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## Today's weather



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## Deaths

**Drusilla Wilson**  
**Cosper,** 92, services pending.  
**Jo Lynne Vise,** 41, school secretary.  
**Frances Olivia**  
**McCracken,** 76, Pampan.

## Texas Today

**Corps of Cadets seeks membership increase**  
COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Being a member of Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets is tougher than it used to be, but undaunted university leaders remain focused on beefing up membership.  
The nation's largest uniformed body of students outside U.S. service academies last reached 2,600 members more than 30 years ago. This fall membership fell to 1,862, the lowest in 12 years, which isn't enough to fill 10 of the dozen dormitories for cadets.  
Still, A&M President Robert Gates aims to push membership to its former heights.  
Corps of Cadets Commandant John Van Alstyne began implementing more rigorous academic and physical standards two years ago and he anticipated a dip in membership, he said. Corps membership has dropped by 150 students in that time.

Val Alstyne said he warned Gates that higher membership standards could initially mean fewer cadets.

Currently, cadets must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade-point average and pass newly implemented height and weight tests.

## Indian campground may be excavated

FORT WORTH (AP) — An ancient Indian campground in the path of a proposed highway likely will have to be excavated before the roadway can be built, a state archaeologist said.  
"We may have a site that is intact and isn't badly disturbed," said Mark Denton, director of the state and federal review section of the Texas Historical Commission's archaeology division.  
Tests conducted during the 1990s found two layers of artifacts at the site.



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

## Braving the cold

David and Sandra Hemphill, above, tread lightly across the slick surface of an icy parking lot today. Sandra Hemphill said they had to go to the store this morning for plumbing parts after frigid overnight temperatures caused frozen water lines at home. Traffic was moving slowly today, but it was moving on Texas Highway 70 north of Pampa, below, as strong frigid winds and blowing snow made city streets and area highways treacherous.



## 'Hawk down

### Helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashes in Texas

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, Texas (AP) — A Black Hawk helicopter carrying seven soldiers from Fort Hood crashed Monday in central Texas after hitting a television broadcast tower guy wire in foggy weather, authorities said. Two witnesses said they saw four bodies.

The UH-60 Black Hawk, bound for Texarkana, went down in a field about 30 miles northeast of Fort Hood near Interstate 35, said Dan Hassett, a base spokesman.

The fog was so heavy when emergency crews arrived that they could not see more than half-way up the broadcast tower, authorities said. The tower's lights were not working at the time.

Rock Eicke, who lives

approached the scene, but it had burned out by the time they arrived.

Among the scattered debris, Brown said he saw four bodies. He said paramedics told him they were looking for seven.

"I didn't see any survivors. I don't see how," he said.

The main part of the fuselage went down in a field about 200 to 300 yards from the tower, Brown said. Between the tower and the field, "there was the tail section, parts of the rotor and bits and pieces of the helicopter," he said.

Hassett did not know what kind of mission the helicopter was on when it crashed, but said the soldiers were attached to the 4th Infantry Division.

Fort Hood officials and an accident investigation team from Fort Rucker, Ala., was heading to the scene just south of Waco. The helicopter hit a guy wire that stabilizes a 1,800-foot television broadcast tower, said Jerry Pursley, general manager of Waco-Temple-Killeen television station KXXV, which owns the tower. The tower itself was not hit, he said.

The tower's lights stopped working early last week after strong storms hit the area, Pursley said. The station notified the Federal Aviation Administration, he said. The agency's spokesman in Texas did not return a phone call to The Associated Press seeking comment.

The Black Hawk, which the military began using in 1979, is the Army's main troop-transport helicopter, carrying soldiers and contractors from one U.S. base to another. A crew of four usually

casting tower, said Jerry Pursley, general manager of Waco-Temple-Killeen television station KXXV, which owns the tower. The tower itself was not hit, he said.

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*'All of the sudden I just saw a big ball of fire erupt from the ground and then boom, an explosion.'*

Rock Eicke  
Crash witness

## Postal Service readies for holiday mail flood

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service expects to handle 20 billion pieces of mail between Thanksgiving and Christmas, up slightly from last year, the agency said Monday.

"It's a good time of year for us, we look forward to this time of year," Postmaster General John Potter said. While the overall total averaged

out to 670 million items per day, the peak mailing day is expected to be Monday, Dec. 20, as people send out cards the weekend before Christmas. Mailings could jump to 850 million items that day.

The busiest delivery day is expected to come two days later.

Potter said the agency is striving to make mailing as convenient as

possible, selling stamps by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24 and via Internet at www.usps.com as well as at 38,000 post offices, 21,000 retail stores and 16,000 ATMs.

Many post offices will have extended hours and some will open on Sundays.

Potter said the agency has added a new flat-rate priority mail box that

can go anywhere in the country for \$7.70 carrying "whatever you can fit in it."

Mailing tips include wrapping parcels securely, printing the return and recipient's addresses clearly and never guessing the ZIP code. People can request ZIP code information by

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## Suicide car bomber kills seven Iraqi security officers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber blew up a car Monday at a police checkpoint in western Iraq, killing seven government security force members and injuring nine in the latest strike against the country's fledgling police and National Guard troops, Iraqi officials said.

Also Monday, two American soldiers were killed and three wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in northwestern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. The victims were members of the

U.S. Army's Task Force Baghdad, which is in charge of security in the capital.

One U.S. soldier died and two were injured in a vehicle accident 30 miles northwest of the town of Kut in eastern Iraq, the military said.

U.S. forces immediately sealed off the road after the insurgent attack against Iraqi security forces in Baghdad, 120 miles northwest of the capital,

police Lt. Mohammed al-Fehdawi said.

A hospital official there, Hatim Ahmed, confirmed

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seven police and Iraqi National Guard members were killed and nine were wounded. Dozens of Iraqi

security forces have died in attacks throughout the country following the U.S.-led assault on Fallujah earlier this month.

Elsewhere, gunmen stormed a police station west of the city of Samarra late Sunday, a spokesman said.

The attackers, who faced no opposition, looted the armory and commandeered several police cars before leaving the area.

U.S. troops arrived at the station Monday morning and arrested two dozen people, the policeman said.

In Basra, British and Iraqi troops were deployed around the headquarters of the Iraqi National Guard southern regional headquarters after the chief staff, Brig. Gen. Diar al-Kadhimi, refused to accept an order from Baghdad to remove himself from his post, Iraqi officials said.

Al-Kadhimi was to have

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

## Mr. Sand Man

Jay Weeden climbs into the cab of a city dump truck today to sand Pampa streets. City crews started sanding streets well before dawn today as freezing temperatures and blowing snow covered pavement with ice.

## Mail

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calling 1-800-ASK-USPS. For military mail, the suggested deadline to send material via Parcel Airlift is Dec. 4. Priority mail can be sent until Dec. 11 to military addresses beginning with the ZIP 093. For domestic packages the post office says to switch from parcel post to Priority Mail on Dec. 14 and to Express Mail on Dec. 23. Mail going overseas has the following suggested deadlines: Global airmail parcel post should be sent by Dec. 6 to Africa, Central and South America; Dec. 10 for Europe; and Dec. 13 elsewhere. For airmail cards and letters the suggested deadlines are Dec. 6 for Africa, Central and South America and Dec. 13

for the rest of the world.

