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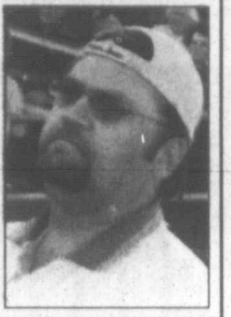
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Panhandle area plagued by weekend grass fires

By DAVID BOWSER
and MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writers

About 100 residents north of Shamrock were back home today after being evacuated on New Year's Day due to wildfires.

Blowing dirt and smoke closed roads across the panhandle Sunday as high winds whipped flames across North Texas, destroying an estimated 100 homes in the dry, rolling plains west of Fort Worth.

Two fatalities, one near Canyon and one near Dumas, involved weather, Texas Department of Safety troopers said today.

U.S. Highway 83 was closed briefly north of Shamrock because of grass fires and about 100 residents were evacuated from their homes as the wind shifted and grass fires threatened the houses.

DPS troopers reported no structures were damaged at Shamrock and no one was injured. U.S. 83 reopened by 4 p.m. Sunday.

U.S. Highway 70 between Clarendon and Interstate 40 was also closed because of smoke from grass fires.

Interstate 27 south of Canyon was closed by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers due to blow-

ing dust. Trooper Wayne Beighle reported zero visibility at points along the interstate highway and hazardous driving conditions.

The blowing dirt was being blamed today for a eight vehicle pileup on I-27 that killed one and injured three.

Patricia Ann Haines, 50, Midland, died shortly after 1 p.m. Sunday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo of injuries suffered in the 11:30 a.m. pileup Sunday on I-27.

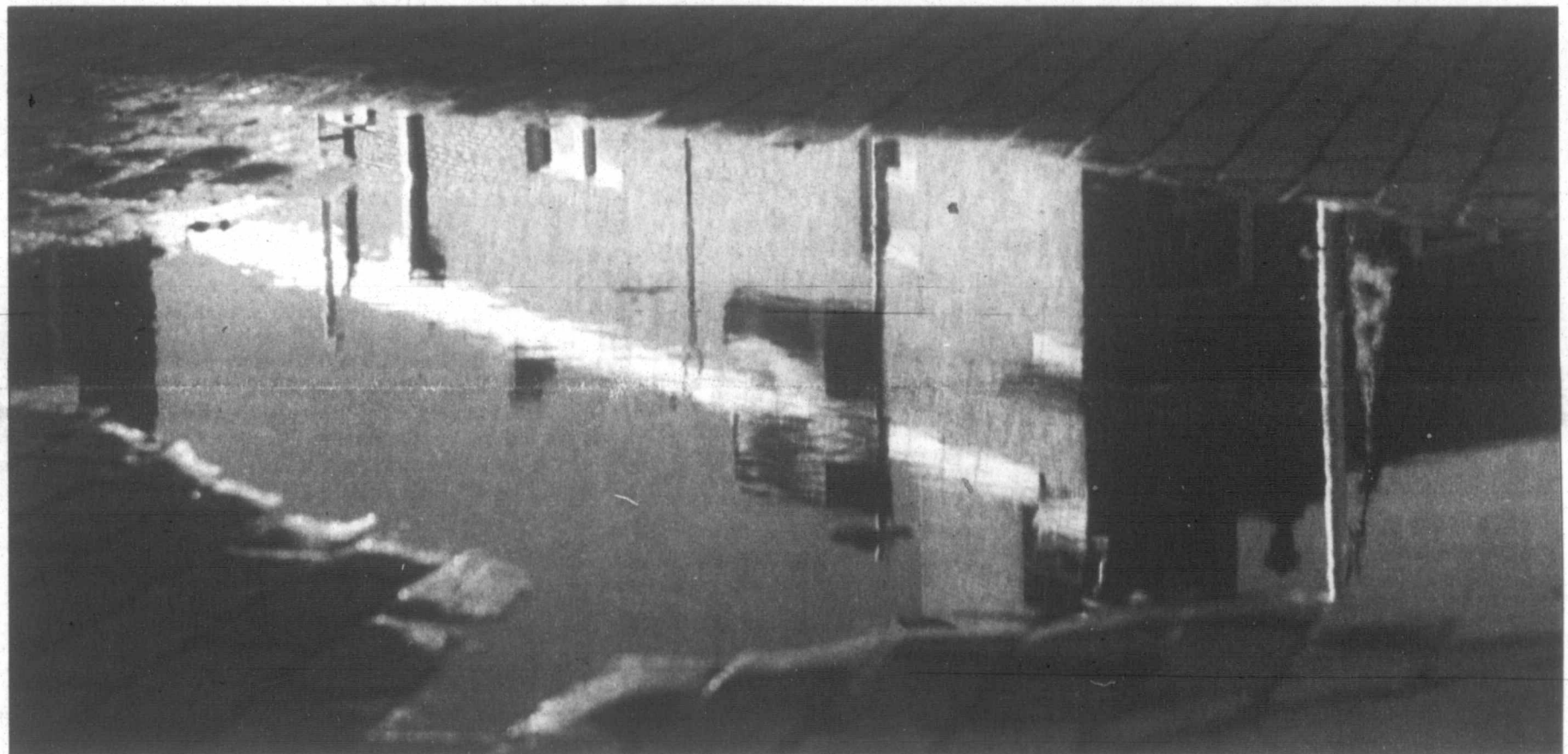
Haines was a passenger in a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by her husband.

Beighle said a 1998 Jeep

Wagoner had stopped in the roadway because of the blowing dirt, setting off a chain reaction crash involving eight vehicles that resulted in Haines death.

Three other people were injured in the multi-vehicle pileup, Beighle said, when their 1994 Ford Aerostar van was struck. Victor Burrows, his wife and 2-year-old daughter, all of Plainview, were in stable condition today in Northwest Texas Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, Beighle said.

U.S. Highway 60 was closed east
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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

The Stars and Stripes and Lone Star flag of Texas fluttered in a brisk breeze this morning reflected in a pool of water at Foster and Russell outside the Pampa Central Fire Station.

County commission to consider ban on burning

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners will consider adopting a burn ban for the county at their meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.

"I've asked the commissioners to let me know anytime they want to be put on the agenda to consider a burn ban," Gray County Judge Richard Peet said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

County rainfall total was 4.66 inches below normal for 2005, according to Lance Goehring, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Pampa received 5.37 inches of rainfall in August, according to information recorded by the Mesonet weather station near Recreation Park, but has only had 1.37 inches since then. Monthly totals are September, .21; October, .78; November, .24; and December, .14.

