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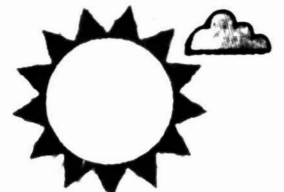


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LOCAL

PHS football banquet ticket deadline Tuesday

Deadline to purchase tickets for the Pampa High School Football Banquet is 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15. No more tickets will be sold after that time. Tickets are available at the PHS Athletic Building.

The annual banquet honoring Harvester football players is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

DEATHS

- John Cowan Farmer, 87, attorney.
- LouAmme Johnson, 67, homemaker.
- Ted Parker, 58, retired.
- Jessie Euline Walsler, 82, rancher, homemaker.
- Claude Williams, 86, longtime PHS custodian.

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Citizens can apply to vote by mail

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Applications for ballots by mail in the March 12 Republican and Democrat primary elections can now be made to the Gray County Clerk's office.

Several local races are contested with six incumbents being opposed in the 2002 elections.

Deputy Carolyn Law said Jan. 11 was the first date qualifying voters may apply for a ballot by mail in the

upcoming primaries. She said the first date for the ballots to be mailed out to voters is Jan. 28.

Incumbent County Treasurer Scott Hahn is being challenged by two candidates, Tawrin "Tory" R. Peet and Lee Cornelison, in the Republican primary.

No candidates filed for the position in the Democratic primary.

If one candidate does not get a majority of the vote in the primary race, a runoff between the top two vote getters in the primary election will be held April 9.

In the Republican primary in Precinct Two County Commissioner's spot, the voters will decide between Gary Willoughby and M.W. (Bill) Horne. The winner will meet incumbent Jim Greene in the November election. Greene is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 4 James Hetley is being challenged by Ed Robinson in the March 12 Republican primary. The winner of the contest will be decided with the primary election as no candidates filed

for the position in the Democrat primary.

County Judge Richard Peet is not opposed in the Republican primary, but is being challenged by Greg Kurtz, a Democrat, in the general election in November.

Two incumbent Justices of the Peace are opposed. Incumbent Precinct 1 & 3 Joe Martinez was appointed to the position several months ago upon the resignation of for JP Bob Muns.

(See MAIL, Page 6)

\$100,000 bond set for couple in DPS marijuana seizure

BY KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Bonds of \$100,000 each were set in Gray County this morning for a man and a woman arrested on Interstate 40 Sunday after 90 pounds of marijuana was seized by a Department of Public Safety trooper.

There was one of three drug-related arrest incidents in the area since Friday, all on Interstate 40. Two where in Gray County and one in Wheeler County.

- The crimes involved:
- Cash totaling \$17,600;
- 90 pounds of marijuana;
- and
- Two pounds of marijuana

In a Friday afternoon traffic stop for speeding, DPS Trooper Oscar Esqueda confiscated \$17,600 in cash from the trunk of a 2001 rented Ford Taurus, said Borger DPS Sgt. Joe Medrano.

After the westbound Ford was stopped at about 4 p.m., Medrano said among questions Esqueda asked the driver was if he was carrying a large amount of cash. The answer was no.

After getting consent to search and opening the trunk, Esqueda put his hand on a Wal-Mart sack and asked the driver, "What is this?"

"I lied," was the reply, the sergeant said.

(See BOND, Page 6)

DA: \$'s to be used for training

More drug money being seized means more money for the 31st District Attorney's office to use for law enforcement purposes that include sending DPS troopers to special "how-to" schools that teach interdiction skills.

District Attorney Rick Roach, before this weekend's latest cash seizure, said there is \$778,000 in seized suspected drug money awaiting civil court forfeiture orders.

If all is forfeited, the DA's office will get 30 percent, about \$233,000, to use, Roach said. The state gets the remaining 70 percent.

None of the money can go to Roach's salary but some of it can be to pay supplements to the DA's staff provided the Gray County Commission gives its approval, he said.

(See DA, Page 6)

Olympic Torch bearers



(Pampa News photo by David Bower)

Rebecca Fatheree, right, escorts Olympic Torch Bearer Marie Payne of Lubbock during a stop in Amarillo early Saturday morning. Fatheree, a distance runner at Pampa High School, joined six of the 18 torch bearers on the route through downtown Amarillo. The individual torch bearers ran only two-tenths of a mile.