Global express mail should be sent by Dec. 11 to Africa, Central and South America and Europe; Dec. 17 to Asia, the Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Mexico and the Middle East; and Dec. 18 to Canada.

Global express guaranteed items can wait until Dec. 21 for Canada and Dec. 20 elsewhere.

The post office gets a boost in income from the mass of holiday mail, helping its bottom line.

Potter has promised that the current 37-cent first-class rate won't change until 2006. Because of the nearly year-long process involved in changing

rates, that means the agency would have to begin the process next year, probably early in the year.

The amount of any increase remains uncertain with action stalled in Congress on changes to the law governing postal operations. The post office has been seeking more flexibility in changing rates and service and wants to be relieved of the obligation of paying military retirement benefits for its workers who were formerly in the armed services.

Potter has said that without the requested changes the increase could be in double digits. A 10 percent hike would boost the price of stamps from 37 cents to 41 cents and a 15 percent hike could increase the cost of mailing a letter to 43 cents.

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## Police arrest Pampanos for allegedly hiding fugitive

Three Pampa women were arrested last Wednesday and charged with hindering the apprehension of a known felon after they hid a fugitive in the attic of their residence and refused to let law enforcement officers search for him, according to a Pampa Police Department news release.

Arrested were Donna Marie Hunnicutt, 45; Tiaquana Yvonne Hall, 17; and Tequilla Yvette Hall, 19; all of 1024 Neel Road. All three were charged with the third degree felony.

Police and Gray County sheriff's deputies went to 1024 Neel Road on Nov. 24 after receiving information concerning the location of Bobby Ladell Dorsey Jr., 18, 1032 Huff.

"Dorsey had outstanding warrants from several counties in the Panhandle and had eluded police officers several times in the last year when trying to serve these warrants," said Police Lt. Fred Courtney.

Officers were not allowed to search the residence on Neel Road, according to the release, and a strong odor of marijuana was coming from

inside the residence.

Police Sgt. David Lee and Deputy Scott Larue went to the sheriff's office to obtain a search warrant based on the actions of several persons at the house and on information from a confidential informant. Other officers were left at the residence to maintain a perimeter around the house, Courtney said.

"Unknown to the residents, one of the officers, Chad Johnson, stayed at the back of the house. He saw a black male peek out of the door and then quickly shut it when he saw the officer. Johnson also believed he had then heard sounds coming from the attic," Courtney said.

Officers Cade Logue, Aaron McWilliams and Johnson were subsequently given consent to search the house "after numerous people had come and gone from the residence, possibly removing narcotics from the residence," Courtney said.

Lee and Larue had returned to the residence, and Larue and Logue entered the house. Dorsey was found in the rafters and arrested by Larue.

Warrants for Dorsey included a Texas Youth Commission Directive to Apprehend; two Potter County warrants for possession of marijuana and failure to identify; two bond surrender warrants from Gray County, one of which was on a felony; and an evading warrant, also out of Gray County. "The directive to apprehend does not carry a bond. The bonds on the other warrants totaled \$12,000," Courtney said.

Bond on the hindering charge against the women was set at \$3,000 each, according to police and Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, who arraigned the four who were arrested.

Tequilla Hall was also charged with failure to identify, for which bond was set at \$1,000, Curfman said. In addition to the \$4,000 in bonds, Tequilla Hall also had two City of Pampa capias pro fine warrants for traffic violations amounting to \$518, Courtney said. She is still in Gray County Jail as of press time today, according to jail records.

Tiaquana Hall and

Hunnicutt were released on bond on Nov. 24, the same day as their arrest, according to jail records. The three women had been booked into the jail between 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. by Officers Lee and Logue.

"A fourth person will also be charged with hindering apprehension, and a warrant sought for his arrest," Courtney said.

—Marilyn Powers, staff writer

## Iraq

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been replaced by the national guard chief in Amarah, Salah al-Maliki. The standoff was continuing Monday afternoon.

South of Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces launched raids Sunday that killed 17 suspected insurgents, Iraqi police said. The raids included a dawn speedboat assault by U.S. Marines and British and Iraqi troops on suspected insurgent hideouts along the Euphrates River, British media reported.

The speedboat assault was the biggest operation of its kind so far in Iraq, with 130 troops racing up the Euphrates in boats armed with machine guns and grenade launchers, according to the British reports.

Troops were targeting an area south of Baghdad, where Sunni insurgents have taken control of a string of towns and cities between the capital and the Shiite Muslim shrines of Najaf and Karbala.

The raid produced only a few small weapons caches and documents believed buried by a Saddam Hussein loyalist, British media said.

U.S. Marines, Iraqi commandos and British troops

launched an offensive known as "Operation Plymouth Rock" in the area last Tuesday as a follow-up to the assault on Fallujah.

The British Embassy on Monday banned its staff from traveling on the highway between Baghdad and the city's international airport due to a surge of attacks on the vital thoroughfare.


The travel warning issued by the British Foreign Office also urged Britons to defer even essential travel to Iraq

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## Crash

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ly flies the Black Hawk,

which can carry 15 people.

In November 2003, 17 soldiers were killed when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Iraq, apparently as the result of enemy fire. At the time it was the deadliest

single event for U.S. troops in Iraq.

Associated Press reporters Kristie Rieken and Bobby Ross Jr. contributed to this report.

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# Bird

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matter. Perhaps a better term would be a walk-thru zoo because they also oppose roads.

Such environmental groups talk about a balance of nature. What they are talking about is a balance that does not include man.

Man, I think, is very much a part of nature and must be included in the solution.

These radical environmental groups, however, blame man, or at least blame mankind descended

from Europeans and the westward expansion across this continent for many of the ills in this country.

Apparently, Native Americans in their view are blameless even if they ran huge herds of buffalo over cliffs before the introduction of horses by the Europeans so that buffalo could be selectively targeted.

Native Americans who used these buffalo jumps in pre-Columbian times were just doing what many of us are still trying to do — make a living, provide for our families and live where we want to without someone else telling we can't.

Of course, the United States government came in and told the Native Americans where they could live, and we pretty well know what happened there.

I find it interesting that these environmental groups espouse eco-tourism as an economic alternative to ranching and farming.

There are industries that create wealth and there are industries that transfer wealth.

The former tends to include manufacturing while the latter includes service industries.

One Celanese plant is worth a whole lot more to the local economy than one Wal-Mart store.

Ranching, farming and mineral extraction, such as oil and gas, tend to create wealth while retail stores, banking and tourism tend to transfer wealth.

If you eliminate the manufacturing, the service sector dies. It's Economics 101.

Now come these environmentalists who want everyone to leave the land to the critters who roamed there before deeds were filed at the courthouse.

The Forest Guardians have long opposed livestock grazing. They want ranchers to go away, or at least become tour guides.

I believe that ranchers and farmers are stewards of the land. Of course, having grown up as a cotton farmer and having lost a lot of money on cattle, I'm prejudiced.

Still, a group of landowners around Canadian have integrated eco-tourism into their ranching operations with some success.

That has led to some really good dining places in Canadian, a very nicely renovated motel and a number of bed and breakfast operations.

A couple of years ago, I sat in a pickup on Jim Bill Anderson's ranch and watched lesser prairie chickens dance in their annual mating ritual. Just beyond the prairie dog town off to our left, cattle grazed.

The State of Colorado apparently believes that such an economic model is viable. The Colorado Division of Wildlife is basing their wildlife program in part on what Canadian is doing.

