

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Nineteen traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported at 19th and Hobart streets.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of North Naida, the 900 block of Christine, at Randy Matson and Hobart streets, and at Pennsylvania and Mary Ellen streets.

Civil matters were reported on two separate occasions at the police department.

Criminal non-support was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Price and Gwendolyn streets.

A call concerning narcotic drug laws was received from Pampa Junior High School and from the 500 block of Red Deer.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Maple and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of East 25th.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1300 block of North Banks.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Wells and the 100 block of North Houston.

Warrant service was conducted at City Hall.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

A welfare check was made in the 800 block of North Dwight.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 800 block of North Dwight.

A lost cell phone valued at \$100 was reported in the police department lobby. Location of loss is unknown.

Tabatha Herring, 25, 1032 Varnon, was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

David Clarence Owens, 39, 504 Doucette, was arrested on Price Road for a fugitive warrant out of Henderson County, N.C., for possession of cocaine.

Chester Winborne, 32, 1121 S. Sumner, was arrested in the 300 block of North Dwight on a bond surrender for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Richard Dale Chester, 40, 1133 S. Banks, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Amy Jeannette Bengé, 34, Canadian, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Potter County bond surrender for theft.

Jeremy Fordren, 22, 1130 S. Hobart, was arrested by DPS for probation violation on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Robles, 32, Pampa, was arrested for theft by check.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Jan. 26

2:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

4:25 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire in the alley of the 1800 block of North Sumner.

7:05 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 21st and Hobart streets.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Jan. 26

7:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

1:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Deane Drive. No transport.

5:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

6:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Dwight and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, Jan. 27

4:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Obituaries

Betty Jean White Lash, 79

Betty Jean White Lash, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lash was born Jan. 22, 1926, in Effingham, Ill. She married Eldon E. "Widge" Lash on Feb. 26, 1944, in Vandalia, Ill. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1956.

She was employed by Ideal Supermarket for 25 years.

She was a member and secretary of the Golden Spread Ostomy of Amarillo. She was a member, secretary, and past president of the Gray County Extension Service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and member and secretary of the Parlor Sunday School Class.

Survivors include her husband, Eldon E. "Widge" Lash, of the home; one daughter, Vickie M. Dawson of Pampa; one son,



Lash

Stephen E. Lash and wife Pamela of Pampa; two grandsons, Ricky D. Cloud of Dumas and Jason Don Baggett of Pampa; one granddaughter, Mandy Sherman of Pampa; two great-grandsons, Race Ryan Cloud of Dumas and Tyler Jaxon Baggett of Pampa; two great-granddaughters, Bailey Erin Cloud and McKenzie Elizabeth Cloud, both of Norfolk, Va.

She was also survived by Mildred Grubaugh, who raised Mrs. Lash from the time she was 10 years of age, and her two children, William A. Grubaugh and Kay Sue Costanza.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Jean Baggett on Nov. 16, 2003; and by Mrs. Grubaugh's daughter, Bobbie June Jerden.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Lillian A. Mullinax, 95

Lillian A. Mullinax, 95, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church with John Curry officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Miss Mullinax was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Clovis, N.M., to Wilburn and Callie Turney Mullinax. She moved to Pampa with her family as a young girl. She attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1927.

She received a B.S. degree from West Texas State University. She taught school in Lefors from 1929-1931, and taught third grade for the Pampa Independent School District for 44 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Friendship Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Delta

Kappa Gamma, Texas State Teachers' Association, Texas Retired Teachers' Association, and the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

She was preceded in death by a sister, June Mullinax Fields; and a brother, W. Turney Mullinax.

Survivors include one sister, Beth Karr and husband Robert of Amarillo; three nephews, Dr. Robert Karr of Essex, Conn., John Karr of Atlanta, Ga., and Steve Mullinax of Portland, Ore.; eight nieces, Mary Beth Karr of Buffalo, N.Y., Patty Mullinax of Tigard, Ore., Jan Bloom, Joanie Mullinax and Sherry Weinstein, all of Houston, Linda Fields and Jenny Mullinax, both of Austin, and Carol Kennedy of Sherman. She also had several great-nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

The family will receive friends at the First United Methodist Church sanctuary from 12-1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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



Mullinax

Services tomorrow

LASH, Betty Jean White — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 42. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Tonight: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. South southeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 48. Wind chill values between 25 and 31. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 33. West wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 54. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain before midnight, then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday: A chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 42. Northeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain before 8 p.m., then a

chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 29. North wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Monday: A slight chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. North wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 26.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 50.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 50.

GOP activist charged with shooting at workers

WACO (AP) — A longtime Republican Party activist has been indicted on charges of shooting at workers cutting down trees at her Woodway home.

Carolyn Payne Lomax, 63, was indicted Wednesday on two counts of aggravated assault in a 2004 incident when Asplundh Co. workers were trimming trees around utility

lines for utility company Oncor.

Lomax has said no one from the company contacted her before workers "butchered" her trees. On previous occasions, a supervisor went to her property and oversaw the cutting when asked, she said.

This time, Lomax said, the workers appeared to be mocking her in Spanish. After repeated pleas, she said, she went inside and grabbed a .22-caliber pistol from a desk drawer.

"I went back out in the yard and I said, 'I have a gun. Get off of my property. You're trespassing,'" Lomax said. "They laughed, and they continued to cut."

Lomax said she fired two or three shots and called police to report the trespassing.

The workers told police in Woodway, just outside Waco, that Lomax was shooting at them, according to reports filed in the case. No one was injured.

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			TRI	41.11	+0.53
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			NCEL	18.05	-0.02
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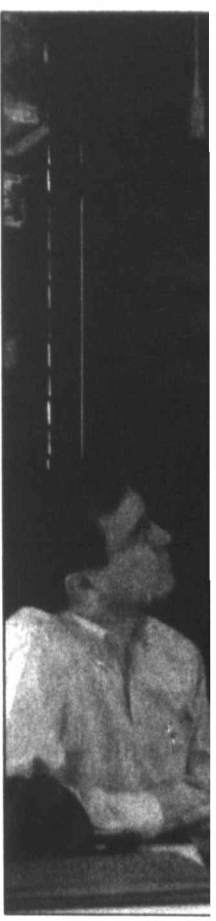
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Rotary President Miami presents the Panhandle Wednesday. Pampa Rotarian

Comabat

Editor's Note: This is the remaining part of the Panhandle Commission report from Tuesday.

Pampa City Council member Jeff McCormick is approaching the city council to see if they'd planned to take their smaller life insurance policy with the city's larger station.

Horst said the city council member had also approached the city council concerning a city abatement for the property taxes school district could current law give them and that was researching.

The city manager said that the plan was not in an effort but that Clarendon towns had offered tax abatements for projects.

Horst said, however, there was a meeting.

