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Gene Shorter, 74, machinist.

**Texas Today**

**Texas Marines among dead in 'copter crash**  
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A journey by Marine Corps helicopter in preparation for Iraqi elections was to have been Lance Cpl. Rhonald Dain Rairdan's final mission before his unit rotated out of the war-torn country. But he died in the Super Stallion's crash that also claimed at least five other Texas Marines' lives.

Rairdan called home on Monday, two days before the U.S. military's deadliest crash of the Iraq war.

Rairdan was the second San Antonio-area Marine among the 31 service members who died when the workhorse CH-53E went down in a desert sandstorm early Wednesday.

The helicopter's crew chief, 22-year-old Lance Cpl. Tony Hernandez of Canyon Lake, also died in the transport helicopter's crash in western Iraq along with Capt. Lyle Gordon, 30, of Midlothian, relatives said the Marines told them.

Also identified by the Department of Defense as among those killed were Capt. Paul C. Alaniz, 32, of Corpus Christi; Houston native Staff Sgt. Dexter Kimple, 30, and Lance Cpl. Saeed Jafarkhani-Torshizi Jr., 24, of Fort Worth.

David Rairdan said his son's unit deployed to the Middle East in October, about four months after he joined the Marines.

**Texas top for carbon dioxide emissions**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' power plant cleanup program has worked well but Texas still ranks near the top of all states for smog- and soot-causing pollution emissions, environmentalists said Thursday as they released a new report on power plant pollution.

The report by Clear the Air, a Washington-based environmental coalition, also showed that Texas emitted more carbon dioxide.

## School board elections set May 7

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Editor

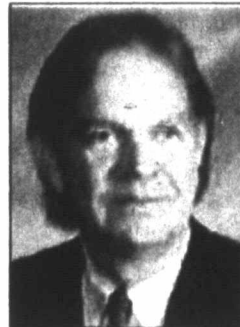
Three Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education members' terms will expire on May 7 and on that day, voters will decide who will fill their positions.

Seats to be decided include those held by Jay Johnson, Place 3 trustee; Lance DeFever, Place 2; and John Curry, Place 1.

The following dates significant to the 2005 school board election are as follows:

- Feb. 5 – First day for a candidate to file an application for a place on the ballot.
- March 7 – Deadline for candidates to file an application for a place on the ballot.
- March 8 – Positions on the ballot will be decided at a 10 a.m. drawing in the

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Curry



DeFever



Johnson



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

**Pampa Police Officer Tobie Bias, left, takes Chester William Stewart Jr., 32, 939 Brunow, into custody at A & A Auto Glass, 900 E. Frederic, after officers were dispatched to the business at 11:24 a.m. yesterday on a complaint involving unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Officers also reportedly found a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside the business.**

## Business complaint leads to one arrest

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A Pampa man was arrested at his place of work yesterday after a couple complained to law enforcement that the car they had taken to A&A Auto Glass for a new windshield had been there since Jan. 11.

Chester William Stewart Jr., 32, 939 Brunow, was arrested at the business at 900 E. Frederic yesterday after Pampa police officers were dispatched to the address at 11:24 a.m.

The car in question, a white Buick, was parked in front of the business at the time of Stewart's arrest.

"He had been driving it after business hours," said one of three offi-

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## United Way celebrates campaign, volunteers

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Editor

Pampa United Way celebrated the completion of the 2004 campaign and the raising of \$288,627 for its 17 member agencies during the annual meeting and volunteer appreciation banquet Thursday.

"I'm just the drive chairman," said Campaign Chairman Bob Marx as he received a plaque thanking him for his service to the campaign. "It took many volunteers to pull this off and I couldn't do it without them."

He reported that the amount raised is \$23,373 short of the \$312,000 goal, but expressed his belief that the goal will be met before funding is provided to the local service agencies participating in the United Way. Major firms accounted for 53.4 percent of the funds raised, officials said.

Kelly Rushing, chief deputy of the Gray

County Sheriff's Office, was keynote speaker for the event. In a speech peppered with humorous accounts drawn from three decades of law enforcement, he reminded his listeners that it takes a number of factors to achieve success including listening, preparation, planning, timing, leadership, and helping each other.

"Thank you as a citizen of Pampa," Rushing told the United Way volunteers. "This is my home and I love this place and I love you people for what you do to make it better."

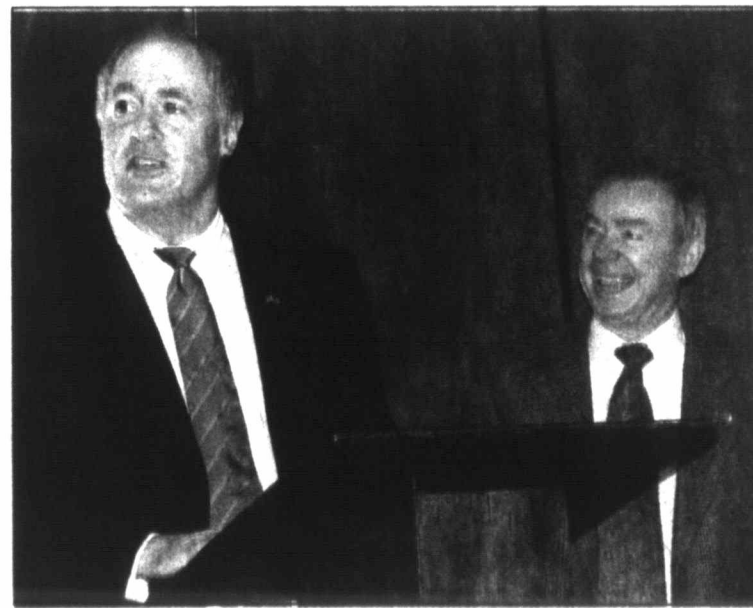
Dawn Clendening, Doug Carmichael, Porter Briggs, Karen Heare and Karen Lang were elected to the United Way Board for a three-year term. Remaining board members include John Warner, Bob Marx, John Curry,

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

**John Warner, incoming president of the Pampa United Way Board, speaks at the annual meeting and volunteer appreciation banquet Thursday night. With Warner at the head table are, from left, Dr. Wil Beck; Curt Beck, outgoing president; and Judy Warner.**



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

**State Sen. Kel Seliger, left, and State Rep. Warren Chisum share a laugh at the API meeting.**

## Jones meets API

*'Independents important to security'*

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Ames Jones, newly-appointed member of the Texas Railroad Commission, told area independent oil producers last night that they have been important to national security for some time, but that fact had not been widely realized until recently.

"I know how important independents are to our national security. I can tell you that nobody cared or knew what this industry meant to their national security in the mid-70s.

"I think they're going to find out soon. Everyone is going to be called on to do whatever they can to get that oil out of



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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## API officers

The Pampa chapter of the American Petroleum Institute elected officers for 2005 at its meeting Thursday night at Pampa Country Club. New officers shown above are, seated from left, George Mendoza, entertainment chairman; Terry Ledbetter, program/publicity assistant; Alan Fletcher, golf tournament assistant and scholarship assistant; and John Allen, vice chairman. Standing, from left, are Gavin Porter, scholarship assistant; Terrell Hardin, golf tournament assistant; Glynn Lusk, treasurer assistant; Chris Dittberner, entertainment assistant; Jerod Cambern, program/publicity chairman; Hal West, treasurer and scholarship assistant; Bill Morgan, scholarship assistant; Dave Smith, secretary assistant and golf tournament assistant; Dan Nicolet, golf tournament chairman; and Russ Martindale, chairman. Not shown are Jerrod Immel, membership chairman; Bebo Terry, scholarship chairman; Keith Painter, secretary; and Billie Mac Millican, golf tournament assistant.

## Obituaries

### Gene Shorter, 74

MOBEETIE — Gene Shorter, 74, of Mobeetie, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Mobeetie.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mobeetie Cemetery with the Rev. Harvey Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mobeetie, officiating.

Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Shorter was born March 31, 1930, in Oklahoma, to Everett Neal and Manuela



Shorter

Shorter. He married Louise Marie Bilyeu on April 11, 1952, at Reno, Nev.

Mr. Shorter lived in Pampa for 30 years and worked as a machinist for Ingersol Rand prior to retiring in 1986.

He moved to Mobeetie in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Louise, of Mobeetie; two daughters, Judy Cloud of Mobeetie and Tina Whiteley of Pampa; two sons, Neal Shorter of Pampa and Donnie Shorter of Mobeetie; his mother, Elsie Blair of Pampa; a brother, Donald Lee Shorter of Tennessee; a sister, Betty Minton of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Pampa.

## Services tomorrow

MULLINAX, Lillian A. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.  
SHORTER, Gene — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Ten traffic stops were made. One business alarm was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at 17th and Duncan streets, and in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School.

Criminal mischief was reported at the police department.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville. Vehicle parts valued at \$300 were reported taken.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Christy. Tools valued at \$695 were reported taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic. A firearm valued at \$400 was reported taken.

Theft under \$50 was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. Money and a pawn ticket were reported taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner and at the police department.

Public intoxication was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

A narcotic drug law report was taken at the police department.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

A welfare check was conducted in the 2200 block of North Zimmers.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Buckler and Hobart streets.

Chester William Stewart Jr., 32, 939 Brunow, was arrested in the 900 block of

East Frederic for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Fire

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

Thursday, Jan. 27

9:15 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 600 block of North Sumner.

10:36 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

10:58 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 200 block of West Browning.

### Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 27

9:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Sumner and transported two patients to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

6:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Primrose and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner. No transport.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Allegheny Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.00
Milo	3.08
Corn	3.58
Soybeans	4.46

KMI	73.66	-0.55
XCEL	18.01	-0.69
Kerr Mc Gee	40.28	-0.61
XOM	51.32	-0.43
Limited	22.96	-0.04
Williams	16.41	-0.22
MCD	31.51	-0.61
Atmos	27.28	-0.05
Pioneer Nat	37.80	-0.72
JCP	41.18	-0.15
COP	90.50	-0.50
SLB	66.59	-0.93
Tenneco	15.97	+0.24
CVX	53.40	-0.66
Wal-Mart	52.86	-0.22
OKE	27.43	-0.26
NS Grp	29.05	-0.40

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	57.30	-0.46
BP PLC ADR	59.43	-0.77
Cabot Corp	34.64	-0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	46.04	-0.90
Coca Cola	41.41	-0.35
VLO	50.22	-0.97
HAL	42.30	-1.21
TRL	40.81	-0.24
NOI	36.19	-0.89

New York Gold	426.20
Silver	6.80
West Texas Crude	48.84

## Gray County Weather

Today: A chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., then a chance of rain between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. Wind chill values between 21 and 29. South southeast wind

between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. New snow accumulation of less than 1 inch possible.

Tonight: Areas of fog, mainly after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 31. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high around 42. Calm wind becoming south southeast around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain before 8 p.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., then a slight chance of snow between 10 p.m. and 12 midnight, then a chance of rain and snow

after midnight.

Areas of fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low near 28. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday: Snow likely, mixing with rain after 1 p.m. Areas of fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 33.

East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday Night: Snow likely. Areas of fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 26. North northeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Monday: A chance of snow, mixing with rain after noon.

Areas of fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. North northeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

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**BABY'S 1ST** Christmas pictures from Dec. 2004, have you picked yours up? Don't forget. *The Pampa News*.

**AUTO ZONE** is having "Customer Appreciation Day!" Sat., Jan. 29th, 12-4 p.m. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. 320 N. Hobart, Pampa, 665-0019. Everyone welcome!

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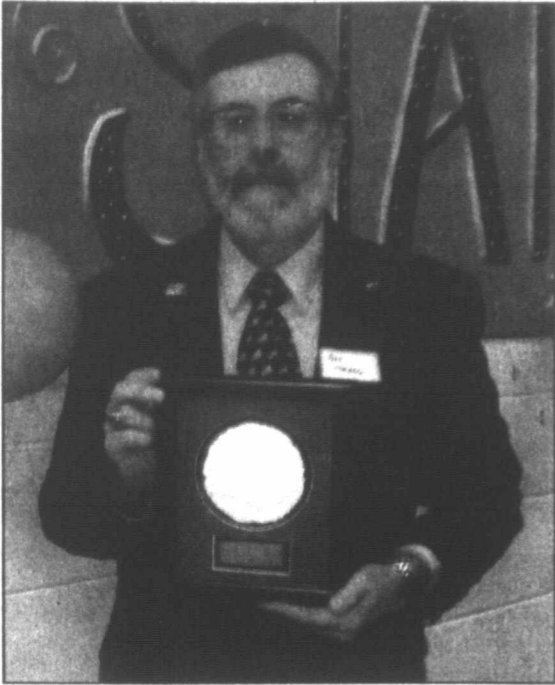
# Volunteers

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Shannon Buck, Kim Powell, Denise Daves, Curt Beck, Dick Stowers and Barry Haenisch.

Sharon Strickland of FirstBank Southwest and Barbara Eldredge of Cabot were recognized as outgoing board members.

Loaned executives, who Marx called "so very, very important to the campaign," were recognized: Kevin Hunt - National Bank of Commerce, Mark Gilbert - United Supermarket, Richard Stowers - Culberson Stowers Inc., Bob Cummings - Atmos Energy, Kevin Davis - Xcel Energy, Mark McVay - Oilwell Operators, Bob Marx - Nu-Way Cleaning, Terry Barnes - Pampa Regional Medical Center, John Kendall - Pampa Independent School District, and Darville Orr, retired.



News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE  
**Bob Marx, 2004 United Way Campaign chairman, shows the plaque he received for his work on the campaign.**

Special volunteer efforts recognized at the meeting included Kayla Pursley for brochures and newspaper articles; Sharon Braddock for check-in meetings; Sharon Strickland, Porter Briggs and Becky Downey for serving on the planning committee; and Mike Ehrle for radio interviews.

Members of the media were thanked for their help in promoting the United Way including Darrell Sehorn and Mike Ehrle of KGRO/KOMX radio and Dee Dee Laramore

of The Pampa News.

United Way President Curt Beck introduced the 2005 campaign chairman, Denise Daves of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Daves announced a football theme for the 2005 campaign. She listed several ideas for the campaign using the football theme, starting with a kick-off at a Pampa High School home football game.

"Can you see it?" she said. "I'm looking forward to being the campaign chairman."

Incoming United Way President John Warner presented a plaque to Beck for his service.

"It's been a pleasure," Beck responded. "As I've said earlier, 'you are the star - all of you are the stars.'"

New members of the executive board are John Warner, president; Doug Carmichael, vice president; and Dick Stowers, treasurer.

Warner announced that the budget allocations meeting is set for Tuesday, April 26, at the Community Building.

In mid-February, the United Way office will be taking applications for new United Way agencies.

He said that of the 17,000 persons living in Pampa, approximately 11,000 are served by a United Way member agency.

"That's two of every three people helped by these agencies," he said. "What an opportunity if we see the vision. What an opportunity if we see what we can do."

Drawings for door prizes were conducted by Shannon Buck throughout the evening, culminating with a \$100 prize in a reverse drawing which was won by Katie Williams.

# Election

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school district's personnel office if more than one person files for any one of the places on the board.

• April 20 - Early voting by personal appearance begins at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, if more than one person files for each individual seat.

• May 3 - Last day of early voting by personal appearance.

• May 7 - Election Day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Summer.

Prospective school board

candidates and persons interested in learning more about school board service can attend a candidate workshop on Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 5800 Bell St., in Amarillo.

The workshop is intended to help community members and persons thinking about running for the school board to better understand what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain key responsibilities and outline the qualities needed to serve effectively.

Topics include what it's like to be a trustee, key

responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information.

Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting aspects of board service and featuring experienced school trustees.

The free workshop is open to the public.

For more information, call Brenda Canul at Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), 1-512-467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB web site at [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org) for other dates and locations.

# Arrest

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cers and one detective who responded to the call concerning the car.

Under two ounces of marijuana was also found at the business by officers, according to police reports.

Stewart, an employee at

the business, was booked into Gray County Jail by Officer Tobie Bias on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$3,000 bond on the motor vehicle charge and \$1,000 bond on the marijuana charge, according to a jail

spokesperson.

Jail records did not indicate a bond having been set on the drug paraphernalia charge, the spokesperson said.

The investigation is continuing and the case is still open, according to police.

Officers are checking to see if any other vehicles may have been involved, one officer said.

# API

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the ground. "I think we could be faced with a potential crisis situation, with demand growing so much faster than production," Jones told members of the Pampa chapter of the American Petroleum Institute at their Thursday meeting at Pampa Country Club.

Jones was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to complete the unexpired term of Charles Matthews, who resigned from the Railroad Commission to accept a position with the University of Texas system. She said she plans to run for re-election to the seat on the commission in the March 2006 Republican primary.

Jones had just been elected to her third term in the state House of Representatives from Bexar County when she was appointed to the commission. "This is exactly what I

always wanted to do, from the time I was a little girl.

"I grew up in the oil patch. My father, grandfather and his father before him were in the industry. I would take core samples to school for show and tell," Jones said.

Jones said she understands the impact of the oil industry to the Texas school system, along with its economic impact to the state.

"You've been undervalued for too long," she said, referring to small independent producers.

*"We intend to cut property taxes by one-third and are talking about a uniform business tax ..."*

— Warren Chisum  
State Representative

State Senator Kel Seliger of Amarillo and State Representative Warren Chisum of Pampa also attended last night's meeting and addressed the group.

"These are the people that make it work when the majors move out. Without stripper well production, I don't know what we'd do," Chisum said of independent producers. Stripper wells produce under 10 barrels of oil per day, he said.

"Elizabeth has a reputation

for doing a lot of things well, but most importantly for listening. Regulate the things that matter, and don't regulate for the sake of regulating -- this is characteristic of Elizabeth Ames Jones," Seliger said.

"Our area is one of the largest onshore petroleum and agricultural producing areas in the United States," Seliger said.

Seliger and Chisum also mentioned the overhaul of public school financing which the state legislature is currently facing, and how it affects producers.

"Right now, one in 10 companies pays franchise tax. We will be redoing the tax system so that 'no business is left behind.'"

"We intend to cut property taxes by one-third and are talking about a uniform business tax, doing away with the franchise tax. And severance tax is not charged fairly in this state," Chisum said.

"We want good schools, but we shouldn't be unfairly taxed," he said.

"We must have the public schools that turn out the type of citizens who make it worthwhile for us to pay our taxes right now," Seliger said. "Every taxpayer should be treated fairly."

