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Benjamin William Lard, 87, services pending. Gene Allen Sable, 72, Borger resident.

Odds & Ends

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Sen. Ben Nelson finally has succeeded in getting President Bush to stop callng him by the detested nickname "Nellie."

Bush had been referring to the Nebraska Democrat as "Nellie" since 2001. Nelson disliked the nickname and had asked the president to stop using it.

The president likes to give people nicknames. He has called Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, "Pootie-Poot," while aide Karen Hughes gets "High Prophet."

But Bush heeded Nelson's request to scrap his moniker, and at the recent White House Christmas party, the president referred to Nelson as "Benny."

"The president had a twinkle in his eye when he called me that," Nelson said. "He knew what he had done. I said, 'Thank you, Mr. President."

PHOENIX (AP) Some Phoenix-area inmates are in the pink pink handcuffs.

Maricopa County sheriff's deputies began using fluorescent pink handcuffs Thursday to transport inmates.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio said he introduced the pink handcuffs because he was tired of losing them to his own deputies and other law enforcement agencies. He ordered 1,000 of the pink handcuffs, which are made in England, at \$19.44 each. The regular ones cost \$18.84 a pop.

"We presume nobody else has pink handcuffs, so we can spot them and know they're ours," he said

Patrol deputies will still carry the silver cuffs, which they pay for themselves.

The new cuffs will go well with the county's color scheme. Maricopa County inmates wear pink boxers and sleep on pink

DA's office: 'Positive face forward'

Assistant District Attorney appears before County Commission this morning

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The office of the 31st and 223rd District Attorney is open and putting "a positive face forward," said Assistant District Attorney Lynn Switzer this morning to Gray

their 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse.

"I'm doing my very best to keep our office open and going in a positive direction. I appreciate your support of our office.

"This is a very difficult at the meeting.

County commissioners at time for all of us, and we're going to do our best to put a positive face forward," she

and cases are ongoing," said County Judge Richard Peet, who had introduced Switzer

The comments concern the absence of District Attorney Rick Roach from his office. Roach was arrest-"The office is still open ed by Federal Bureau of indictment against Roach Investigation agents last Tuesday in the courthouse on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

mine, cocaine and firearms have been added to the which was handed up in federal court in Amarillo earlier

Three additional charges

involving methampheta-

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By MARILYN POWERS

declined to pay a repair bill submitted by Precinct 2 Lockridge about it. The bill was part of the accounts payable submitted to commissioners for payment approval during their 9 a.m. meeting in the courthouse.

The bill is for \$2,562 at Fenton Motors of Pampa and includes repairs to the transmission and windshield wiper motor of Lockridge's patrol car, which is provided by the county.

"After this bill, he will have \$1,539 left in his budget for the current fiscal year," said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Morris said she had attempted to notify Lockridge to attend this morning's meeting, but indicated she was not sure he had gotten the message.

"I'm not particularly excited about paying that without having him here to talk to first. We have about nine months left in the budget year," Peet said.

"Things happen and you have to have repairs. I just wish we could get a little more communication going with him," said Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley.

Peet said he would communicate with Lockridge about attending the next commissioners' meeting to

discuss the repair bill.

No action was taken on a request by two representatives of the Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. The two said that in order to receive a \$500,000 Constable Chris Lockridge federal grant, the funds must until they could talk to be channeled through a governing agency such as Gray County, which would be allowed to keep \$50,000 of the total as compensation for services rendered.

> Things happen and you have to have repairs. I just wish we could get a little more communication going with him."

> > - James Hefley Precinct 4 Commissioner

The request by the Amarillo agency was added to the county's agenda in a supplemental notice of meeting posted yesterday.

Commissioners will meet in special session, tentatively set for Jan. 21, to further consider the proposal, after additional information is provided by the organization's representatives. The deadline for receipt of the grant proposal Washington, D.C. is Jan. 26, the representatives said.

In other business, commissioners accepted a bid for

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Photo by David Bowser

Tom Coleman, right, talks with his lawyer, John H. Read II, while on break at Lubbock County Court House Thursday where Coleman is on trial for perjury in connection with a discredited Tulia drug sting.

Defense rests; Tom Coleman won't testify in perjury trial

By BETSY BLANEY Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Jurors in the perjury trial of the lone undercover agent in the discredited Tulia drug busts will begin deciding his fate Friday without directly hearing his

side of the story. The defense rested Thursday without calling Tom Coleman, the drug agent whose testimony in 2003 about his arrest record led to two counts of aggravated perjury. Coleman was indicted after testifying in an evidentiary hearing for four of the dozens of blacks

wrongly imprisoned in the busts. Coleman is accused of testifying falsely that he never stole gas from county pumps, and that he didn't learn about the theft charge against him until August 1998.

During their selection, jurors were repeatedly asked by Coleman's attorneys whether they could look beyond a defendant who

chose not to testify and still reach a fair ver-

In testimony Thursday, an attorney who represented Coleman in a Cochran County theft case said he didn't remember whether a waiver of arraignment listed the crime before Coleman signed it.

Garry O. Smith testified that Coleman came to his office on May 30, 1998, to discuss his legal plight and the attorney had him sign a waiver of arraignment.

"Looking back over the years, I don't have knowledge" whether the waiver was blank, Smith testified. "That would have been a common thing for me to do."

A waiver of arraignment on the charge dated June 1, 1998, bears Coleman's signature, according to evidence.

Smith also said Coleman was "quite adamant that he had not stolen gasoline.

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Pampa ISD applauds work of school board

Pampa Independent School District officials plan to join other districts across the state in acknowledging the contributions that school board trustees make to their communities during January, School Board Recognition Month, "Lighting the Way for Public Education.

Pampa ISD's board members are President Joe Martinez, Vice President Lance DeFever, Secretary Charles Smith, John Curry, Jay Johnson and Lee Porter.

"Volunteer school board members serve countless hours working to improve public education," said Barry Haenisch, Pampa ISD's

'School board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our school children."

PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch

superintendent of schools.

School trustees develop policies and make decisions on complex education and social issues that affect the community and lives of

"School trustees have a tremen-

responsibility, preparing today's students and tomorrow's leaders for productive roles in our the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our school children,"

Haenisch said.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Haenisch.

"These individuals deserve recogsociety. School board members are nition and thanks for their commitment and dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," he said.

Services tomorrow-

LAMBRIGHT, Bill — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

Benjamin William 'B.W.' Lard. 87

Services are pending for Benjamin Funeral Directors of Pampa William "B.W." Lard, 87, of Pampa, who died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Amarillo. Arrangements are with Carmichael-Whatley

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

Gene Allen Sable, 72

BORGER — Gene Allen Sable, 72, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today at the Church of Christ at Borger with Mr. Richard Kasko, Minister of the Fritch Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be in "The Garden of Devotion" at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Sable was born on Oct. 18, 1932. in Foyil, Okla. He had been a Phillips and Borger resident since 1941. He graduated from Phillips High School in 1951 and was a member of the Church of Christ at Borger. He married JoAnn Moore on July 17, 1953, in Abernathy,

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Billie (Hallford) Sable and his brother, W.D. "Pat" Sable.

His survivors include his wife JoAnn, of the home; two daughters, Tonya Parker and her husband, Gary of Borger, Jaree Ford and her husband, Mike of St. George, Utah; a sis-

ter, Paulyne "Penny" Newman of Pampa; a sisterin-law, Loyce Sable of Borger; three grandsons, David Parker and his wife. Shannon of Amarillo, Devin Parker and his wife. Amanda of Wichita Falls, Texas, J.D. Parker of Canyon, Texas, and his fiancee, Cara Lamberson of Amarillo; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to High Plains Childrens Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo,

Road part of Indian burial site, construction delayed

CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - Construction on an area road has been delayed partly because of its location on an ancient American Indian burial site, state transportation officials said.

"There was the potential for Indian artifacts all through this," Texas Department Transportation district engineer Craig E. Clark said Thursday while speaking to the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi.

The transportation department knew about the burial grounds before construction began in June 2000, but it didn't become public until Thursday.

Clark said Ennis Joslin Road has been delayed because the department had to move utility pipes that were in unexpected places and because of the extent of the burial site. Initially, the project was expected to be complete in late 2003. It's now expected to be complete in September.

After the speech, Clark said that the site beneath the road runs almost the entire stretch from South Padre Island Drive to Ocean Drive.

Transportation department officials did some test excavations to find out the extent of the burial site in the late 1990s, before construction began, said Nancy Kenmotsu, director of cultural resources for the transportation department.

"They probably the ancestral Karankawas." Kenmotsu said.

The department met with members of the Karankawa tribe before construction started, she said.

transportation The department contracted with the University of Texas at San Antonio Center for Archaeological Research to preserve the artifacts.

Archaeologists

found skeletal remains of a few individuals, along with several tools made from shells and rocks, Kenmotsu said.

But most of the bodies are buried below where the construction contractors are digging.

Archaeologists will likely do carbon testing to date the artifacts once construction is finished. The burial site probably dates from 2500 B.C. to 1000 A.D., said Robert Drolet, an archaeologist at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

"They're ancestral to the Karankawa, but we can't call them by name because they may not have gone by that name," Drolet said.