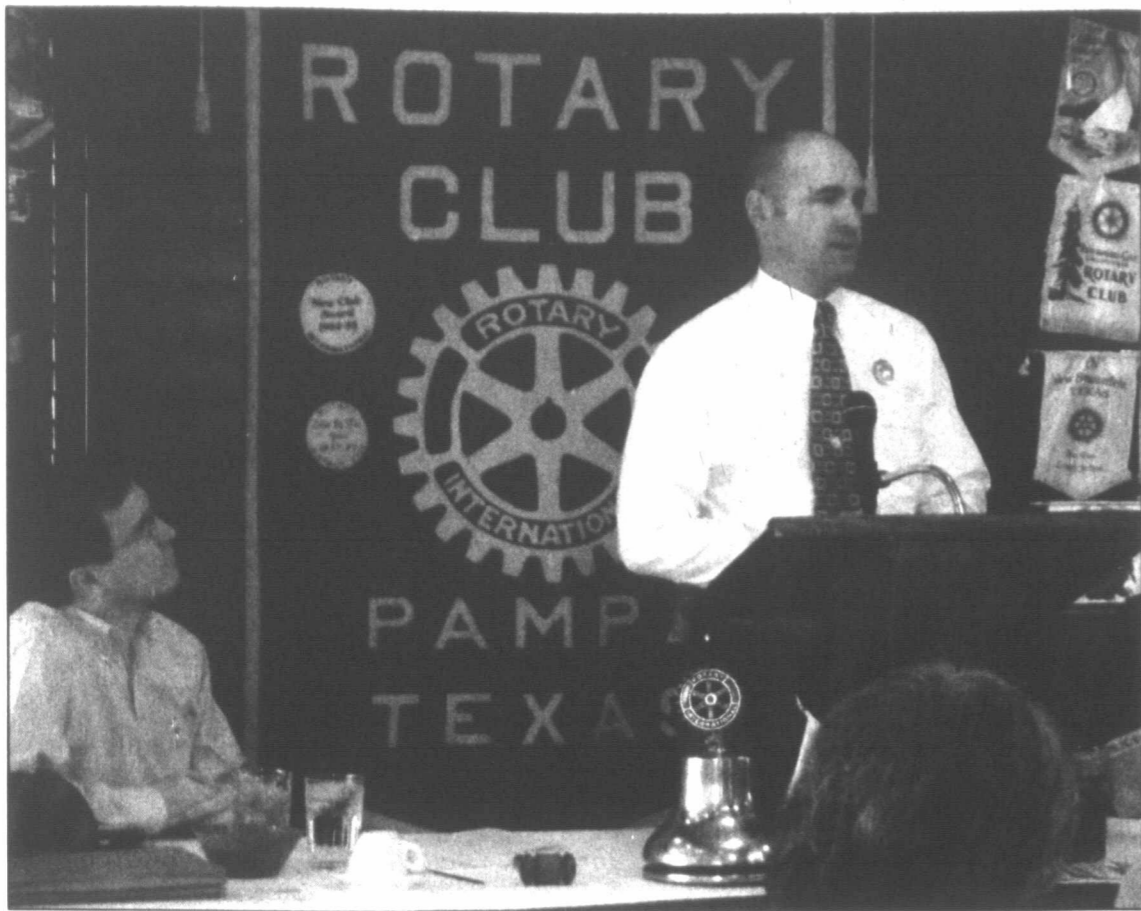
Radio

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well as P. Hutchinson, Hansford, Lipscomb, D. Collingsworth, Texas and Roge and Beckham Oklahoma.

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Leadership

PERRYTON Canham, of T will speak during Leadership event at the EX Perryton. His topic w Attitude is Show Registration



Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH

One Ranger, one Rotary

Rotary President Duane Harp, left, listens as Texas Ranger Bart Bivens of Miami presents a program on the fight against illegal methamphetamines in the Panhandle to members of the Pampa Rotary Club at the meeting Wednesday. He also discussed the responsibilities of the Texas Rangers. Pampa Rotarians meet at noon on Wednesdays at the Pampa Country Club.

Commissioners eye tax abatement for new motel

Editor's Note: The following is the remainder of Staff Writer David Bowser's report of the Pampa City Commission meeting on Tuesday.

Pampa City Commissioner Jeff McCormick suggested approaching the motel developers to see if they might be willing to take the money they'd planned to use to build their smaller lift station and join with the city to build a larger station.

"If we want to grow," McCormick said, "we need to do it."

Horst said the motel developer had also approached the city concerning a possible tax abatement for the city portion of property taxes. He said the school district couldn't under current law give any abatements and that the county was researching the idea.

The city manager pointed out that the planned motel was not in an enterprise zone, but that Clarendon and other towns had offered five-year tax abatements on similar projects.

Horst said, however, that there was a motel near the

hospital that had been built without tax abatements and that a group was planning to build another motel near M.K. Brown without having asked for tax abatements.

Horst also told the commissioners that McCarty-Hull, who leased part of the old U.S. Bus Building, 822 E. Foster, for storage, had approached the city to see if they could break the lease, citing a lack of anticipated business.

Commissioners indicated that they would be willing to negotiate an early termination of the lease so long as property tax, utilities and the costs the city had in the building were covered.

Public Works Director Morris told the commission that the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority had increased Pampa's allotment of water because of rising levels at Lake Meredith.

CRMWA, however, didn't take any action on Pampa's plan to sell its extra water to Lubbock because Lubbock officials have not completed their review of the contract.

Morris said CRMWA was exchanging 16,000 acre-feet of water rights in Carson County for City of Amarillo water rights in Roberts County. CRMWA also approved using part of a \$50 million

bond issue to buy 8,777 acres of water rights from the Duncan Ranch in Hutchinson and Roberts Counties.

Morris said he didn't expect to see many new wells.

He said the purchase and water exchange appeared primarily to spread out CRMWA's holdings in order to meet new Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District rules.

"If we want to grow, we need to do it."

— Jeff McCormick
City Commissioner on combining funds for lift station.

Drugs

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den in the left and right rear quarter panels of the vehicle, Beigle said in the release. The cocaine has an estimated value of \$1,500,000.

Jennifer Christie Lafaver, 32, Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested in connection with the incident and booked into Armstrong County Jail in Claude.

Barry Dale Lafaver, 29, also of Oklahoma City, was also arrested and was booked into Carson County Jail.

The cocaine originated in El Paso and was headed for Oklahoma City, Beigle said.

Iraq

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ing since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein. Sunni Muslim militants have vowed to undermine the elections, fearing victory at the polls by the Shiite Muslim majority.

U.S. soldiers stepped up operations, moving to forward positions around Baghdad until the end of balloting and tightening security at their main bases, a brigade commander said.

The interim government

will deploy an additional 2,500 troops to help guard the elections, the Defense Ministry said.

A total of 300,000 Iraqi and multinational troops will provide security, with Iraq's U.S.-trained forces taking the lead role.

About 9,000 Iraqi troops also are being dispatched to guard oil pipelines, which insurgents have repeatedly targeted.

Hundreds of U.S. soldiers assigned to the Louisiana National Guard's 256th Brigade moved out from Camp Liberty, located near Baghdad's main airport, to take up positions at

smaller bases scattered around the city.

U.S. troops will not be positioned at polling sites — Iraqi forces will be on guard there. Deploying more troops outside of the main, heavily guarded bases will enable them to respond quickly if needed by Iraqi forces, said Brig. Gen. John Basilica.