Many of the landowners around Canadian are working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Texas

Parks and Wildlife Department, not just to save the prairie chicken, but to expand its numbers, and they are reaping the economic benefits.

Apparently, the environmental groups that espouse eco-tourism don't believe in their own proposals.

Despite the success around Canadian, the environmentalists want to force the issue of listing the lesser prairie chicken, which could bring more federal intervention and tighter controls and endanger not only the prairie chicken, but the economic benefits to the community as well.

Of course, there is one industry that is booming thanks to the environmental extremists. That is what has become known as the Confrontation Industry.

Under the Endangered Species Act, a person can bring a lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to force action. If they win, or if they reach a settlement before going to court, the federal government pays the legal bills.

I tend to think that such lawsuits have less to do with endangered plants and animals and more to do with money and power.

I don't think the Endangered Species Act needs to be eliminated, but I do think it needs to be changed.

I think there needs to be more economic incentives for landowners to recover threatened or endangered species and fewer incentives to sue.

After all, lawyers don't create wealth. They transfer it.

Based on the productive capabilities of the American farmer and rancher, given the right incentives, we could be up to our collective necks in prairie chickens in just a few years.

Write to Staff Writer David Bowser at reporter2@thepampanews.com.

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# Putin

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with Russian organized-crime figures and oil barons to pump money into the race and to intimidate voters on the ground.

Yushchenko, a pro-Western former prime minister, survived two assassination attempts to make the race. At the start of the contest, he was run off the road while driving in Ukraine. When he walked away from the wreck, the opposition poisoned him. Hospitalized in Vienna, his doctors diagnosed the poison, which mimicked a stroke in its symptoms, and nursed him to recovery.

If they couldn't commit murder, Putin's boys decided to commit larceny and did all they could to stack the election. Their totally controlled print and television media — all the information outlets in the nation — refused to give any favorable coverage to Yushchenko and biased all their news toward

Yanukovich. We couldn't even buy advertising space in any mass-media outlet. But, undaunted, Yushchenko's supporters got their message out by hand, distributing leaflets and fliers to every single household in the nation several times each week.

When, finally, the forces of freedom won the election, Putin's operatives rigged the count and released totally phony results showing their stooge to be the winner.

The stakes could not be higher. If Ukraine and Russia combine, as Putin clearly wants, the old Soviet Union will be back on the road to regional domination and the old ambitions of global power will return. And 45 million people will be cheated of the right to determine their own

future. We, in the West, are at best distracted and at worst willing to cede to Putin regional control in return for his assistance in the war on terror. This is a mistake of the same order of magnitude as the allies made in the 1930s in dealing with Hitler. The theft of the Ukrainian election is parallel to Germany's decision to march into the Rhineland. And our refusal to notice or act is akin to the French and British policy of turning the other way.

Freedom may be on the march in the Middle East, but it is in full retreat in Eastern Europe.

So, again the echo of the Nixonian question about China: Who lost Ukraine?

Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

# Calendar items

• **Pampa Meals on Wheels** is insituting a special holiday program that allows individuals to pay for patrons not presently receiving meals or who can only pay the minimum 25-cents for meals. With increased gasoline and food prices, MOW officials say each meal is averaging \$4. For more information, contact MOW. Individuals may sponsor a patron for one week at \$20; one month at \$80; or one year at \$960.

• **The City of Panhandle** Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Christmas on our Town, Shop Panhandle" day on Thursday, Dec. 2. Shops will stay open until 8 p.m. Businesses will be open along Highway 60 and Hwy 207. Some stores will be running specials. Shoppers can register for door prizes as well as eight Chamber of Commerce gift certificates at participating businesses and several shops will be serving refreshments. Santa will visit Happy State Bank, 223 Euclid St., from 3-6 p.m. and Carson County Square House Museum, Hwy 207, from 5-8 p.m. The Panhandle High School Band will perform at 8:15

p.m. at the War Memorial building.

• **Moonlight Extension Education Club** in Muleshoe will holds its 26th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 4 at Bailey County Civic Center in Muleshoe. Applications for booth space are available through Nov. 31. For more information, call (806) 272-3463 or (806) 272-3024.

• **Five Star Girl Scout Council** will host a holiday alumni brunch from

10:30 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Amarillo Girl Scout office, 6011 West 45th, in an effort to reunite its alumni. Cost is \$10. Reservations must be turned in by Monday, Dec. 6, by calling (806) 356-0096.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23, 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.

# Courts

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Court noted when it decided that Smith is entitled to a new sentencing hearing. Moreover, the justices faulted the Court of Criminal Appeals for following a standard that the high court struck down in June.

"The state court erroneously relied on a test we never countenanced and now have unequivocally rejected," the Supreme Court said in an unsigned, 7-2 opinion.

Is it too much to ask that the Texas courts get it right?

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# American historian shares humanities prize with Frenchman

WASHINGTON (AP) — An 80-year-old American historian, Jaroslav Pelikan, and a 91-year-old French philosopher, Paul Ricoeur, will share the \$1 million Kluge prize, created last year to honor achievement in fields not covered by the Nobel prizes. Pelikan, who lives in New Haven, Conn., has specialized in the story of Christianity from its beginnings to the present. He has written more than 30 books, using sources in

nine languages and dealing with literary and musical as well as doctrinal aspects of religion. He is a former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Pelikan "has moved over time to consider the whole history of church doctrine, both through the western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church," said Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Ricoeur has taught at Haverford College,

Columbia and Yale universities, the University of Chicago and Louvain University in Belgium, as well as at the Sorbonne and other French institutions. Orphaned in World War I, Ricoeur was drafted in World War II and was captured and spent most of the conflict as a prisoner of war in Germany. He was active in the French Socialist Party afterward. Billington, announcing the award he will

present on Dec. 8, described Ricoeur's work as drawing "on the entire tradition of western philosophy to explore and explain common problems: What is a self? How is memory used and abused? What is the nature of responsibility?" The prize was established by John W. Kluge, chairman of the private sector advisory body of the Library of Congress.

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## After Greenspan, who? President's big economic pick will be Federal Reserve chair

WASHINGTON (AP) — While President Bush is busy putting together his Cabinet for a second term, the financial world's attention is on a job vacancy 14 months away: Who will succeed Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan? It might seem daunting to follow a legend like Greenspan, now in his 18th year in the job. Yet there seem to be plenty of people who would like to do it. The list of candidates being talked about in Washington and on Wall Street is half what it was before the Nov. 2 election, when prominent Democrats such as former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin were considered hot prospects. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry won the White House. With Bush's re-election, the focus is on Republicans. Candidates include Harvard economics professor Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers during the Reagan administration; Columbia University professor Glenn Hubbard, who was Bush's first CEA chairman; Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor; and Federal Reserve board member Ben Bernanke. Handicappers generally put Feldstein, 65, at the top of the list, in part because he is the best known. He has had a distinguished teaching career at Harvard and served from 1982 to

1984 as chairman of the CEA, a post that Greenspan used as a stepping stone to the Fed job. Some believe Hubbard, at 46 the youngest on the list, might have an inside track because of his strong support for Bush's tax cuts. Also, doubts linger among some conservative GOP supply-siders about Feldstein, given his reputation as a deficit hawk. Taylor, 57, gained prominence as a monetary expert at Stanford University before coming to Treasury. He developed the "Taylor rule," a formula designed to aid the Fed in setting interest rates. He has had trouble making an impact on administration economic policy in his current job. Bernanke, 50, is viewed as the dark horse. Little known outside academic circles before coming to the Fed board in August 2002, Bernanke has impressed veteran Fed watchers who have started to read his speeches carefully for insights into Fed thinking on a range of economic issues. Many believe that Greenspan will play a large role in choosing his successor. "I think that Greenspan will have an unusually large influence on the selection process given his close relationship with Vice President Cheney ..."

