizens Center.

The march will proceed west to Prairie, north on Prairie to Varnon, and circle back to the Southside Senior Citizens Center at 438 W. Crawford.

A free luncheon with entertainment will be served at 2 p.m. at the Southside Senior Citizens Center.

Kevin Costley, acting president of the African-American Community Cultural Society, said lunches would be served at the Southside Senior Citizens Center each Saturday during February at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Costley at (806) 440-2303.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HERRERA, Cleo Lorene (Hoover) — 2 p.m., Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home Chapel, Guymon, Okla.

Adelia Jane Craig, 79

Adelia Jane Craig, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 31, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Craig was born July 11, 1926, in Pampa. She was a graduate of Miami High School and attended the Texas State College for Women in Denton.

She was the Roberts County and District Clerk from 1963-1971. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Miami. She was an avid cat lover and an avid Chicago Cub's fan.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Vivian Craig of Pampa; two nephews, Larry Craig and wife Melany of Pampa and Alan Craig

and wife Cindy of Canyon; two nieces, Barbara Craig of Pampa and Kathy Craig of Great Falls, Mont.; four great-nephews, Charles Craig, Hunter Craig and Jacob Craig, all of Pampa, and Derek Craig of Canyon; three great-nieces, Jennifer Sizemore of Austin, Andrea Craig of Canyon and Heather Cooper of Waco; and special friends, Henry and Teddy Boehem of Brenham and their children, Kay, Dee, Trey and Teresa.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Patricia Ruth Estep, 66

Patricia Ruth Estep, 66, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 31, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Estep

Mrs. Estep was born Feb. 3, 1939, in Pampa where she was a lifelong resident. She married Johnnie W. Estep, Jr., on Dec. 31, 1989, in Pampa.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was a loving wife and mother.

Survivors include her husband, Johnnie W. Estep, Jr., of the home; two daughters, Kathy Reed and husband Roy,

and Debbie Oleska and husband Joe, all of Pampa; seven sons, Jerry Rhoden, Michael Blalock, Danny Estep and wife Faye Millican, Carl Ray Atwood, Randy Estep and wife Jody, and Drakian Estep, all of Pampa, and Robert Blalock of Iowa Park; 21 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Austin mulls domestic partner benefits

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the Austin City Council said they want to put to voters a proposition that would extend health benefits to city employees' gay or straight partners.

Council member Brewster McCracken called for repealing an existing prohibition on

offering partner benefits. The proposal for the May 13 ballot would extend coverage to either a domestic partner or a family member living with a city employee.

"This is about principle, about correcting something that has been unfair," McCracken said.

The City Council approved offering domestic partner benefits in 1993.

But the policy lasted only nine months until a citizen vote overturned it by a margin of 62 percent to 38 percent. A group named Concerned Texans led the campaign to overturn the benefits, criticizing them as financially irresponsible and immoral.

Dallas and Travis County are the only two local governments in Texas to offer domestic partner benefits, said Chuck Smith of the advocacy group Equity Texas.

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Cleo Lorene (Hoover) Herrera, 62

Cleo Lorene (Hoover) Herrera, 62, lifelong Guymon resident, passed away Monday morning, Jan. 30, 2006, at the SCCI Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

The daughter of Leo Alex and Ruth Lorene (Wallis) Hoover, Cleo was born Sept. 9, 1943, in Guymon. She attended Guymon schools, graduating from the Guymon High School.

She was once married to Pete Herrera; he preceded her in death. Cleo was a homemaker, beauty operator and member of the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Alex Herrera of Guymon; one daughter, Michelle and her husband, Joe Duckworth of Seymour, Mo.; one brother, Dannie Hoover and his wife, Angie of Pampa, Texas; two grandchildren,

Dallas and Dalton Conner and a special friend, Linda Campbell of Guymon.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon, February 2nd at 2 p.m. at the Bunch-Roberts Chapel with Rev. Michael Burkett pastor of the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

The family will greet friends Wednesday evening between the hours of 6:30 and 8 p.m. at the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.

The family suggest that memorials be given to your charity of choice. Memorials will be accepted at the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.



Herrera

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31

John Dominick Oleska, 57, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Stephen McAnear, 39, of McLean was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and manufacturing a controlled substance.

Kari Kristine Terrell, 18, of Pampa was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Oscar Figueroa, 17, of Pampa was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Eric Rodriguez, 17, of Pampa was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Five traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received in the police

department lobby and in the 1400 block of Charles.

Criminal trespass calls were reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart, the 2500 block of Evergreen and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person reports were made in the 1800 block of North Russell and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Duncan and the 800 block of East Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of East Brown and the 400 block of McCullough.

An identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersection of Foster and Cuyler and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

One accident was reported in the 1300 block of Kentucky.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A prowler was investigated in the 1300 block of Terrace.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31

1:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a Lifestar standby.

1:34 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to the 600 block of South Russell on a grass fire.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31

9:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of West Banks and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

3:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Prairie and transported a patient to PRMC.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. South wind around 10 mph becoming west.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Wind chill values between 31 and 36 early. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low near 35. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 57. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 33. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62. South-southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 30. Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 52.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Tuesday: Cloudy, with a high around 48.

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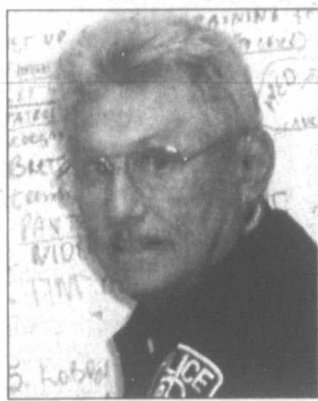
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Officer Brett Watson is our School Resource Officer or SRO. Brett has been at the schools for more than three years. Officer Watson has the responsibility of providing police services for the Pampa Independent School District which includes all seven schools.

The population of the school district is more than 3,500 students, teachers, and administrative persons. That's like being the only officer in Panhandle or in police jargon, "One riot, one Ranger." Brett is like the "street officers" in that he works traffic, takes reports, and makes arrests.

However, he has some other criteria he has to work under because of the population he serves. It is important for Brett to take into consideration how his actions will affect the student and the school. Sometimes the letter of the law must be followed while other times the spirit of the law controls the outcome.

Many times, school discipline can be applied to a situation that will give a



Courtney

student a second chance and promote the number one priority of the school district: learning. Brett also goes to every home football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball game. Brett provides security for all these events.