"We're hoping to enable the Iraqi security forces to be successful in defending the polling sites so their countrymen can vote," said Basilica, the commander of the Lafayette, La.-based brigade. "It's a critical time for them."

Perry

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economy," Perry told a joint session of the House and Senate.

Perry praised lawmakers for their "fiscal responsibility" of past years as he laid out new spending proposals for education, children's protective services and job creation. Aides said the speech framed Perry's vision for the 140-day legislative session and beyond, when Perry may face a GOP challenge for re-election in 2006.

Some Democrats said Perry was too vague.

The Legislature needs specifics, not hints, about solving education funding, said Rep. Jim Dunning of Waco, leader of the House Democratic Caucus.

"I think that what we need is for the governor to do something similar to what

Governor Bush did when he was here and offer a very comprehensive and detailed proposal," Dunning said.

But Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst applauded what he said are the high standards Perry set for reforming school finance and improving children's and adult protective services.

The Legislature is under court pressure to change its \$30 billion school funding system. Rich and poor school districts sued the state, claiming it does not provide enough money to adequately educate all children.

"Each day that passes without a school finance bill represents another day of uncertainty for our schools, and another day Texans must live under a property tax system gone awry," Perry said. The education funding system depends heavily on local property taxes.

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Radio

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well as portions of Hutchinson, Carson, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Donley and Collingsworth Counties in Texas and Roger Mills, Ellis, and Beckham counties in Oklahoma.

"This new Weather Radio will be very beneficial to the communities that it reaches," said Steve Drillette, NWS Amarillo Warning Coordination Meteorologist. "Residents now have an extra resource that can be used to receive critical advanced warning information to protect their families. Through the radio's tone alert capability, residents can be alerted day or night of impending dangerous weather."

The NOAA Weather Radio network has more than 900 stations nationwide.

The Miami transmitter is one of a number of weather radio stations that provide

coverage to residents in the Texas Panhandle. Other NWR sites include: WXX-38 Amarillo (162.550 Mhz), KXI-88 Borger (162.400 Mhz), and WNG-657 (162.500Mhz) Summerfield / Hereford.

NOAA Weather Radio is the "Voice of the National Weather Service". In recent years, the sound of the voice has changed. Automation, which allows NWS Forecast Offices to speed critical weather information from advanced workstations directly to the growing number of transmitters, makes use of computer-synthesized voices.

This new technology eliminates many of the delays inherent in the older systems and allows simultaneous broadcasts on multiple transmitters when necessary. It also makes better use of other new technologies, such as Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME), which allows listeners to program specially equipped NWR models to receive warning alarms for specific counties,

and the Emergency Alert System (EAS), which brings critical warnings to commercial broadcasters faster than ever before.

Weather Radios come in many sizes, with a variety of functions and costs. Some receivers, including the new SAME receivers, will automatically sound an alarm and/or turn themselves on if a severe weather warning is broadcast. Most receivers are either battery-operated portables or AC-powered desktop models with battery backup. Some scanners, HAM radios, CB radios, short wave receivers and AM/FM radios also are capable of receiving NOAA Weather Radio transmissions. Weather Radios can be purchased at most electronics stores. Prices range from \$25 to \$75.

Other information can be found at the following website:

NWS NOAA Weather Radio website
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Leadership Perryton gears up for seminar

PERRYTON — Ron Canham, of Tucson, Ariz., will speak during an upcoming Leadership Perryton event at the Expo Center in Perryton.

His topic will be "Your Attitude is Showing."

Registration will be from

5:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3. The seminar will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.

Canham, a news release from Leadership Perryton said, has 20 years of experience in government, health-care, higher education and electronics and has held vari-

ous management, training and sales positions.

Cost is \$20 per person. Businesses get a special rate.

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Viewpoints

Interviews can make or break job hunting

Looking for a job? According to the folks at OfficeTeam, just making it to an interview can be considered a coup. Managers and company employee hiring officers are apparently too busy to interview more than a half-dozen potential hires per vacancy.

"While hiring managers frequently are inundated with resumes for open positions," a press release from OfficeTeam reports, "a new survey shows only a handful of applicants actually make it to the interview stage. Executives polled said that, on average, they

interview six candidates for each job opening."

"The survey was developed by OfficeTeam," the release says, "and conducted by an independent research firm. It includes responses from 150 executives — including those from human resources, finance, marketing, information technology and operations departments — with the nation's 1,000 largest companies."

Boy, you never knew you were so good, huh?

Instead of feeling rejected and dejected with each job that doesn't pan out,

remember, when you get that call to come in for an interview, you are among a select few.

"Once you secure an interview, you've crossed a major hurdle and are one of only several candidates — from a field of many — under serious consideration," Diane Domeyer, executive director of OfficeTeam, is quoted as saying in the news release. "The key then becomes pre-

senting your skills and talent effectively and building rapport with the hiring manager to distinguish yourself from other candidates."



Skylia Bryant
News Editor

Piece of cake, right? Well, maybe for some, but for those of us not brimming in self-confidence, Domeyer offers the following suggestions:

— **Put yourself in the hiring manager's chair.** He or she is looking for a strong work ethic, motiva-

tion and a positive attitude. Be sure to emphasize these qualities during the discussion.

— **Know how to handle tough interview questions.** No matter how prepared you are, you may get a curveball or two. Take your time and keep your responses to these questions concise.

— **Be yourself.** Don't pretend to be someone you're not. It benefits both you and the hiring manager to present an accurate picture of your skills and work style so you can ensure the right match.

— **Focus on your value to the company.** What makes you a good fit for the job? By discussing experiences and accomplishments that relate directly to the open position, you demonstrate your ability to become an immediate contributor.

— **Find your unique selling proposition.** What distinguishes you from the five or so others who are vying for the job? Know your strengths and emphasize those aspects of your skills and experience that make you a standout.

Now, go get 'em.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2005. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany in World War II.

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo 1 spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1985, the secret three-day military-satellite mission of the space shuttle Discovery ended with a smooth landing in Florida.

Ten years ago: About 5,000 mourners gathered at the site of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its liberation.

Our readers write

Australian likes 'Coney'

During a recent tourist visit to Pampa, TX from my home town Melbourne, Australia, I was fortunate enough to be taken to a most endearing, charming cafe in downtown Pampa, the 'Coney Island Cafe.'

Whilst a little skeptical at first (appearances can be deceiving), my faithful guide, Ross Buzzard persuaded me to step into the Coney and experience the 'best eating Pampa has to

offer.' Boy, he wasn't wrong.

After vast traveling to Europe, Asia and across America, I can honestly say that the Coney has THE best apple pie I have ever eaten. After learning the history of the Coney, the charisma, heritage and warmth of that small cafe won over this girl from 'down under', as did the rest of Pampa town.

Cannot wait until my next trip to Pampa and another slice of pure bliss at the Coney!

Sarah Magyar
Melbourne, Australia



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Bush's speech even beat mine

President Bush's second inaugural address was, in my opinion, not only the greatest since JFK's but the best single speech I have heard in the past 40 years. And since that tally includes some I have written, it is heartfelt praise indeed!

It was great not only for its words, phrases and sounds but for its policy as well. Indeed, it was the first inaugural since 1936 in which a president articulated a new national policy and direction for his administration.