The number of grass fires responded to by Hoover Volunteer Fire Department is about one and one-half times normal, Millican said Wednesday.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright will ask that bids be sought for a new tractor for his precinct.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby will seek approval to replace an employee, as will Gaye Whitehead of the County Tax Assessor-Collector's office. District

Attorney Lynn Switzer has asked approval to replace an employee. A request will also be heard to advertise for an employee for Gray County Extension Office.

An amendment to the county's autopsy services agreement with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will be considered.

GSA will address the court concerning computer services for various county and district offices.

JP Curfman announces for re-election

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, who is in his eighth year in office, has filed for re-election on the Republican ticket.

"I am fulfilling a commitment I made when first elected," Curfman said. "As promised, we continue to try and keep this court a model court with no backlog of cases, a balanced budget and a return to the people and county whenever possible."

Some of his achievements in office include yearly improvements to com-

puters and software with accessibility for the public to be heard. His office has also helped merchants and citizens receive restitution for losses.

"Since my first year, we have worked toward making this office open to the public with easy access and hardworking people wanting to make a difference in our community," Curfman said.

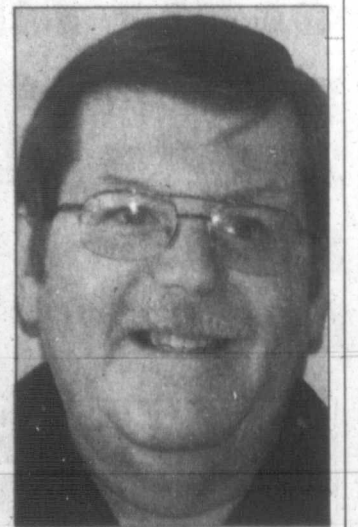
He also serves as municipal court judge for the City of Pampa. He has previously served as municipal judge for the City of McLean.

Curfman is on the local emergency

planning committee, Latchkey board and Boy Scouts of America. He has served in the past at Tralee Crisis Center.

He is a Pampa native and a graduate of Pampa High School. He attended Clarendon College and graduated from Amarillo College with an Associate in Applied Science degree. He has also attended West Texas State University and Southwest Texas University. His major courses of study were law, business and accounting.

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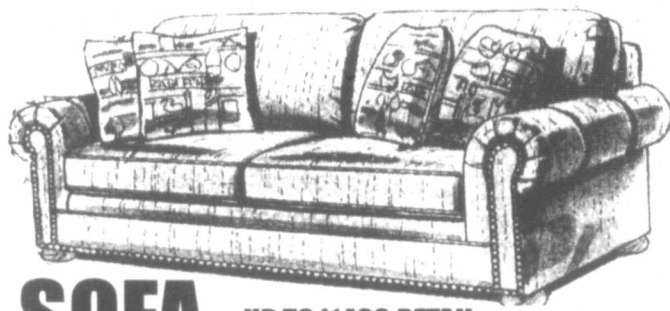
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Sheriff

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

Friday, Dec. 30, 2005
 Christopher Gene Morris, 33, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO for simple assault and a Potter County charge of driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005
 Bryan Christopher Humphrey, 17, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO for burglary of a habitation.

Curtis Andrew Camp, 32, Pampa, was arrested in the 200 block of South Tignor by Pampa Police Department on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Billy Dale Simpson, 32, Pampa, was arrested in the 600 block of Davis by PPD on capias pro fines for possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of a city ordinance/no running water.

Vicki Lynn Ogden Merrick, 43, Pampa, was arrested in the 600 block of Davis by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia, theft under \$50, and a warrant for forgery.

Johsua Ray Taylor, 28, Pampa, was arrested in the 1000 block of Duncan by PPD for assault causing bodily injury.

Sunday, Jan. 1

Angela Raye Alexander, 35, Pampa, was arrested in the 300 block of North Faulkner by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Jerry John Cruz, 18, Pampa, was arrested in the 1600 block of Gwendolyn by PPD for minor in possession, no driver's license and two counts of failure to appear.

Bobbie Lynne Cole, 30, Pampa, was arrested in the 100 block of Fraser by PPD for theft over \$20 and under \$500 by check and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Regina Irene Ellis, 40, Pampa, was arrested in the 100 block of Fraser by PPD for disorderly conduct/urinating in public and public intoxication.

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Belinda Renea Brookshire, 28

LEFORS — Belinda Renea Brookshire, 28, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, in Bryan. No services are scheduled at this time.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

She was born July 30, 1977, in Petryton, and attended Lefors schools. She married Brian Thornton on May 2, 2003, in Pampa.

Survivors include



Brookshire

her husband, Brian Thornton of Pampa; four children, Damyane Gilbert of Lefors, Dystany Brookshire Riley of Aspermont, Syerra Blackwell of Post Falls, Idaho and Jyason Brookshire Thornton of Amarillo; her parents, Daniel and Katherine Gilbert of Lefors; two sisters, Melissa Glass of Pampa and Rebecca Gilbert of Lefors; and a grandmother, Mary Brookshire of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phylip Brookshire Hendrick.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Please sign the online register book at carmichael-whatley.com

Ruby L. Swanson, 58

Ruby L. Swanson, 58, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Skellytown with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

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

Mrs. Swanson was born Aug. 14, 1947, in Pampa. She was a resident of Pampa for the past year and a member of the First Baptist Church in Skellytown.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Swanson and wife Glenna of Skellytown, Bobby Swanson and Billy Swanson and wife

Kelley, all of Pampa; one brother, Charles Smith of Amarillo; one sister, Opal Rodgers and husband Bob of Friona; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three nieces, Margie Baldwin of Pampa, and Sophia Drake and Brenda Joyce Lee, both of Amarillo; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, R.C. McDowell and mother, Gladys Helbert.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, TX 79080

Please sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Georgia L. Allen, 77

AMARILLO — Georgia L. Allen, 77, of Amarillo, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Llano Cemetery with Loren Harper of Comanche Trail Church of Christ officiating. Arrangements are by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Allen was born May 9, 1928 in Amarillo to Asa Lee and Alma "Bea" Blankenship. She graduated from Amarillo High School and was in the healthcare profession for 25 years.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Stewart; one daughter, Ardenell Miller of Aurora, Ill.; one brother, Asa Blankenship Jr. of Houston; four stepchildren; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Dean Allen in 1968.

The family requests memorials be to Comanche Trail Church of Christ, 2700 E. 34th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79118.