Brett gets into a classroom, now and then, to talk to students on various topics. He has also taught the D.A.R.E. program at the junior high. If you need to talk to Brett, call him at the high school. This is where he maintains an office. He will be glad to help.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt Fred Courtney.

No clear chain of command in Katrina response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff or another top official should have been a central focal point of the Bush administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, congressional investigators asserted today, saying the lack of a clear chain of command hindered relief efforts.

The Government Accountability Office also found that the government still lacks sufficient plans and training programs to prepare for catastrophic disasters like the Aug. 29 storm that devastated much of the Gulf Coast area.

Responding, a Homeland Security Department spokesman attacked the GAO's preliminary findings as "premature and unprofessional."

The report, which marks the first congressional conclusions about the much-criticized federal response to Katrina, offered a harsh assessment of the government's preparations and reaction to catastrophic disasters. It also singled out Chertoff in several shortcomings.

Until now, Chertoff has largely escaped widespread criticism of the government's sluggish response to Katrina. By contrast, then-FEMA Director Michael Brown, the principal federal official at the disaster site, quit his job after becoming the public face of the failures.

The report said that neither Chertoff nor any of his deputies in the disaster area acted as President Bush's overall storm coordinator, "which serves to underscore the immaturity of and

weaknesses relating to the current national response framework." Leadership "was unclear," the report found.

Because of the internal confusion, federal officials were indecisive and slow to realize Katrina was a catastrophic disaster, it said.

The report also noted that Chertoff declared Katrina an "incident of national significance" on Aug. 30, a full day after the storm hit. But Chertoff did not specifically classify the storm as a catastrophic disaster, which would have activated parts of the National Response Plan to trigger a faster response.

"As a result, the federal response generally was to wait for the affected states to request assistance," the report found.

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said the GAO's findings were riddled with errors, particularly in its criticism about whether declaring Katrina a catastrophic disaster would have speeded up relief efforts.

He said federal officials and supplies were already in the Gulf Coast before Katrina hit, and that an index in the response plan that deals with catastrophes is only used for unexpected disasters.

The report, Knocke said in a statement, "is premature and unprofessional. Apart from its obvious errors, it displays a significant misunderstanding of core aspects of the Katrina response that could have easily been corrected in the most basic conversations with DHS

leaders." The report was a stinging slap to the Homeland Security Department, which oversees the Federal Emergency Management Agency and issued the National Response Plan last year.

The report by GAO, Congress' investigative arm, was presented to a special House inquiry of the government's response to the storm. The committee, chaired by Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., is expected to release its own findings by Feb. 15. Additionally, a Senate panel will conclude a separate investigation by mid-March, and the White House is completing its own review, conducted by homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend.

"I'm very hopeful that our final report will answer a lot of questions the American people have," Davis said after being presented with the GAO report. "The most obvious being: How could our government fail so badly?"

Asked by reporters whether Chertoff should have been the federal point person leading the response, GAO Comptroller General David M. Walker said: "That's up to the president of the United States."

"It could have been Secretary Chertoff, it could have been somebody on his staff," Walker said. "That's up to the president."

The report also found that other federal agencies had an "incomplete understanding of roles and responsibilities" under the National Response Plan — one area that could be solved with better training for disasters.

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that everyone else understands perfectly. I am concerned that one member of this court would use his high seat of honor and respect to conduct political, character assassination," Cornelison said this morning.

"I for one have asked by formal letter and e-mail that Carole Strayhorn's office, the Comptroller of the State of Texas, do a financial management review of my office and, if the court allows, the whole county.

"I further intend to contact the Attorney General's office to request an investigation into past commissioners' court executive sessions to discover their legality as meets the codes of the laws of the State of Texas," Cornelison said.

"If you gentlemen or anyone else has found fraud, theft or even waste on my part, do something; otherwise, get off my back so I can do my job," he said.

After reading the typed statement, Cornelison added that he was concerned that Gray County was not in compliance with GASB 34.

GASB 34 is Rule 34 of the Government Accounting Standards Board, which states that local governing entities such as counties must keep an inventory of all county property, including value and depreciation.

"I think you're misinformed, first of all," Peet

said in reaction to Cornelison's comment about GASB 34.

"I think you are. I'm leaving," Cornelison said. He then left the meeting.

Peet said that after the Jan. 16 audit report, some staff in various county offices were concerned that their reporting was incorrect. Peet asked the accounting firm for a letter of clarification concerning the posting errors.

"We are in compliance with GASB 34. If we were not, our outside auditors would have made that known to us," he said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby volunteered to meet with Cornelison to discuss Cornelison's concerns about the county's compliance with GASB 34. Peet said that as chairman of the court, he felt it was his responsibility to do so, and to get Cornelison's concerns in writing.

Commissioners then voted to accept a letter from Doshier, Pickens and Francis which expands upon their comments Jan. 16 concerning the posting errors.

"We noted numerous posting errors of cash receipts by the treasurer's office into the accounting system. While these posting errors are primarily classification errors, they do require the county auditor to make reclassification journal entries to correct the postings to their proper accounts.

"Under current audit standards, we are required

to examine all significant and/or unusual journal entries. Because these reclassification journal entries are numerous and unusual to normal accounting procedures, we are spending time reviewing these entries," the auditors said in the letter.

Their recommendation was to take care when posting receipts to ensure their accuracy as to proper classification.

Another area of concern mentioned by the accounting firm on Jan. 16 was that errors related to state court costs were found.

"While performing procedures related to fines, fees and state court cost reporting, it was noted that there were numerous errors on documents that the treasurer's office submitted to the county auditor related to state court costs.

"The county auditor's office makes every effort to correct this information prior to the reports being filed with the state.

"We would recommend that appropriate measures be taken by the treasurer to properly complete the documents being submitted in support of the cost reports which are filed with the state," the accountants stated in the letter.

Proper completion of the documents would reduce time taken by the county auditor's staff to correct them, prevent overpayment to the state and accurately calculate the county's fee income, according to the auditors' letter.

Official to plead guilty in Iraq kickback scheme

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former U.S. occupation official in Iraq has agreed to plead guilty to conspiring to steal more than \$2 million in reconstruction money and award contracts to a businessman in exchange for more than \$1 million in cash and goods.