The quotes just roll off the tongue and lodge in the

mind, probably forever. When the president spoke of Americans "by birth or by choice," it sent shivers up my spine.

What a wonderful way to see immigration and immigrants! "Americans by choice."

How fundamentally true it is that "the survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of

freedom in all the world."

And when the president refused to look the other way where there is tyranny, he said, "America will not pretend that jailed dissidents prefer their chains or that women

welcome humiliation and servitude or that any human being aspires to live at the mercy of bullies."

Until this address, we have seen freedom as unfacism or un-communism. In

the gigantic global confrontations of those eras, we were dominated by the thinking behind FDR's memorable characterization of Spain's brutal dictator Francisco Franco: "Sure he's a son of a bitch, but he's our son of a bitch." Now we have no sons of bitches. Now we accept the divide of the free and the unfree as the demarcation in the world.

What a clarion message of hope for democratic reformers throughout the world that the president said that, even though they now are "facing

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Dick Morris
Columnist



Hope Bush's actions match words

Just as 9-11 defined the first term of President George W. Bush, giving it meaning and direction, so it defined the second Bush inaugural speech.

Referring to Sept. 11, 2001, as "a day of fire," the president spoke to the world as much as to the nation on Thursday.

The philosophy he presented both justified the actions of his first term and set the stage for an activist role in the world during the second. He did not mention Iraq or Afghanistan.

"It is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of demo-

cratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world," he said.

"The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world."

That means, he said, that "America's vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one."

The theme of freedom extended to domestic policy as he talked of building "an ownership society."

This second inaugural speech was deeply influenced, some pundits say, by a new book called "The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom To Overcome Tyranny & Terror" by former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky.

No one can deny its idealism and its ambition.

The question left to be

answered: How to implement such a policy? Obviously, in Afghanistan and Iraq, the answer has been with military action. Equally obviously, that cannot happen everywhere.

For those who think Bush has acted arrogantly and unilaterally, perhaps the most hopeful sentence was this: "All the allies of the United States can know: We honor your friendship, we rely on your counsel, and we depend on your help."

Let us hope Bush's actions this second term match those conciliatory words.

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PHS musicians try to win band battle

By RUSSELL ANGLIN
Special to The News

Pampa High School sophomores Ryan Hansen and Kyle Irvin have been playing music together with different groups since the eighth grade, and the musicians are always looking for an opportunity to play.

When Ryan's dad found that the Amarillo Globe-News and the John Lennon Foundation were putting on a battle of high school bands, the duo was

'When the competition comes we'll be ready ... I think we've got a good shot at it.'

—Kyle Irvin
GenOh! drummer

and a Yamaha guitar and keyboard. The winning band's prizes include an automatic entry into the National John Lennon Songwriting Contest and the chance to have their music recorded by professional engineers.

"Since the stakes are so high, there's a couple of bands in the battle who might be tough to beat," drummer Irvin said. "When the competition comes we'll be ready, though. I think we've got a good shot at it."

All citizens of Pampa are encouraged to check out GenOh! (pronounced "jean-o!") at www.getout.amarillo.com/batleofthebands by Thursday, Jan. 26. Video and audio clips of the competing bands can be viewed there and votes can be cast to determine which five bands will get to compete on Saturday.

"It seems like a lot of the other bands are gaining some heavy support," Irvin said. "We've got a pretty decent share of votes, too, but we need everyone's help to ensure we can go to that concert and take the prize home for PHS. At this point, every vote can help."

jumping for the chance to participate.

However, it's a possibility the band won't even get to compete. Hansen and Irvin entered their band, "GenOh!" in the competition as soon as they could, ensuring a spot in the battle. But they must first accomplish a place among the top five voted bands on the competition's website.

"The polls are always really shaky," guitarist and vocalist Hansen said. "We've gone back and forth in votes. We've been anywhere between third and fifth place. It could go anywhere from here."

Of the nine bands currently entered, the top five voted bands battle it out this Saturday on the campus of West Texas A&M University at 4 p.m. The winning band's school will receive a visit by the John Lennon Tour Bus

could write that well.

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

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Mom's Day Out

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently hosted a "Mother's Day Out." The participants took part in a variety of activities such as tumbling, crafts and dress-up while their mothers took some free time to enjoy themselves. The next Mother's Day Out at the center is planned Feb. 12. To find out more, contact the center. Children age 5 and up are welcome. Above: (front row, left-right) Matthew Ellis, Remi Didway, Bailey Joyce, Lexi Didway, Jordan Woodard, Elaine Nava, C'aire Porter; (second row) Larry Phelan, David O'Rear, Hunter Hughes; (third row) Laura Leigh Ellis, Bailee Budd, Sarah Schoenrock, Ashley Stark; (fourth row) Madison Joyce, Kate Ellis, Jackie Phelan and Rilee Didway. Not pictured: Harper Kelley and Sarah Gordzelik.

Rice: 'History is calling us' as she succeeds Powell

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring "history is calling us," Condoleezza Rice took over Thursday as America's 66th secretary of state to confront an agenda laden with difficult and potentially explosive foreign policy problems.

At the top is a grinding war in Iraq that has taken the lives of more than 1,400 U.S. troops.

Rice exuded confidence as she entered the State Department with a cheery, "it's great to be here," and

declared "democracy will take hold" around the world as it did in Germany and Japan after World War II.

At the end of next week, Rice is expected to undertake her first overseas venture as secretary of state, going to Europe, the Middle East and possibly other regions.

Among her goals are mending relations with U.S. allies in Europe and assessing prospects for Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Known during her four

years as President Bush's national security assistant as remote and reserved, Rice pleased hundreds of employees crammed into a State Department lobby with the declaration her door will be open to them.

"I need your ideas," she said.

Echoing Bush's inaugural speech, Rice promised, "America will stand for freedom and for liberty."

"That's our charge, that's our calling," she said and then started her first day on

the job with telephone calls to various foreign ministers and a planned White House meeting on Iraq.

During Senate confirmation hearings last week in which she was peppered with 390 oral and written questions, Rice was strongly challenged on Iraq and the war.

She gave no indication that she would recommend any change in U.S. strategy designed to overcome insurgents and steer Iraq toward democracy.

Speech

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repression, prison or exile ... America sees you for who you are — the future leaders of your free countries."

Intrinsic in the president's message is the idea that freedom spawns its own allies and generates its own power. "Freedom is the permanent hope of mankind," he said, "the hunger in dark places, the longing of the soul." He noted that "history has an ebb and flow of justice, but history also has a visible direction, set by liberty and the Author of liberty."

Cynics, hiding behind liberalism, will express concern at an imperial overreach. Some will equate the president's global crusade with others less worthy in our past. They will say that it reminds them of the Crusades or colonization and

the white man's burden or the global march of communism. But there is a vast difference between an ideology, a theological system of belief or a racial plan of conquest and a worldwide effort to help people win the right to make their own decisions about their countries even when we don't like the result that eventuates.

Others will say that Bush has committed us to an agenda that we cannot hope to fulfill and that will lead to rash global interventionism. They may cite how JFK's commitment to "support any friend and oppose any foe ... and to bear any burden ... for the survival and the defense of liberty" led to Vietnam.