Grace Cleveland, 91

Grace Cleveland, 91, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Hollis, Okla., with the Rev. Gary Baird officiating. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery in Hollis under the direction of Patterson Greer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cleveland was born in Harmon County and graduated from Gould High School. She married Lloyd Cleveland in 1935 in Hollis.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Hollis before moving to Pampa several years ago. She later joined First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include one son, Steve Cleveland of Pampa; four nephews; five nieces; and two brothers-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Lloyd in 1977; three sisters, Leona, Velda and Beatrice; an infant brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Services tomorrow

GEE, F. Calvin — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel.
 SWANSON, Ruby L. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.
 CLEVELAND, GRACE — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Chapel, Hollis, Okla.
 ALLEN, Georgia L. — 10 a.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 65. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 73. Wind chill values between 30 and 35 early. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as

high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 33. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north-west.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 54. North wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

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Ambulance

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

Saturday, Dec. 31

10:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2600 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to

PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Williston. No transport.

Sunday, Jan. 1

12:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of East Foster. No transport.

2:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Terrace. No transport.

2:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of East Foster and

Fire

transported a patient to PRMC.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 31

8:46 a.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on an electrical fire.

1:09 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee on a lifting assist.

Curfman

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Curfman said he will continue his education yearly with required schools, electives and continuing

education. He has previously worked for Ideal food stores, Furr's and Thriftway grocery stores for more than 30 years as a meat market manager.

He and his wife, Teresa, have been married 31 years. She is a registered nurse

who works for Texas Tech University at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Jordan Unit. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

The Curfmans are members of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Fires

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of Hereford due to smoke from grass fires and blowing dust.

U.S. Highway 70 southeast of Farwell was closed because of grass fires in Parmer County.

Pampa was hit with wind gusts of up to 52 miles an hour Sunday, but showers dropped 0.11 of an inch of moisture helping prevent wildfires.

Gray County was spared the woes of Wheeler and Donley counties over the weekend when grass fires erupted in those two locations.

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department sent a total of four trucks to the two fires, which blazed up Sunday afternoon, said HVFD Chief Joe Millican.

"Several departments from Texas and Oklahoma came in to fight a large grass fire in Wheeler County, north of Shamrock. We sent two trucks there," he said.

At the same time, another fire broke out in Donley County, south of Interstate 40 along Highway 70.

"It was threatening Gray County and Alanreed. We sent two trucks to that fire," Millican said.

After the two trucks sent to Wheeler County left that fire, they went to Donley County to join the two HVFD trucks already battling that blaze, he said.

"We stayed six hours or so into the night. It was still burning at 9 p.m. Over 7,000 acres burned in the Donley County fire," Millican said.

The National Forest Service had taken command of fighting the Donley County fire at the

time HVFD trucks returned home, he said.

Fire trucks from Wheeler, Carson and Donley counties were fighting the Donley County fire alongside HVFD.

"Gray County itself was really lucky," Millican said. He said high winds contributed to Sunday's fires. No HVFD personnel were injured while fighting the fires.

Gray County

'Gray County itself was really lucky.'

— Joe Millican
Hoover VFD Chief

Commissioners are expected to discuss a countywide burn ban during their meeting Tuesday.

Numerous grass fires were reported across the area Sunday, Beighle said.

"This is a very dangerous situation with high winds spreading fire quickly," he said.

Earlier Sunday, a blaze started south of Dumas after a truck wreck that killed the driver, Beighle said.

Clifton Barnett Lee, 42, of Houston, was killed when the semi he was driving drifted off U.S. Highway 87 two miles south of Dumas and turned over. The truck caught fire, and winds quickly spread the flames across 2,000 acres before it could be brought under control.

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2 arrested transporting pot

GROOM — Two men were arrested Friday along Interstate 40 in Carson County in two separate traffic stops after large amounts of marijuana were found in their vehicles, according to Texas Department of Public Safety reports.

The first traffic stop occurred at 11:17 a.m. Friday when troopers stopped a 2006 Chevy Trailblazer traveling eastbound on Interstate 40, 18 miles west of Groom.

Timothy David Fox, 38, of Itasca, Ill., was later arrested after 162 pounds of marijuana was found in several duffel bags in the cargo area of the vehicle. Fox was booked into Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug-related charges.

The marijuana has an estimated value of \$68,202. Investigators believe the load originated in Albuquerque, N.M., and was destined for Chicago, Ill.

The next stop occurred at 3 p.m. Friday when a 1998 Ford Contour traveling eastbound on Interstate 40 near Groom was stopped for a traffic violation.

The driver, Anthony Lee Rodriguez, 35, Collinsville, Ill., was arrested after 84 pounds of marijuana was found inside the trunk of his vehicle. The marijuana was in 24 bundles packed inside

a box. Rodriguez was booked into Carson County Jail on drug-related charges.

The 84 pounds of marijuana has an estimated value of \$42,000. The load was believed to have originated in Los Angeles, Calif., and was headed for St. Louis, Mo.

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Viewpoints

Foothold in outer space key to America's place on earth

The next time you look up into a dark sky and see a moving light, do not jump to the conclusion that it is an airplane. You might be looking at the International Space Station. At present, it is bigger than a three-bedroom house, and it will be at least twice that size when completed.

Since it is 230 miles above the Earth's surface and moving at over 17,000 miles an hour (orbiting about 16 times a day), you might find it difficult to believe that you can see it from your backyard without a telescope or binoculars. But the station has giant solar panels powering it, which reflect sunlight extremely well, making it one of the brightest objects in the night sky. The Station is also a key to keeping

America's future bright.

The United States is facing increasing competition in high-tech industries. At present, just 32 percent of American undergraduates receive degrees in science or engineering compared to 59 percent of Chinese students. The advent of the Internet has made it easier for people from other nations to compete with our workers. And other countries are increasing their investments in science research. China has even made significant strides in its own space program.

In order to maintain our leadership in science and science-related businesses, we need to keep our commitment to the space station. In crucial ways, doing pioneering work on the frontiers of space contributes to making

our scientific community the best on the planet. Dr. Richard Smalley, a brilliant Texan who won the Nobel prize for his work in nanoscience, was first inspired to take science seriously by the Soviet Union's successful launch of Sputnik in 1957 and the response of the United States — an ambitious space program of its own. After several mis-

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator



ions to the moon, the U.S. program became less captivating, and we have since lost the interest of many students during their formative years when they are making decisions that could lead them to a career in science.

The space station helps the United States lead the world in science by making it the center of groundbreaking research. While the station receives funding from 16 different countries, the United States remains at the nexus of the project. With the U.S. leading the project, we receive the lion's share of the credit for discoveries made in its laboratories. Our nation also operates as the headquarters for the scientific and engineering support work for the station, bringing many of the world's brightest researchers to do

their work here, while also adding numerous valuable jobs to our economy. With the Johnson Space Center located in Houston, Texas have seen firsthand the scientific and economic benefits of space-related discoveries.