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— David Jones  
author

*"It is a little early to have a single candidate given all the other things the president has to worry about right now."*

— Lyle Gramley  
former Federal Reserve Board member

appointments Bush has made to the Fed board, including Bernanke and Donald Kohn, a longtime Fed staff member on monetary policy. "Greenspan has done a great job and weathered a lot of storms during his tenure at the Fed with only two recessions and both of them relatively mild," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. Greenspan became Fed chairman on Aug. 11, 1987, when he was picked by President Reagan to succeed Paul Volcker. In June Greenspan started his fifth four-year term as chairman. He has let it be known that he does not intend to serve past the end of his current term and separate 14-year term on the Fed board, which ends Jan. 31, 2006. Greenspan was by far the front runner in 1987 and was virtually the only name being mentioned on Wall Street. That several names are circulating this time does not prove anything because it still is early in the process, analysts said. "I am not at all surprised that we are still talking about four or five possible replacements," said Lyle Gramley, a former Fed board member. "It is a little early to have a single candidate, given all the other things the president has to worry about right now." Many analysts believe it could be this time next year before the White House announces a nominee as Greenspan's successor. The Senate must confirm the nomination.

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## LSB's to present 'Nutcracker'

AMARILLO — Now in its 33rd season, Lone Star Ballet's "Nutcracker" will this year feature a growing Christmas tree and other special effects, according to a press release from the ballet. This year's performance will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center auditorium. Matinees are scheduled at 3 p.m., Dec. 11 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 12. The Amarillo Symphony will perform at the ballet as will Houston's Arkadiy Orohovsky. He will portray

the Sugar Plum Cavalier. Orohovsky previously headlined, the press release said, with Kiev Opera Ballet and Houston Ballet. His training includes Bolshoi Ballet and

at the academy, will appear as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Though a native of Amarillo, Lanham has performed all over the world, the press release said. He recently returned to Amarillo after leaving the Eugene Ballet Company. "I was excited after last year's 'Nutcracker' and felt welcomed and received by the Panhandle community," said Artistic Director Edward R. Truitt. "We made revisions to the show and our audiences loved them. Now that the show is set after last year's fresh choreography, we can really concentrate on perfecting all elements of the production. This is one of the finest 'Nutcracker' ballets I have ever seen and I am proud to be associated with it and the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra."

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### PCB holiday production

Pampa Civic Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (Back row, left-right) Samantha Kelly, Kaitlin Winegeart, Shauna Friend, Jessica Baggerman, Erin Buck, Jordan Dodge, Claire Boyd; (kneeling) Maegan Wheeler.

### Here's the deal: Sinn Fein meets police, Protestants meet disarmament chief

LONDON (AP) — Sinn Fein, the Northern Ireland party that once backed the killing of police officers, met the province's police commander for the first time Monday, in pursuit of a new peace agreement between Catholics and Protestants.

Leaders of Sinn Fein — among them Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, both reputed chiefs of the outlawed Irish Republican Army — met Chief Constable Hugh Orde in the office of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The British leader, who opened relations with Sinn Fein soon after taking office in 1997, has spent the past year trying to forge a power-sharing agreement between Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionists, who represent most of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority.

A previous Catholic-Protestant administration accord of 1998 collapsed in 2002, largely because of

Protestant conflicts with Sinn Fein over the IRA's activities. Since then, voters have made the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein the two biggest parties, complicating efforts to revive power-sharing.

Monday's meetings appeared to be part of tightly orchestrated moves toward a

*'It's a disgrace that (Irish) republican heartlands are militarized by British crown forces.'*

— Gerry Adams  
Sinn Fein leader

once-unthinkable understanding between Sinn Fein and Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley, who built a political career on blocking moves toward political compromise.

Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern say the time has come for the parties to take a decision. If they accept a confidential blueprint drafted by both governments, the way could be clear for a new declaration from the IRA on its next disarmament steps.

The Sinn Fein delegation made no comment as it left Blair's Downing Street office after a 50-minute

meeting. Adams had said before the meeting that he wanted to talk to Orde about cutting back British military forces in Northern Ireland.

"It's a disgrace that (Irish) republican heartlands are militarized by British crown forces," Adams said, referring in part to several British army watchtowers near Northern Ireland's border with the independent Republic of Ireland.

In Belfast, Democratic Unionist leaders had no comment before their meeting with John de Chastelain, the retired Canadian general who since 1997 has been trying to disarm Northern Ireland's rival outlawed groups, most prominently the IRA.

The Democratic Unionists say they won't work with Sinn Fein unless the IRA fully disarms and disbands. They insist that the next disarmament acts must be photographed and independently witnessed, details resisted by Sinn Fein.

Britain and Protestant leaders have been seeking IRA disarmament for the past decade. The IRA has insisted on total secrecy during three partial disarmament moves from October 2001 to October 2003.

### Rescuers search for trapped miners

BEIJING (AP) — Rescuers trying to reach 141 miners trapped by an underground explosion were pumping noxious fumes out of a Chinese coal mine Monday but an official said their chances of survival were "extremely slight." Another 25 miners were confirmed dead.

Early rescue efforts following the blast Sunday were blocked by high levels of carbon monoxide and thick smoke in the Chenjiashan Coal Mine in the central province of Shaanxi, according to the government.

The mine's wrecked ventilation system was repaired by mid-afternoon Monday, the official Xinhua News Agency said, but it wasn't clear when it would be declared safe for rescuers to enter.

The gas explosion occurred about five miles from the mouth of mine.

An official at the Shaanxi coal mine safety bureau said Monday that hope was fading fast for the trapped miners.

"The rescue effort has been extremely difficult due to large concentrations of carbon monoxide," said the official, who would give only his surname, Chen. "From my own experience the odds that the 141 still underground remain alive are extremely slight."

Some 127 workers managed to escape the state-owned mine, Xinhua said, citing safety officials. Forty-five were hospitalized, 11 with serious injuries.

One rescued miner was quoted by Xinhua as saying he was knocked down by the shockwave from the explosion.

State television showed officials visiting hospitalized miners, many of whom were swathed in bandages.

The accident came just weeks after another coal mine explosion killed 148 people elsewhere in central China — the highest death toll in a mining accident since 2000.

If none of the trapped miners survive, it would be "the deadliest accident in recent history," said a woman who answered the telephone at the State Work Safety Administration in Beijing.



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### U.N. nuclear watchdog passes mild resolution on policing Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency passed a toned-down resolution Monday on policing Iran's commitment to freeze all programs linked to uranium enrichment in an effort to defuse a dispute that had threatened to go to the Security Council.

The vote by the International Atomic Energy Agency board came after a senior Iranian official appeared to cast doubt on his country's latest commitment

to a total suspension of nuclear activities capable of producing weapons-grade uranium.

Diplomats from the European Union and elsewhere said the Iranian commitment fulfilled demands that Tehran include centrifuges in its total suspension of uranium-enrichment programs.