Ennis Joslin was widened from two lanes to five lanes to allow a better flow of traffic from South Padre Island Drive to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Naval Air Station Corpus have Christi.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 36. Wind chill values between 7 and 17. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14. Wind chill values between zero and 10. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 24. Wind chill values between -1 and 9. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 28. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 15. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Former

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Eric Opiela has withdrawn

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 46. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Approximately Lefors. \$6,000 damage was done to a residence.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Police made 19 traffic stops, assisted a motorist in the 2300 block of North Hobart, and made a medical West Kentucky.

Silent abusive call was reported in the 600 block of East Foster and 300 block of North Hobart.

A lost cell phone, value unknown, was reported to Pampa Police Department.

Disorderly conduct noise was reported in the 1200 block of Charles, and disorderly conduct - fighting was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1900 block of Holly.

A vehicle accident was reported to have occurred at an unidentified school and both vehicles left the scene to go to Francis Street.

A bicycle was found at the intersection of Wells and Market streets and taken to the police impound.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A vehicle accident was reported at Kingsmill and Somerville streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000

block of Somerville.

reported in the 100 block of West Browning.

in the 2400 block of by Kaysi Gayle Ensey, 25,

Charles.

A vehicle accident was Police reported in a parking lot in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Suspicious activity was reported behind the mall in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. The persons and vehicles were gone by the time police arrived.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of

assist in the 2300 block of in the 1800 block of North the Texas Department of Christy.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

reported in the 400 block of tious registration. North Nelson.

Someone left a convenience store in the 1900 block of North Hobart without paying for \$10 of gaso-

Aggravated assault was reported in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen.

Friday, Jan. 14 Dennis Combs, 40, 618 Carr, was arrested for public

intoxication. Michael Blaine Cochran, 21, 1234 S. Finley, was arrested for possession of

drug paraphernalia. Jana Turlington, 30, 1041 Prairie Dr., was arrested on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Accidents

Police Pampa Department today reported the following accident.

Thursday, Jan. 13

A 1993 8 a.m. Criminal trespass was Chevrolet Storm driven by Teresa Cain Huffman, 41, 821 Talley, and a 1993 An assault was reported Cadillac Fleetwood driven

1204 E. Kingsmill, collided in the intersection of Duncan and East Kentucky. Huffman was cited for failure to control speed and no insurance. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Jan. 13 Patrick Whiteside, 29,

An assault was reported Amarillo, was arrested by Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Jesus Rene Torres, 19, 1015 Pecan, was arrested on Criminal mischief was a bond surrender for ficti-

Fire

Pampa Fire Department today responded to the following calls.

Thursday, Jan. 13

12:39 p.m. – One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of West Kentucky.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 13

12:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Friday, Jan. 14

2:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to

San Antonio hostage standoff closes schools

the man surrendered after police lobbed tear gas into

been canceled at two nearby high schools because of police activity related to negotiations between police and the man, who held a woman hostage for 18 of those 20 hours.

be canceled for the day. That was because the hostage situation had prompted police to close a nearby road.

Negotiators had been communicating with the suspect by telephone since soon after the standoff began at 11:13 a.m. Thursday.

Police received an initial call about a man with a weapon looking for a woman at the business park, police Sgt. Gabe Trevino said. The man forced the woman at gunpoint into a minivan and drove her to an Econo Lodge on Interstate 410 in northwest San Antonio, police said.

Ten minutes later, police received a second call when

an officer spotted the minivan pulling into the motel's parking lot.

The officer witnessed the man holding a weapon pos sibly a rifle inside of a shopping bag and forcing the woman into a room, Trevino

Police said the man held a woman hostage for 18 hours before releasing her about 5:30 a.m. with minor injuries such as bruises. The man surrendered about 7 a.m. after police fired tear gas canisters into the room, Trevino said.

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REWARD \$\$ for person or persons who ran into the OCB, Fri. night Jan. 7. Suspect believed to be driving darker color Cougar or Thunderbird. Any info. please contact Deputy Larue, 669-8022

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 20-hour police standoff at a west San Antonio motel ended Friday morning when

Friday classes had had

Just before the woman's Northside release, Independent School District officials announced that classes at Holmes High School and the Business Careers High School would

said.

The disturbance was likely linked to a romantic dis-

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— Assaf Shariv

Israeli spokesman

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon severed contacts with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas until he acts against militants, a spokesman said Friday, a day after six Israelis were killed in an attack on a Gaza Strip crossing.

The Israeli leadership had initially said it would not retaliate for the Gaza attack and would give Abbas time to rein in the militants.

"Israel informed international leaders today that there will be no meetings with Abbas until he makes a real effort to stop the terror," Sharon spokesman Assaf Shariv said.

Shariv said that Israel informed officials from the United States, the European Union, Britain and the Palestinians.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat said the Israelis had told him that they were suspending all = contact with the Palestinian side.

Shariv said Israel made the decision because the attack on the Gaza crossing was launched from a Palestinian Authority base. Earlier Friday, Israel sealed off the Gaza

Thursday night's bombing-and-shooting attack at the Karni crossing, Gaza's main lifeline, marked the militants' first major challenge to Abbas, who has spoken out against violence and said he would try to

Three Palestinian gunmen were killed in the attack, and three armed groups claimed responsibility, including Hamas and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, which has ties to Abbas' ruling Fatah movement.

Abbas said both the Karni attack and Israeli military operations in recent days "do not benefit the peace process." An

Israeli Arab legislator who met Abbas on Friday, said the Palestinian leader remains committed to persuading the armed groups to halt attacks.

The lawmaker, Taleb Al Sana told Israel Army Radio that Abbas was upset with Israel for holding him responsible for attacks before he has even been sworn in as Palestinian leader.

Israel and the United States had said they would judge Abbas, who was elected to replace the late Yasser

Arafat and is to be inaugurated Saturday, by his actions.

Housing Minister Yitzhak Herzog warned that Israel's patience would soon run out. "Israel will not accept a reality of continuous terror against innocent civilians. Abu Mazen does not have 100 days of grace," Herzog said speaking at a funeral for a victim of the Karni attack.

Israel closed the Karni and Erez crossings, leaving Gaza largely isolated.

Anti-malaria spraying begins in disaster areas

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — Masked workers with mosquitokilling spray guns began moving through refugee camps Friday in tsunamibattered Aceh province, trying to prevent an outbreak of malaria. Indonesia, meanwhile, said it is pursuing a permanent truce with rebels in the area, the worst-hit by the disaster.

While the threat of cholera and dysentery is diminishing because clean water is reaching tsunami survivors in Indonesia, the danger of malaria and dengue fever epidemics is increasing, according to the leader of anti-malaria efforts in the region.

"Short-term, we're trying to prevent an epidemic,' said Richard Allan, director of the Mentor Initiative, a public health group that fights malaria epidemics. "And it may already be too late."

The death toll from the Dec. 26 earthquake-triggered tsunami in 11 countries has topped 157,000. Two-thirds of the deaths occurred here in Indonesia's Aceh province.

Allan warns that 100,000 more people could die of

malaria around Aceh if quick action isn't taken. A successful spraying effort would drastically minimize that risk.

The pools of salt water created by the tsunami have been diluted by seasonal rains into a brackish water, creating the perfect breeding ground for mosquitos.

> Short-term, we're trying to prevent an epidemic. And it may already be too late.'

Richard Allan Mentor Initiative director

A fumigation operation started Friday with a small team of sprayers planning to cover up to eight refugee camps around the provincial capital of Banda Aceh. The main spraying effort won't begin for at least two days because most of the insecticide has been held up by bureaucratic delays Jakarta, where three planeloads of insecticide are wait-

ing for clearance to fly to Banda Aceh, he said.

Poor health and tsunamirelated stress has weakened the immune systems of the displaced people, leaving them abnormally susceptible to mosquito-borne illness, said Allan.

Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla, visiting Banda Aceh, said his government is working on a full truce with rebels who have been fighting off and on for an independent homeland in northern Sumatra for 30 years.

Exiled rebel leaders in Sweden called a unilateral cease-fire the day of the tsunami and have in recent days called for peace talks.

"We are not going for a cease-fire. We are making it permanently and we are working for that," said Kalla, who did not say whether negotiations were under way.

Sweden, In Mahmud, a leader of the Free Aceh Movement, welcomed Jakarta's apparent move toward a negotiated solution to the decades-long conflict. But when asked if they would drop their independence bid, he replied: "The struggle is deep in our hearts."

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this week. He remains in custody and is scheduled to be arraigned on the indictments at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, in U.S. court in Amarillo, according to Christy L. Drake, an assistant U.S. attorney in

was listed on this morning's Dec. 31 meeting. agenda, concerning bonds of

elected during the general election last November.

At the Dec. 31, 2004, commissioners' meeting, Peet said bonds had not been received for Precinct 4 Constable Don Fletcher, event Precinct 1 and 3 Constable sworn in by Peet James Lewis, or District Attorney Roach.