The station provides our scientists with a unique environment where they can conduct many experiments not possible on Earth. One planned project, led by American Nobel laureate Dr. Samuel Ting, will place a sophisticated particle detector on the station to learn more about cosmic rays. This research must be carried out in space where researchers can collect data without the hindrance of Earth's dense atmosphere and gravity.

The results could lead to breakthroughs in our fundamental understanding of matter and energy. As much as 70 percent of the universe is made up of dark matter, but at present scientists know very little about it. The planned research on cosmic rays may provide researchers with vital insights in understanding dark matter. Those insights could, in turn, develop new energy sources. Dr. Ting's research will also directly advance our knowledge of using superconducting magnet technology for propulsion and radiation shielding.

This kind of basic research in the hard sciences often leads to breakthroughs that make life better for us

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2006. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the Open Door policy to facilitate trade with China.

On this date:

In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain surrendered to Spanish forces loyal to King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles

'It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.'

— Ursula K. Le Guin
American author

and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

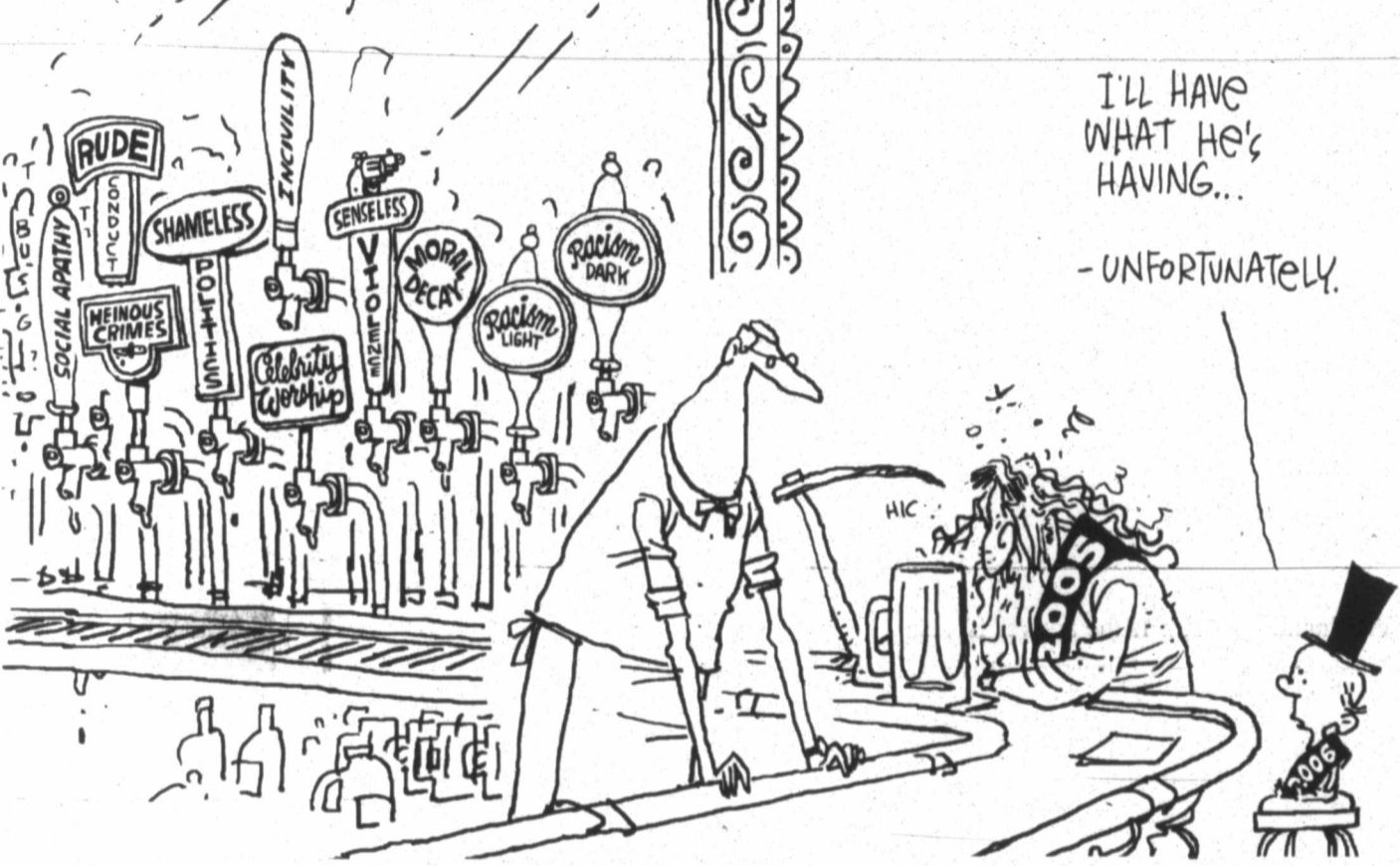
In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported \$400,000.

In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph (however, federal speed limits were abolished in 1995).

In 1986, former baseball owner Bill Veeck, remembered for his well-publicized stunts and promotional gimmicks, including an exploding scoreboard and a midjet pinch-hitter, died in Chicago at age 71.

Ten years ago: Former Interior Secretary James Watt pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of attempting to sway a grand jury investigating 1980s influence-peddling at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Watt was later fined and sentenced to five years' probation.) AT&T announced it would eliminate 40,000 jobs, mostly through layoffs.

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Bush has taken Caesar complex too far

I wish to announce that I have taken actions that have saved hundreds of American lives.

What kinds of actions?
That's classified.
But since you write columns for a living, you must have dealt with some organizations. Who are they?

That's classified.
When did you take those actions?

That's classified. Listen, I'm not going to discuss intelligence matters except to say that I am simultaneously smiting the enemies of America and protecting Americans' civil liberties, obeying the law and saying my prayers every night.

With all due respect, sir, how do we know you're doing that if every aspect of it is classified?

Trust me.
Well, if you trust George

W. Bush, I have a bridge in Brooklyn that's just come on the market at an amazingly low price. Some secrecy in government is necessary. We don't need to publish directions for making hydrogen bombs or announce in advance troop actions in a war zone. We shouldn't reveal the identities of our covert agents or their sources. But beyond these obvious few things, very little in government really deserves to be kept secret.

Classifying stuff as "secret" is a farce and quite often a deliberate cover-up. A friend who served in Army intelligence recalls clipping stories from mass-circulation newspapers in Tokyo

and stamping them "Top Secret." Another friend who finally got his "FBI dossier" after a two-year fight with the FBI by using the Freedom of Information Act discovered there was nothing in this "classified" dossier except newspaper clippings. These are true stories.