Scott Hahn seeks re-election to office

Scott Hahn is announcing his bid for re-election as Gray County Treasurer in the March 12 Republican Primary.

Hahn, first elected in 1986, is in his fourth term as treasurer. A native of Pampa, Hahn graduated from Pampa High School and received a business degree from Texas Tech University in 1965. In 1970, he earned additional hours toward a Masters of Business Administration degree.

He served four years in the U.S. Army as a Spanish linguist. He retired after more than 20 years of business management prior to being elected County Treasurer.

Hahn said he has achieved the designation of certified County Treasurer (CCT) 14 times since his election which includes 280 continuing education hours, and has been awarded the certification of county investment officer (CIO) each year beginning in 1994. He said more than 210 additional continuing education hours have been required to earn and maintain the CIO status.

He also said he has been elected to serve in every office of the County Treasurers Association of Texas, including president. Hahn served on the board of that organization for three years prior to serving on its executive board. Hahn also has served on the board of directors of the Texas Association of Counties.

Hahn attends the First Methodist



Scott Hahn

Church in Pampa. He has also served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

He is an active member of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, Top of Texas Gold Coats Association, Top O'Texas Rodeo Association and Pampa Softball Umpire Association.

He served on the board of the Pampa Municipal Credit Union and has been active in Rotary and Lions Clubs, Genesis House, ACF Community Theater and the Lake McClellan Improvement Board of Directors. He is an Eagle Scout.

Hahn said as county treasurer, he has tried to be responsive to the needs and ideas of the people of Gray County. He said he has brought the treasurer's office into the computer age, replacing manual bookkeeping and payroll systems with one that is fully automated.

"As your county treasurer, I am proud to have had a part in serving you, the people of Gray County for 15 years. I am proud to say that by working together, we have earned almost \$4 million in interest for the citizens of Gray County. These earned dollars certainly help keep county taxes lower," said Hahn. "I am proud that through a highly professional approach to management, your office of county treasurer has been transformed into a model of efficiency."

"Recently the commissioners court of Gray County opted to borrow money for the courthouse renovation, the first bond issue in recent memory, and this is not the time to experiment with an unproven, inexperienced county treasurer," he added.

Hahn said he feels that with his experience in the office, he will be able to help manage that debt in an appropriate manner.

"I care about the people here and will continue to make every effort to establish priorities important to taxpayers in investing and spending the county's money," he said.

Commissioners to consider bids

Courthouse Restoration, bids for Sheriff's Department, and a report from the American Heart Association will highlight the Gray County Commissioners meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Gray County Courtroom at the 315 N. Ballard location.

Consider prevailing wage rates for courthouse restoration project and review report from Archi Texas and potential approval for going out for bids on courthouse restoration project are two topics the commissioners will discuss regarding the restoration project.

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. for two sheriff's department cars and for the jail intercom system.

Representatives of American Heart Association are scheduled to give a report on education programs dealing with tobacco use.

Other agenda items are:

- draw names for salary grievance committee
- consider agreement with Arrington Enterprises for temporary assistance with boiler
- pay bills and salaries.

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Down memory lane...



(Courtesy photo)

In the next few months, photos from the archives at Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will be featured on this page in recognition of the Gray County Centennial Celebration. This photo is of a float the Chamber sponsored in a parade. However, Chamber officials don't know where the parade was held, nor do they have the identities of the men riding the float. Anyone knowing more about this photograph is encouraged to contact Dee Dee Laramore at *The Pampa News*.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Upcoming Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce meetings and events:

JANUARY

- Tuesday, Jan. 15**
– Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon @ 11:45 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 17**
– Board of Directors meeting @ 10:30 a.m.
– Promotion Committee meeting @ 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, Jan. 18**
– Retail Committee meeting (makeup from Jan. 2) @ 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 21**
– Top O' Texans (Gold Coats) luncheon @ 11:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 22**
– Tourism Committee meeting @ 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 24**
– Promotion Committee meeting @ 11:45 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 31**
– Promotion Committee meeting @ 11:45 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, Feb. 6**
– Retail Committee meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 7**
– Promotion Committee meeting @ 11:45 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 11**
– Leadership meeting @ 12 noon
- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
– Executive Board meeting @ 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14**
– Promotion Committee meeting @ 11:45 a.m.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON - JAN. 15

Speaker: Shawn D. Twing of Sprouse, Smith & Rowley, PC - Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Labor and Employment Law.