"They must have their bond approved within 20 days of their swearing in, or the office is automatically One item of old business vacated," Peet said at the

Nov. 4 were sworn in on Jan. to vacate the office of 1 at the courthouse, with the

exception of Sheriff Don Copeland, who was not able to attend the Jan. 1 and was during the Dec. 31 commissioners' meeting.

The only bond approved during this morning's meeting Fletcher was that of Fletcher.

Fletcher submitted a written missioners' next meeting as County and district offi- and verbal resignation to an action item. county and district officials cials who were elected last commissioners this morning

Precinct 4 constable, in keeping with the promise he had made to voters during his campaign. No action was

taken today on Fletcher's resignation, since it was not an agenda item. The resignation will be

After today's meeting,

Peet confirmed that bonds from Lewis and Roach had been provided.

"All bonds are in. Roach submitted a copy of his. His goes directly to Austin, but he provided a copy to us," Peet said.

Roach's bond was in the amount of \$5,000, drawn on his office budget, a common practice for elected officials. Peet said.

The bond was paid to listed on com- Austin by Dec. 1, 2004, according to records in Peet's office.



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Happy Birthday Mom & Dad

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\$100 from Donna Payne of McLean for tax delinquent property in McLean. The property is Block 64, Lots 18, 19 and 20, Original McLean. It is valued at \$600, and \$298 in delinquent taxes are owed against it, Peet said.

Gray County's percent of property taxes collected as of Jan. 13 is about four percent higher that the percentage at

this time last year, said County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead. This year's percentage collected is 47.04. For Jan. 13, 2004, the percentage was

Texas Association

County, Smith testified. Trial

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On cross-examination, prosecutor Rod Hobson questioned Smith about notes he had taken when he met with Coleman. Smith's handwritten notes showed the words "theft and abuse of official position," according to testimony.

Hobson also questioned him about the waiver and a letter to a judge in Cochran County — both of which listed a case number — informing the judge that Smith would be Coleman's attor- Coleman ney of record.

Hobson asked Smith how he got the case number,

insisting either Coleman brought it to him when the two men met, or that Smith added it June 1, 1998, the Monday after the two met and when Cochran County officials could have supplied

Coleman's case was filed May 6, 1998, according to testimony.

"Based on my recollection, when Tom Coleman left my office we did not know for sure what was coming down over" in Cochran

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for completing 40 hours of continuing education with the Counties in Houston. The continuing education qualifies him as a Certified County Treasurer and Certified County Investment Officer II.

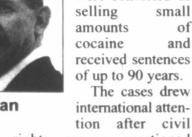
The theft charge was

dropped after Coleman paid restitution in mid-August 1998, according to testimo-

Prosecutors will present a brief rebuttal Friday before both sides give their closing arguments.

Coleman built cases and made arrests for 18 months in the late 1990s as part of a

drug task force. Of 46 people indicted, 38 — most of them black were convicted of small of and received sentences



tion after civil rights groups questioned whether the drug sting was racially motivated. In August 2003, Gov. Rick

Perry pardoned 35 of the 38 defendants who went to trial or accepted plea agreements. Forty-five of those indicted split a \$6 million settlement of a civil rights lawsuit against Coleman and the 26 counties and three cities involved with the task force.

If convicted of two charges of aggravated perjury, Coleman could be sentenced to 20 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine

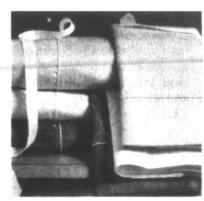
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Viewpoints

'Indefatigable, unsavory engine of pollution'

growing up in Pampa in the '50s and '60s, there were favorite pastimes I enjoyed depending, of course, on the favorite pastime.

pastimes were of the outdoor type much to the satisfaction of mater and pater, and ultimately, moi. After the chores were finished -- yardwork, weeds to pull always a blasted weed to pull – plant the vegetable garden, shovel snow, clean the bedroom, wash dishes, the paper route, etc. I laugh at the young generations

As a raised-on-jerky kid sweat shops of today were its starting falling off. the homes of middle class America when I was a kid. Back to favorite pastimes after all the work was done, the particular season of the n'cest pas? I loved to sled year which directly affected the hill above Red Deer Creek where Hamilton In fact, all my favorite Street starts. When school was canceled due to snow and ice, sledding was even

I and my friends would attempted to sled down the hill onto the yes, there were chores to do creek, hoping the ice was thick enough to support our weight. If thick enough, our downhill impetus would carry us up the other side. Sure as shootin', if the ice was thin, one would suddenly become natant and today complaining about very cold, but we would having to work. Why, the continue sledding until dig-

During last week's deep freeze, I noticed how frozen the water in Red Deer Creek was from the Somerville Street bridge downstream to the Hamilton Street hill. In fact, the water was so frozen I could have

ice skated, **Dennis** and would **Palmitier** h a v e Columnist skate had it not been for the moguls

frozen

of

trash up and down the creek. New York City has Rockefeller Center, therefore, Pampa should have Red Deer Creek. Upon further examination of Red Deer Creek from below

Hamilton Street, the amount of plastic and Styrofoam flotsam in the creek and along both banks was a blight of Biblical proportion. Today, the blight is even more present since the ice and

> peared. Time for some polemizing, folks. Okay,

snow have

disap-

some finger pointing for vou Webster challenged individuals. John Sparrow is known for a quote: "That indefatigable and unsavory engine of pollution, the

M.K. Brown Auditorium to Sparrow was from across the pond? I will research and discover Sparrow's pooch did to incur such disrespect from it's master and I'll let you know. However, I would like to reword Sparrrow's quote to the following. "That indefatigable and unsavory engine of pollution, the human being."

Pampa is certainly a stage for that indefatigable and unsavory engine of pollution, the human being. If you concerned citizens would drive Hobart Street north to the Canadian River; Kentucky Street east to Duncan; Harvester Street east to Pampa High School; Randy Matson Street east dog." I wonder if Mr. from Sumner to Pampa

High School; and, the northsouth streets of Coffee. Williston, Hamilton, Russell from Kentucky to 17th - you will be hard pressed not to see the amount of trash lining those streets. A blight of Biblical proportion - a blight on Pampa – a blight created by our very citizens, young and old, from every ethnic background, from every socioeconomic background. I know, some of you will be digging forever in Mr. Webster's tome to figure out some of these words. Stands to reason, doesn't it?

One of my favorite uses of words conjured into a sentence is this: "We are victims

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Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2005. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the "Fundamental Orders" — was adopted.

In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its world premiere in Rome.

In 1914, Ford Motor Company greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing a chain to pull each chassis along.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

Our readers write

Voters chose better man

To the Editor: Over the last few years I

have read several letters written by Calvin Lacy, a few in amusement, most in total disbelief. In my opinion, his letter in the Dec. 22nd paper was the most outrageous he has written. His letter was filled with unsubstantiated accusations and outright lies. It appears that he has a need to spread his type of venom without regard for the truth.

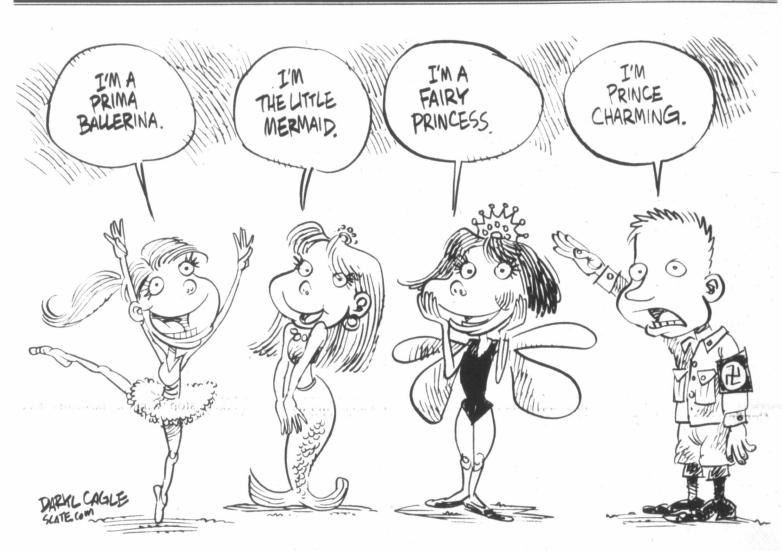
I cannot understand a person so eager to believe the far left rhetoric where allegations are far more important than facts. You can tell by the tone of his letter that he believes this garbage and

apparently doesn't have the intellect to separate fact from fiction. The very idea of us being compared to Saddam Hussein is an insult. (The U.S., an outlaw nation please!)

While Mr. Lacy, has proven once again that he can write words, unfortunately, what he has written is ridiculous. Lucid thought seems to evade him. Only an ignorant person believes our president takes orders from God. Persons of faith know and appreciate that God is in his life.

Mr. Lacy believes we had Saddam Hussein's Iraq under control for twelve years. (Really?) We were so much in control of Iraq that former President Clinton, leaders of other nations and

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La Conchita: In denial, in peril

been riveted on La Conchita in California's Ventura County, a hamlet that fronts Pacific Ocean beyond and huddles underneath a ridge that towers 600 feet above it.