When I was in my last hitch in the Army, I had a secret clearance. One day, however, I had to type a report that was Top Secret. I can assure you that nothing in our unit was worth keeping secret. At any rate, I typed it and put the Top Secret cover on it and gave it to the commanding officer.

In a few minutes, he said he wanted to make some

minor changes. "Fine," I said, "give them to me, and I'll retype it."

"I can't do that," he said, "because you don't have a Top Secret clearance."

I kid you not, he really said that.

"Sir," I reminded him, "I just typed the whole report."

"Yes," he replied with an "aha" tone of voice, "but that was before the Top Secret cover was put on it."

You might suppose I reminded him that it was I who put the cover on, but I didn't. One thing I learned in the Army is that it is futile to attempt to reason with a bureaucratic mind, especially one that outranks you. Excuse me for not sharing the general enthusiasm for all things military and governmental, but I have been too close to both. It's my

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Charley Reese

Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 26
The Dallas Morning News on House Speaker Tom Craddick:

Tom Craddick started 2005 peering out from the cover of Texas Monthly, which heralded him as Texas' most powerful person. The House speaker lived up to his billing during the Legislature's regular session, plus two special ones, all devoted to funding schools.

Unfortunately, the iron-fisted Republican passed up numerous chances to give schools the gift of strong financial foundation. He wraps up the year making a good candidate

for Grinch of Austin.

From the year's beginning, Mr. Craddick showed little interest in cooperating with Senate leaders to solve the school-funding crisis. He thought the courts should take a swipe at it first.

Never mind that many schools were dismissing teachers, cutting classes and teaching more students with less money. That truth didn't bother the speaker.

He didn't budge when parents, teachers and superintendents lined the Capitol hallways, pressing legislators to realize the plight of their classrooms. The advocates came from all over Texas. And they were so dogged in their plea for more money some Republicans derided them as "Whiny Ass School People," or WASPs.

Forget their struggles. The Craddick team focused on how schools could economize. What little money it did offer schools didn't keep pace with inflation.

The obstructionist streak continued in his dealings with Republican colleagues. As the regular session ended, Mr. Craddick rejected a compromise solution from Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

That session collapsed, just as the special ones fell apart. Mr. Craddick's fingerprints were all over their death certificates. And as 2005 ended, he backed out of a joint committee with the Senate to try to solve Texas' biggest problem.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am an armed forces veteran who spent a tour of duty in Iraq in 2004. My wife and I separated three years ago, and she and our four children now reside in another state. Neither of us has "moved on," and we may reconcile later in life. I am writing about my oldest son, "Jon," who is 18 and not yet out of high school due to poor grades. He and I do not have a good relationship and have very different views regarding life and politics. Jon was, and still is, bitter over his mother and me separating. When I returned from Iraq on mid-tour leave, I gave him the uniform jacket I wore in combat with all the rank, flags, name tags, etc., on it as a gift. I know from my own youth that I would have been proud to have had something from my uncles or father that they wore during the war. Jon started wearing it as soon as I gave it to him, and I was proud of him to do so. I have not seen him much since my return to the United States from the war. However, I did see him a little over a month ago and noticed that he's still wearing the jacket. My wife says he wears it often. He has written an anarchy symbol in permanent marker on the American flag on the right sleeve under my combat patch. I am angry and disappointed, but I didn't make waves. I am not sure how to handle this, and I'm afraid that a returning soldier may take one look and vent his problems from combat tour of duty on my son. -- **AMERICAN VET IN ALABAMA**

DEAR AMERICAN VET: Your son may have defaced the jacket to punish you for the separation, or as a political statement. We live in a country that guarantees freedom of speech. Ask him if he realizes the effect that the anarchy symbol he penned on the American flag may have on other vets (including you). If the answer is yes, then he may have to learn the hard way what can happen when someone does something that's deliberately inflammatory.

DEAR ABBY: My husband left me a year ago, and our divorce became final two months ago. We have a 3-year-old daughter who lives primarily with me, but sees him frequently. I am a preschool teacher, and my daughter attends classes at the same school where I teach. I have just learned that my ex was dating -- and is still communicating with -- one of my co-teachers, "Danielle." Ironically, she and I were working in the same classroom when he left me, and I cried on her shoulder about the situation. We bonded because her husband had left her. It gets worse. It seems at least one other teacher has known about the situation for several months. Danielle was apparently reading e-mails from my ex in the staff room and shared a message with the other teacher, whispering, "Shhh ..." as she pointed to his name on the screen. I feel furious, betrayed and humiliated. I think my ex is pond scum, and Danielle is simply evil. I don't want my daughter connected to this woman in any way. I have to see Danielle every day, and I don't know what to say or do. So far, I have been avoiding her. Any advice? -- **EX-WIFE IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR EX-WIFE: I don't blame you for feeling betrayed, but you can't control who your ex sees or who might be with him when your daughter visits her dad. My advice is to keep your cool and continue to avoid Danielle. There is nothing to be gained -- and you could have a lot to lose -- if you create a scene at the school. Should you run into her away from the school and choose to give her a piece of your mind, that's your privilege. But don't count on shaming the shameless -- because that's what she is.