Robert J. Stein Jr., 50, of Fayetteville, N.C., is scheduled to enter his guilty plea in U.S. District Court in Washington on Thursday. Stein, a former contracting official for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, acknowledged his role in the conspiracy in a signed statement that has been filed with the court.

The businessman, Philip H. Bloom, also faces federal conspiracy and money laundering. Bloom is not named in Stein's statement, but has been identified elsewhere by prosecutors and is federal custody in Washington. Five U.S. Army Reserve officers also have been implicated in the theft and kickback scheme, according to court papers.

Rita Bosworth, a Federal Public Defender in Washington who is representing Stein, had no comment Wednesday.

Stein, who has an earlier federal fraud conviction, used the money he stole or was paid by Bloom to buy a single-engine Cessna airplane, a top-of-the-line Porsche and other cars, grenade launchers, machine guns, diamond rings and other jewelry, and property in North Carolina, he said in his signed statement.

Stein said he helped steer more than \$8.6 million in contracts to companies controlled by Bloom, a U.S. citizen who has lived in Romania for many years. The contracts were for less than \$500,000 each, the limit of Stein's authority as the top contracting official in Hillah, 50 miles south of Baghdad.

Projects won by Bloom's companies included a new police academy for Hillah and renovation of the public library in nearby Karbala.

Drugs

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Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids Program in Dallas.

May 4 -- Life After Drugs--It's Possible, a story of recovery and how to get

help. Each meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the auditorium.

"I've wanted to do this for about 10 years, and this year, it all came together," Gershmel said.

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Viewpoints

Inside the Beltway with Kate O'Beirne

Kate O'Beirne definitely doesn't need a GPS to find her way around the conservative political landscape in Washington. Since the early 1970s, her employers have included a U.S. senator, the federal government, the Heritage Foundation and National Review magazine, where she is Washington editor and a columnist.

O'Beirne, a regular panelist on CNN's now defunct show "The Capital Gang," is becoming a frequent guest on "Meet the Press." Her new provocatively titled book, "Women Who Make the World Worse: and How Their Radical Feminist Assault Is Ruining Our Schools, Families, Military, and Sports," was ranked in the low 40s recently on

Amazon's best-seller list.

I talked to her by phone from her office in Washington.

Q: Why have the Judge Alito confirmation hearings been such a fizzle?

A: They fizzled because there's no there there, there's no fat. His Democratic inquisitors, try as they might, have not been able to make a compelling case understandable to a broader audience, of why this extremely experienced judge is anything but a scrupulously fair, careful judge who judges simply on the law and the facts before him. And because Judge Alito didn't "cooperate" in fitting the caricature that would have made things helpful for the Democrats, it is awfully hard

to convince the public that this man being elevated is a frightening prospect for America's liberties and freedoms.

Q: Does this tell you more about the Republicans' strength or the Democrats' weaknesses?

A: I don't think you could bork Robert Bork in 2006. The courts are increasingly a matter of interest to rank-and-file Americans. Supreme Court jurisprudence is no longer the specialty of law schools and faculty lounges and law journals. Because the federal Supreme Court has featured in some of our most con-

tentious issues — the gay agenda, property rights, the Boy Scouts, religious liberty and other issues the public understands — I think the role it plays and issues it handles have been broadly popularized.

Also, part of this goes to the alternative media. It's a totally different environment now. Putting aside that Robert Bork faced a Democratic majority Senate, in the old days, when in his opening salvo Ted Kennedy did such an injustice to Robert Bork by so unfairly caricaturizing his distinguished career on the bench,

it was uncritically repeated endlessly. Those who knew better, those who were motivated to defend Bork — where were you going to do that? Get on the nightly news?

You saw what happened in the John Roberts case. He upheld the arrest in Washington, D.C., as a D.C. Circuit Court judge, of a young teenage girl arrested on the Metro for eating a French fry. Well, for some period of time, the left was saying, "This is the kind of guy who thinks you should be arrested for eating French fries." But within hours you had immediate access to people saying, "Hello? This is what that case was about." You were able, in real time, to have the resources to

shoot down the very unfair mis-characterizations of both John Roberts' records and Sam Alito's records. You no longer have a news monopoly that serves the interests of people who want to get out these unfair portrayals.

Q: Is the Republican Party in big trouble? Is it breaking up into parts and factions that will cause it trouble this fall and beyond?

A: Not necessarily. We're seeing what a majority party looks like. It's so much easier when you are in the minority, right? To be concise, to agree on all the fundamental issues. Majority parties are messy. You've got to accommodate people



Bill Steigerwald
Columnist

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2006. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

On this date:

In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442d Central Postal Directory, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

'Every ten years a man should give himself a good kick in the pants.'

— Edward Steichen
American photographer (1879-1973)

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1979, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, whose prison sentence for bank robbery had been commuted by President Carter, left a federal prison near San Francisco.

In 1991, 35 people were killed when a US Air jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

Ten years ago: Both houses of Congress voted overwhelmingly to rewrite the 61-year-old Communications Act, freeing the exploding television, telephone and home computer industries to jump into each other's fields.

Five years ago: John Ashcroft won confirmation as attorney general on a 58-42 Senate vote, completing President Bush's Cabinet over strong Democratic opposition.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II was hospitalized for breathing problems and the flu. Character actor John Vernon, who'd played nasty Dean Wormer in "National Lampoon's Animal House," died in Los Angeles at age 72.



Wiretapping winning situation for GOP

Democrats who criticize President Bush for using warrantless wiretaps to elicit information about potential terrorist activity should be aware that the American people strongly support his decision to do so. Believe it or not, they trust their own government and the president they elected to use the information wisely and for our own protection.

The Fox News poll of Jan. 11 asked voters whether the president "should have the power to authorize the National Security Agency to monitor electronic communications of suspected terrorists without getting warrants, even if one end of the communication is in the United States?" By 58 percent to 36 percent, the answer was "yes." Indeed, 42 percent of the nation's Democrats agreed that the president should have this power.

The poll also tells us that Americans attribute the absence of terrorist attacks over the past 4 1/2 years to our government's efforts to protect us. Asked if the fact that there has been no major terror attack since 9/11 was due to "security measures working" or to "no attack having been planned" by terrorists, Americans credited government efforts by 46 percent (to 22 percent for the terrorists, with another 20 percent saying both factors contributed).

Other results: Some 61 percent — including a majority of the Democrats — said they'd be willing to surrender some of their own privacy to help prevent terror

attacks. Respondents support renewal of the Patriot Act by 57 percent to 31 percent. (Even Democrats only oppose renewal by 40-47.)