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THANK YOU

We want to thank the following departing Chamber board members for all their hard work and dedication in the past.

- Mr. Blake Howard**
- Ms. Edith Hill**
- Ms. Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey**
- Mr. John Forister**
- Mr. Bob Marx**

Also, thanks to **Ms. June Beyer** for her years of dedicated service as chairman of the Membership Committee.

2002 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We would like to recognize the Pampa Chamber of Commerce 2002 Board of Directors:

Executive Committee: John Curry, Chairman; Doug Ware, Chairman Elect; Gladys Vanderpool, Treasurer; Charles M. White, Past Chairman; and Harold Price, Vice Chairman.

Directors: Neil Fulton, Lisa Ryan, Norman Stephens, L.W. McCall, Mark Lang, Charles Henry, Royce Jordan, Kathy Cota, Pat Montoya, Ben Watson, Mary Ann Richards, Bill Bridges, and Bill Hildebrandt.

Ex-Officios: Lonny Robbins, Judge Richard Peet, Dick Stowers, Clay Rice.

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! It's early in 2002 and we are looking forward to what the year will bring. One important question that we should ask ourselves at this time is how we as individuals can contribute to a positive and successful year in the community and in the Chamber. Remember that the power of a Chamber resides in its volunteers. If we are motivated, the sky is the limit for what can be achieved.

Many visitors from outside of Pampa come to our office and rave about how friendly the citizens of Pampa are. This is something that we can all be proud of, but at the same time, we all need to strive to improve so that no one from inside or outside of the community feels unappreciated. There are several key things for all of us to remember such as smiling at people and greeting them in a friendly manner. In addition, being alert to give service shows others that we are interested in them. Please do not hesitate to let us know anytime that we can be of service at the Chamber.

Promoting Pampa is a responsibility that we all share. It should be very easy for us to be positive and anxious to tell people about a community that is such a great place to live, work and play. A short list of attributes include a great school system, low crime rate, superb health care, affordable housing, availability of technology, wide range of youth activities, diversity of churches, a new college facility and great people. 2002 should be about promoting our great way of life to others.

We can be very optimistic about the future of our area, also. New technologies may enable us to profitably utilize more of our existing natural resources. Two resources that come to mind are our infinite supply of wind and solar power. By encouraging growth and development in these and other industries, we may see a future beyond our imaginations. We have been very fortunate to have had a strong economic base of agriculture and oil and gas which will continue to benefit us for many more years. The addition of new industries should help provide a strong economic future.

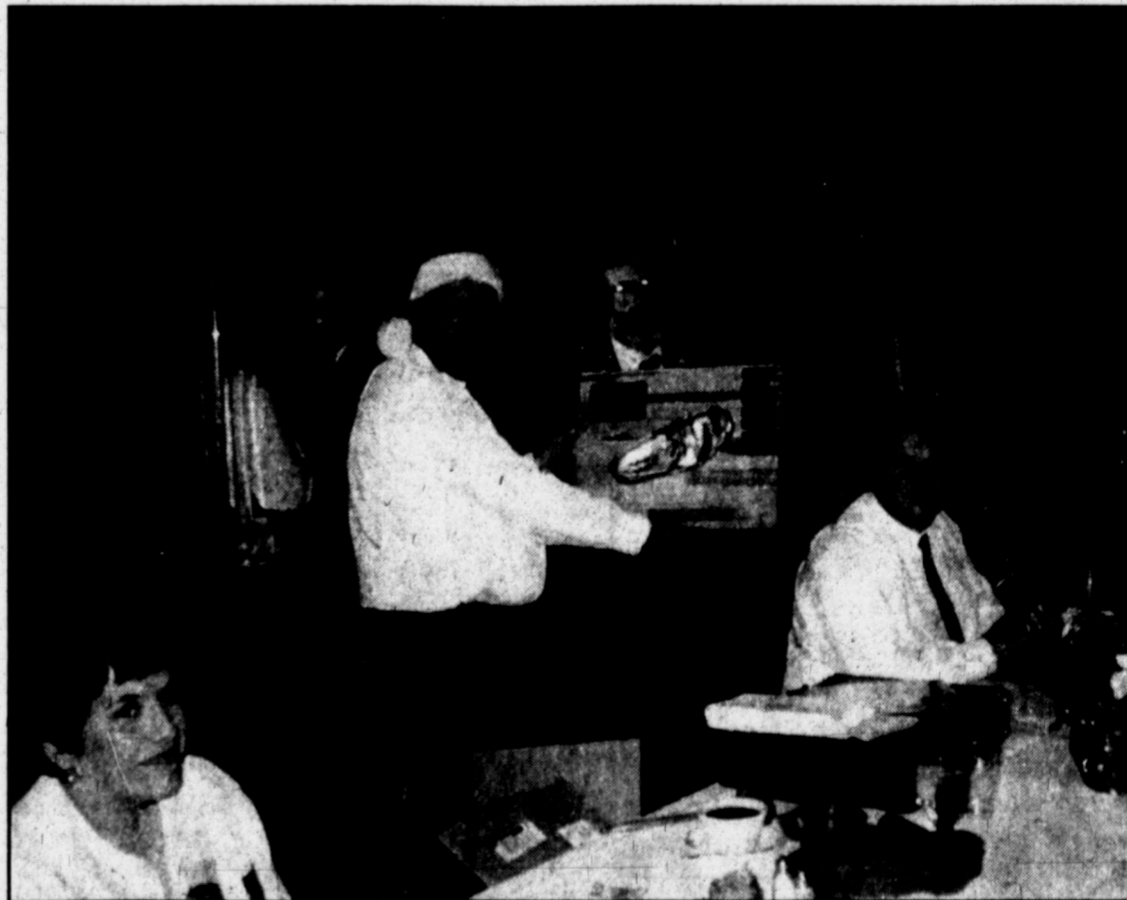
All of the subjects mentioned above make 2002 and beyond something to look forward to with great anticipation.