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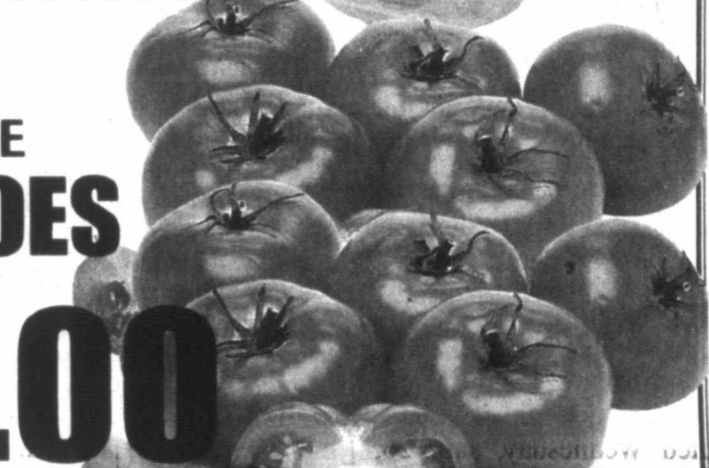
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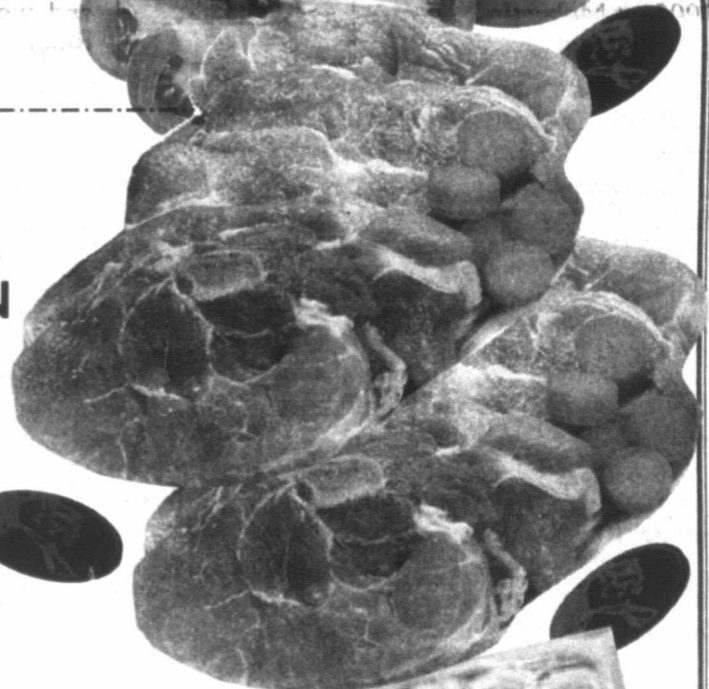
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# Viewpoints

## No apologies offered for expressing opinion

Merriam-Webster has three definitions for the word, pansy. The three are 1. The flower; 2. An effeminate youth; 3. A male homosexual. OK reader, I agree. Perhaps defining those who want to do away with our Constitutional and free right of prayer in schools, legislative halls, corporate boardrooms, and court houses as "pansies" is a misnomer.

Please, reader, you have to look past our city limits — or, your limited vision — to understand who I was calling a "pansy." The term "pansy" was an adjective I used to describe those in the secular society who are attempting through political correctness and law suit to

undermine religion in America.

If there are some citizens of Pampa that fit that adjective — well, there you have it — pansies — however, the secular society does not reside in Pampa. Their hotbed is the classrooms of our colleges and through the political action committee. And, for the record, I lean to the right with anything political — especially when our Constitutional rights are imperiled. However, I am to the left of ole Atila the Hun — so what does that make me — a compassionate conservative? Yes, I like that term — compassionate conservative.

To those effeminate youth and male homosexuals, I

apologize for relegating you with those who want to do away with our Constitutional rights. But what can I use as an adjective for those I called "pansies?" How about "malefic?"

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And reader, you are wrong

with your historical fact. Prayer was indeed a tenet of the writers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Where did you study history — Canada? For those historically challenged, I offer you the last paragraph of the Declaration of Independence and some words from the Preamble of the Constitution.

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the

Supreme Judge of the world... (the tenet thing; called, I believe — prayer)." And, to the last sentence of the Declaration of Independence — "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." I believe that is prayer as well. Who is divine Providence and what is "firm reliance" about? Prayer.

From the Preamble of the Constitution these words; "secure the Blessings of Liberty"... Reader, how does one secure a blessing? Through prayer.

May I be so bold as to continue with Webster's definition of the word "tenet?" The definition reads — basic principle/belief. No, tenet is not someone who pays you rent on property you own. I will repeat, the basic tenet used by our Forefathers was their appeal to God through prayer to help them attain the freedoms they were seeking. First, with the Declaration of Independence and secondly, the Constitution. Reader, you have to do better. Prayer indeed helped make America. Why reader, if I were your American History teacher ...

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**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2005. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 28, 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

On this date:  
In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.  
In 1878, the first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn.

*'Success and failure are not true opposites and they're not even in the same class; they're not even a couch and a chair.'*

— Lillian Hellman  
American author and playwright (1905-1984)

In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, the Yale News, began publication in New Haven, Conn.

In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla., killing all seven crew members.

Ten years ago: President Clinton was host to a 5 1/2-hour "work session" of governors, legislators and local officials, both Democrats and Republicans, to discuss welfare reform.

Five years ago: Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, the Florida nun selected by Attorney General Janet Reno as a neutral party in the custody battle over Elian Gonzalez, sought unsuccessfully to persuade Reno to change her mind about returning the 6-year-old to Cuba.

One year ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair won vindication when a judge said the BBC was wrong to report the government had "sexed up" intelligence to justify war in Iraq. Former U.S. Navy commander Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, who helped his USS Pueblo crew survive brutal captivity in North Korea, then faced criticism back home, died in Poway, Calif., at 76.



## Election not generating any hoopla

While Iraqis rejoice over their opportunity to vote to decide the future of their nation, there is a surprising lack of enthusiasm here in the United States over this unprecedented world-shaking event. I cannot understand why what is going to happen this weekend in Iraq hasn't stirred my fellow Americans as it has stirred the Iraqi people.

For the first time Iraqis will be free to vote and decide their own destiny. More than a 1,000 Americans have given their lives to bring about this signal event in the history of our times, yet the reaction here at home is little more than a yawn.

In recent days I have spoken to Iraqis here in the U.S. The other day I talked to a

65-year-old judge, the first female judge appointed in Iraq back in 1959. I also spoke to a friend of hers, a doctor who came to the U.S. in 1997. She is a Kurd and was among those attacked by Saddam Hussein's henchmen in the infamous poison gas incident.

She told me she felt as if she was 18 again. Both women were so excited over this weekend's elections they were giggling like a couple of school girls.

I tried to put myself in their shoes and asked myself how I would feel if 30 or 40 years ago the United States

had been taken over by a despotic leader and anybody who spoke up against him and his dictatorship was taken out along with their family, executed and dumped into mass graves. And although you loved your country you could no longer live here because if you did your chances of dying were great.

So you had to leave the U.S. and go somewhere else to live because staying here was no longer safe. But despite your fears you continued to love your country and never gave up the hope that you might someday be able to go home.

And then a miracle happened. Another nation comes to the U.S. and drives out the dictator and his brutal regime and now, for the first time in your life, you are given a chance to cast a vote in a free election and go home.

Wouldn't you be excited as the day approached? That's how Iraqis feel. They have been freed and they are about to enjoy the fruits of their new freedom.

These elections will change the whole dynamic of the world. If the United States is able to succeed at what we are trying to do in the Middle East, with Iraq in the beginnings of democracy, this election signals a new era in modern history.

**Mike Reagan**  
Columnist



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## Curing the left hand-right hand syndrome

In some ways, you can't blame Donald Rumsfeld for creating his own spy shop. The CIA hasn't exactly been hitting home runs. Regrettably, the agency missed 9-11. And before that, its field agents didn't foresee communism's collapse. Why not create your own intelligence network?

According to The Washington Post, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld did just that. The Post reports he established a team of spies in October 2001 to stop the Pentagon's "near total dependence on the CIA" for human intelligence.

You can easily imagine Mr. Rumsfeld, who strives to

be in control of things, searching for information that he felt he could trust. So, The Post says, he set up a secret group of language experts, interrogators, tech specialists and case officers. They operated without direct oversight from the secretary in places such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

While the setup might make sense on some level, bad things can happen when rogues operate in secret as the nation learned during the

Iran-Contra episode. They can run right over ideals such as the rule of law. Americans also have learned since 9-11 that all hands need to know what the others are doing when it comes to intelligence gathering. After the attacks on New York and Washington, the nation found out that FBI agents in the field had warned headquarters about young Arabs taking flight lessons. Sadly, the information went nowhere.

The left hand-right hand problem was a major reason Congress just created a national intelligence director. Once President Bush fills the post, the appointee will knit together all the information-gathering networks.

So it makes no sense for Congress to allow the Pentagon to continue its own spy shop. If the nation's going to have a true intelligence czar, he can't start without all 52 cards in his hand.

It's now the intelligence director's job to make sure decision-makers such as Mr. Rumsfeld have all the details.

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## Blood donor

Pampa High School Senior Dustin Elliott turns his head as he gives blood at the Coffee Memorial Blood Drive which took place in the PHS Auditorium yesterday. The event, in its fourth year, was sponsored by the drama department and brought in a total of 60 donors, doubled from last year's total.

## Freedom

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I do pick up trash when confronted with the blight and find the closest receptacle. Reader, let me ask you, Do you enjoy the blight of litter on our community? Do you, when confronted with trash as you step out of your auto or take that walk in the park, pick up the trash and find the nearest receptacle?