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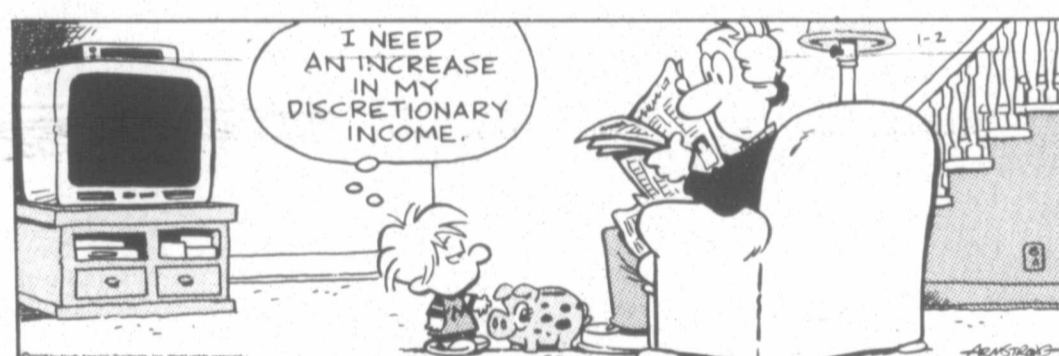
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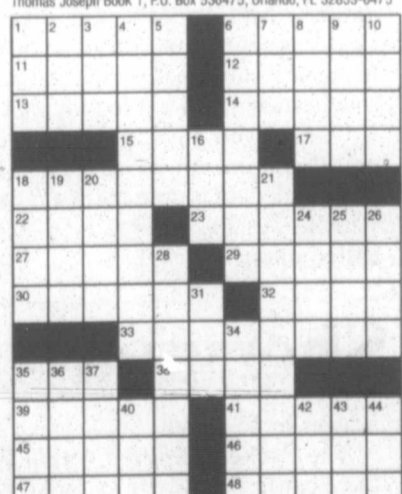
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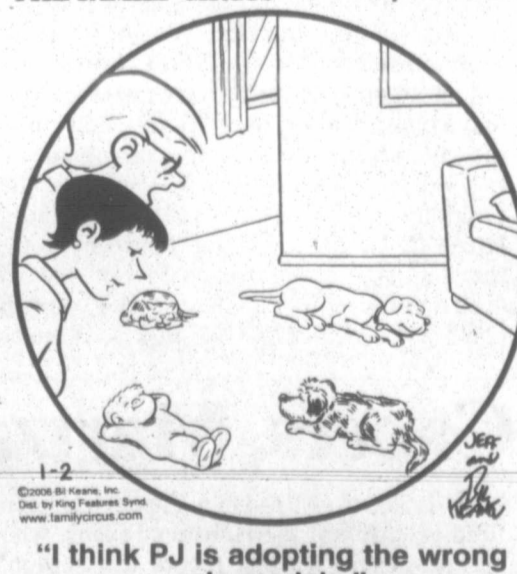


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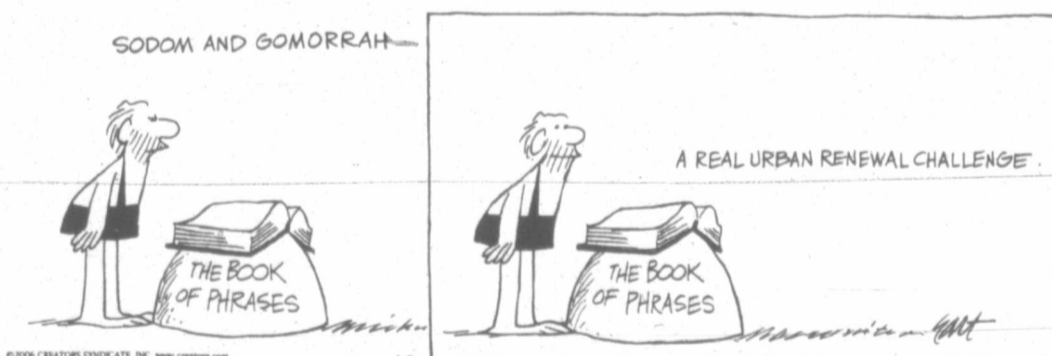


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Sports Day

Rams hand Dallas 20-10 loss

IRVING, Texas (AP) - When the Dallas Cowboys extended their season to the final weekend, coach Bill Parcells praised his club for showing "a little spunk."

It was gone by the time they lined up for that last game without a chance of making the playoffs.

Their emotions sapped by other games not going their way, the Cowboys allowed Aveion Cason and Arlen Harris to run for their first touchdowns since 2003 and scored the fewest points against the St. Louis Rams this season in a 20-10 loss Sunday night.

"We weren't up to playing the way we were supposed to play," defensive tackle Jason Ferguson said.

The game was rendered meaningless when Washington beat Philadelphia. A Carolina victory over Atlanta earlier in the day cut off another potential path to the playoffs. A long-shot scenario had fizzled when the New York Giants won Saturday night.

With only a 10-win season to play for, the Cowboys couldn't get motivated.

"I think we were a little deflated mentally, especially our offensive group," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "We just

seemed to not be on edge in light of what happened today, probably."

The intrigue in Dallas now is whether Parcells will return for the final season of his four-year, \$17 million contract. He wouldn't say what he's doing or when he'll meet with team owner Jerry Jones to discuss it.

"I just got to get away from it a little while," Parcells said.

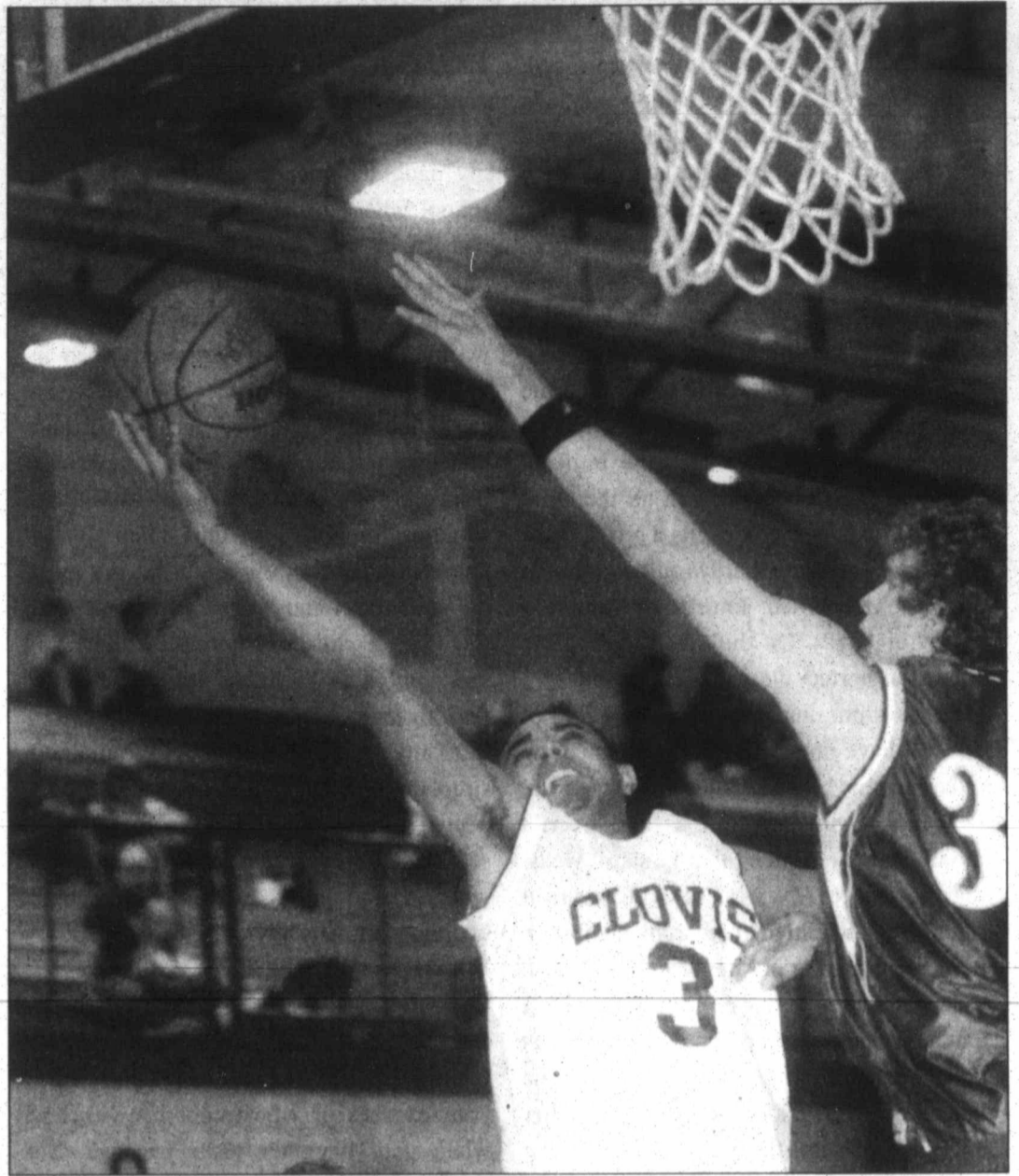
In the somber locker room afterward, Jones said, "We want to continue with what we've got going here. We've got a good thing going."