Clay Rice



(Courtesy photo)

Jack Reeve, Phyllis White, and Chuck White are shown having a great time at the Gold Coat Christmas party on Dec. 8.



(Courtesy photo)

Bob Marx, right, presents Pat Montoya with the Gold Coat "Golden Shoe Award" for 2001 at the Gold Coat Christmas party on Dec. 8, 2001. The "Golden Shoe Award" is presented to the Gold Coat who attends the most functions during the year.

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DEAR ABBY written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Monday, January 14

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Special Smoke Detectors Send Alarm to the Hard-of-Hearing

DEAR ABBY: Your Dec. 21 column featured a letter from a reader who is concerned because an elderly friend is unable to hear the audible signal from his smoke alarm. Your reader is right to be concerned. Smoke alarms provide the early warning of fire that makes it possible to escape. Every household needs working smoke alarms on each level of the home, and all members of the household must be able to react quickly to the alarm.

For people with hearing impairments, special smoke detection devices with louder alarms or strobe lights are available.

In addition to common audible-signal smoke alarms, many manufacturers now market a wide variety of signaling devices that — when combined — meet the needs of all people. Residents interested in purchasing these devices should contact their local fire department for information on manufacturers and local distributors.

Smoke alarms are an essential element of home fire protection. Everyone should have the life-saving protection afforded by this important technology. Thank you for helping your readers with hearing impairments learn how they can be better protected.

GEORGE D. MILLER, PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

DEAR GEORGE: And thank you for continuing to be a valuable resource for my readers and me. My readers will be pleased to know that detailed fact sheets on smoke alarms and other fire protection devices can be downloaded by visiting the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) online at www.nfpa.org.

Not only are smoke alarms with strobe lights as well as audible alarms available, there's even one that can be placed beneath one's pillow or between the mattress and box spring that vibrates when smoke is detected.

A magazine called Hearing

Loss, published by Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3015, also keeps subscribers abreast of other safety products such as assisted-living devices, doorbells, special telephones, etc.

Every household needs at least one working fire alarm. The inability to hear one is no longer a reason for not having that kind of essential protection.

DEAR ABBY: My boss, "Adam," is 43. I am 50. We are both divorced. We have become very close during the three years we have worked together. I have two adult children. He has none.

Adam and I spend a great deal of time together — at work and socially — but always on a platonic basis. The problem is, I have fallen in love with him. I realize that an on-the-job romance — especially between a boss and a subordinate — would be a big mistake. However, I know he cares a great deal for me, although he does not share my romantic feelings.

Abby, I am having a hard time hiding my emotions when he dates other women. It impacts my work performance. I feel it would be best for me to look for another job. He told me that if I were a true friend I would want him to be happy and to marry someone who could be the mother of his children. I do want Adam to be happy, and I love my job, but I have deep feelings for him. He thinks it is selfish of me to want to leave. Do you?