Unfortunately, there are citizens within our community who would rather litter than do the right thing. Litter is a blight on Pampa. Yes, I am fortunate to have a forum to protest my outrage at those indefatigable and unsavory engines of pollution who trash our community.

I also recall using the word

"we" when describing Pampa's trash problem. I don't recall printing; "Pampa has a litter problem; however, Dennis Palmitier does not."

We, I repeat, we, the citizens of Pampa, live with a blight called litter — and it seems to be getting worse — not better. Mayhaps if every citizen — young and old — would partake in a little litter collecting, our community would be better off, n'cest pas?

I must tell you about legislation San Francisco's city council is attempting to pass, though there is a good chance one of those yellow dog liberal federal judges will call it "unconstitutional."

San Francisco wants to levy a \$0.17 tax on plastic bags used in grocery stores. Why? San Francisco's cost for litter cleanup — that's why.

Reader(s), think about the proposed tax as you see a United, Albertson's, or Wal-Mart plastic bag fly by in the wind or flagging from one of your tree branches.

I will continue to use my column as a forum to protest the likes of a secular society, litterers, yellow dog liberals, and such — as you the reader possess the right to disagree; and, for the matter, not read my column at all, though I do thank you for reading and responding. If my vernacular offends you — well, get over it.

Will I apologize for calling the secular society "pansies," and now, "malefic?" No, for I believe they are. Was I calling every reader/citizen of Pampa a "pansy?" No, just those who fit the description of a secularist. Is every citizen of Pampa a litterer? No, but it

takes every citizen of Pampa to curtail the litter problem.

Am I attempting through acidic humor — I'm not comfortable with the word "acidic," let's use the word "facetious" with a little condensation added for flavor — to get my point across to the masses — though one can hardly define Pampa as "masses"... Yes, I am.

Pardon my redundancy. I again apologize to male homosexuals and effeminate youth for maligning them with the secular society. Will I apologize for calling some of Pampa's citizens indefatigable and unsavory engines of pollution? No, for they are.

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

## Hoopla

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Yet all we hear from the likes of Ted Kennedy and his fellow liberals is negativity, negativity, negativity. It is so outrageous that these people cannot see that freedom is about to break out in an area where it is all but unknown. All we hear from them is, "What's your plan? What's your exit strategy?" Yet they are seeing it unfold before their very eyes with this Sunday's election. They refuse to see the direction Iraq is going and the direction the president is taking us — which is towards freedom, liberty, and ultimately because of that, a better and safer world for all of us.

Those on the left have their own plan — whatever the president is for they are against. If the President was

for blue skies they'd be promoting rain.

The sad truth of the matter is that they want our Iraq policy to fail. They see failure as a way to regain power in the highest offices of the land, from the White House to Capitol Hill.

In Iraq, the people are so happy to have a chance to vote they are willing to risk being killed. Contrast this with the Rev. Jesse Jackson complaining that some people in Ohio had to stand in line for 12 hours to vote last November. Here in the U.S. there are only five places where Iraqis can vote. Some people are spending 12 hours just to get to the polling places.

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.

## Judge in Jackson case now setting some ground rules

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — With jury selection set to begin Monday, the judge in Michael Jackson's child-molestation case is still considering whether the entertainer's accuser should testify in public and whether jurors should see a British documentary about the pop star.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville scheduled a pretrial hearing for Friday to address those and other questions related to witnesses and evidence.

Jackson, 46, has pleaded not guilty to charges of molesting a 13-year-old boy and plying him with alcohol.

Jury selection could last as long as a month, with the judge and attorneys for both sides expected to screen as many as 750 prospective jurors.

Prosecutors want to close the courtroom to the media and public when the boy, now 15, and his 14-year-old brother testify. Reporters would be allowed to hear their voices through an

audio feed.

Jackson's accuser already has been seen in the documentary, which aired on ABC-TV in 2003 and contains footage of the two holding hands and Jackson defending his practice of sleeping in the same bed with children.

Prosecutors want the jury to see the documentary. Defense lawyers object, denouncing it as "heavily edited in the most sensational fashion possible."

Prosecutors have also subpoenaed Martin Bashir to testify about the making of the documentary, titled "Living With Michael Jackson."

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• 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](http://www.amarillo.tv/lamplight).

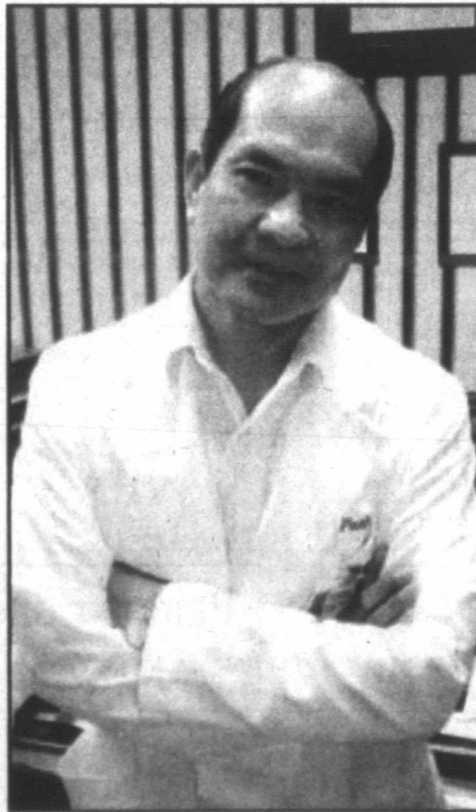
• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 31 and March 29, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors; and March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, 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.

• Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail [swclassic@cox.net](mailto:swclassic@cox.net).

• Texas CattleWomen are currently sponsoring a statewide scholarship for high school students called the Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be a 2005 graduating senior at a Texas high school or equivalent institution and must be accepted into an agricultural-related field at a Texas college or university for the 2005 fall semester. The deadline for applications to be returned to Amy Brainard, P.O. Box 570, Canadian, TX 79014, is Feb. 18. For more information, visit [www.texascattlewomen.org](http://www.texascattlewomen.org) on the Internet or call Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

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## Becoming the church God envisions us to be

"God, where are we going as a church? How are we to be the church you are calling us to be?" That was my prayer for months as I considered who we were as First Christian Church, Pampa, Texas.

My wife and I attended General Assembly in Charlotte, N.C. in 2003. Every where we went we saw "One Church/One Vision" in big letters plastered with a beautiful symbol. This was it! Excited and inspired, I returned home knowing that God had shown which direction we were to go as a church.

I began to preach, teach, and speak about being "One Church/One Vision." I pushed our people to understanding that God has blessed each of them to be a part of the greater vision of the church, if only they would accept their role. I challenged them to listen to God and know the guidance would come for their particular part in helping us become part of God's

vision for us.

Slowly at first, people would come by my office, catch me in the fellowship hall, stop me at Wal-Mart, or call on the phone and say, "I don't know if this is what you are talking about but I feel God leading me to do this or that." I was so excited each time I talked with these people. I assured them that they needed to hold on to their calling and we as the church would do what we could to help them make their part of the vision a reality. Slowly we began to see new fruit.

One lady felt the need for a ministry to feed a home-cooked meal to the shut-ins and those enduring illness once a week. The "Sunshine" ministry was born. They now feed over 50 meals a week and at least 15 people are involved in the ministry.

A church elder felt that at least one elder should call on those in the hospital each day and pray with

them. Now, seven days a week, at least one elder calls on the people who are in the hospital and has prayer with them.

**Barry Loving**  
First Christian



Another lady wanted to contact every person on our church roll and offer an invitation to come and be a part of the vision. Twelve people gathered and made those calls. We are seeing new faces involved in the life of the church.

A couple suggested a better way to do Christian education for our young folks. Today a complete renovation of a Sunday School wing, all done by church members, is the home for our rotational Sunday

School ministry. Our attendance in Sunday School for young people has more than doubled. Our adults are deeply involved and love it as much as the kids.

A man said, "I feel called to do something with my motorcycle group in the ministry of our church." After talking with him, it became clear to us that the church should move beyond our walls and use a motorcycle ride to bring awareness and supplies to a ministry of the greater church.

We met with our men's group and "The Ride for the Refugee" was born. This motorcycle ride, set for Aug. 19-22, will bisect the Southwest Region of the Christian Church, from Liberal, Kan., to Los Fresnos, Texas. It's designed to bring awareness to the ministry of, and raise supplies for, Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries.

Several other new parts of the vision have come to fruition this

past year. This year saw new visions with many different experiences in ministry. To celebrate, we created a wall in our fellowship hall called the "Cross Wall." We challenged each family to bring a cross from their home or one that represented their families and hang it on the wall during our celebration dinner. This gave us a visual understanding of "One Church/One Vision." We had a great dinner and over 150 crosses were hung on the wall. Some were store-bought, many were handmade and several have wonderful stories behind their symbolism.

We have been blessed this past year in coming together as "One Church/One Vision." We continue to listen faithfully to God and willingly accept the part of the vision we are called to.

So far it has been a wonderful, tiring, knee-wearing, back-breaking, but joyous adventure in faith.

### Church Briefs

New Beginnings Quartet will be singing at Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love St., on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. The group includes Charlie Wagner, Bryan McGraw, Robert Imked and Kim Butler. Public invited.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, will have a fifth Sunday Service at 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30, featuring gospel, praise and traditional. Public invited.

"Get on the Ride - Living a Radical Christian Life," retreat for grades 6-12, is set for Feb. 4-6 at Ceta Canyon Camp & Retreat Center on FM 1721 near Happy. Cost is \$80. Registration forms are available at www.ceta-canyon.org.