Under Parcells, the Cowboys are 25-24 in three years, a big turnaround from 15-33 the three previous seasons.

This game ended the 10th season since the Cowboys won their last Super Bowl. They've won only one playoff game since then, in 1996.

The 2005 season is hard to quantify. It's a disappointment based on having been 7-3, but a success considering the Cowboys were 6-10 and not even close in most of their losses last season. Five of their losses this time were by a touchdown or less.

"I think we're a better team, by far, than what we were last year," Parcells said.



Courtesy photo

Pampa's Jarett Kotara (#32) reaches out to deny a Wildcat shooter during the Milk Cow Classic championship game in Clovis Friday night. Kotara was named Tournament MVP.

Coach Miller: 'It was a great game'

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

What those in attendance were treated to Friday night in Clovis was something special. Pampa vs. Clovis in the title game of the annual Milk Cow Classic. And the 89-88 final in overtime offers only a hint of what took place on the floor of The Rock that night.

Pampa found itself on the short end of the final, but with nothing to be ashamed of. Still, the look on the Harvesters' faces afterward told you they didn't go to Clovis to be a great runner-up. They went to Clovis to win. They now believe they can win every game they play. This is the product of teamwork and superb coaching. And it is this that should have Pampa fans excited about the upcoming district schedule.

In summing up his team's performance

Friday night, first year Pampa head coach Dustin Miller said, "It was a great game. Clovis is a tough place to play. I thought we played our hearts out but we came up short. We went there to win the tournament but didn't, so that is a little disappointing." Miller noted it has been a long, tough trip without any home games since the Lions Club Tournament in November. "We will be glad to be in McNeely Tuesday night," said Miller.

Top scorers for Pampa Friday were Braydon Barker with 25 points, most of them coming in the second half. Sharod Young and Jarett Kotara had 20 points each. Young was named to the All-Tournament team. Kotara was named Tournament MVP.

Pampa (13-4) hosts Amarillo High in The Pit Tuesday night. The junior varsity game will start at 6, varsity at 7:30.

Flutie converts NFL's first drop kick since 1941

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) - Doug Flutie is 43 years old and still pulling out new tricks. All he needs is a chance to show them off.

"It's nice to have a situation where you can make it fun," the Patriots' backup quarterback said Sunday after converting the first drop kick extra point since the 1941 NFL title game. "I don't think there will be too many opportunities for that in the next few weeks."

Flutie helped the Patriots pull within eight points, and Matt Cassel threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Ben Watson with no time left to cut it to two. But Cassel's pass on the 2-point conversion attempt was high, and Miami held on for a 28-26 victory in a mostly meaningless season-ending game.

The win was the sixth in a row for the Dolphins (9-7) - their longest winning streak in 13 years. For the Patriots (10-6), the loss kept them from a higher playoff seed that they might not have really wanted. With Cincinnati's 37-3 loss to Kansas

City, New England could have earned the No. 3 seed in the AFC and a matchup with Pittsburgh. Instead, the two-time defending NFL champions rested most of their starters and will play Jacksonville in Foxborough on Saturday.

"We played to win. We played hard all week. We just came up a little bit short," said Brady, who was 3-for-8 for 37 yards in one quarter. "I was proud of the way the guys fought. I thought Matt did a great job. He was so far ahead of where I was my first year. I thought he did some great things."

Cassel, who threw 33 passes in four years as a backup at USC, threw two touchdown passes. And rookie wide receiver Bam Childress, who made his first pro catch after being activated before the game, gave up a touchdown catch while playing cornerback.

"We played guys to get them experience, get them out there to play," coach Bill Belichick said, "give them a chance so they will be better prepared to play if they are called upon."

Capers, Martz, Sherman fired

HOUSTON (AP) - Dom Capers has been fired as coach of the Houston Texans, who had the league's worst record this season, the players were told Monday.

Capers addressed the team at a meeting this morning and told players he had been let go. He was accompanied by owner Bob McNair, several players said.

"It was emotional. It was difficult. I felt sorry for him," said offensive lineman Steve McKinney.

Houston finished the season 2-14, the worst record in the NFL and in the Texans' four-season history, with a 20-17 overtime loss in San Francisco on Sunday.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - The Green Bay Packers fired coach Mike Sherman on Monday, a day after finishing their worst

season in 15 years.

The Packers finished with a victory over the Seattle Seahawks as Brett Favre threw his first touchdown pass in five games. But they still finished with a 4-12 record.

Packers general manager Ted Thompson said the decision to fire Sherman wasn't based on the team's fortunes this season.

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Mike Martz was fired as coach of the St. Louis Rams on Monday after a 6-10 season in which he missed the final 11 games because of a heart ailment.

The Rams started the season 2-3 before Martz was sidelined with an infection of the heart lining. Assistant Joe Vitt replaced him for the rest of the season, which ended Sunday with a 20-10 win over Dallas that left the team at 6-10.

COACHING CAROUSEL

Let the firings and departures begin

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The first toward a cure...

There can be little else more troubling than to see someone once hooked on a mind-altering substance of some kind suffering - hurting - as they 'come down' during the drying out process.

Images of distant stares and quiet muttering come to mind. Folks reaching out, grasping for help and support after their supply has run out. Some looking more like zombies than the functional human beings they once were.