During the torrential downpours, part of that ridge collapsed and sent tons and tons of mud and rocks and earth roaring downhill burying many of the houses and the folks inside them. At last count 10 of the 260 La Conchita residents were killed in the landslide.

All in all, according to the Los Angeles Times, 13 homes were destroyed and 19 red-tagged, meaning inspectors deemed them too

dangerous to enter. Tragic as this was, nobody

The nation's attention has can claim that the calamity came as a major surprise. Ten years ago a similar landslide came crashing down on on Highway 101 and the nine houses, burying them under the mud and rubble, Times his home for 10 years

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

and ever s i n c e experts have been warning that it would happen again. Of

course we sympathize with those who lost loved ones and property; however this wasn't a case of if, but of when.

Since that 1995 mudslide, county officials have warned residents that the area is unsafe but say they don't have legal authority to order residents to leave. Yet some

residents blame county officials for not doing enough to prevent the second slide in about a decade.

Michael Farrow told the was

redheaded

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stepchild of

Ventura County," a place where people took pride doing their own thing.

"We all knew the mountain could come down," said Farrow, "We were just pray-

ing it wouldn't. We were

obviously in denial." Other residents said the danger of the hill, if thought of at all, was pushed to the back of their minds.

"Everyone got used to it. People started moving back, even moving into the houses at the edge of the old slide. People became complacent," another resident said. "No one suspected this."

Even if they had, she said, "People here are very stubborn. People are gamblers here." They have just lost that gamble.

Despite knowing the risk, some residents say it was all the government's fault.

"La Conchita has always been an afterthought to the county," The Times reported that Annelle Beebe, a 20year resident told a community meeting. "It seems like they never react to our concerns. Compared to Malibu,

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Criminals move out to rural areas

committed in order to provide a means to continue drug use have been commonplace in larger cities but not in West Texas, until the few years. Unfortunately, those types of crimes primarily burglaries

and forgeries are on the rise, especially in small rural communities.

We are seeing several cases where people are moving to the country probably for privacy and setting up methamphetamine labs. This keeps the number of citizens addicted to drugs with a readily available source.

Times change. Crimes for luring more folks into the the vicinity, nothing can hapdrug world. In fact, arrests of a mother and son in New meth lab.

> Lubbock's along neighborhood watch prohas grams, each resident keeping an eye open for ille-

gal type activities. Unfortunately, the case is not the same down a country

road. Drug activity can be fairly obvious and yet, without It also provides an avenue reports from those living in

Many times any possible

Deal last week were based neighbors are so far removed on the alleged operation of a there is no contact at all,

from the police force, Texas Thoughts folks purchasing illegal Lubbock Avalanche-Journal drugs.

> result, in order to maintain their drug habit, crimes are occurring in communities where locking the front door is a rela-

> > tively new development. "What we're seeing more of a trend toward is that the crooks from the big cities are

moving out to the small communities," Floydada Police Darrell Gooch.

He should know. During his 20 years with the Floydada Police Department he remembers the discovery of one meth lab in the first 18 years. During just the last two years a dozen have been raided. How unfortunate.

In 2004 violent crime dropped across the South Plains which is a very positive trend that we hope continues. But we cannot have 2005 show similar rising statistics with drug-related

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Some question propriety of costs for inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's second inauguration will cost tens of millions of dollars — \$40 million alone in private donations for the balls, parade and other invitationonly parties. With that kind of money, what could you

-Two hundred armored Humvees with the best armor for troops in Iraq.

-Vaccinations and preventive health care for 22 million children in regions devastated by the tsunami.

—A down payment on the nation's deficit, which hit a record-breaking \$412 billion last year.

-Two years' salary for the Mets' new center fielder Carlos Beltran, or all of pitcher Randy Johnson's contract extension with the New York Yankees.

A big inauguration and its accompanying costs were considered a given, a historic ceremony with all the pomp, pageantry and celebrations that the nation had come to expect every four years.

But a recent confluence of events — the tsunami natural disaster, Bush's warning about Social Security finances and the \$5 billion-a-month price tag for the war in Iraq — have many Americans now wondering why spend the money the second time

While the Presidential **Inaugural Committee hopes** to raise \$40 million in private donations for the balls, parades and candlelight dinners for high-roller donors, millions of government dollars will be spent on construction of the platform and stands at the Capitol, police overtime, military personnel and the tightest security for the first post-Sept. 11 inaugural.

People are going to come from all over the country who are celebrating democracy and celebrating my victory, and I'm glad to celebrate with them.

— President Bush

The questions have come from Bush supporters and opponents: Do we need to spend this money on what seems so extravagant?

New York Rep. Anthony Weiner, a Democrat, suggested inaugural parties should be scaled back, citing as a precedent Franklin D. Roosevelt's inauguration during World War II.

"President Roosevelt held his 1945 inaugural at the White House, making a short speech and serving guests cold chicken salad and plain pound cake,"

according to a letter from Weiner and Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash. "During World War I, President Wilson did not have any parties at his 1917 inaugural, saying that such festivities would be undignified."

Lawmakers representing the Washington area have complained to the White House about the District of Columbia not getting enough federal help to cover the city's portion of the inaugural security costs, estimated at \$17.3 million.

The president dismissed suggestions that the price tag for the inaugural is too

"The inauguration is a great festival of democracy," he said Thursday during a round-table discussion with reporters from 14 newspapers. "People are going to come from all over the country who are celebrating democracy and celebrating my victory, and I'm glad to celebrate with

Organizers of the inaugural also defended the celebration. Tracey Schmitt, a spokeswoman for Presidential Inaugural Committee, noted year's theme of celebrating freedom and honoring serv-She cited Commander in Chief inaugural ball that offers free tickets to service members back from Afghanistan and Iraq and their family mem-

We are living in a society

That resident who said he was in denial was right on the mark. His whole community was in denial. What they need to do is stop blaming the authorities and ask themselves, "Why are we

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Trash

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of our own device." I believe that little sentence is an answer to many problems facing our society today. We human beings have created the blight that is trashing a once-proud community called Pampa.

It's obvious – the citizens of Pampa do not give a rat's arse about the visual appearance of our community. Beer cans, plastic and Styrofoam do not humus make. Paper products take a long time to make dirt as well. Plastics and Styrofoam (flotsam) for use in the fast food and grocery industry are two of the greatest mistakes of the industrial revolution.

To me, the two are as unhealthy to our environment as asbestos is to the lung. Mayhaps humankind will see the danger in plastic and Styrofoam as was discovered with asbestos and outlaw the two as if they were DDT? If our citizenry the public, for you illiterates did care about Pampa, trash would be in it's respectful container.

First and foremost, the human being is responsible for Pampa's trash dilemma. Remember, I'm talking dilemma here, not the Dali Lama. Perhaps the high school should have an environmental science class to inform the little buggers about the perils of littering? The amount of litter produced during high school lunch period is frightful. Parents have to teach their offspring – and themselves –

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There has to be a way to

monitor our rural areas and

stop what is basically free

crimes.

not to toss the Bud Light can into the pickup bed or the cigarette butt out the window.

It figures, the miscreants are swilling Bud Light and tossing the empties onto our streets. If the ne'er-do-wells were drinking a better beer, perhaps the empties would wind up in the trash can? Better-tasting beer makes one more conscious of his/her surroundings. Footballesque-spent diapers

cery store parking lots. t's obvious – the Uneaten fastfood – tossed citizens of Pampa do onto streets not give a rat's arse and parking about the visual lots manna from appearance of our human being the Grackle and Starling

on our gro-

trash birds. Mayhaps the birds will it take the rocket scientist to lessen in numbers if uneaten fast-food weren't their primary food supply? When was the last football game? Why are the Styrofoam cups still in the fence at Horace Mann School? Speaking of schools, why is Sam Houston elementary school still standing? Why, it's elementary, my dear Watson. Pampans prefer blight.

True, the grocery stores, convenience stores, and fast food stores all have trash receptacles positioned near their front doors and genuinely do not promote littering. The customer promotes the littering by ignoring their responsibility. However, one business gets my A+ for aiding Pampa's litter crisis. I'm

reign with the operation of

meth labs. That is the only

way to impact the rise in

to help ensure our young

people will have a strong

opportunity to remain drug-

We need to unite in this fight. It is also the only way

nonviolent crimes.

now convinced that the rings of Saturn are composed of their trash. I'm talking of the favorite drive-in on our busiest street.

I have never seen such trash generated from one fast food company. Business must be good. That's the idea of capitalism, no? Take a drive by and notice their trash dumpsters - always full and over capacity, lids never closed and refuse blowing to God knows need to be contained, not left where - actually, blowing

> d o w n Harvester, Hobart, Hamilton Coffee, and Randy Matson streets. They need more refuse containers, n'cest pas? Are they refusing more refuse containers? Does

figure that out? Obviously, it does.

Have I mentioned Pampa has a trash problem? Well, we do, and the problem isn't going away until human being, that indefatigable and unsavory engine of pollution, begins to take pride in his/her community. I leave you with Mark Twain -Samuel Clemens - and I quote, "Nothing needs so reforming as other people's habits."

Dennis Palmitier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.



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where the very, very wealthy live, they never have these kinds of problems. Los Angeles County keeps them safe. But La Conchita has been forgotten.