## Values volunteers connect faith with actions

CARROLLTON (AP) — So-called values voters were the talk of the 2004 presidential election.

Now comes a new national survey focusing on a different phenomenon: values volunteers.

For 75 percent of Americans who volunteered with a nonprofit organization or charitable cause last year, acting on moral values was cited as an important reason, according to the survey released Wednesday.

That's no surprise to observers such as K.P. Yohannan, whose Carrollton-based international ministry Gospel for Asia has seen a sharp increase in volunteer interest and donations since a Dec. 26 earthquake and massive tsunami killed tens of thousands.

"It is faith that teaches us

that God made us and we must love others as ourselves, and love is expressed in showing compassion and mercy to widows and orphans," said Yohannan, whose organization plans to ship more than \$8 million in medicine and food to Sri Lanka this week.

The random survey of 1,002 Americans — commissioned by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a not-for-profit Fortune 500 company in Minneapolis — found that 57 percent of Americans did volunteer work in 2004, up nine per-

centage points from the year before.

Quinley Research of Claremont, Calif., conducted the telephone interviews between Nov. 29 and Dec. 5, before the tsunami devastated southern Asia. The overall results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

*'Most Americans see volunteerism as a means to connect their faith and values with their actions.'*

— Brad Hewitt  
Thrivent Financial

"Most Americans see volunteerism as a means to connect their faith and values with their actions," said Brad Hewitt, Thrivent Financial's senior vice president of volunteer outreach.

Eleanor Brown, an eco-

nomics professor at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., said it only makes sense that moral values contribute to volunteerism.

"Morals bring people to religious services, where they come into contact with people who will ask them to volunteer," Brown said. "One of the biggest statistical determinants of who volunteers is who is asked to volunteer. In this roundabout way, morals lead to volunteering."

In the survey, 80 percent of people who said they attend religious services weekly said acting on their moral values was an absolutely important or very important motivation for their volunteer service.

But even the majority of volunteers who never attend religious services — 67 percent — said they volunteer to

act on their moral values.

Other reasons given for volunteering included having new experiences (47 percent of volunteers), returning the favor of someone who helped them (42 percent) and meeting new people (39 percent).

Experts contacted by The Associated Press agreed that moral values play a significant role in volunteerism, but said individual motivations are complex.

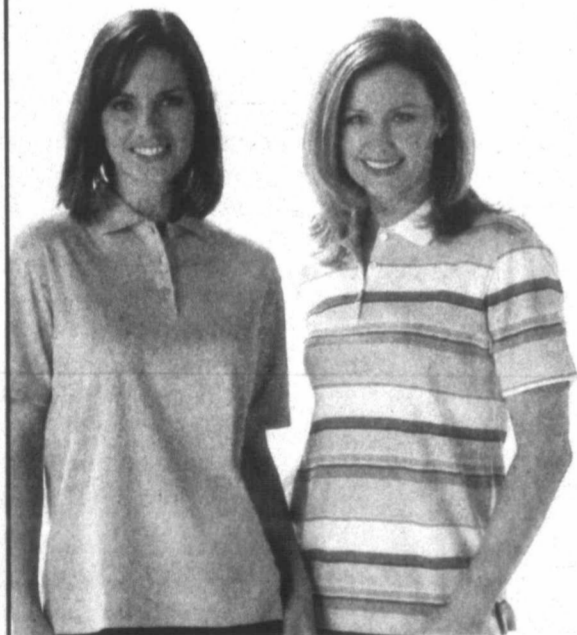
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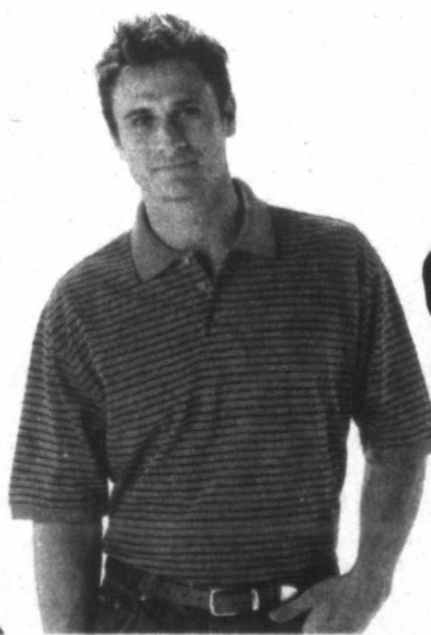
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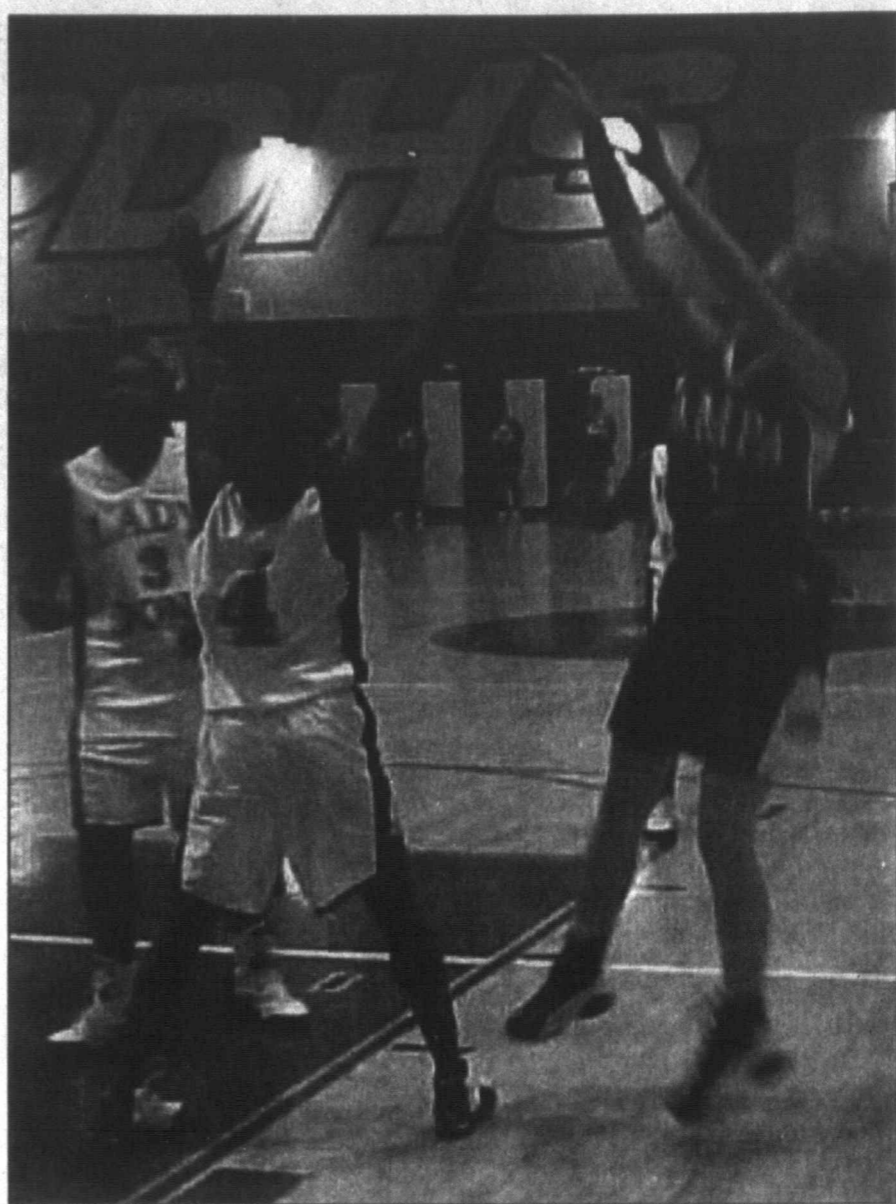
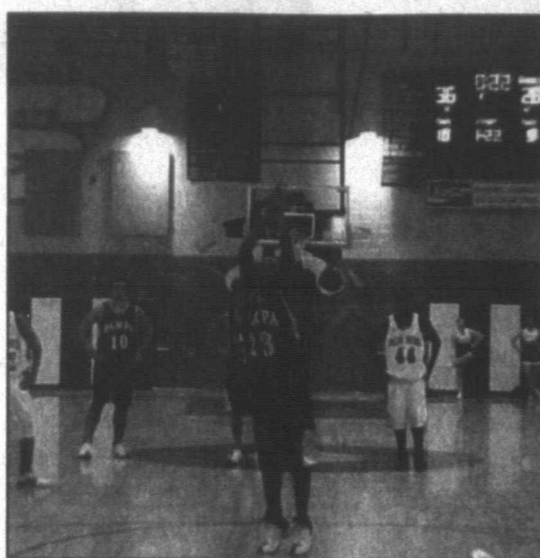
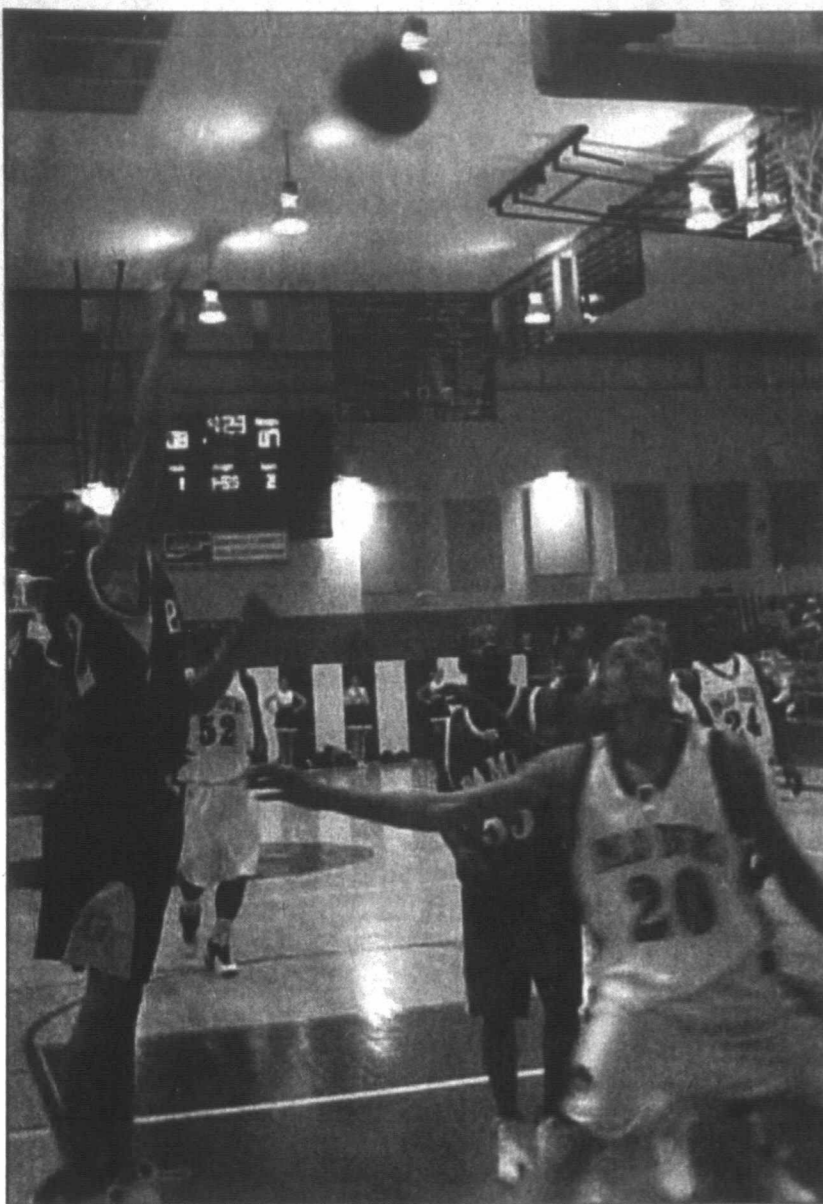
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# Sports Day