Hossein Mousavian, the chief Iranian delegate to the meeting, suggested otherwise.

### NGSP reports new sorghum insurance

LUBBOCK — Producers now have another option when it comes time to insure next year's sorghum crop, National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) reports.

"Group Risk Income Protection (GRIP) pays producers when county yields are lower than normal. It may provide more cost-effective coverage than other crop insurance products," said Tim Lust, executive director for NGSP. "NGSP has worked diligently for the last year to get this

insurance product to our producers and we look forward to helping them evaluate if the coverage is right for their individual operations."

To make an informed decision, producers should encourage their insurance agents to learn more about the coverage. Producers can also learn more about GRIP by calling the NGSP office at (806) 749-3478.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My 16-year-old daughter went to a party at a frat house where she was given a great deal to drink. Feeling "woozy," she went outside. One of the "boys" she had been talking to went with her and suggested she go back to his room to lie down. She had known this fellow before that night and trusted him. She was drunk, and he had sex with her. It was her first time. She claims she tried to make him stop, but he wouldn't, and she couldn't make him.

Shouldn't the young man be punished in some way? I feel something should be done, and I also worry about him doing this to some other girl. Would this constitute date rape? -- **CONFUSED IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You're darn right it was date rape. And the "something" you should do is call the nearest rape crisis center and get help for your daughter. You should also inform the police. I'm sure they'll be interested to know that minors are being given alcohol and taken advantage of at that fraternity house, as well as the name of the man who assaulted your daughter. You're absolutely correct that he's likely to do it again.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating "Howie" for a year. I love him and want to spend my life with him, but there's a problem. Women are attracted to Howie like bees to honey. I have seen this with my own eyes. Women come on to him even though he tells them he's in a serious relationship. Should I look the other way when they start up? Yes, Howie does talk to them, but he is just a friendly guy.

I don't want to lose my boyfriend over this, but it's really starting to bother me. How should I handle it? -- **UNCOMFORTABLE IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR UNCOMFORT-**

**ABLE:** If you and Howie didn't have something special, you wouldn't have lasted as a couple. Short of throwing a bag over your boyfriend's head, there is no way to make him less attractive. However, if your "friendly guy" leaves you to fend for yourself all evening, that's considered bad manners -- and you would be within your rights to let him know it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I recently went through a difficult two-year divorce from "Jayson" after 10 years of marriage. My former mother-in-law, "Violet," now insists that I return the china that Jayson and I received during the marriage. I always thought a gift was just that -- a gift.

Violet insists that the china be returned. She says it wasn't from "my" family -- for 10 years. You see, Abby, Jayson left me. I was trying to work on our problems, but he wanted out. Now Violet is calling me a martyr and saying I have no right to the china.

I have informed Jayson and his mother-from-hell that the china is boxed and in storage, and that I'm saving it for our son. Am I wrong? -- **FURIOUS IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR FURIOUS:** When your son and his future bride are ready to set up a household, they'll want to select their own china. Of this you can be sure. If the china has been in your husband's family for generations, return it. If that's not the case, offer to let your former mother-in-law BUY it back.

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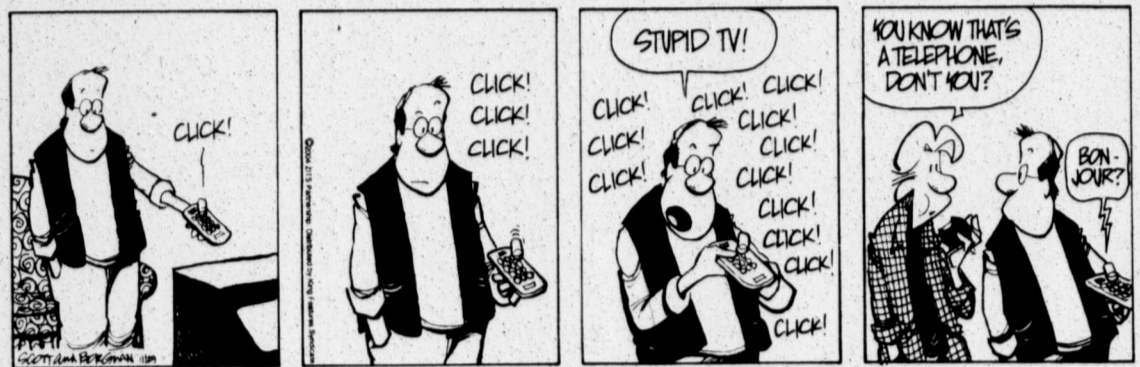
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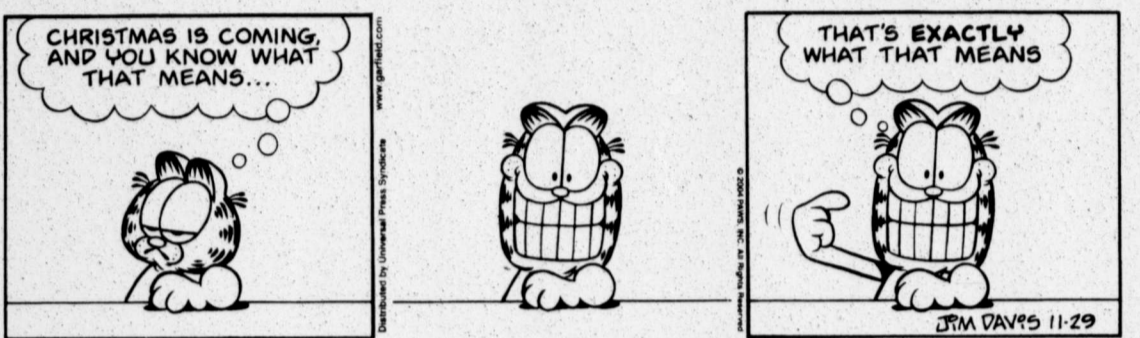
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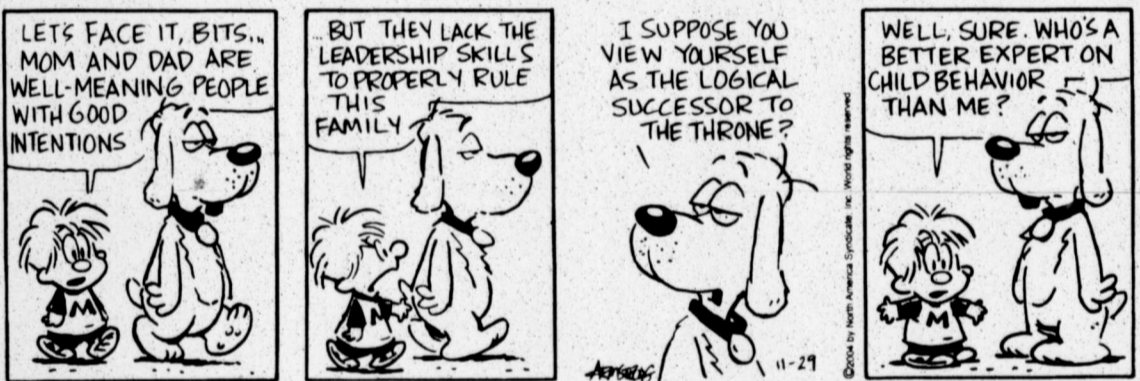
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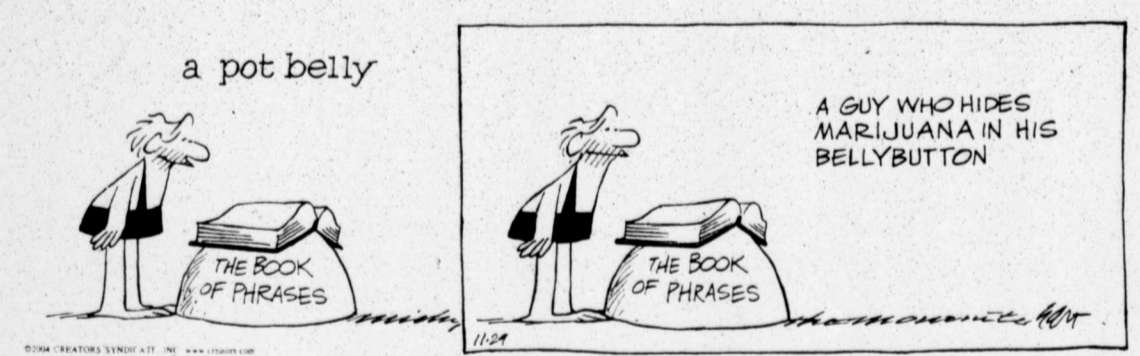
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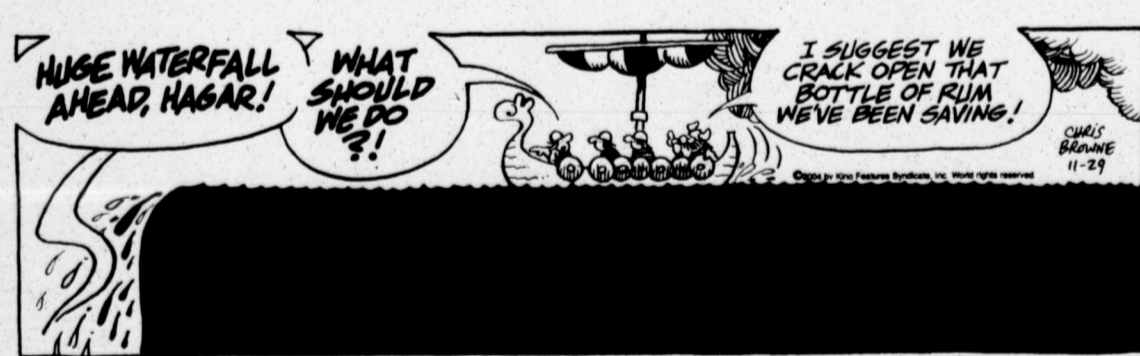
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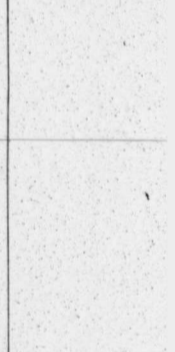
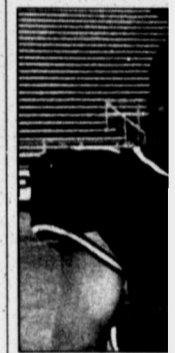
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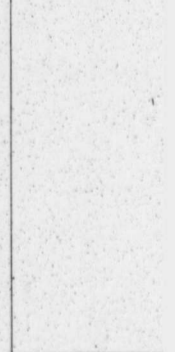
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# Sports Day