But Bush is indicating a

direction, a vector, not a specific plan to achieve worldwide liberty by a date certain. And he recognizes that the force of the ideology of liberty combined harnessed by the peoples of other countries themselves must be the major propellant to liberty.

Bush's optimism and the liberal pessimism his speech has encountered makes one wonder when the left and the right traded places. Historically, liberals were optimistic about human nature and the right was pessimistic about the potential for human improvement. Their respective ideologies were founded on these pre-

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Calendar of Events

• **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series** includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.

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

• **Amarillo College's Lamplight Youth Theatre Company** will present "Broadway Tonight: A Musical Review" at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28 and 29 and at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in Ordway Hall on the AC campus. Adult admission is \$8. Student admission is \$5. For ticket information, call (806) 371-5353. The theatre company will, in addition, present a silent auction fund-raiser Jan. 24-30. Items are listed on-line at www.amarillo.tv/lamplight.

• **USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion** is planned Sept. 15-18, 2005, in Mobile, Ala. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., #605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, call (714) 960-5283 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Confused in California," whose daughter, "Victoria," and her boyfriend, "Albert," expect her to pay for the daughter's rent and expenses while she lives with him.

I had a delightful morning imagining what would happen if one of my daughters suggested I should pay her boyfriend for her room and board — two years retroactive, no less! I fell on the floor laughing and hooting! — NO CONFUSION HERE IN CANADA

DEAR NO CONFUSION: You're not the only person who was appalled at the suggestion. The chorus was unanimous. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Surely two years of sexual favors should be worth at least \$8,000 on the open market to say nothing of the going rates for two years of cooking, cleaning, laundry, shopping, etc. "Confused in California" should be submitting an even larger bill to "Albert" for everything he has received from "Victoria" during the past two years. — REALISTIC IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR REALISTIC: What a clever idea. It hadn't occurred to me to advise the mother to reverse the charges.

DEAR ABBY: I suspect that "Albert" is getting ready to dump "Victoria." When he was in love with her, he provided for her. Now he wants to be paid for the past "burden" because he's not in love with her anymore. I'd put money on odds that he's looking for a wife outside that relationship. — ANNIE IN PASCO, WASH.

DEAR ANNIE: You could be right. Or perhaps the two lovers consider her mother to be an easy touch.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I had an agreement when I turned 18. Even though I was legally an adult, as long as I lived on her dime, I would abide by her rules.

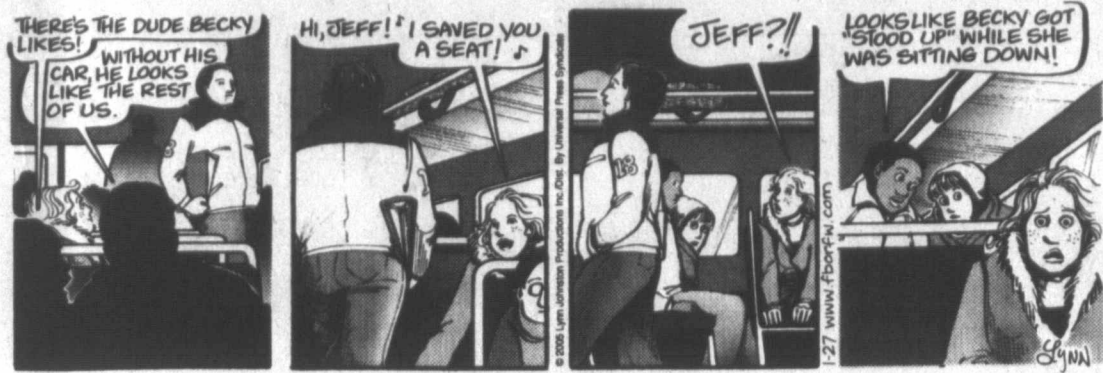
From the time I was 18 to the time I was 20, I paid my parents rent — even though I was a full-time student. When I moved into my own apartment, I paid the bills. I was made aware that if you believe you're adult enough to make decisions your parents don't agree with, you had better be adult enough to pay your own way. Being a parent means that you love your child unconditionally. It does not mean that you have to open your checkbook unconditionally, too.

As a now 30-year-old woman, I am thankful my mother taught me that if you want to live life your own way, you can't do it from someone else's pocket. She and I have a relationship that most of my friends envy. She treats me as an adult and respects my decisions, even when she doesn't necessarily agree, because I don't ask her to pay for them. She tells me often that she's proud of me for being adult enough to take responsibility for my own life, and for my decisions. I'm proud of her for teaching me to do that.

I'm glad you told "Confused" to stick with her convictions. The sooner her daughter and her daughter's "fiance" understand that it is not Mom's job to support a lifestyle she doesn't approve of, the sooner both of them may grow up and start behaving like the adults they purport themselves to be. — GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN INDIANA

DEAR GRATEFUL DAUGHTER: I agree with you that "Victoria" and "Albert" have a lot of growing up to do. And it's not her mother's job to pay their tuition in the school of experience.