IT'S TOUGH TO BE IN LOVE BY MYSELF

DEAR IT'S TOUGH: I do not think your desire to leave is selfish. Quite the contrary. It's selfish of him to try to make you feel guilty for wanting to leave. You'd have to be a masochist to stay.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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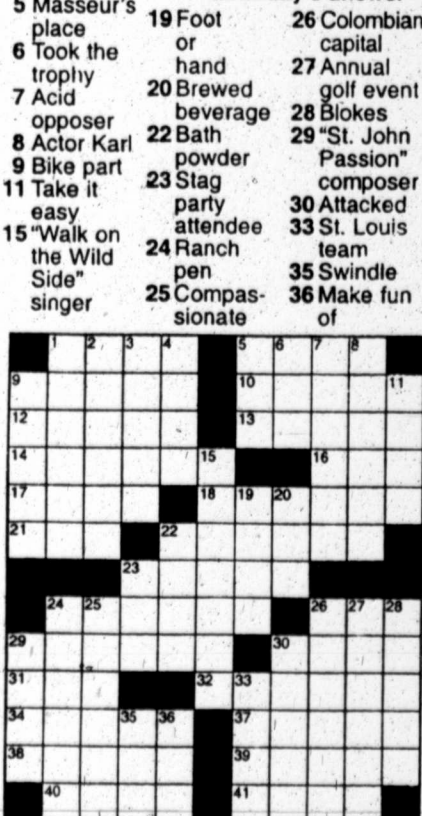
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 32 Knight's foe
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 - 11 Take it easy
 - 15 "Walk on the Wild Side" singer
 - 19 Foot or hand
 - 20 Brewed beverage
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 - 24 Ranch pen
 - 25 Compassionate
 - 26 Colombian capital
 - 27 Annual golf event
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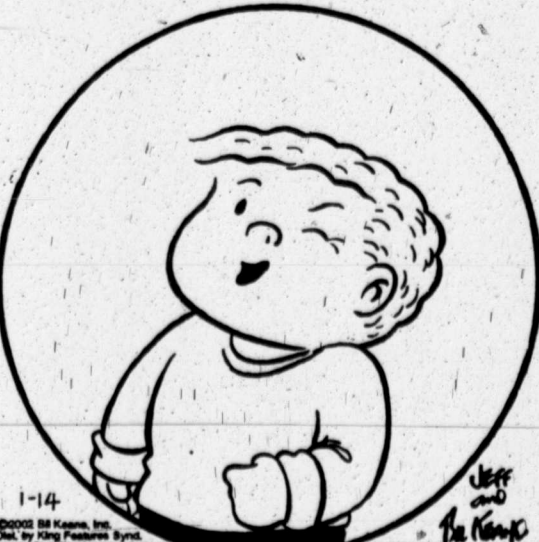


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"Marmaduke! This is not a restaurant. You can't send back your food!"

The Family Circus



"I'm teaching my eye how to wink. Is it workin'?"

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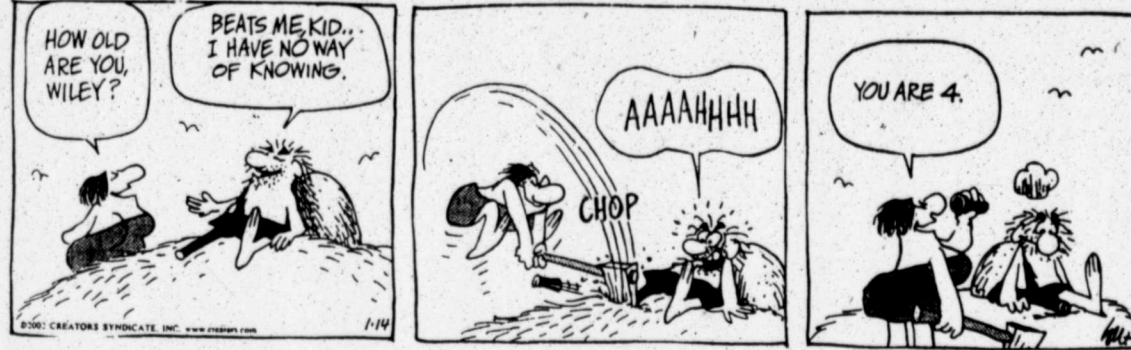
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