"People say maybe you shouldn't live there anymore ... but we've enjoyed the best years of our lives there and now we're having to cope with all of this. They don't know what it feels like to lose your friends, your homes, everything."

There have been complaints that nobody warned the residents to evacuate their homes, but it isn't brain

surgery to ask that if there is a cloudburst bigger than the one they had 10 years ago, if they are living under a 600foot mountain that's been known to have landslides triggered by massive amounts of rain, why are they staying there. They should get out while the storm persists. Did they need someone to come and knock on the door to warn them of

the obvious? This is what we've done in America. It's the same old story of moving next to the airport and demanding that the government do something about the noise. When Governor Arnold

Schwarzenegger came to the area he actually promised to help them move back in

when they should be moving

of denial, and we are paying the price for buying the fiction that Big Brother has an obligation to look after every segment of our lives, from cradle to grave.

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services around the globe shared the wisdom that common Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. So much so that UN resolutions were in place demanding he disarm.

The outcry, from the likes of Lacy, have little to do with Iraq. They simply cannot get over the fact that their liberal candidates were defeated by a sound leader with good moral attributes.

Fortunately, enough people recognized the truth about the visions of leadership, and the character of the candidates in the past two elections to select the better man to be president.

> **Gail Canaday** Houston

Calendar of Events

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

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

• The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, at Western Sizzlin'

Steak House, 2921 I-40 West, Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Al Sammann, regional director of Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center in Lubbock. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-

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

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

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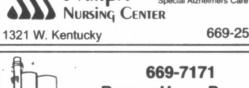
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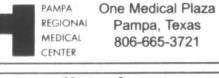


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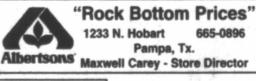


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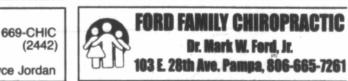
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am ashamed to admit this, but after 20 years of marriage, my husband told me that he was meant to have a woman's body. My self-confidence is destroyed. Our children are suffering in every aspect of their lives. I cannot grasp my husband's revelation, as I love him still. I also accept that this is something I cannot change, but ever since we separated, the men I have dated have all turned out to be gay.

Is it me? Am I cursed? Or do I curse others? -- DEVASTATED IN DETROIT

DEAR DEVASTATED: This has nothing to do with you, and there are no curses involved. Your husband was born the wrong gender, and it's nobody's "fault."

Counseling can help you come to grips with this issue. Since your husband is considering gender reassignment, it follows that he is seeing a therapist. You need help, too. I recommend that you ask his therapist to refer you to a psychologist or psychiatrist who is knowledgeable about transgender issues.

DEAR ABBY: I am in college, and four out of five of my roommates smoke. About twothirds of my friends are smokers, too. They all know it's bad for them, but it is hard to quit.

I see cigarette packs and lighters lying around and I am very tempted to start smoking. I don't know why, because I know it's unhealthy. I have never smoked, but I'm afraid that I'll start soon. How can I make the right decision? -- NAIL-BITING IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

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that are strictly nonsmoking, because research has proven that secondhand smoke can make you sick.

"A stitch in time saves nine," and the sagest advice I can offer is not to start smoking in the first place. Tobacco is a nasty addiction to kick witness your friends and acquaintances who would quit if they could. When the urge is strong, picture yourself attached to an oxygen tank trying desperately to inhale oxygen into tobacco-damaged lungs. Not a pretty picture. Be smart; don't start.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and the mother of a beautiful little boy. His father is no longer in the pic-

There is a man in my life who loves my son and me very much. I'll call him Joe. Joe and I have been together for eight incredible months, and he recently proposed to me. One week later, I caught him cheating on me. I was heartbroken and didn't know what to do. Joe told me how sorry he was and begged me to give him another chance. I agreed.

But, Abby, things don't seem the same anymore. It feels like I'm the only one trying in this relationship. I realize I also have to consider my son. Was I wrong to give him a second chance? --CONFUSED IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR CONFUSED: Yes. A man who is sincerely in love, and mature enough for marriage and fatherhood, does not cheat a week after he proposes. You are only 16. It's time to step back and consider how you plan to raise your son. It is vital that you complete your education so you are able to DEAR NAIL-BITING: support yourself and your Making "the right decision" child. Only when you are financially independent should yourself from temptation. you consider marriage to any-***

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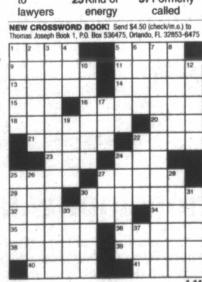
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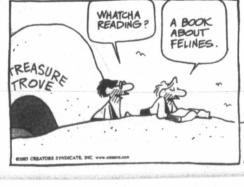
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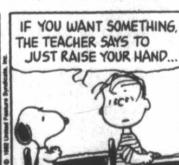






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"If you think this is loud, wait till you hear him when I take him OUT of the tub!"

Blondie





Sports Day

Reed hopes to begin new Homecoming tradition as Harvesters open District 3-4A play against Raiders

The guys are

tired of practicing.

They are pumped

and ready to play."

Jeff Reed

Basketball

Head Coach, PHS

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Tonight's the night Pampa head basketball coach Jeff Reed has had marked on his calendar for weeks. It is the night his team has played and prepared for. Reed and his Harvester varsity basketball team begin District 3-4A competition at _ The Pit tonight when Pampa

hosts the Randall Raiders. Pampa enters the night 12-7 (0-0) and hungry to get back on the court. The Harvesters haven't faced an opponent since their 60-56 road loss to Plainview last Friday night. In fact, that is the only game Pampa has

"The guys are tired of practicing," said Reed. "They are pumped and ready to play."

played in two weeks.

Reed's fear going into tonight is that the down time may lead to mistakes on the floor. "It will be almost like playing our first game," he said. "I fear dumb mistakes.

Pampa has been tough on defense all season, allowing little more than 55 points per contest. Jarett Kotara is one of the district's top rebounders. However, it is the offense that has struggled at times. Reed believes if his offense can match the play of the defense, his team is capable of some great things during this district stretch.

Reed's goal for district competition this season is to have his team kick things up a notch. "Every time we take the floor, it's going to be a dog fight," said Reed. "There are some who say the fight in our district is for second place. Palo Duro is a very good

team but they can be beat. When it comes to districts, anything is possible."

True, since district play means you are going up against teams that know you as well as you know them. In Randall, Reed sees a team much better than its 7-11 (0-0)

The Raiders are a tough team. They have

had solid outings this season against the likes of Plainview and Perryton. The Raiders come to Pampa tonight averaging 61.5 points per game. "We need to play our tails off tonight to avoid being upset," noted Reed.

Reed is not only trying to build a winning program at Pampa, he is also trying to introduce a new tradition. Tonight is Homecoming

Night for the basketball program. Reed said he was surprised Pampa did not have such a tradition for basketball, despite the fact Pampa was once a state power. "I just wanted to start a new tradition. I want to get the school and the community excited about basketball again," Reed said.

Things got underway earlier in the day with a pep rally and the crowning of a King and Queen.

Tip off is at 7:30 p.m. in The Pit. Notes:

Health: Reed says his team is healthy. Clayton Hall was under the weather earlier in the week but will be ready for tonight's

On-Air: AM 1230 KGRO On-line: www.centramedia.com Look For: Something new hanging in McNeely Field House.

Lady Harvesters try for back-to-back district wins against Randall tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester basketball team will try to add another district win to its record when they host the Lady Raiders of Randall tonight at The Pit.

Pampa, coming off an exciting 58-57 double overtime win over Hereford Tuesday night, is currently 1-1 in District 3-4A (9-13 overall).

Head Coach Troy Fry said earlier this week that the win over Hereford was not only exciting but good for his team. Fry noted that taking the Lady Whitefaces to double overtime and coming away with the

win was a great experience as well as a confidence builder. That victory - along with the energy it created - could carry over to tonight, giving the Lady Harvesters a great chance to win back-to-back games. More importantly, back-to-back district games.

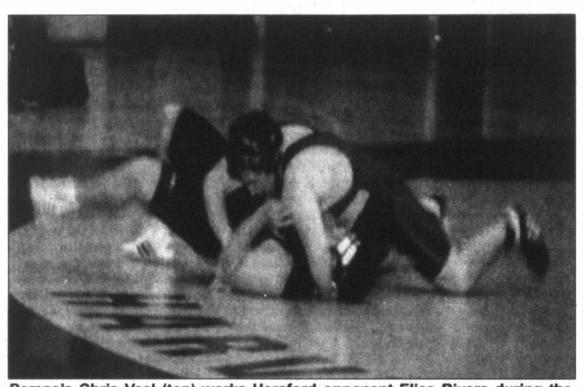
Look for Britteni Rice to be a factor on offense. Equally, McKensie East's defense and rebounding should play a key role in tonight's meeting.

Notes:

Good Vibes: Pampa should still be riding the energy of a double overtime win against Hereford just a few nights ago.