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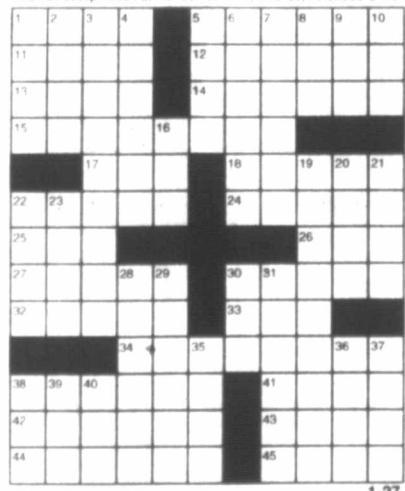
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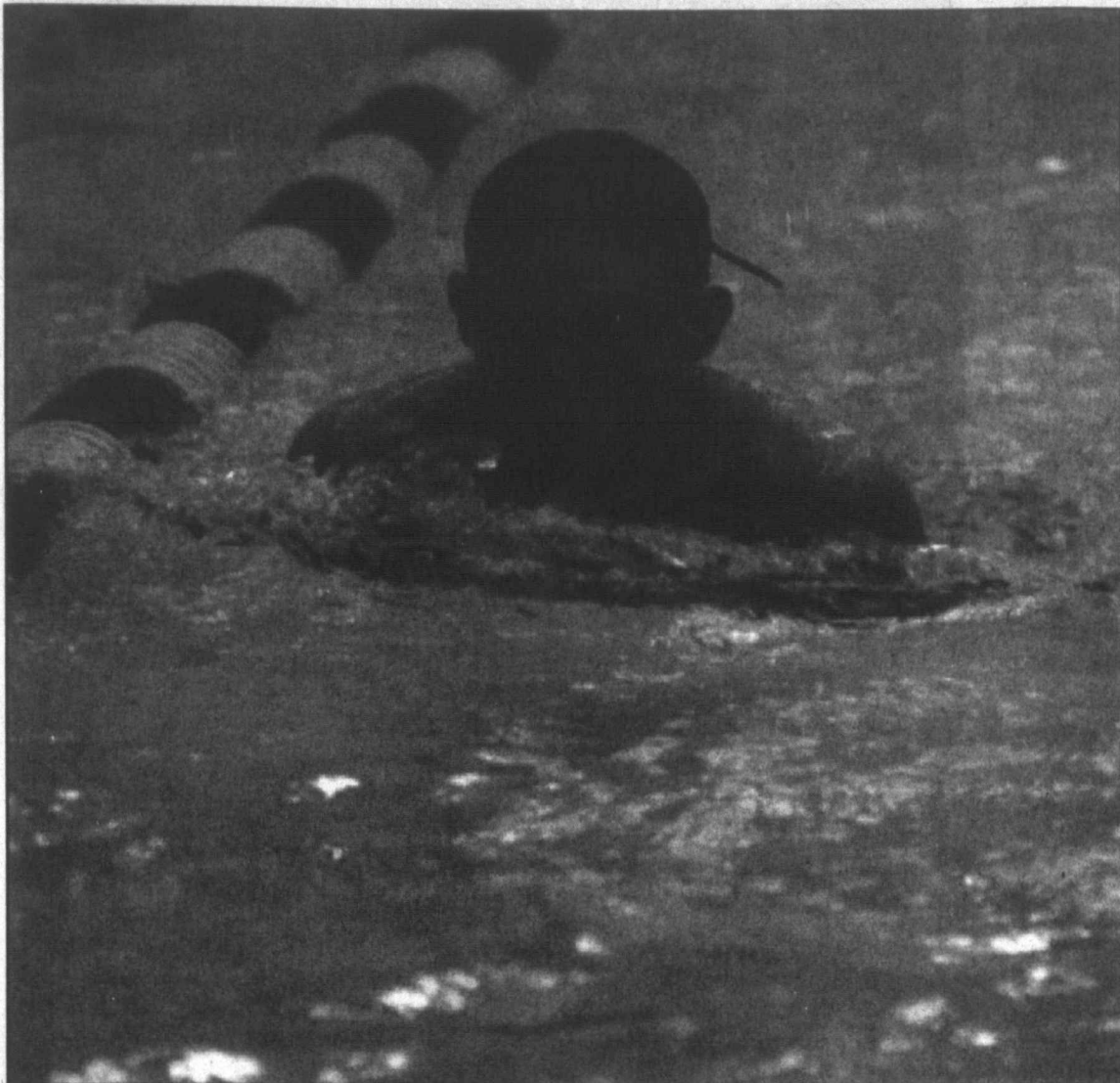


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Sports Day



Thomas Wilson will be one of the Pampa High School swimmers competing in Lubbock this Friday and Saturday.

Pampa swimmers, divers try for seven titles in a row

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Harvester Girls' and Boys' swim teams — along its divers — will be taking part in Districts this Friday and Saturday in Lubbock.

Swimming competition will begin at 2 p.m. both days. Divers will compete beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. All events will take place at the Pete Ragus Aquatics Center in Lubbock.

Pampa will try to defend its dual District Championship for the sixth consecutive year.

The teams are being led by captains Angela Henthorn, Kandice Maddox, Tyler Wishon and Thomas Wilson. "It looks very good for our swimmers," said Head Coach Greg Miller. "They are swimming well and we feel good about our chances to claim the title again this year."

Pampa's Whitney Penrod is on a quest to return to state again. In addition to her diving responsibilities, Penrod will be helping out with the swimming as well.

Qualifiers from this event will move on to Regionals, which will take place in two weeks.

Boys' soccer team in Abilene, girls host Lubbock Coronado

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester soccer team will travel to Abilene Saturday to compete in a doubleheader against Abilene High School and Stephenville.

The team has a record of 3-5-1, including

a solid home win over Lubbock High this past Tuesday afternoon.

The Harvesters will meet Amarillo High in Amarillo next Tuesday in the team's final game before district competition gets underway Feb. 8.

The girls are scheduled to host Lubbock Coronado tomorrow afternoon at 4:15 p.m.

LOOKING BUT NOT SEEING

The lights may be on, but nobody is home

It's funny how you can be looking at something and not really see what you are looking at. To appear to be focused on one thing, but so preoccupied with something else, you just aren't paying attention. Mrs. Stevens would suggest I have had this problem for years.

Take for example my referencing one of the elements missing from the start of the basketball games at Palo Duro

Tuesday night in yesterday's paper as "the Pledge of Allegiance." I am not sure why, but I began thinking about that article on the way home yesterday afternoon and, in a panic, I actually yelled in my car, "Pledge of Allegiance? It's the National Anthem you moron." Panic stricken, I phoned the paper as I safely cruised along Highway 60. "Stop the presses! I have made an egregious error," I pleaded. Okay, I actually called and said, "You aren't going to believe what I did, but could you maybe

keep me from looking any more the fool than I already am?" I was then told it was too late, the paper was already being printed. I'm almost positive I heard laughter as the phone was being hung up.

Speaking of the game Tuesday night — there were a couple of instances there where I was watching what was taking place on the floor but really not paying attention.

During the boy's game, I positioned myself at one end of the court in hopes of getting some decent pictures. Basketball is a fast moving sport and, unless you have the right equipment, not easy to shoot. As I stood there, leaning against a wall waiting for the good guys to come down court, I glanced to my left where the Pampa cheerleaders were. I wanted to make sure I wasn't in their way. Actually, I didn't want to girl next to me to hit or kick me.

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Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Bossier-Shreveport	22	10	4	48	116	98
Tulsa	21	15	3	45	129	129
Fort Worth	20	13	4	44	104	101
Oklahoma City	14	18	7	35	115	120
Memphis	16	21	2	34	120	147

Northwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	27	5	5	59	137	72
Wichita	25	10	2	52	134	101
New Mexico	18	14	4	40	122	130
Topeka	12	25	3	27	104	140

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Southeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	19	13	5	43	124	123
Austin	19	16	2	40	111	115
Laredo	18	15	2	38	113	88
Rio Grande Valley	11	24	2	24	82	138

Southwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
San Angelo	21	13	3	45	106	111
Lubbock	19	14	2	40	99	91
Amarillo	18	13	4	40	93	99
Odessa	14	14	7	35	94	100

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

Wednesday's Game

Laredo 6, Austin 5

Thursday's Games

New Mexico at Lubbock

Odessa at Amarillo

Corpus Christi at Wichita

Friday's Games

Lubbock at Odessa

Laredo at Bossier-Shreveport

Amarillo at New Mexico

Wichita at San Angelo

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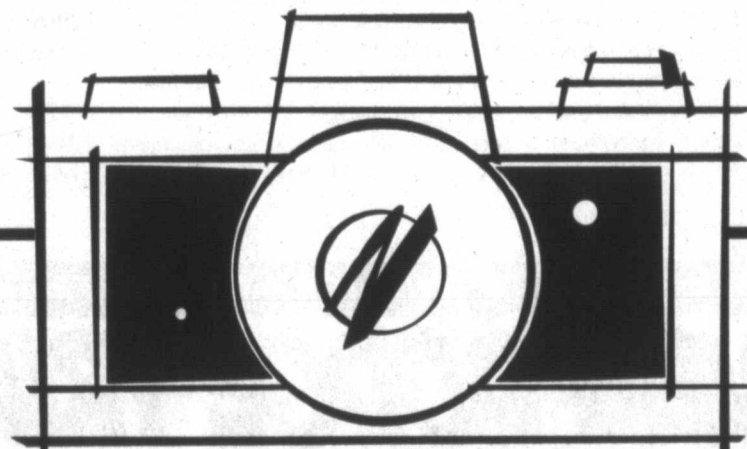
Fort Worth at Austin

Colorado at Topeka

Rio Grande Valley at Tulsa

Correction

In yesterday's Sports Page, the Pledge of Allegiance was wrongly referenced. It should have been the National Anthem.