## Plenty of Harvesters named to 2004 All District teams

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The 4A All District teams have been announced with plenty of Pampa Harvesters making this year's list.

### First Team Defense

Tyrel Bolin #50 Tackle  
Q.B. Cobb #7 Linebacker  
Seth Foster #3 Kicker

### Second Team Defense

Brittin East #43 End  
Jacob Potter #44 Tackle  
Eric Kingcade #40 Linebacker  
Shea Brown #5 Secondary

Cam Seger #1 Secondary

### First Team Offense

Sharod Young #30 Wide Receiver  
Seth Foster #3 Wide Receiver  
Aaron Hunt #73 Guard  
Dusty Langley #20 Guard

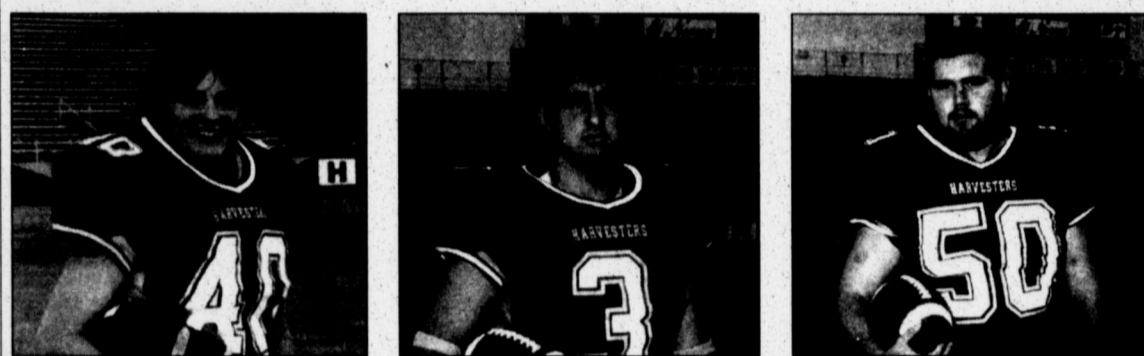
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Michael Pergeson #64 Tackle  
Tyler Doughty #4 Punter

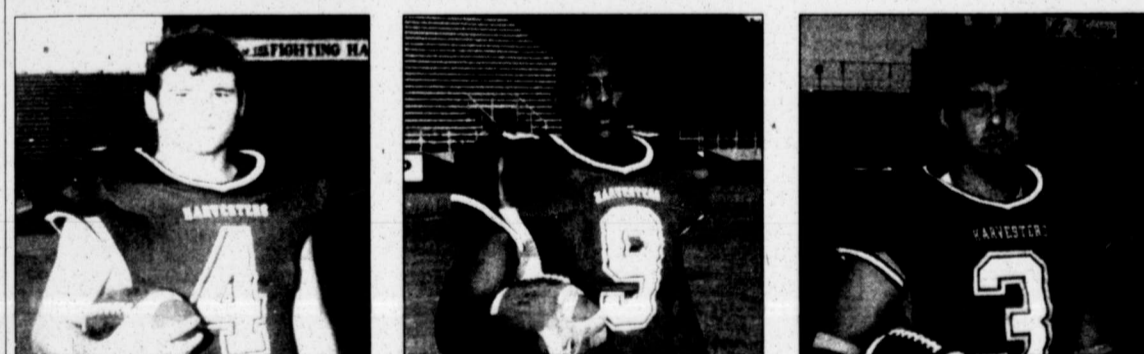
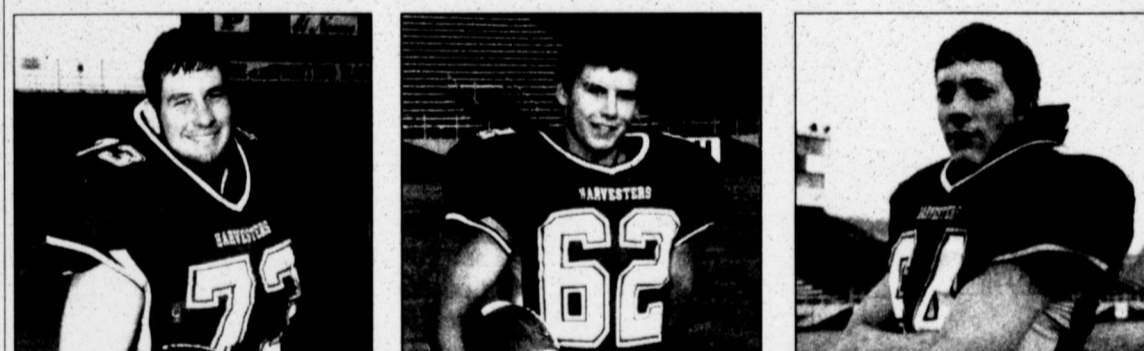
### Honorable Mention Offense