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Taken to the mat



and published inspeampa's Chris Veal (top), works Hereford opponent Elies Rivera during the 215 pound match Tuesday at The Pit. Veal won the match, 11-5. The Harvesters are in Vernon today and tomorrow to compete in the Red Rive

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BASEBALL AND STEROIDS

Now comes the real test

By RONALD BLUM Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Now comes the real test for baseball: Will any player get suspended this year for using steroids?

With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

The agreement was hailed by baseball management and its union Thursday as a huge step forward. But it was criticized by some as not going far enough because the penalties are less harsh than those in Olympic sports and amphetamines were not banned.

"I've been saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero tolerance regarding steroids," commissioner Bud Selig said.

A first positive test would result in a penalty of 10 days, a second positive test in a 30-day ban, a third positive in a 60-day penalty, and a fourth positive test in a one-year ban — all without pay. A player who tests positive a fifth time would be subject to discipline determined by the commis-

"It's more for our protection than anything else," Boston pitcher Tim Wakefield

Under the previous agreement, a first positive test resulted only in treatment, and a second positive test was subject to a 15day suspension. Only with a fifth positive test would a player subject to a one-year

"It appears to be a significant break-through," Sen. John McCain said in Washington.

No player was suspended for steroid use in 2004, the first season of testing with penalties.

"We're acting today to help restore the confidence of our fans," Selig said. Since the old agreement was reached in 2002, baseball has come under increased

scrutiny about steroids. Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield testified before a federal grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative known as BALCO. President Bush mentioned the steroid problem in last

year's State of the Union address. "I will be surprised if over time this doesn't take care of the problem virtually completely," union head Donald Fehr said, speaking by telephone from Los Angeles.

The old deal wasn't due to expire until

December 2006, but the union took the rare step of renegotiating a major section of its labor contract. The new rules run until December 2008.

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Manning vs. Patriots looms large

By DAVE GOLDBERG **Associated Press**

Is there any NFL playoff game this week-

end other than the one in New England? You wouldn't know it from the buzz surrounding Sunday's contest in Foxboro featuring MVP Peyton Manning and the Colts against the Patriots, winners of two of the last three Super Bowls and five straight games over the record-breaking quarter-

Yes, there are eight teams left in the playoffs and three other games this weekend. They are outside the spotlight, though.

We just worry about us," says Atlanta coach Jim Mora, whose Falcons (11-5) are the NFC's second-seeded team and face visiting St. Louis on Saturday.

"Eventually we will be a blip on the radar screen. We certainly want to make sure we're on the radar screen for the right reasons if we ever do get above ground."

True enough. If there's a second game gaining attention, it's not for the right reasons. It's because Randy Moss pretended to moon Green Bay fans after scoring a touchdown last week for the Vikings, who play at Philadelphia in Sunday's early game.

Even Pittsburgh — which had the NFL's best record at 15-1 and unveiled the most successful rookie quarterback ever in Ben Roethlisberger — has been carrying a low profile as it waits for the Jets in the opening game of the weekend.

afternoon for Colts-Patriots.

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Those games build up to late Sunday

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says. "I'm in my seventh year and

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All four quarterfinals are

Indianapolis (13-4) at New

Manning threw 32 of his 49 TD

passes indoors — 26 at home in

the RCA Dome and six more at

Detroit's Ford Field. The tempera-

ture in Foxboro on Sunday is like-

that," he says. "I think it just

depends on who plays the best,

whether you're at home or away in

a dome or in weather or whatnot."

the Patriots' crowd and New

England's 19-game winning streak

in Foxboro. The Pats also are one

of only three teams to finish 14-2

plays at the line of scrimmage than

for us playing at home," Brady

says. "I know going on the road,

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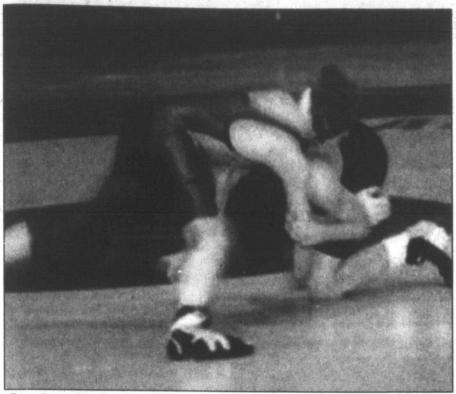
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Stephen McCarly of Pampa (top) takes control of his 160 pound Hereford opponent during Tuesday night's meeting at McNeely Field House. The Harvesters are in Vernon today and tomorrow to compete in the Red River Classic.

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Quarterback, Indianapolis

Peyton Manning

quarterback years

Previous meeting: Patriots 27-24, Sept. 9.

New York Jets (11-6) at Pittsburgh (15-1)

Like the Falcons, the Steelers seem content to be ignored. And Roethlisberger, 13-0 as a starting quarterback in the NFL, seems

= content to let Manning, Brady, Daunte Culpepper, Donovan McNabb and the other highprofile quarterbacks take the spotlight.

"There's a little bit of pressure out there, obviously, because you lose, you go home," he said after some relaxed horseplay in the locker room this week. "But I don't want to go out there

and have too much pressure and stress

on me." "I still consider myself to be a The Jets' Chad Pennington, young quarterback, believe it or whose sore shoulder seemed healed in last week's overtime win in San Diego, had a virus infection this week. Coach Herman Edwards, who had a touch of the same, looked at that as a potential positive.

> "Generally when guys get sick they = have good games,' Edwards said. "I thought one time Michael Jordan got sick and he had, what, 100 points or something like that? Maybe that's a good sign when guys get sick."

Previous meeting: Steelers 17-6, Dec. 12.

NFC St. Louis (9-8) at **Atlanta (11-5)** The Rams were

the first 8-8 team to advance in the playoffs, and the Vikings became the

second the next day, demonstrating how weak the NFC is this sea-

The Falcons also are a bit of a question mark, although with Michael Vick back from injury and Mora as the coach, they have reversed last season's record. They also had wins over two AFC playoff teams, San Diego and Denver, and Vick on a fast track makes them extremely dangerous from

The Rams, of course, love an artificial indoor surface, although they would prefer to be in their own dome.

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"I think it's pretty historic that

we went into a bargaining agree-

ment and changed something,'

Minnesota pitcher Kyle Lohse

said. "Hopefully, that shows

everybody how serious we are

about getting steroids out of the

baseball with legislation, said that

is no longer necessary, though he

would have preferred a 10- to 15-

game suspension for a first offense

and a permanent ban for multiple

amphetamines added to this list,"

"I would have liked to see

World Anti-Doping Agency

chairman Dick Pound, a member

of the International Olympic

Committee since 1978, said the

hold up the liquor store five times

before you get a one-year suspen-

sion, you only have to hold it up four times," he said. "But at least

there's some penalty incurred the

"Basically, instead of having to

new rules didn't go far enough.

positive tests.

McCain said.

McCain, who had threatened

They also have won three straight games and believe they are returning to the elite status they enjoyed for most of the last five years. Coach Mike Martz now says Marc Bulger might be better than Kurt Warner was from 1999-01, when he won two MVP awards.

The defense is coming on, helped by the emergence of tackle Jimmy Kennedy, who played little as a first-round draft choice last season, then missed seven games with a broken foot this season.

"Jimmy has just amazed me," Martz says. "What he did quietly while he was away is pretty

remarkable." Previous meeting: Falcons 34-17, Sept. 19.

Minnesota Philadelphia (13-3)

The Eagles are also a bit out of the spotlight, in part because they tanked their last two games after clinching home-field advantage and in part because they were off last week while Moss shared top billing with Manning and the Philadelphia also has been

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— Herman Edwards

Head Coach, New York

downgraded because Terrell Owens is out with a leg injury and won't be back unless the Eagles make the Super Bowl — and maybe not even then.

But they do have Brian Westbrook, the other playmaker, whose absence from the playoffs last season was probably why they lost their third straight NFC title game.

Moss, whose two touchdown catches in Green Bay were

overshadowed by his antics, was limping this week on a sprained ankle after being hobbled for much of the season by hamstring problems. But he will play.

Even Minnesota owner Red McCombs got into the act by demanding that Fox Sports remove play-by-play announcer Joe Buck from the telecast for denouncing Moss' antics.

Fox declined. Previous meeting: Eagles 27-16,

crowd is very loud — and our fans anywhere on the field. are loud." Thursday's Sports Transcations

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BASEBALL

MLB-Agreed to terms with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues on a 10-year professional baseball agreement, effective Oct. 1, 2004, and extending through the 2014 season. Approved the sale of the Milwaukee Brewers to Mark Attanasio.

American League CLEVELAND INDIANS-Agreed to terms with INF Warren Morris and INF Jake Thrower on minor league contracts, TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS-Agreed to terms with OF Danny Bautista on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS-Sent INF Ruddy Yan outright to Oklahoma of the PCL.