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Lewis sentenced to four months

ATLANTA (AP) — Jamal Lewis will serve time in prison for his role in a federal drug case, but it won't keep him off the field for the Baltimore Ravens next season.

The star running back was sentenced to four months in prison Wednesday for using a cell phone to try to set up a cocaine deal about 4 1/2 years ago.

"I'm truly sorry for what I did," Lewis said to U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans.

The penalty, worked out with prosecutors in October, should allow Lewis to return to the Ravens well before the start of the 2005 season. At most, he could miss the opening of training camp. He'll also spend two months in a halfway house and perform 500 hours of community service following his prison term.

Lewis pleaded guilty to trying to set up the drug deal a few months after the Ravens chose

him No. 5 overall in the 2000 NFL draft. No drugs ever exchanged hands.

Prosecutors agreed to drop more serious drug conspiracy and attempted cocaine possession charges.

Explaining the short sentence, the judge said the government didn't have a strong case and noted the only witness against Lewis was an informant with a lengthy criminal record.

Evans said she was also giving Lewis "credit for stepping up to the bar" and admitting his guilt.

Defense lawyer Ed Garland said the sentence was fair.

"Jamal Lewis has his life and his career back," Garland said outside court.

The football player has until Feb. 4 to surrender to allow him time to have a cast removed from his right ankle, the judge said. Lewis recently had surgery on the foot.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Dressed as Ryan Torres, Pampa's Britt East fires a 3-pointer from beyond the arc at Palo Duro Tuesday night.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 28, 2005:

Some of you will completely revamp your circle of friends and long-term desires this year. Many will get exactly what they want, only to discover that that wish doesn't bring happiness. Relate more openly to individuals rather than groups. Satisfaction and success come through trusted associates. You also work inordinately hard to achieve your goals. Follow through by taking good care of yourself. If you are single, romance charges in. This person has a unique style or background. You will grow past certain limited views. Don't decide to make this a forever situation on the first date. Get to know this person well. If you are attached, your relationship will develop to a new level of spirituality and caring. A special trip draws you even closer. VIRGO handles your budget meticulously.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might need to revolutionize your approach, or certainly bone up on facts and information. Detachment helps you zero in on what counts. Sharpen your intellectual gifts and make what you want a possibility. Tonight: Do only what you find relaxing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ An associate or close friend serves as a muse. Consequently, you revise your thinking and approach. Creativity surges, and flirtation peaks. If you are single, someone zeroes in on you. Don't defer; rather, make your choice. Tonight: Spice up your relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★

Use a grounded approach. You might find someone close or a work associate singing a different tune suddenly. This person could be transforming right before you. Be open rather than judgmental. Accept changes. Tonight: Snuggle in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★

A discussion surrounds new machinery or another option. You might have a natural resistance to this change. Recognize and accept a short-cut or a better approach. Don't let your naturally conservative side interfere with progress. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★

You cannot help but risk in whatever arena you find yourself. Risk is the name of the game, but be careful just how far you go. Laugh, and others laugh, too. Relationships join in on today's roller-coaster ride. Tonight: You cannot help but let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★

You know what you are doing, but there is no guarantee that others do. Know when to bail out and head in your own direction. Freshen up your immediate environment, be it a plant or a paint job. A roommate reverses gears. Tonight: Aim for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★

Knowing when to stay hush-hush and not share could be critical to your success. Others trust you, and you need to live up to that confidence, no matter how tempting spilling the beans might be. Don't make a big deal out of a change of plans. Tonight: Get some much needed R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★

If you need to, don't hesitate to revise your budget. Whether you are increasing the amount you are saving or just starting a new type of piggy bank,

focus on what will be beneficial in the long run. Think "future." Tonight: You are the center of the party.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★

Your ability to turn bad into good comes into play right now. A professional situation might demand your flex. Understand that you might not have a choice here. Know your boundaries, but respect others' as well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★

A thought pattern, fear or intellectual restriction could prevent you from achieving what you want most. Your creativity will surge once you dump self-imposed restrictions. Use an innate ingenuity as well as a trusted pal's insight to clear out a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★

Working with a key person or loved one in your life can enable your ability to zoom in and get exactly what you want. Finances and an important relationship could be critical in this desire. Tonight: Why not let go and enjoy?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★

Others' take-charge attitude might push you and have you squirming. If you don't like it, get out. You are not going to change the situation at all. Pressure builds in all public and professional arenas. Tow your side of a responsibility. Tonight: Just go along for the ride.

BORN TODAY

Artist Jackson Pollock (1912), writer Susan Sontag (1933), actor Elijah Wood (1981)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

Lights

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As I looked over, I thought, "Wow, I didn't know Callie Cobb had a twin sister." I knew she had brothers, but this twin sister thing sort of threw me. As the game continued, I looked again and realized it wasn't her twin, it was Callie.

As a member of the Lady Harvester's starting five, she had played against Palo Duro in the game preceding the boy's game. And now, here she was, cheering them on. You go girl.

Now, during the boy's game, I remember thinking something about Britt East just didn't look right. I didn't realize what it was until I got home that night and started going over the pictures. He was wearing a different jersey. East, who normally wears the number 40, was wearing the number 10 Tuesday night. So I called coach Jeff Reed to get the skinny. And he shared a very interesting story with me. It was intriguing enough, I called Britt to confirm it.

"Well, it's a funny story," he started with. "While on my way to the school, I turned onto Randy Matson from Hobart when I noticed a police officer started following me." East said she followed him to the school and into the parking lot, where she hit the lights. Turns out young Mr. East had some expired stickers in his windshield, a pain I know all too well. Once that meeting adjourned, East entered the school, took in what was left of a meeting in progress, grabbed his jersey and made for the bus. When they arrived at Palo Duro, he realized he had grabbed his home jersey, not his away jersey. "So Ryan Torres took one for the team and let me wear his," East said. "I really appreciated it." The next day, East said he was told one of the Amarillo television stations kept referring to him as Ryan Torres. East didn't mind and, frankly, given the gesture, there was nothing wrong with it.

So there you have it. Three great examples— all within a 12-hour period — of how the lights appear to be on, but I may not be home. But please, keep knocking.

Nuggets dismal on offense

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Cooper could only coax 70 points out of the Denver Nuggets in what was likely his last game as the interim head coach.

The Nuggets were close to finalizing an agreement with George Karl to become their new coach, and he could be on the bench by the end of the week. The change can't come soon enough for the Nuggets, who entered the season with high expectations after making its first playoff appearance in nine years.