And those who called attention to the NSA policy of warrant-less wiretaps were called "traitors" by 50 percent of the voters and "whistleblowers" by only 27 percent. Democrats opted for "traitors" by 42 percent to 34 percent.

In other words, Ann Coulter represents the Democratic mainstream better than Al Gore on this one!

These statistics tell us that Democratic politicians are just hurting themselves by raising and dwelling on the wiretap issue. Americans don't fear giving their gov-

ernment the power to monitor conversations between Americans and foreigners even if no warrant sanctions the intrusion — we're more afraid of al Qaeda than of our own elected officials.

No wonder President Bush is willing to let Congress hold hearings about the NSA intercepts and the legal basis that allows them. The more focus this issue gets, the more it helps his administration.

This time, liberal bias in the media helps moderates and conservatives — no pol should mind being attacked for doing things that the public approves.

Once again, liberals are misreading the public's heavy doubts about the wisdom of the war in Iraq and our ability to win. These are pragmatic concerns, not an

Dick Morris
Columnist



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Even a business doesn't have to be an eyesore

I love this old planet of ours. It is a squally day, with the wind rustling through the trees and splattering rain against the windowpanes. It reminds me of England.

I can't claim to be a globe-trotter. I've seen a lot of North America, Europe and the Middle East, but I've never been to Asia, South America or sub-Saharan Africa. But everywhere I've been, I've found beauty, both man-made and natural.

For those of you looking for a purpose, the advice Edward Bok's mother gave him would be a good start. She told her son, a Dutch immigrant who became a pioneer magazine editor in America, to leave the world

more beautiful than he found it.

Bok followed his mother's advice. As a gift to the American people, he built the Bok Tower on a lovely ridge in Central Florida. It's free to visit, though the foundation charges a small parking fee. If you are ever near Lake Wales, you should definitely visit the tower, its reflecting pools and its lovely parklike surroundings. The tower contains a carillon and provides concerts at certain times of the day.

While the desert has its own beauty, I'm definitely prejudiced in favor of trees. On the road in Jordan from Aqaba to Amman, I had the driver stop so I could step off the narrow, two-lane asphalt and stare into the empty desert. It was the same area that Lawrence of Arabia had traveled with his Arab warriors to attack Aqaba from the rear in World War I. There were no contrails, no telephone or telegraph lines, no towers, no human litter. It was absolutely devoid of any

evidence of human existence. I enjoyed that view and that experience, but I wouldn't want to live there. I need trees and other greenery.

We can all easily add to the world's beauty by planting trees and flowers or making a garden. As for man-made beauty, we should practice preservation. My favorite cathedrals are St. Paul's in London and Notre Dame in Paris. Notre Dame, on an island in the Seine, is the point from which distances are measured in France. Just across the river is Shakespeare's Book Store, virtually

Charley Reese
Columnist



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: As promised, today I'm printing my own tried-and-true list of how to meet a potential mate. (Because some of my suggestions have already been offered by others, I'm abbreviating this list.) Read on: Simply put, decent people are found where decent people gather. You will never meet anyone sitting at home, so get out of the house and become involved. Enroll in an adult education class, take a class in auto mechanics, welding, computer training, sailing, navigation, golf. Volunteer your services. There are plenty of under-privileged, disabled, elderly and teens who could use a friend. Get involved with your church or a civic organization. Join a political party and volunteer to help at a polling station. (You'll meet everyone in your district!) Join a professional organization -- Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, manufacturing organization or any organization having to do with your profession. Take dancing lessons -- square dancing, line dancing, ballroom or salsa. Take up fishing or hiking, join a gym or health club. Do some entertaining and ask your friends to bring along a friend. If you have children, join Parents Without Partners. You may not meet "The One" right away, but you'll make new friends -- and one of them may have a friend who's perfect for you.

DEAR ABBY: A former friend I'll call "June" was the cause of many important relationship breakups in my life -- one of which is mended now. We hadn't spoken for years. About seven years ago, June was hired at the place where I have worked for the past 12 years. She now tries to find and make up excuses to converse with me, both in and out of work. I ignore her. I am not mean or rude; however, I have complained to our supervisors that I don't want anything other than work-related issues to do with June.

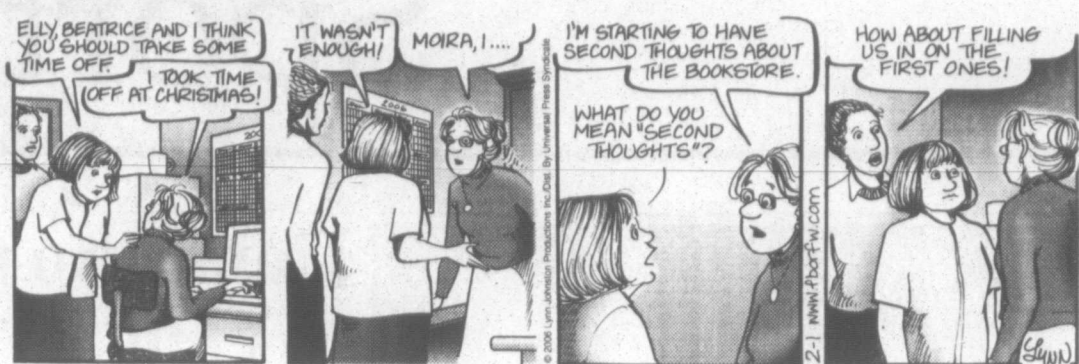
They have notified her of my complaints, and she is getting the hint. Outside of work is another story. I "forgave" June many years ago, but I still do not wish to have her as a friend or acquaintance. Please tell me how to get rid of her. I have considered a restraining order, but she hasn't done anything threatening. -- **BEING STALKED IN KOKOMO**

DEAR BEING STALKED: The next time June approaches you outside of work, if you haven't already done so, tell her exactly what you have told me. If that doesn't do the trick, change your routine -- the places or the hours that you shop, go for exercise, etc. If the woman still pursues you, then do inform the police that you are being stalked by someone who appears to be unbalanced, because that may be what the woman is, and get it on record.