With teammate Sharod Young (#55) and Palo Duro's Austin Johnson (#20) keeping an eye on the ball, Pampa's Braydon Barker (left) sends a short jump shot toward the basket Tuesday night. Julian Salazar (above) fires off a free throw. Held at bay long enough, Lady Harvester Britteni Rice (right) unloads a jump shot over the heads of a couple Lady Don defenders at Palo Duro Tuesday night. Both Pampa teams dropped their games with Palo Duro and hope to get back on the winning track tonight when they host Hereford at The Pit.

Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

## There will be a lot on the line when Hereford comes to town

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pit will be rocking tonight when the Harvesters host Hereford. And Pampa needs to take full advantage of the home court. The Hostile Herd comes to town sporting an overall record of 9-15, but a District 3-4A record of 3-1. And as any coach will tell you, it is not what you do during the non-district scheduled that matters. It is what you do within your own district. And entering tonight, Hereford is in sole possession of second place, one game behind Palo Duro (20-3, 4-0). The Herd is coming off a 48-36 home win over Dumas Tuesday night. The Demons were able to hold Hereford its season average of just over 51 points per game. Pampa lost to Palo Duro 75-55 Tuesday but gave the Dons more than they wanted through much of the first half. The point here is that

the Harvesters ought to be tough to beat, especially at home.

A key to victory tonight could be to jump on the Herd fast. To get into their heads and work on their confidence a bit. At the same time, Pampa must keep the big picture in mind. If the Harvesters are to make it into the playoffs, they will need to do everything right. They will need to sweat the small stuff and step up the intensity level. Pampa must also take advantage of home court, as there are only two home games left on the regular season schedule after tonight.

**Key:** A fast start by Pampa could work on the confidence level of the Herd. Pampa though will need to be sharp and smart and both ends of the court.

**Must Have:** The Pit filled to the rafters with loud, enthusiastic Harvester fans. This is a big game and the 6th-man will be important.

*'This game is bigger than the game against Palo Duro Tuesday.'*

— Jeff Reed  
Head Coach, PHS Boys Basketball

**Coach Talk:** "This game is bigger than the game against Palo Duro Tuesday. Hereford is young and playing some good ball right now. This is a must win for us," said Harvester head coach, Jeff Reed.

The Lady Harvesters (12-14, 4-2), despite the loss Tuesday to Palo Duro, are still a force to be reckoned with in District 3-4A.

Pampa features one of the district's top scorers in Britteni Rice, and one of its top rebounders in McKensie East. And with their next two games on the road at Randall and Caprock respectively, a win

tonight against the Lady Whitefaces could be just what the doctor ordered. Pampa closes out the regular season Feb. 8 at home against Dumas.

**Key:** Pampa needs to press early and make every shot count. This could be another opportunity to get the bench some bonus minutes.

**Must Have:** See "Must Have" above.  
**Tough Girl:** Lauren Winkleman - stitches in her left eyebrow - was asked how she was doing after the Palo Duro game Tuesday. "Great. I am ready to play."

**Notes:**  
**On-air:** AM 1230 KGRO  
**On-line:** www.centramedia.com  
**Games:** Lady Harvesters at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

**Remember:** The junior varsity teams will be playing across the street in the MPAC building. Boys at 6 p.m., girls at 7:30 p.m.

## Hidden Hills Senior Scramble results

Here are the results from this week's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

**1st Place (61)**  
Jim Brashears  
Jerry South  
Robert Henderson  
Jim Osborne

**2nd Place (62)**  
Bill Hammer  
Jess Mathis  
Butch Sheppard  
Troy Bennett

**3rd Place (64)**  
Eldon Maxwell  
Robert Young  
Joe Mabry  
Bill Abernathy

**4th Place (64)**  
Howard Wells  
Ray Covalt  
Jim Jensen  
Callen George

**Closest to the Pin:** Jim Brashears (#15), Bob Lyle (#6)

## Karl back in NBA

DENVER (AP) — George Karl was hired as head coach of the Denver Nuggets on Thursday, returning to the NBA after nearly two years to take over a team that has failed to live up to lofty expectations.

The deal was finalized Thursday morning and announced in Milwaukee, where the Nuggets play the Bucks on Friday night.

Karl is expected to be on the bench for that game, making his debut with the Nuggets against the team that fired him in 2003. Interim coach Michael Cooper will stay on as an assistant.

"We are very excited to be adding a coach of George's stature to our organization," Denver general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said in a statement. "He has won everywhere he has been and his track record speaks for

itself. We also want to commend Michael for the job he did under difficult circumstances."

Denver started the season as a favorite in the Western Conference after adding All-Star power forward Kenyon Martin to a team that was coming off its first playoff appearance in nine years.

The Nuggets still haven't lived up to that potential, entering Friday's game 17-25 and 12 1/2 games out of first place in the Northwest Division.

Hit hard by injuries and inconsistency, Denver got off to horrible start and never really recovered, costing coach Jeff Bzdelik his job on Dec. 28. The Nuggets have shown some improvement under Cooper, particularly on defense, but still only seem to play well in spurts, winning just four of 14 games since Bzdelik was fired.

### IN ACTION

## Pampa teams busy

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

### Friday:

The 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams are taking part in a tournament in Dumas that will last through tomorrow.

The Harvester high school basketball teams will host Hereford at McNeely Field House and in the MPAC building. The junior varsity boys (MPAC) will start at 6 p.m., as will the Lady Harvester varsity team (The Pit). The Varsity boys (The Pit) and junior varsity girls (MPAC) will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Harvester soccer team is scheduled to host Lubbock Coronado at 4:15 p.m. today. However, weather may factor into that meeting.

The Harvester wrestling team will be taking part in the State Duals both Friday and Saturday.

### Saturday:

The freshmen boys' basketball team will travel to Amarillo High tomorrow. That game will start at 10 a.m.

The Lady Harvester freshmen basketball team will host Plainview tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

## Bulls finally figure out patience trumps panic

By JIM LITKE  
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Keep in mind that coach Scott Skiles gets paid a lot to make sure the glass always looks half-full. Anybody else who says they saw the Chicago Bulls in the playoff hunt midway through this season is either lying or had better have a doctor's note explaining they've been in a coma.

The reason has little to do with the speed of the Bulls' turnaround or the lack of precedent. The NBA's mantra, after all, is "everybody makes a run," and just last season, the Miami Heat stumbled 0-7 leaving the gate and still managed to close a respectable 42-40 and make the playoffs.

So why not the Bulls?

Before we tackle that question, a word from Skiles.

"That 0-9 start was probably the

scariest thing we'd had to endure this season," Skiles said after practice the other day. "But even then, we never saw ourselves being any 0-9 team. At least it didn't feel that way. So that gave us a mental head start in turning things around. We always had confidence that we are a good team."

With Thursday night's visit by the Charlotte Bobcats marking the official midpoint of the season, the Bulls suddenly look like a very good team. They beat the Bobcats 101-93 and have won five straight, 12 of 13, and 18 of the last 22. Even in a weak Eastern Conference and a league filled with surprises, that has to be the most surprising development of all.