Mark Williams #9 Running Back  
Tyler Doughty #4 Quarterback  
Brittin East #43 Tight End

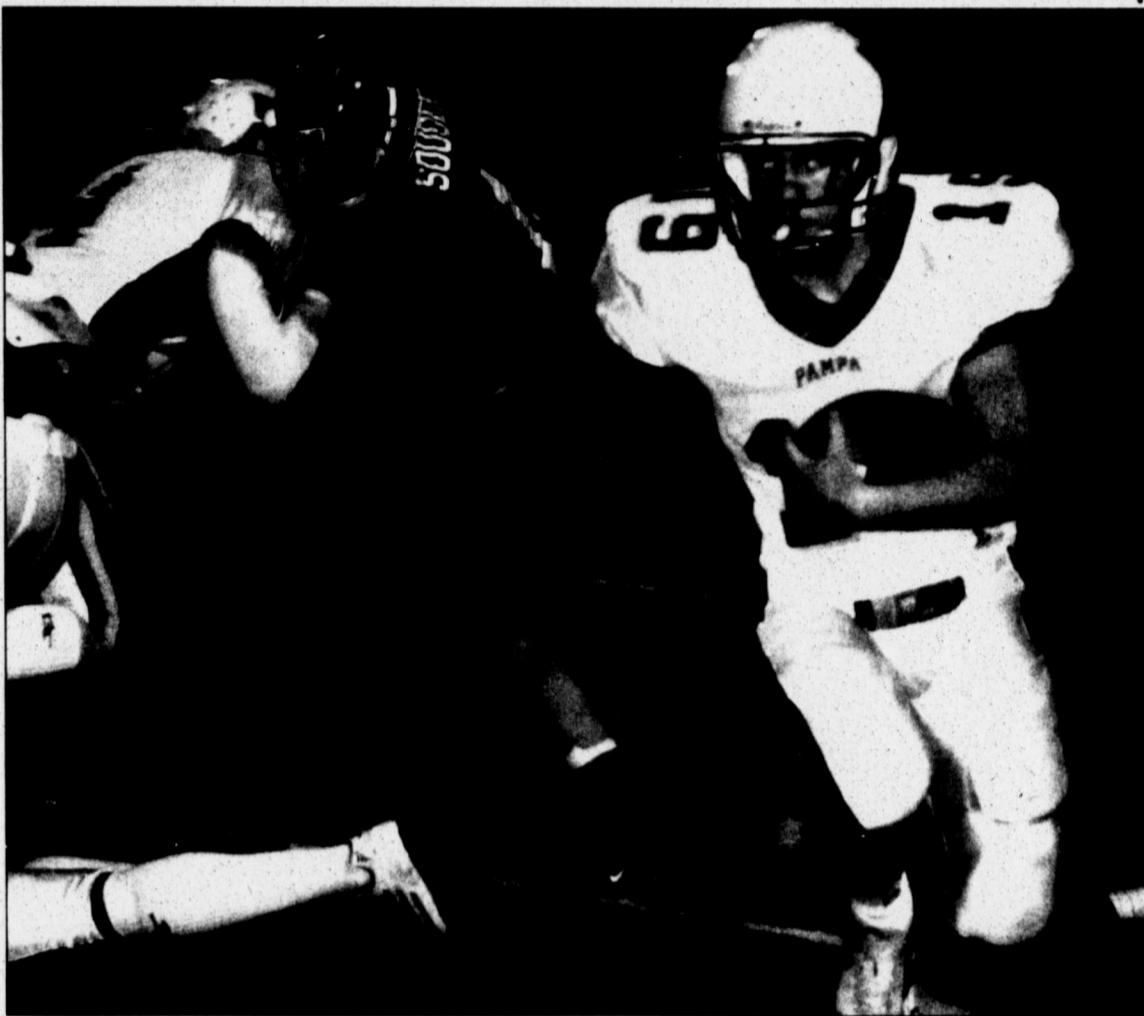
## Defense



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## Looking ahead



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa running back Brody Smith checks the road ahead during a run in Friday night's meeting against Aledo. Smith finished the night shy of 100 yards on 15 carries. Pampa lost to the Bearcats 36-12.

## Pampa takes third place in Amarillo Invitational

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters dropped their opening game against Tascosa 67-56 in round one of the Amarillo Invitational basketball tournament over the weekend. Braydon Barker scored 21 points in the game. Brandon Johnston finished with 13.

The loss wet up a consolation meeting between Pampa and Trinity Christian. Pampa led at the break 29-20 thanks to the Harvester defense holding TC to just 8 points in the second period. The two teams were neck-and-neck in the second half. But Pampa held on to win 60-54, earning the

right to play for third place.

The Harvesters hooked up with a tough Caprock team to determine the tournament's third place finisher. The Harvester defense was outstanding in the first half, holding the Longhorns to just 14 points at the break. Pampa took a 40-14 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Harvesters went on the claim the third place win by defeating Caprock 74-55.

Brandon Johnston ended the game with 22 points. Braydon Barker put up 14 points and Jarett Kotara added 12 points of his own.

Pampa hosts Perryton at The Pit tomorrow night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Lady Harvesters put up fight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Lady Harvester basketball team spent the weekend in Amarillo taking part in the Amarillo Invitational tournament.

Pampa began the tournament with a 59-42 win over Midland Lee. Lindsey Ammons scored 14 points in that game. Britteni Rice scored 11.

The win set up a semifinal meeting with Amarillo High. The two teams have already met twice this season, with the Lady Sandies winning both. Unfortunately, the

third time would not be the charm for Pampa, falling to Amarillo High 55-23.

Pampa met Palo Duro to determine third place. What a game it was. The Lady Harvesters, down 25-18 at the break, outscored the Lady Dons in the second half 35-30 but came up a bucket short of beating Palo Duro. That final was 55-53.

Britteni Rice had 15 points in that game. Callie Cobb tossed in 11 as did McKenzie East.

Pampa is home tomorrow night to host Perryton. Game time is 6 p.m. at McNeely Field House.

## Cincinnati invited to Fort Worth Bowl

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bearcats were invited Sunday to play in the Fort Worth Bowl, a day after losing 70-7 to No. 7 Louisville.

The bowl, played on Dec. 23, is one of five affiliated with Conference USA. A Big 12 team normally would get the other invitation, but the bowl-eligible schools have locked up bids already.

Bowl officials are negotiating with the

Atlantic Coast, Big East and Mid-American conferences for another opponent.

Cincinnati (6-5) rallied from a 2-4 start to earn its fourth bowl appearance in the last five seasons.

Quarterback Gino Guidugli slipped and broke his hand in the week before the loss to Louisville and will not be available for the Bearcats.