DEAR ABBY: I was sitting with a friend today, and we began talking about the rising gas prices. After a few minutes she said, "Why don't Americans do what they do in Europe?" I asked her what that was, and she told me that Europeans take a regular day off from driving -- which not only saves gas but also brings families closer together. What an excellent idea for people here in the United States. I think it is a simple solution to a growing problem and could make a huge difference. Do you think this is possible? -- **JIM H., NAPLES, FLA.**

DEAR JIM H.: I certainly do. When people are determined enough, anything is possible. We may not be able to control gas prices, but we can decide how we want to spend our money. For those who need to economize, walking, riding bicycles, ride-sharing and public transportation are sensible solutions.

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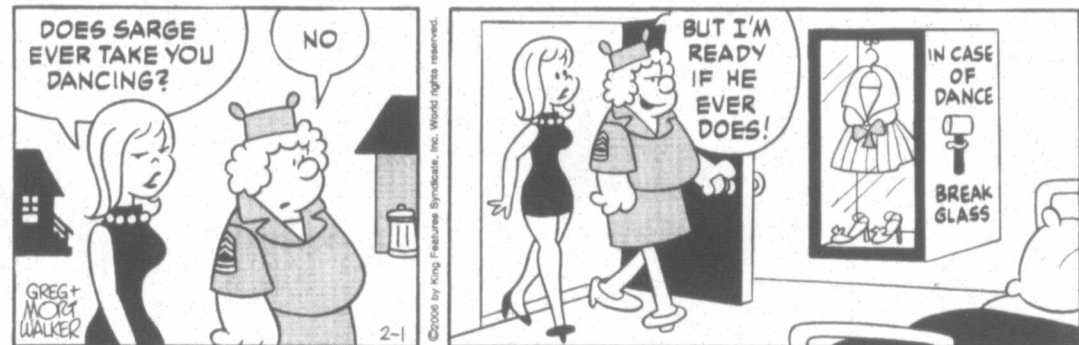
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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24 Fawn's

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29 Fly

30 "Piece of

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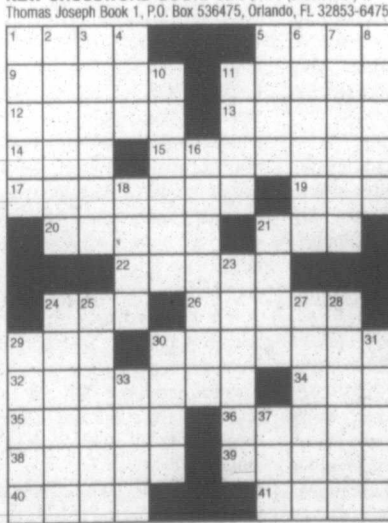
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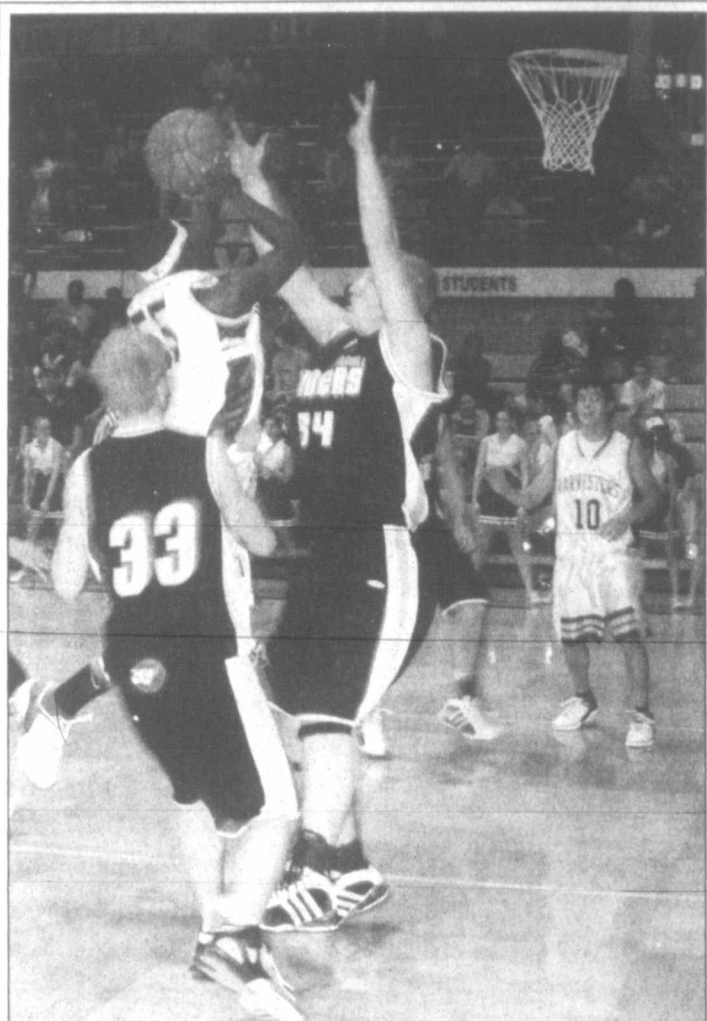
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Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sharod Young powers his way over 6'8" Raider Jordan Kinnear for two of his game high 32 points Tuesday night. Randall's Tyler Condie (#33) looks on.

Game two not as close as Pampa rips Randall for season win No. 20

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa 75, Randall 61.

"It was nice to win and the game not come down to the last second." Pampa head coach Dustin Miller shared that thought with Sports Day earlier today in the wake of his team's dominating performance over Randall Tuesday night. He added, "It was also nice to get everyone in the game."

The Harvesters led this game by as much as 20 points late, thanks in part to a clinic put on by Sharod Young who ended the night with a game high 32 points. Miller says Young showed signs of a big game in practice. "Sharod was kind of in the zone the last few days of practice. When he shoots like that, he is impossible to guard."

The Raiders had no answer for anything Pampa had on the floor. Even with Jarett Kotara on the bench in the third quarter with four fouls, the Harvesters kept the pace of the game up and the points followed. "I wanted to save him (Kotara) and make sure we had him for the stretch run of the fourth," said Miller.

Pampa improves to 20-5 overall, 5-1 in District 3-4A. When was the last time the Harvesters won 20 games in a season? "I am pretty sure it had to be the '96 team that won the state championship and went 33-3," said Miller.

Pampa is reaping the reward for playing a tough district opening schedule, winning every road game played. They will be at home again Friday to host a very tough Caprock Longhorns bunch.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Jackie Gerber works the ball up court Tuesday night.

Lady Harvesters, Randall now tied

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Lady Harvesters 44, Lady Raiders 56

It was the tale of two halves Tuesday night as Pampa and Randall got together in The Pit.

The Lady Raiders used long range shots to score, while the Lady Harvesters were able to get on the board from both mid-range and beneath the bucket. "Randall is a 3-point shooting team and they did hit several last night," said Pampa head coach Troy Fry. He added, "This is nothing different from the first time we played them except they were making more last night."

Randall outscored Pampa 17-12 in the opening period, only to see the Lady Harvesters return the favor in the second, 16-11.

Tied at the break, second half baskets were hard to come by for Pampa. While the Lady Harvester defense held Randall in check throughout the third quarter and most of the fourth, the offense could not get a ball to find the bottom of the net. "We just couldn't buy a basket in the second half," said Fry.

Fry singled out Pampa's shooting percentage Tuesday night as the culprit in the Lady Harvester's loss. "Our shooting percentage for the game was 29 percent from inside the stripe and 31 percent from beyond the arc. With us shooting that bad and Randall shooting as well as they did, the outcome was in their favor."

When asked what the loss meant to his team in the overall playoff scheme of things, Coach Fry said, "We are still in second place tied with Randall. We just have to finish strong in our next two outings and then we will see what happens next."

Pampa (13-15, 5-3) hosts the Lady 'Horns of Caprock Friday night. They will wrap the regular season up with a visit to Dumas Tuesday.

Randall is now 13-14, 5-3. The Lady Raiders will host Dumas Friday and end the regular season on the road against Hereford Tuesday.

In each loss, Coach Fry always finds a positive. Tuesday night is no exception. "I really like our defense right now," he said. "We are getting after teams and playing hard. Our shooting right now is my main focus. We have got to shoot better to give ourselves a chance in the playoffs."

Those playoffs will get under way Feb. 14.

AHS 4, Pampa 0

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Said Pampa head soccer coach Byron May after his team's 4-0 loss Tuesday afternoon, "This is the best Amarillo High team I've seen since I've been in Pampa." The Sandies proved worthy of their undefeated record (11-0-4).

"We gave up goals that I thought were due to mental break-downs," said May. "There are some things we can correct in the next couple of days, but the mental part is a battle we can't afford to lose now that district is starting."

The Harvesters have little time to work the bugs out as they are on the road Friday to open the District 3-4A season against Randall at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. That game will start at 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Other scores of interest

District 3-4A

Boys
Pampa 75, Randall 61
Caprock 59, Hereford 48
Palo Duro 82, Dumas 57
Junior Varsity
Randall 65, Pampa 58

Coronado 76, Tascosa 41
Berger 62, Perryton 55
Panhandle 68, WT High 25
White Deer 66, Booker 30
Wheeler 71, Miami 46
Ft. Elliott 52, Higgins 41
Follett 81, Lefors 41

Girls

Randall 56, Pampa 44
Hereford 51, Caprock 41
Palo Duro 81, Dumas 28
Junior Varsity
Randall 52, Pampa 41

Girls

Coronado 76, Tascosa 29
Perryton 63, Berger 50
Panhandle 59, WT High 34
White Deer 51, Booker 34
Wheeler 57, Miami 41
Follett 75, Lefors 30

Others/Boys

Lamar Hot Shot Contest winners

Lamar Hot Shot Contest
Saturday, Jan. 28 2006

2nd Grade Winners

Boys

1st- Bryson Burrell (Austin)
2nd- Adam Zuniga (Austin)
3rd- Cade Engle (Austin)

Girls

1st- Cameron Schaub (Wilson)
2nd- Nayeli Madrid (Lamar)
3rd- Brittany Lang (Lamar)

4th Grade Winners

Boys

1st- Trae Hannon (McLean)
2nd- Caden Sander (Austin)
3rd- Ethan Hunt (Travis)*
3rd- Corbin Ramirez (Lamar)*
3rd- Pablo Cabrales (Austin)*
*tie

Girls

1st- Savanna Mertz (Travis)
2nd- Ashlee Kieth (Travis)
3rd- Alexa O'Brien (Austin)

3rd Grade Winners

Boys

1st- Jesus Soto (St. Vincent)
2nd- Josh Miner (Austin)
3rd- A. Basden (Lamar)*
3rd- Ryan Mattox (Austin)*
*tie

Girls

1st- Taylor Eubanks (Travis)
2nd- Caragan Niccum (Austin)
3rd- C. Barrow (White Deer)*
3rd- Alana Shepard (Lefors)*
*tie

5th Grade Winners

Boys

1st- Jordan Lemons (Travis)
2nd- Trey Wiggins (Wilson)
3rd- O. Cabrales (St. Vincent)

Girls

1st- Arin Rice (Ausin)
2nd- Taylor Morgan (Austin)
3rd- Samantha Munoz (Lamar)

PHS girls fall to Coronado

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters soccer team battled a stiff West Texas wind as well as the Lady Cougars Tuesday afternoon.

Pampa lost, 3-0 in the final tune-up before the district season begins against Randall Friday.

Said Pampa head coach Jeff Quisenberry, "It was a very exciting game and we did some good things that showed the potential this team possess."

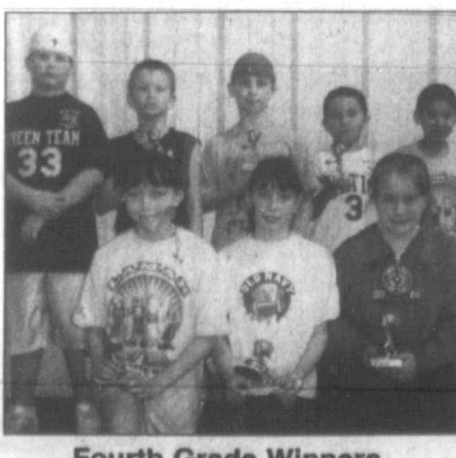
He added, "It was a great game to have prior to the start of district play on Friday."



Second Grade Winners



Third Grade Winners



Fourth Grade Winners



Fifth Grade Winners

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006:

You might be more active than you have been in many years. You could find that many people seek you out. Establishing boundaries could be instrumental. Recognize that you can only do so much. Prioritize, keeping in mind what is important. If you are single, you might tumble into a relationship that could be exclusive or need to be kept hush-hush. Be sure you want this type of bond before you jump in. If you are attached, schedule frequent getaways together, and your relationship will bloom. ARIES brings out the best in you.