Skiles, of course, had a perfectly reasonable explanation.

"We went from virtually last in the league to first in one major defensive statistic," he said, referring to his team's ability to hold opponents to a

league-low 41 percent field-goal shooting percentage. But playing great defense is a symptom and not the cause of the Bulls' success.

Credit for that belongs mostly to Skiles and general manager John Paxson, who as recently as six weeks ago had no reason to believe that their commitment and tough love were about to be rewarded.

Franchises reach tipping points all the time, and at that moment, this future of Chicago's looked a lot more like the Clippers than one just a half-dozen years removed from the salad days of Michael Jordan. What the Bulls had in common with the Clippers was a handful of losing seasons, a team loaded with underachieving draft picks and disgruntled veterans who viewed Chicago as a rest stop on the way to somewhere else.

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# Bulls

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Paxson turned out to be shrewder than his predecessor Jerry Krause.

He found better players in the draft and patiently pruned the roster instead of cutting down the tree and starting over one more time.

Then he quit meddling and let the hard-nosed Skiles do the rest.

Even so, as recently as December, the Bulls were flopping and offers were coming in for Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler, the high school phenoms whose arrested development was the legacy of the last administration.

Paxson surrounded them with a better mix of veterans and four rookies that turned out to be much better than advertised.

And while some of Skiles' tenacity and stubbornness had clearly rubbed off on the young Bulls and even the old ones, on paper nothing looked different.

Coaches like to say that losing affords better teach-

ing opportunities than winning, but the Bulls had lost so much that the opposite turned out to be true.

Three of the rookies who came to Chicago — Duke's Luol Deng and Chris Duhon and Connecticut's Ben Gordon — came directly from winning programs and floor leader Kirk Hinrich is just two seasons removed from Kansas.

Confidence is a fragile commodity everywhere in sports, but at those places, patience always trumps panic.

In Skiles, they found a coach willing to risk his own neck to buy them the time to work it out.

And each, in turn, stepped up every night as a kind of payback.

Those lessons have been reinforcing themselves ever since.

"In this stretch, we're just finding ways to win," Hinrich marveled. "Last year, we were finding ways to lose."

Don't get the wrong idea: The Bulls may look, and play, like one big happy family, but winning hasn't made Skiles go soft.

He never passes up the

opportunity to jam in one more punishing practice, to remind this crew that a few points either way could trigger a slide down the standings and back into that all-too-familiar rut. He just doesn't do it as often.

A few minutes after another of those grueling practices ended last Friday, at a time when his players used to head back to the locker room, the court was still nearly full.

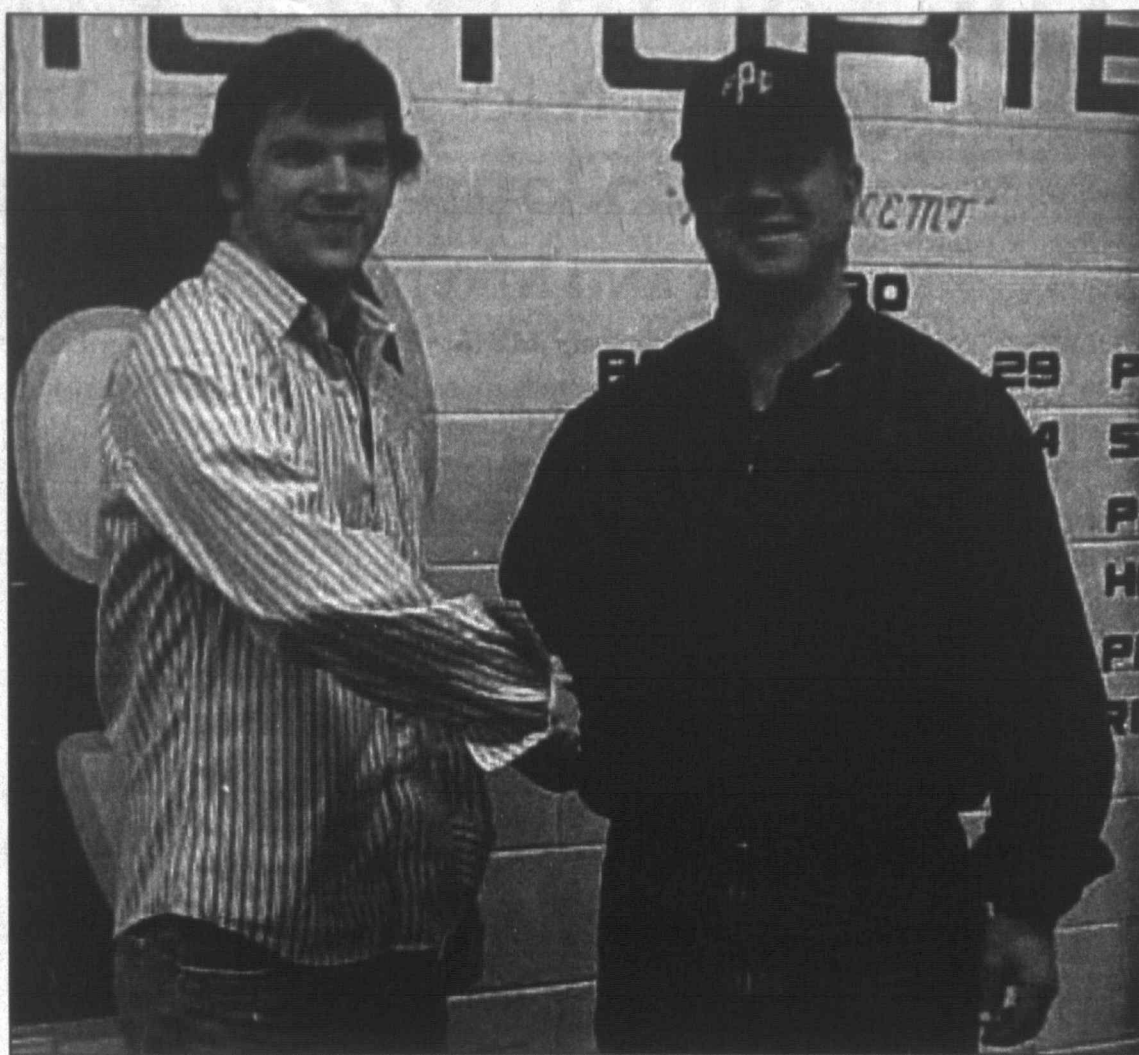
Two days earlier, the Bulls' seven-game winning streak had been snapped in Boston, and the quiet bus ride on the way to the airport spoke volumes to Skiles.

"What was interesting to me was you could hear a pin drop in the bus. 'It was very quiet."

You win seven in a row, you drop one, there could be a little, 'No big deal.'

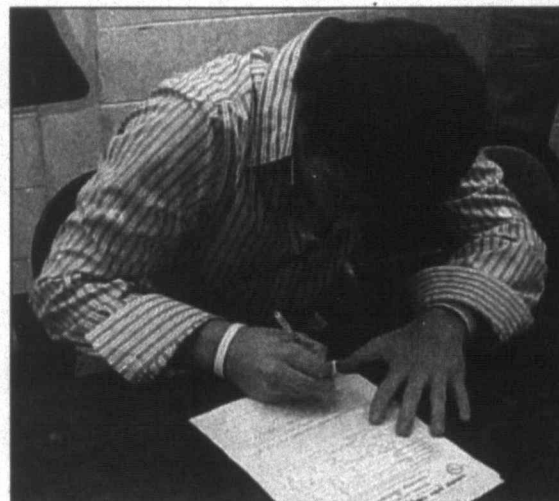
"It is," Skiles said to everyone still within earshot, "a big deal."

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Tyler Doughty and Frank Phillips College baseball coach Guy Simmons (above) seal the deal with a handshake. With his signature (below left), Doughty officially becomes a FPC Plainesman. Simmons prepares the National Letter of Intent for Doughty's signature (below right).



# Central Hockey League Standings

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## NORTHERN CONFERENCE

### Northeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Bossier-Shreveport	22	10	4	48	116	98
Tulsa21	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	26	10	2	54	140	103
New Mexico	18	15	4	40	124	137
Topeka	12	25	3	27	104	140

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

### Southeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	19	14	5	43	126	129
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	20	14	2	42	106	93
<b>Amarillo</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>103</b>
Odessa	15	14	7	37	98	103

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.

### Thursday's Games

- Lubbock 7, New Mexico 2
- Odessa 4, Amarillo 3, OT
- Wichita 6, Corpus Christi 2

### Friday's Games

- Lubbock at Odessa
- Laredo at Bossier-Shreveport
- Amarillo at New Mexico
- Wichita at San Angelo
- Oklahoma City at Memphis
- Fort Worth at Austin
- Colorado at Topeka
- Rio Grande Valley at Tulsa

### Saturday's Games

- Wichita at Odessa
- Austin at Lubbock
- Rio Grande Valley at Bossier-Shreveport
- Fort Worth at Corpus Christi
- Laredo at Memphis
- Oklahoma City at Tulsa
- Colorado at Topeka
- San Angelo at New Mexico

### Sunday's Game

- Corpus Christi at Austin

## Doughty to go from Harvester to FPC Plainsmen next year

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

your team when the game is on the line." Simmons also pointed the obvious. Doughty comes from a baseball family. Father Dennis is the Harvester's head baseball coach. "His dad is as good a coach as there is in Texas," said Simmons.