National League HOUSTON ASTROS-Agreed to terms with RHP Dave Burba on a minor league contract. Named Paul Ricciarini director of player personnel, David Gottfried senior director of baseball operations, Julio Linares special assistant to the general manager for Dominican scouting and development, Matt Galante baseball operations consultant and Jay

Edmiston, Bryan Frazier, Charlie Norton and Carlos Perez assistant directors of baseball operations.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Agreed to terms with C Paul Bako on a one-year contract. MILWAUKEE BREWERS-Agreed to terms with RHP Rick

Helling on a minor league contract

FOOTBALL

National Football League NFL-Fined New York Jets LB Eric Barton \$7,500 for his hit on San Diego QB Drew Brees in a Jan. 8 game. Fined Minnesota WR Randy Moss \$10,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct in a Jan. 9 game at Green Bay.

MIAMI DOLPHINS-Named Joe Bailey chief executive offi-

NEW YORK JETS-Signed WR Brock Ralph to a future contract. COLLEGE

men's basketball coach. Named Joe Pechota interim men's basketball coach LOUISIANA COLLEGE-Named David Armstrong football

INDIANA-PURDUE-FORT WAYNE-Fired Doug Noll,

first time that you're tested, and that's a step forward."

In addition to one mandatory test each season, players will be randomly selected for additional tests, with no limit on the number, and for the first time will be subject to random tests during the offseason. In addition, diuretics and many steroid precursors were added to the banned list.

WADA's Dr. Gary Wadler criticized the failure to address amphetamines, which many in baseball consider to be a far greater problem than steroids.

"Amphetamines, better known as 'greenies,' have a long tradition in baseball," Wadler said. "For them not to ban it raises ques-

The issue of amphetamines came up during the talks between owners and players, said Rob Manfred, management's chief labor negotiator.

"Stimulants are a complicated area," Manfred said. "Are they performance enhancing? How should they be regulated? That's something that we've put to the health policy advisory committee to look at because we weren't prepared to deal with it."

Human growth hormone was

added to a longer list of banned substances, but it will be found only when science determines a way to detect it in urine samples.

Currently, it can be found only in blood tests, which will not be conducted in baseball. 'We had a problem and we dealt

with the problem," Selig said. "I regarded this as not only a health issue, but certainly you could say it was an integrity issue in this sport.'

The agreement was approved by owners Thursday but still must

be voted on by players.

First-time offenders are suspended for at least four games in the NFL and for five games in the NBA. WADA's code, which has been adopted by most Olympic sports, says the "norm" is twoyear bans for a first positive test and a lifetime ban for a second, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

Associated Press Writers Bob Baum in Phoenix, Dave Campbell Minneapolis, Frederic J. Frommer in Washington, Jimmy Golen in Boston and Steve Wilstein in Seattle contributed to this report

After flopping in NBA, Floyd back in college

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A flop Hornets, an issue that had to be as an NBA coach, Tim Floyd is returning to the college game.

Floyd is scheduled to be introduced Friday as Southern California's new coach, taking the job Rick Majerus accepted last month before quitting less than a week later.

A former Chicago Bulls and New Orleans Hornets coach, Floyd earlier was 35-25 in two seasons at Idaho; 127-58 in six seasons at the University of New Orleans, and 81-47 in four years at Iowa State.

Floyd was a combined 90-231 with the Bulls and Hornets, and was fired by New Orleans last May after the team went 41-41 and lost in the first round of the playoffs.

Floyd, 50, still had two years remaining on his contract with the

worked out before he took the Trojans' post.

He had the unenviable task of replacing Phil Jackson as the Bulls' coach in the post-Michael Jordan era. Jackson won six NBA titles and 74 percent of his games in nine seasons. Floyd went 49-190 in Chicago

— one of the worst records ever for an NBA coach — before resigning in December 2001.

"Every day has been hell," he said at the time.

Besides Jordan, Floyd also didn't have Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, and he clashed with Charles Oakley and Ron Artest, too.

USC fired Henry Bibby on Dec. 6, just four games into the

MOON MONEY

Moss fined \$10,000 by NFL for fake mooning

By DAVE CAMPBELL **Associated Press**

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. -Randy Moss showed no remorse for his latest misdeed, only a carefree smile.

Fined \$10,000 Thursday by the NFL for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during Minnesota's playoff win last weekend, Moss wasn't

"Ain't nothing but 10 grand. What's 10 grand to me?" said Moss, whose salary this season is \$5.75 million. He then jokingly suggested he might perform a more vulgar celebration next

Peter Hadhazy, the league's director of game operations, penalized Moss for unsportsmanlike conduct in a letter released by the NFL. "Your actions were based on

poor judgment, did not reflect well on you or the Vikings, and were insulting to many," Hadhazy wrote. "They have resulted in widespread criticism and needlessly detracted from Minnesota's dramatic playoff victory. Fans should look to you and your team-mates to see how to compete and win in football. But when you lose your focus on playing and engage in sideshows as you did on Sunday, you forfeit much of

Moss also briefly bumped the goalpost with his backside before hugging teammates in the end zone following a fourth-quarter touchdown catch that clinched the Vikings' 31-17 victory over the Packers.

League rules mandate disci-pline for "obscene gestures or other actions construed as being in poor taste." A fine for the first offense under those guidelines is

The NFL said Moss was fined more than the minimum because this isn't the first time he has been disciplined for unsportsmanlike conduct. He paid a \$25,000 penalty in 1999 for squirting an official with a water bottle.

Moss wasn't the only player fined Thursday. New York Jets

linebacker Eric Barton was penalized \$7,500 for hitting San Diego quarterback Drew Brees in the head during last weekend's playoff game.

Moss, whose 9,142 career yards receiving are the most by any player over his first seven seasons, has drawn more than his share of punishments and negative publicity. The league fined him \$5,000

for his role in a scuffle with the Chicago Bears during a September game, and he was charged the same amount in November 2003 for spiking a ball at the foot of Detroit Lions cornerback Dre' Bly.

In December 2002, he was fined \$1,200 by a judge after being charged with bumping a traffic control officer with his car in downtown Minneapolis.

For verbally abusing corporate sponsors on the team bus following a loss in November 2001, Moss was fined \$15,000 by the Vikings and required to receive anger management counseling.

And just last week, he was rebuked by teammates for leaving the field before the end of a loss to the Washington Redskins. Moss' agent, Dante DiTrapano, said the fine was unnecessary and

that he plans to appeal. "If you can't have freedom of expression on the football field, come on," DiTrapano said.

DiTrapano argued that there was a story behind the dance Moss did in the end zone. The pantomimed pants-pulling was a response to Green Bay fans' tradition of mooning the visiting team's bus in the parking lot. And the rump bump against the goal-post, DiTrapano said, was a trib-ute to an old friend of Moss' who was at Lambeau Field for the game. Donnie Jones, who played at Dupont High School in West Virginia a few years before Moss did, used to celebrate like that

after touchdowns.

"Like everything else, I think it's blown out of proportion," DiTrapano said. "It's not fair, but we're used to it. It just rolls right

off of us."

FDA advisers debate OTC sales of cholesterol drug

'Maybe it's a good idea

to give consumers the

opportunity to be more

involved in their own

health care."

— James McKenney

National Lipid Association

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Many Americans would reduce their chances of heart disease if a cholesterol drug now available only by prescription were sold over the counter, federal health advisers were told.

The drug also might wind up in the hands of patients who aren't supposed to take it, came the retort.

An advisory committee to the Food and Drug Administration meeting began Thursday to consider a request to sell a lowdose version of the cholesterol Mevacor directly to consumers for the first time. A recommendation was expected Friday.

Allowing over-the-counter sales for a joint venture set up to market over-the-count-Mevacor would put a new sort of medication on drugstore shelves. Unlike treatments for coughs, colds and allergies, Mevacor is meant to prevent future heart disease, rather than treat existing symptoms. And while a cough or cold is apparent, the only way to know one's choles-

terol level is to be tested.

Sponsors say over-the-counter Mevacor would help get needed treatment to millions of Americans who are at moderate risk of heart disease or need to lower their cholesterol but

are not taking helpful drugs. "It's clear millions of Americans ... are not

yet receiving treatment after many years now at this," James McKenney, chairman of the industry-funded National Lipid Association, told the panel Friday. "Maybe it's a good idea to give consumers the opportunity to be more involved in their own health care."

Part of the problem is consumer attitudes, said Jerry Hansen, a vice president at Johnson & Johnson-Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals Co.,

er versions of drugs whose patents were expir-He said many patients would benefit from

Mevacor today but don't want to take a prescription drug because "they generally feel that a prescription is for someone who is sick."

California storms

Fear of rising water behind dam prompts evacuations

Rainwater building up behind a dam prompted authorities to order the evacuation of more than 800 homes in Riverside County early Friday.

A police spokesman said he believed there was a small leak in the Prado Dam, near the town of Corona, but the Army Corps of Engineers, which operates and oversees the dam, disputed that.

"We're releasing water," said Fred-Otto Egeler, spokesman for the Los Angeles district of the Corps of Engineers. "It's being retained behind the dam, and we're making normal releases at this moment."

Officers were evacuating about 330 mobile homes

the dam, Police Sgt. Jerry Rodriguez said. The area is about 50 miles east-southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

Water was rising behind the dam and "the dam is not able to support it, so for precautionary reasons we're evacuating the homes," he said. "My understanding is there's a leak in the dam."