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 have the bounce to make the most of every moment. You will feel your Wheaties no matter where you are or what you want. Friendship plays a major role in the unfolding of today's events. Tonight: What would make you happy? Do just that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might be unusually mellow. Others could try to rouse you out of the doldrums. You might want to think in terms of your own well-being. Take a personal day if you need to. Visit a favorite spot. Tonight: Take it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You can embrace many different thoughts and activities. You are the Twin, the sign that is known for being able to do two things at once. Don't hold back. You could end the day feeling as if

you have broken through a personal barrier. Tonight: Hook up with your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You might want to defer to someone who is in charge rather than carry the weight of a decision. Still, you need to trust yourself to accomplish this deferral. Listen to feedback from a partner. You will want someone's kudos. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Take an overview and detach. Read between the lines with suggestions. Sometimes you need to bend some for others. If you do, everything in your life will flow more easily. You can be a stubborn sign, you know. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Work with individuals. You could be dealing with heavier-than-normal issues. Be sensitive in your word choice. Expressing your nurturing could make or break a situation. Check out a far-out diet or health program. Tonight: Make time for a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Others run with the ball. You might want to put a halt to it, but it won't make any difference. You might be best off plunging into what is going on. You will enjoy yourself if you let go and relax. Tonight: You could be found with an ear-to-ear smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might want to calmly talk through a problem. Add that touch of thoughtfulness and magnetism. You might want to think positively about a daily matter you decide to deal with. Talk about a home office. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your energy needs to be plugged in where it counts. You need to be more spontaneous and clear. Working with a child or new friend could add to your satisfaction. A money risk could work. Just don't involve more money than you can risk. Tonight: Ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might not want to discuss everything that is on your mind. Still, you can say a lot more if you relax. You might be delighted by the outcome, or change that occurs. Use your innate sense of diplomacy. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your words hit someone where it counts. You are finally heard. Evoke more gentleness in your communication, and you will get an even better reaction. Ease up and relax more with those around you. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your instincts help you make the right decision. You might be surprised at what happens if you relax more and flow naturally. Listen to a friend who has only your well-being in mind. This friendship could be very special. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

BORN TODAY

Actress Farrah Fawcett (1947), singer, musician Graham Nash (1942), model Christie Brinkley (1954)

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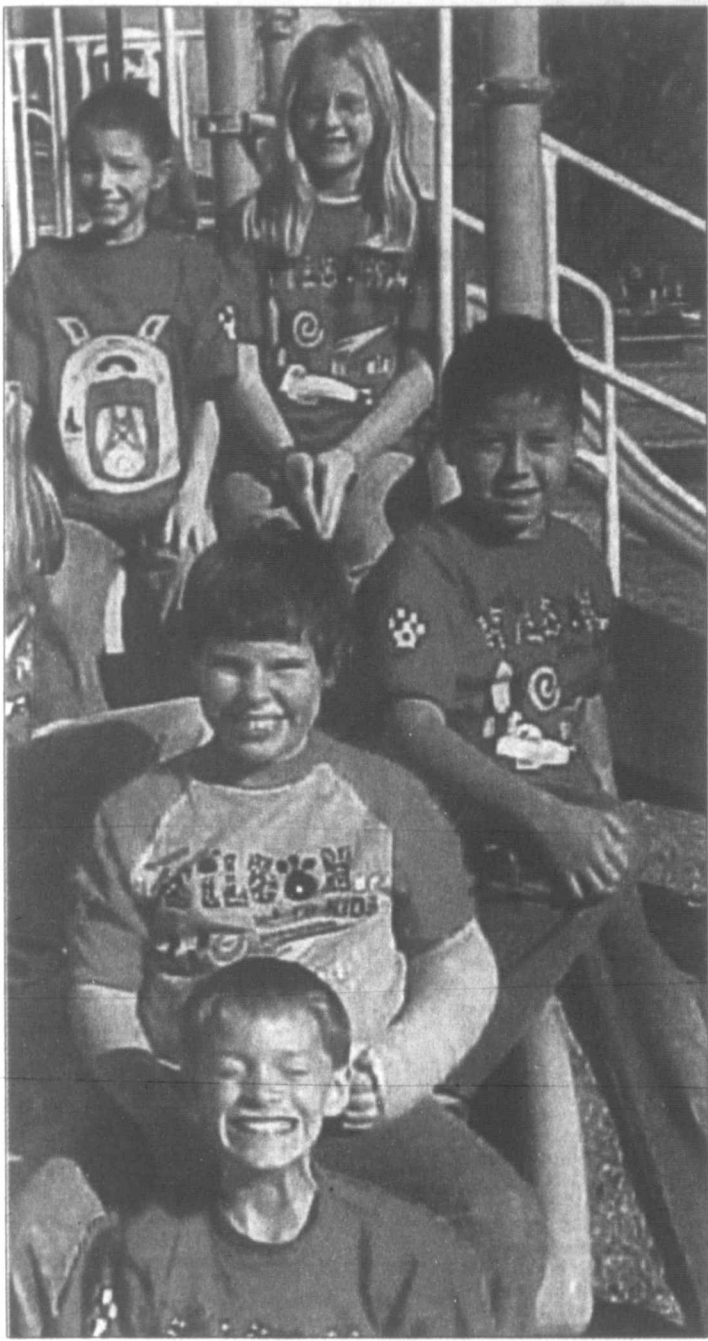
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Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced the winners of a recent T-shirt contest at the school. Above: The winners are (back) Renee Baggerman, Brittany Weatherford, (middle) Aaron Allums, Adrian Ramos and (front) Keenan O'Dell.

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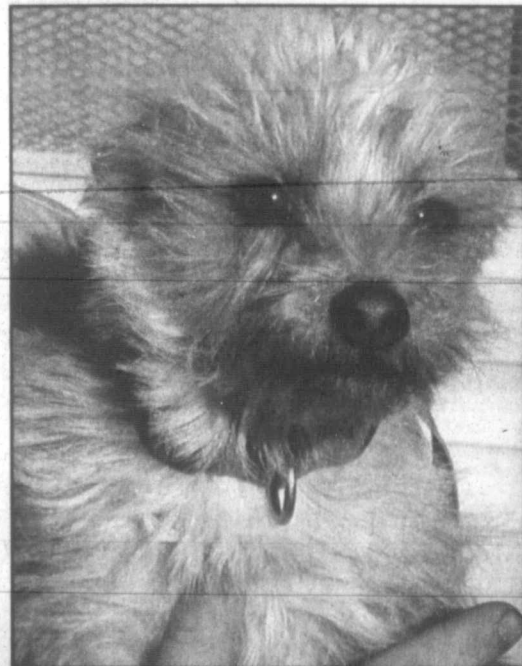
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O'Beirne

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from across the spectrum.