As far as what it was about Frank Phillips College that attracted his attention and his commitment, Doughty said, "The politics of recruiting was missing."

Pampa senior Tyler Doughty signed a letter of intent in the Ready Room at the athletic offices of Pampa High School this morning. Doughty will be attending Frank Phillips College in Borger next year. He will also be playing baseball for the Plainsmen.

A month among those on hand at this morning's signing were Doughty's parents, Dennis and Renee, and Pampa Athletic Director Dick Dunham.

When asked what it was about Doughty that caught his attention, FPC Head Coach Guy Simmons said, without hesitation, "Commitment," he added, "Tyler has a big heart. He's one of those guys you want on

*"Tyler has a big heart. He's one of those guys you want on your team when the game is on the line."*

—Guy Simmons  
Coach, Frank Phillips College Baseball

ing." He added, "It's also just thirty minutes away, so when I need a load of laundry done..."

Simmons expects his new recruit to take over third base next year, and have an immediate impact in doing so. Coming from the baseball family that he does, Doughty should step into the role with relative ease.

## Burgess

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Then last year, only days before the season opener, Burgess tore his Achilles' tendon and was out for the entire season.

One season-ending injury made him determined to return stronger than ever. The next one made him wonder why the injuries kept happening. Last summer, it was hard for Burgess not to dwell on the nearly two full seasons he missed and wonder whether it could happen again.

"I don't want to say I had doubts, but I'll say concerns," he said. "But once you step on the field, it's all out the window. At minicamp, it was over with. Whatever was going to happen was going to happen."

Burgess wasn't totally immune this season, either. He was off to a solid start with 2 1/2 sacks and started 11 of 12 games until he separated his sternum against Green Bay on Dec. 5, causing him to miss the last four games of the regular season.

Still, defensive coordinator Jim Johnson thought Burgess could play better in the postseason.

"It's amazing that he's made it through this whole year," Johnson said. "He hasn't been a pleasant surprise because we always knew he was a good football player."

Burgess returned to start Philadelphia's first playoff game against Minnesota and did nothing in that one. No sacks, no tackles, no impact.

Maybe that's why Vick had no idea who that No. 56 was chasing him all over the

field. All Vick knew was that Kears was on one end and "another good defensive lineman" on the other end causing him problems.

Burgess benefited from a tip that Eagles defensive line coach Tommy Brasher gave him. Brasher suggested that Kears and Burgess swap sides. That put Burgess back on his more natural left side and the speedier Kears on the right, allowing him to better fill the spot where the left-handed Vick was more likely to run.

When Vick tried to run from Kears, he ran right into Burgess.

"It was just one of those games where everything fell into place," Burgess said. "It was just comfortable being on the left side again. I'm a lot more comfortable on the left side than the right."

Kears said the versatility made them dangerous.

"This will help us out because we can switch sides anytime during the game and we can throw some changeups at them," he said.

Brady presents a different problem than the more mobile Vick and Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper. Brady stays in the pocket longer and won't beat a team with his feet like Vick.

"One is an athlete and one's a quarterback," Burgess said.

Johnson said he could flip-flop the duo again or just keep Burgess on the right side. Either way is fine with Burgess.

"As long as we can go down there and get a 'W,' I'll do whatever it takes," Burgess said.

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San Jose	0	0	.000	0	0	0	New Orleans at Georgia, 7 p.m.						
NATIONAL CONFERENCE		Eastern Division		W	L	Pct	PF	PA	Sunday's Games				
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Dallas	0	0	.000	0	0	0	Philadelphia at Austin, noon						
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1-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

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D B G T Z X U G ; M P A N S M A S O G  
T U U M H M A L . S O G A M A S O G  
Y G D T U S M A L . — D N U S X L X G Z G  
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother recently discovered that his 16-year-old stepdaughter has been chatting online with a man in another state, up to and including phone sex. He went into her e-mail without her permission to see what was going on after she ran up a \$300 phone bill.

When he confronted her about the bill, she lied and said she had been talking to a girlfriend. Her mother -O my brother's wife -O thinks her daughter would never do anything wrong and gets mad at my brother if he implies otherwise. He doesn't want to do anything about the situation for fear of her wrath.

I say, the girl's safety is more important than a fight with his wife. Do you know if there's a task force that he could e-mail this information to and remain anonymous? I would like to see that man caught before something horrible happens to this beautiful young girl. -- PROTECTIVE IN COLORADO

**DEAR PROTECTIVE:** The girl has been victimized by a predator. Your brother's wife is doing her daughter no good by behaving like an ostrich and pretending this incident never happened.

There are several things your brother can do. He should contact his local FBI office and/or visit the Web site [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) and check out the area devoted to cyber crimes - specifically crimes against children under "What We Investigate." If he is referred to his local police department, he should contact them immediately so they can investigate further. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also has an informative Web site, [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com), which provides information regarding exploited children and an opportunity to report it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a single

woman, and while I have kissed a lot of men, only a few were great kissers. You don't want to give up on a great guy because his kiss is only average. I gently tried to provide a bit of coaching with an ex, but it made him defensive.

How do you teach a middle-aged man to kiss? Before I get into another relationship, a little advice in this area would be helpful. Also, would you approach it early on O- or after there is an established relationship? -- WANTS A GREAT KISSER

**DEAR WANTS.** Since different people are turned on by different things, no one should expect to get it right on the first try. A considerate kisser wants to please.

The best way I know of to "teach" a middle-aged man to kiss O- or a young one or an old one, for that matter O- is to demonstrate, demonstrate. Practice makes perfect, and the time to approach it is soon after he makes his next attempt.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm recently divorced after a four-year separation from my husband. My ex treats me like dirt and cannot speak to me without becoming angry and abusive.

I wasn't the cause of the breakup. He cheated on me. I offered to rebuild the trust and work it out, but he refused. I just want to know why he is angry. I have tried to ask him why he gets so defensive. He is living with the woman he cheated with. Why does he carry so much anger toward me? He is supposedly happy with her. -- PUZZLED AND HURT IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR HURT:** He would rather aim his anger at you than face himself. He knows what he did was wrong, and it's easier for him to blame you than take responsibility and accept himself as a cheater. It's called blaming the victim.

## For Better Or Worse



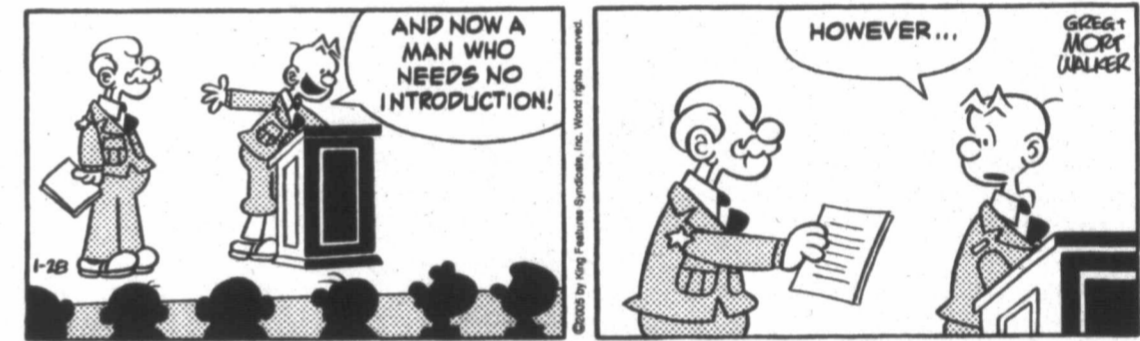
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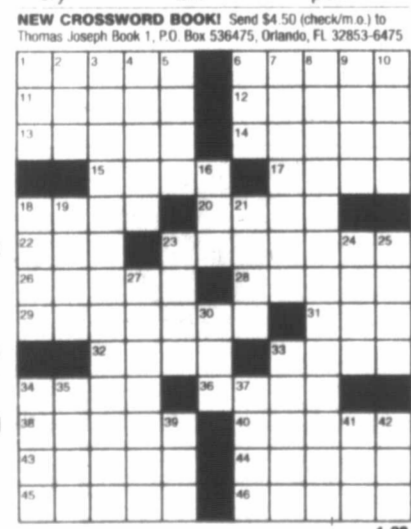
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 6 Paces
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  - 12 Debate
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  - 15 Role for Lorre
  - 17 Gossip bit
  - 18 First person
  - 20 Crazy
  - 22 Blubber
  - 23 Use up
  - 26 Temple leader
  - 28 Bush, for one
  - 29 Comes into view
  - 31 8, on a phone
  - 32 Rough voice
  - 33 Pretentious
  - 34 Crossword part
  - 36 High point
  - 38 Goller's feat
  - 40 Prom transports
  - 43 Old anesthetic
  - 44 Hollywood sort
  - 45 Nymph pursuer
- DOWN**
- 1 Guitar legend
  - 2 Publican's product
  - 3 Billy Joel song
  - 4 Derby setting
  - 5 Take it easy
  - 6 Heating choice
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  - 8 Billy Joel song
  - 9 Air
  - 10 Appear
  - 16 Flamenco cry
  - 18 Plot size
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  - 21 Chooses easy
  - 23 Archaeology sites
  - 24 High-strung
  - 25 Covet
  - 27 Athlete/senator
  - 30 MPG rater
  - 33 Buddy
  - 34 Turns right
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  - 37 Chowder
  - 39 Gif
  - 41 Unbroken
  - 42 Porker pen



Yesterday's answer



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## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends