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch along the Santa Ana River in both Riverside and Orange counties. An evacuation center was set up at Corona High School, and residents could be seen on television reports jamming the few streets out of the evacuated neighborhoods.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — and 500 other homes east of flew in food and medical supplies Thursday to more than 100 people trapped in a small Angeles National Forest mountain community by a storm-swollen river that washed out three bridges.

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The raging San Gabriel River cut off ground access to the approximately 135 permanent residents of Follows Camp, in the forest about 30 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

"We're completely separated from the rest of the world," said Lt. Tim Dowling of the Follows Camp Volunteer Fire Department. The flooding washed out half of the community's fire equipment, including a fire engine that To the north, rescuers fell into the river.

Abu Ghraib abuse case rests without Graner's testimony

FORT HOOD (AP) — The lawyer tions by a jury of four Army officers for the accused ringleader of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal had been saying he was willing to put the soldier on the witness stand.

Graner Jr. opted for silence.

The defense rested Thursday after two occasionally difficult days trying to elicit testimony that Graner was only obeying orders from intelligence agents to mistreat prisoners prior to their interrogation.

Closing arguments were set to start Friday, followed by delibera- was no need for Graner to tell his

and six senior enlisted men.

Evidence includes about 10 e-mail messages sent from Graner's Army account around November 2003. When that time came, Charles The court did not release the e-mails publicly. The New York Times reported Friday that they included previously unseen photographs, including one in a message titled, "just another dull night at work" that shows a bound and naked detainee howling in pain as his leg bleeds.

Lawyer Guy Womack said there

version of what went on inside the prison that became the center of a scandal after dozens of photos became public showing prisoner

"We came in with a checklist of things we wanted to present to the jury," Womack said. "Once we accomplished that, there was no reason to continue."

Graner, a 36-year-old reservist from Uniontown, Pa., is the first soldier to be tried on charges arising from the prison scandal.

Chipper and chatty when the trial knock him out, and struck an injured

began, Graner turned glum as it progressed. Outside court Thursday he declared: "I feel fantastic. I'm still

Graner is charged with offenses including conspiracy, assault and committing indecent acts and could get 17 1/2 years in a military prison.

Graner is accused of stacking naked detainees in a human pyramid and later ordering them to masturbate while other soldiers took photographs. He also allegedly punched one man in the head hard enough to prisoner with a collapsible metal

The e-mail messages were given to jurors Tuesday. The Times, which said it got them from a person close to the defense, reported that they were sent to Graner's family and friends, including his young chil-

"The guys give me hell for not getting any pictures while I was fighting this guy," said the message with the photograph of the howling detainee, according to the Times.

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a strong reaction or feel confused by

family. Even the house cat could put

you in a tizzy this year. Refuse to take

others' actions personally, but do sleuth

through problems, finding suitable

solutions to all parties involved. Your

desirability soars, especially in the fall.

Close family members might feel as if

they are losing you, hence all the flak.

If you are single, you will seek an easy

relationship in which you feel at home.

Don't sacrifice romance. If you are

attached, your relationship will benefit

from quiet, cozy moments at home, just

the two of you. ARIES can be an

anchor or an albatross. You will make

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

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when the Moon slides into your sign.

Excess marks your adventures. Your

wanton ways could cause a misunder

standing with someone who is quite

judgmental. Still, you cannot discard

this person's reactions. Tonight: You are

* A tendency to be overly sensitive

could muck up your day. Add in a mis-

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you. Consider what might be going on

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this person in your plans more often?

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*** Read between the lines with

others. You discover more than you

realize or perhaps want. Hop into the

car and take a day trip. Enjoy the win-

ter scenery. Decide to do something

unique to the season. Where are your

ice skates? Tonight: Surround yourself

*** Dealing with one special per-

son can be a real pleasure and one that

you might not want to change. A close

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energy. Vanish and do absolutely what

you want, with the person you want.

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HHHH Why not allow others to be

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You get to see another's true colors,

which will ultimately be important in

making decisions. Your popularity

soars as you develop an easy, laid-back

attitude. Tonight: Where the action is.

** Not every moment of the week-

end can be a pleasurable retreat. Some .

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that follows will make you happy.

Tonight: Keep it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Chilling out and relaxing at home doesn't have to be a grueling event. Light a fire, drink some hot cide and curl up with a good book. Invite others over only if you want to. Return calls and visit on the phone. Tonight: Nice and cozy.

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Local Sunday School teacher receives award

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That's just one of the reasons that James McCoy volunteers every week to teach Bible lessons at the First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler.

McCoy, who teaches an adult Sunday School class has been named the 2005 West Texas District Teacher of the Year by the national Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God.

He is one of more than 120,000 volunteers who teach Bible lessons to more than one million children, youth and adults every week in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools and small

McCoy was nominated for the award by Darlene Lewis because "of his ability to teach from God's Word in such a way that lives are changed and enriched in their walk with God."

First Assembly of God is led by the Rev. Leland Lewis who describes McCoy as "a student of the Word of God who is willing to share each week what he has learned."

As the 2005 West Texas District Teacher of the Year, McCoy will be included in a video that will honor all state Sunday School teachers. He has been invited to participate in a Sunday School Celebration at Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Mo., along with other state



James McCoy

winners.

"Sunday School teachers like James McCoy invest their lives in helping others to live a positive life of faith and confidence even during uncertain times," said Wes Bartel, national director of the Sunday School Department in Springfield, Mo. "The Bible lessons learned in Sunday School change people from the inside out. We are pleased to honor Sunday School teachers like James McCoy."

For more information about the Assemblies of God Sunday Schools, visit www.sundayschool.ag.org.

United Methodist delegation taking 100,000 doses of medicine to survivors of tsunami

Carrying 100,000 doses of antibiotics and diarrhea cine the group will deliver, medicine with them, a delegation of United Methodist Committee on Relief has leaders is headed to Indonesia.

medicines to health clinics in the short term, additional the Banda Aceh region of contributions will be to pur-Indonesia after it arrives in chase medicine for the victhe area on Jan. 12.

We will advise on specific times, locations, and on-site contact information as soon

as they are finalized. For more information, editors should contact Stephen Drachler, executive director of public information, at (615) 742-5411 (office), (615) 456-4710 (cell), beeper is (800) 363-0189. Email sdrachler@umcom.org. To facilitate communication. the traveling group will have satellite phones. We are working on videophone capability as well.

In addition to the medi-United Methodist already sent initial contributions of \$750,000 to the The group will deliver the international relief effort. In tims of the tsunami.

The United Methodist Church has 36,000 congregations with 8.3 million members in the U.S. and another 2 million members

in Africa, Europe, and Asia. The United Methodist Church has links with two denominations with many congregations on the island of Sumatra. These are the Methodist Church Indonesia, and the Karo Batak Protestant Church. Methodist missionaries went to Sumatra from Singapore in 1905. The Methodist Church of Indonesia serves some 100,000 people in the Muslim-dominated country.

Members of the delegation include The Rev. R. Randy Day, chief executive of the General Board of Global Ministries, an international agency that includes United Methodist Committee on (UMCOR), based in New York; the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications, based in Nashville; Bishop Joel N. Martinez of San Antonio, president of the mission board; Mrs. Kyung Za Yim, a director and president of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries; the Rev. Paul Dirdak, director of UMCOR; the Rev. Dr. David Wu, an Asian specialist with the mission agency; and the Rev. Henry Leono, a pastor in Willingboro, N.J., who is a native of Indonesia.

Marriage seminar slated at local church

More than a Marriage Seminar," featuring Tom Smith, will be presented in Feb. 4 and 5 at Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S.

ducted from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, and from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Registration is \$40 per couple and \$25 per single. A

"Journey to Intimacy - workbook and lunch will be provided. Childcare is available for children ages 4 and under.

To register, call Trinity

Fellowship at 665-3255. Smith has spoken at mar-The seminar will be con-riage conferences, city-wide crusades, men's and business conventions and churches. He is an author as well as a weekly host of a television program that airs throughout northern California.

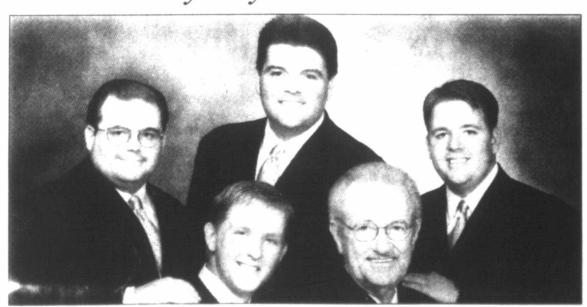
Revival to feature Oklahoma pastor

The public is invited to revival services featuring Fred Huff, pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church of Balko, Okla., at The Pampa Chapel, 711 E. Harvester, Jan. 16-21.

Services will be at 6 p.m., Sunday, and 7 p.m. nightly.

For more information, call 665-1579.

Dixie Melody Boys



BORGER - The Dixie Melody Boys will be featured in a free concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, at Borger High School. The group formed nearly 40 years ago and since then has received a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations. Their recent releases include "I'll Be Living That Way," "I Won't Compromise," "Welcome Home," "Antioch Church Choir" and their current single, "God is Still God." For more information, call 806-274-4648.

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