Q: We see the battle between Big Government, Big Spending Republicans — moderates, so-called — and the old-fashioned Republicans.

A: That's the battle. That's the battle. I hope this isn't too inside baseball, but one reason it's potentially more damaging now is that the Democrats in the House are showing such unity. It used to be that on a lot of economic conservative issues — not that long ago, like two years ago — the Republicans could pull off the last 10, 12, 15 votes they needed from the Democrats. (House Minority Leader) Nancy Pelosi is very effectively enforcing discipline on her caucus. If you don't have those sympathetic Democrats, and there are some whose votes have helped in the past, you need every one of your Republicans ... That really empowers the more liberal (Republican) members.

Q: Do you see problems with Abrahamoff scandal?

A: Potentially, yes. They could be in real political trouble regardless of what happens with respect to criminal indictments or charges or how successful they might be. I think the symbolism of the Abrahamoff scandal is potentially perilous for Republicans — the sense of excess, the sense that Republicans might have forgotten who sent them here and why they are here ... And it's no response to say donations also were given to Democrats.

Q: What is the sound-bite synopsis of your book?

A: Too many people think the feminist movement is a spent force, that feminism died with the ERA 30 years ago, or to talk about feminism today is so Seventies, but that couldn't be farther from the truth. What I chronicle in the book is feminism is alive and well. Just because we aren't having the big, contentious public debates we were having 30 years ago doesn't mean their agenda doesn't have enormous influence. I name names. I explain what they say, what they believe, where they are. People can then decide for themselves if these are the kind of women they want their tax dollars subsidizing. I react against the monolith that is the

modern women's movement and their campaign to persuade people that there is a monolithic women's vote. I don't speak for the American woman. I don't pretend to. I object to the fact that they do.

Q: Will Hillary Clinton be able to disguise her feminist genomes and become president?

A: She'll try, I think. First of all, none of them call themselves feminists because the word has been damaged. It doesn't mean they don't still subscribe to all its tenets. Hillary Clinton is a committed feminist. She would be a reliable supporter of all their pet causes.

Q: Do you think she will make it?

A: I think she intends to run. Obviously, a woman can always change her mind. Am I allowed to say that, Bill? At the moment I don't see who in the potential field can deny her the nomination. I think she'll bankroll an awful lot of money and that will intimidate a lot of challengers. I think barring some major unforeseen circumstance, there's an inevitability about her being the candidate in '08 for the Democrats.

—Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Morris

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embrace of the left's take on national security. In fact, there is a broad and deep consensus when it comes to homeland security, which any politician defies at the risk of losing support.

Nor did the NSA wiretaps break the law. The president's inherent power as commander in chief allows them. Warrant-less wiretaps for tax, drug, or even organ-

ized crime investigations would clearly be illegal. But to protect our country in the War on Terror, they are extensions of military action and are as legal as any wartime intelligence gathering would be.

The fact that there has been no declaration of war is a distinction without a difference. Congress has approved military action and within that approval lies an implicit assumption that the president will use our intelligence services to prevail militarily, on the home front as surely as he does in Iraq and Afghanistan.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Reese

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unchanged since Ernie Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein were frequent customers.

Though these two magnificent examples of architecture are in no danger, many of the most beautiful structures are always in need of upkeep, as well as protection from the bulldozers and asphalt machines. I think, on balance, developers of ugly high-rises and boring suburban sprawl have been more destructive of beauty than wars. You would have

to think long and hard and even be perversely creative to design something uglier than a strip mall.

It might be true that the business of America is business, but even a business doesn't have to be ugly. Perhaps we can start an anti-ugly movement and stamp out ugly buildings, ugly people and ugly situations. When I say ugly people, I don't mean those whom God made homely, but those who are in a perpetually ugly mood — angry, ill-mannered and threatening violence.

Much of our so-called culture is ugly — the angry music, the violence-ridden movies, the foulmouthed stand-ups, the bizarre clothing and makeup some

people wear. I visited an ice-cream shop once, and every single employee in the place was covered with piercings — nose rings, earrings, tongue rings and I assume piercings in places I couldn't see. I've never been back. Somehow hot-fudge sundaes and freaks don't go well together. I can't even imagine what the manager must have looked like.

I say we draw a line in the asphalt and rally to defend civilization — beauty, civility, fields and forests and good farmland. After you plant a house on a piece of land, it won't grow much except people, and we are losing farmland faster than we can afford it. We'll all be wearing a woe-

ful countenance the day we walk into our supermarkets and find the shelves nearly empty. I know it rarely makes the news, but you really cannot have food without farmers and good land.

A free society does have one disadvantage as opposed to a dictatorship. In a free society, everything is always on the table and at risk, and the citizens can't afford to stop playing the Citizenship Game. Everything we value we must defend and protect, lest we lose it. People in a dictatorship can afford apathy, since they have no choice in anything anyway.

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Events calendar

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• **Entertainers with Southwest Cowboy Poets Association** will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Gem Theatre in Claude. Ivan Cates, president of the association, will serve as MC. Other performers will include Charlie Bell, Bill Crenshaw, Charolyn Gouldy, Pat Henry and more.

• **Amarillo Children's Theatre** Guild will present "Elvis Acts Up!" with impersonator Manny Triana at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in

Ordway Hall on Amarillo College campus in Amarillo. Tickets go on sale in Ordway Hall at 1 p.m. Saturday. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. prior to the performance. Proceeds will benefit AC's Lamplight Youth Theatre Company. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

• **Spring classes at Amarillo Museum of Art** begin Monday. For a class schedule, log on to www.amarilloart.org on the Internet or call the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **Charolyn Gouldy, secretary-treasurer of**

Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, will headline the next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Feb. 11 at Big Texan Steak House in Amarillo. The program will begin at 8 a.m. An open mike session will follow. For more information, call (806) 353-5617 or (806) 374-4354. Reservations can be made at (806) 372-7000. Also on the 11th, Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter of Amarillo will host the association during the chapter's bi-monthly meeting at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on South Polk.

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