## NBC executive Dick Ebersol survives crash

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol and his college-age son emerged from the wreckage of a chartered jet after the plane crashed, but authorities said Monday his 14-year-old son was presumed dead in the wreckage.

The 18-seat aircraft with six people on board crashed Sunday morning at Montrose Regional Airport in southwest Colorado, not far from the Telluride Ski Area. Two crew members were also killed.

The plane slid sideways into a road and the impact ripped the cockpit from the fuselage, and Ebersol's older son Charles helped his 57-year-old father through the gap, a witness said.

Matt Eilts, Montrose County chief deputy coroner, said Monday that a "complete and thorough search" revealed no sign of the second son on the plane, 14-year-old Edward, anywhere around the crash site.

"We believe at this time that the boy has probably perished within the crash," Eilts said. He said the search in the wreckage would get under way when federal crash investigators arrived later Monday.

A heavy snowstorm had eased up before the plane prepared to take off for South Bend, Ind., where Charles Ebersol is a senior at Notre Dame. There was no immediate word if the weather was a factor in the crash.

The pilot and a flight attendant were killed, said Michael O'Connor, regional duty officer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington state. The co-pilot was hospitalized in Denver, while Dick and Charles Ebersol were hospitalized in Grand Junction, witnesses said.

Ebersol's wife of 23 years, "Kate and Allie" and "McMillan and Wife" star Susan Saint James, was not on the plane. The family lives in Connecticut.

Neither NBC Sports nor St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction released any information on Dick and Charles Ebersol's conditions.

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## Smith; Washington players of the week

DALLAS (AP) — Missouri's Brad Smith and Colorado's Thaddeus Washington and Mason Crosby were named Big 12 players of the week on Monday.

Smith threw for 150 yards and rushed for a season-high 101 to lead Missouri to a 17-14 overtime win over Iowa State. His open-field tackle during a 51-yard Iowa State fumble return prevented a

potential game-winning touchdown.

Washington had two interceptions, the first of his career, in Colorado's 26-20 win at Nebraska. He also had 10 tackles.

Crosby connected on all four of his field goal attempts against Nebraska, hitting from 37, 39, 46 and 20 yards. He scored 14 points in the win and had four of his six kickoffs go for touchbacks.

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**Boy Scouts of America**



**Billy Hightower, far left, and Chase Guyer, far right, with Scoutmaster Mike Albus. Hightower and Guyer were both recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor.**

**Two scouts from local Troop 413 attain Eagle Scout status**

Scoutmaster Mike Albus and Boy Scout Troop 413, chartered by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, recently honored Scouts Chase Guyer and Billy Hightower with the organization's highest rank, that of Eagle Scout, according to a press release.

The son of Craig and Lori Guyer of Pampa, Guyer began his scouting career in the fall of 1997, joining Pack 414, chartered by First Presbyterian Church, as a Webelos. He earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest honor, in May 1999 and became affiliated with Troop 413 in June.

Guyer earned 32 merit badges, World Conservation Award, Polar Bear Swimmer Award and Bronze Palm.

He has spent, the release said, a total of 92 nights on troop camp-outs and is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow.

Guyer hosted a blood drive which saw a total of 121 donors as his Eagle Scout project.

He currently serves his troop as junior assistant scoutmaster. Past leadership responsibilities include

Webelos den chief, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and troop guide.

Guyer is a junior at Pampa High School.

Additional honors, activities and accomplishments include National Honor Society, Technology Student Association, Concert Choir, PHS cross country and track, Who's Who Among American High School Students (two years), USAA National Honor Roll, Chemistry Award (2004), BCIS Award (2003), TSA Best in Region-animation project, Regional TSA first place-house plans project, State TSA Best in State-animation project and TSA State first place-house plans project.

Guyer belongs to Central Church of Christ. He is the grandson of Clyde and Helen Nunn and Charles and Coleen Guyer, all of Amarillo, and Earl Smith of El Paso.

Billy Hightower, son of Bill and Brenda Hightower, all three currently of Coppell, started out in 1998 as a Webelos with Pack 414. He received the Arrow of Light in May 1999 and in

September joined Troop 413.

Hightower earned 35 merit badges and the Polar Bear Swimmer Award. He spent a total of 71 nights on troop camp-outs and is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Hightower coordinated the construction and placement of three new benches to existing hiking trails at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. He was responsible for contacting park officials as well as for overseeing all phases and construction of the project.

Past leadership responsibilities include patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader.

Hightower attended PHS his first two years of high school, joining Pride of Pampa Band and the PHS tennis and soccer teams.

He formerly belonged to Pampa's First United Methodist Church and its youth group. He is the grandson of Jim and Margaret Hightower of Greenville, Miss., and Kenneth and Pearl Ransom of Farmington, N.M.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Forget the partridge in a pear tree. How about a new Jaguar, a BMW 7 Series, a Mercedes-Benz or a 1949 Rolex?

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**Blustery wind, icy conditions hit Colorado and central U.S.**

DENVER (AP) — A winter storm that pounded the Sierra Nevada over the weekend delivered a snowy, icy mess across the nation's central states, stalling holiday travel, closing stretches of highway and making a nationally televised football game look at times like the tuner was off by a channel.

The system dumped nearly 3 feet of snow on parts of Colorado early Sunday before hitting the heavily populated Front Range with bitter cold, blustery wind and about a half-foot of snow.

Traffic was stop-and-go from the Eisenhower Tunnel back to Denver as thousands of people returned from Thanksgiving holiday.

Powder blanketed the field during the Denver Broncos game Sunday night against the Oakland Raiders.

Despite the bad weather, an official at Denver International Airport said there were only minor delays on one of the busiest travel days of the year.

"Things are still coming and going pretty well," airport spokesman Steve

Snyder said.

In southwest Colorado, a jet crashed at the Montrose airport, killing at least two people Sunday, NBC Sports President Dick Ebersol and his son were among the survivors, but it was unclear if weather was a factor.

Over the weekend, a winter storm system moved into the western United States from Alaska, bringing snow and rain.

In central California, where the National Weather Service had issued a freeze advisory, officials said two people died Saturday in storm-related accidents.

Stranded motorists in Nebraska scrambled to find a place Sunday night after slick road conditions prompted officials to temporarily shut down parts of Interstate 80.

Blizzard conditions in the state also closed sections of Interstate 76 for most of the day, but it

reopened late Sunday.

Wet, heavy snow in central Nebraska caused several minor accidents, including drivers sliding into ditches and medians, officials said.

No serious injuries were reported.

"The past five years have been fairly dry, so it's been pretty unusual to see this happen, just because it's been so long," National Weather

Service meteorologist Jeff Colton said.

Fifteen inches of snow fell in Wyoming and up to 12 inches were forecast in parts of southeastern Nebraska, officials said.

Snow fell across much of Colorado over the weekend, excluding the eastern plains and some southwestern areas. It clearly was a powder day at the Crested Butte ski resort in the San Juan Mountains.

"This is a birthday I won't forget," said Holly Escue, 38, of Waco, Texas. She and her group survived a mountain car wreck on a snow-packed road to get to Crested Butte.

The National Weather Service predicted the storm would taper off Monday, as it moved southeast. Snow also was forecast in parts of New Mexico and the southern and central Plains.

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— Holly Escue  
 Wreck survivor

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