An 87-70 loss Wednesday night to the Detroit Pistons dropped Denver's record to 17-25, only the 11th-best record in the Western Conference. Denver is 4-10 since coach Jeff Bzdelik was fired.

"I'm not worried about my status," Cooper said. "I knew this was an interim job when I got it. I just want to make sure our team stays focused. It is distracting for the guys, but they need to let management worry about the coach and focus on playing."

In other games, it was Boston 100, Indiana 86; Miami 111, Toronto 96; Cleveland 114, Memphis 111; Washington 117, Philadelphia 107; Phoenix 121, Milwaukee 115; Minnesota 104, Atlanta 87; Houston 82, New Orleans 77; Utah 109, Seattle 100; Dallas 95, Portland 88; New Jersey 113, Golden State 99; and the Los Angeles Clippers 105, the Los Angeles Lakers 89.

The Pistons trailed only once, in the opening minutes, and Antonio McDyess helped them put Denver away with eight straight points from late in the third quarter to early in the fourth.

Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony scored a season-low five points on 2-of-13 shooting.

"Detroit has a great defensive scheme," he said. "They make every basket hard."

Ben Wallace had 14 points and 12 rebounds, and McDyess scored 13 to help Detroit end a season-high four-game losing streak.

Celtics 100, Pacers 86
At Boston, Paul Pierce scored 23 points and Raef LaFrentz had 12 points with 11 rebounds, spoiling Stephen Jackson's return from a 30-game brawl suspension.

At Toronto, Shaquille O'Neal had 33 points and 18 rebounds, and Eddie Jones added 23 points.

Cavaliers 114, Grizzlies 111
At Cleveland, LeBron James scored 27 points with a career-high 15 assists and nine rebounds, finishing in pain on a sprained left ankle.

Wizards 117, 76ers 107
At Washington, Gilbert Arenas scored 33 points as the Wizards won their fourth straight.

Suns 121, Bucks 115
At Milwaukee, Shawn Marion scored 24 points, including 17 in the first half, Amare Stoudemire had 23, Steve Nash 21, Quentin Richardson 18 and Joe Johnson 17.

Timberwolves 104, Hawks 87
At Minneapolis, Latrell Sprewell scored a season-high 32 points, including 22 in the third quarter, in the Timberwolves' fourth straight win. Wally Szczerbiak added 18 points and Fred Hoiberg scored 12. Minnesota was without coach Flip Saunders, who stayed home with the flu.

Rockets 82, Hornets 77
At New Orleans, Tracy McGrady scored 10 of his 33 points to help Houston overcome a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit, and Scott Padgett's late 3-pointer put the Rockets ahead for good.

Jazz 109, SuperSonics 100
At Salt Lake City, Raul Lopez had a career-high 11 assists and matched his best scoring total with 20 points, and Andrei Kirilenko had 12 points and five blocks in his third game back since a knee injury.

Mavericks 95, Trail Blazers 88
At Portland, Dirk Nowitzki had 24 points and 15 rebounds — his sixth double-double in the last eight games — as Dallas won for the 11th time in 14 games.

Nets 113, Warriors 99
At Oakland, Brian Scalabrine had a career-high 29 points and 10 rebounds in a rare start, and Vince Carter had 17 points and nine assists in the Nets' highest-scoring game of the season.

Clippers 105, Lakers 89
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Gunman kills fellow worker, wounds two at Ohio plant

By JOHN SEEWER
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TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — An employee of a Jeep production plant who had recently been disciplined shot three co-workers Wednesday, one fatally, before killing himself, police said.

The shooting happened in the plant's body shop office about 8:45 p.m., police Chief Mike Navarre said.

The gunman told a woman working there to summon three people whom he wanted to kill, Navarre said.

Two of the three male victims were supervisors, including the one who died, police said.

Navarre said the gunman pointed his double-barrel shotgun at the woman working in the office, but said he wasn't going to shoot her.

"He gave her three names. He told her who he wanted and who he was going to shoot," Navarre said.

The woman got on a radio and called one of the men.

Another man walked into the office, and the gunman shot him. That employee later died.

The woman then ran out of the office and warned co-workers over the radio, Navarre said.

The police chief said he

did not know if the two other victims didn't hear the women's plea on the radio or if they were already in the office.

Navarre did not release the victims' names. The gunman, identified as Myles Meyers, 54, of Toledo, shot himself in the head, police said. The woman was not harmed.

Mary Beth Halprin, a spokeswoman for DaimlerChrysler, Jeep's parent company, said the gunman was disciplined recently for a minor infraction, but did not have details.

No one answered the door at Meyers' house, which is about four miles from the plant. A woman who answered the phone at the home early Thursday said she had no comment and hung up.

Dispatchers had received 15 to 20 calls from people inside the plant, and employees were fleeing the facility when authorities arrived on the scene.

"It was pretty chaotic for a good 20 to 25 minutes," Navarre said.

Officers were chasing after employees, not knowing who the shooter was, and not realizing that he was already dead.

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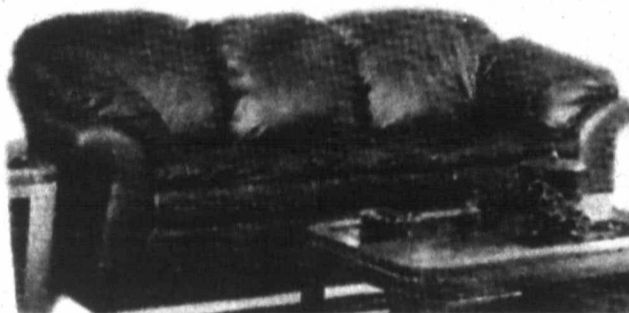
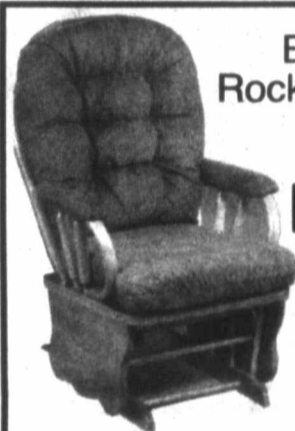
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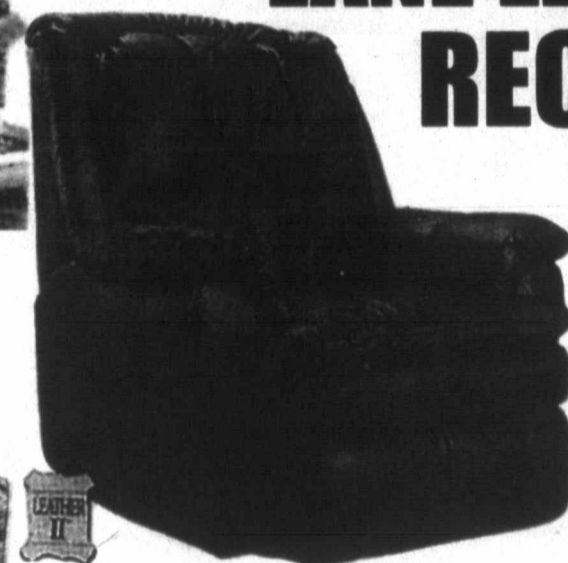
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