Look close and you will see some of these people today and over the next few weeks. More advanced cases may last months or longer. It is rumored some have never recovered. You may find them in the grocery store. At the gas station. The bank. Perhaps dropping their kids off at school. Do not be afraid, they will not harm you. However, like a sleepwalker, you will need to wake them slowly so as not to send them into shock.

They will be easy to spot as some will still be wearing their blue and silver shrouds, often adorned with a blue star. Listen and you can identify them by the secret codes they use when talking to one another. Listen for clues like "Tuna", "What were they thinking" and "Do you think Aikman will consider coming back". Those unable to recover from their long addiction will often offer the sad cry "Just wait till next season". And yet for them, next season never comes.

Job available, inquire within
Retired

Dick Vermeil retired for the third time Sunday. The former Eagles and Rams coach says this one is for good. Kansas City sent him out with a very impressive 37-3 rout over playoff bound Cincinnati.

As of this writing, it was still not clear if Cowboys coach Bill Parcells would join Vermeil. Odds are he will. Others who may decide to hang up their whistle-and-clip-

board? How about Green Bay's Mike Sherman? The Packer's poor performance this season was not his doing, but it could provide the proper vehicle for change, should Sherman want it. Want a shocker? I give you Colts coach Tony Dungy. If Indianapolis does as many expect and wins the Super Bowl, Dungy may decide to retire and move into ministry. The recent loss of his son may perpetuate Dungy's move.

Fired

Mike Tice was fired as the head coach of the Minnesota Vikings Sunday. St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz and Houston's Dom Capers were both let go today. Capers comes as no surprise. He was on the way out when Dan Reeves was brought in a couple weeks ago as an "adviser". Martz was fired months ago, but the Ram's front office forgot to tell him. Others on their way out? How about Herm Edwards (New York Jets) and Norv Turner (Oakland)? Edwards may want to stay, but one can only ride the "persona" thing so long. Turner works for one of the least patient men in the business. This will prove his demise. OK, losing a lot doesn't help.

New Orleans head coach Jim Haslett is a possibility. But after hurricane Katrina and her aftermath, how could you? The twist here is that Haslett may decide to walk away on his own and seek a gig in a more stable environment.

Detroit's Dick Juron will be fired. But can an interim coach really be fired? The Lions will prove it can be done.

Bonus

What are you doing in that alley? Former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett is being sought by Ohio authorities in connection with an assault over the weekend. Clarett is alleged to have pulled a gun on a couple of people in an alley behind a bar, swiping a cell phone, then leaving the scene in a white SUV.

Though certainly not a joke, there will be punch lines-a-plenty for this story over the next few days, count on it.

USC, UT defenses determined to prevent shootout

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - The numbers alone must be enough to make the guys playing defense in the Rose Bowl shudder.

Imagine a 51-50 national title game. If Texas and Southern California hit their averages, that will be the final score Wednesday night in Pasadena.

And if they stick to their norms, Reggie Bush, Matt Leinart, Vince Young and the rest of the Trojans and Longhorns would produce nearly 1,100 yards.

Pity the poor defenses?

Not quite.

While the Trojans say the injuries and inexperience that hampered their defense in 2005 are behind them, the Longhorns are stoked about trying to stop the unstoppable USC machine.

"I see it as a good challenge," Texas safety Michael Huff said. "They have two Heisman winners in the backfield and All-Americans at receiver and tight end and running back. They definitely have a great offense and I look forward to the challenge."

The Longhorns' defense has been remade in the past two seasons, shedding its image as athletically gifted but short on grit.

It started last season when coach Mack Brown brought in Greg Robinson and Dick Tomey to take over the defense and infuse a more aggressive attitude.

When both Robinson and Tomey left to become head coaches after last season, Brown brought in Gene Chizik, who guided

Auburn's defense to a perfect season a year ago but didn't get a crack at USC. He has a personal 27-game winning streak heading into the Rose Bowl.

Under Chizik the Longhorns bring more pressure, upping their sacks to 32 this season, 10 more than 2004.

The Longhorns rank sixth in the country in total defense (280 yards per game) and fourth (14.6) in scoring defense. They have All-America safety Michael Huff patrolling the secondary and All-America defensive tackle Rod Wright holding down the line.

In between, middle linebacker Aaron Harris plays sideline-to-sideline.

Young and the offense get most of the publicity, but the Heisman runner-up says Texas is the nation's highest-scoring team at 50.9 points per game because everybody contributes.

"They're not getting any pub," Young said about the defense. "It runs me hot a little that they don't say anything about our defense."

Here's something to cool you down, Vince: USC co-offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin called Texas' defense by far the best the Trojans have faced this season.

"In the five years I've been here, probably the best defense (we've faced) right there with Oklahoma last year. Extremely fast, and on film people have not had very much success with them," Kiffin said.

"We'll try to find a way to make a couple of first downs."

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Space

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on Earth and fuel new industries. Individuals originally studied electricity and magnetism out of curiosity and for entertainment, often inviting an audience to watch their experiments. That work led to a vast improvement in our knowledge of the world, subsequently leading to the development of electric lighting, car engines and many other inventions we now consider necessities.

The station also makes possible other pioneering research. Biologists can study the growth of human cells without the influence of gravity, learning details that they would not notice on Earth. In the unique environment of outer space, scientists are able to learn

more about things so basic that you may have thought they were already fully understood.

By seeing how fire and water behave in outer space, they have discovered better ways of spraying water to put out a fire. They also hope that their new insights into the nature of fire may lead to the development of more efficient engines here on the ground. Finally, the station will also act as a base for further exploration, eventually leading to an inspirational, manned trip to Mars, where the American flag will, one day, fly.

Now, more than ever, is the time for the United States to continue its commitment to leading the world in outer space. Of the parts of the International Space Station funded by the United States, 97 percent have been produced; however, because of the

Columbia tragedy, deployment has been delayed. People around the world are watching to see if the U.S. keeps its word and continues the work it started. In addition, many other countries are waiting to make their own contributions to the station, increasing our return on the investment we have already made.

As chairman of the Senate's Subcommittee on Science and Space, I am dedicated to bringing all of our hard work to fruition, while also ensuring that America maintains its leadership in space and science. Moving forward with the International Space Station plays a vital role in achieving that.

(To learn more about viewing the ISS from your own backyard, visit spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/signhtings/index.html.)

3 in family killed in Hedley

HEDLEY — Three members of a Keller family have died as a result of a collision

between their vehicle and a truck on U.S. 287 in Hedley.

At 2:14 p.m. Friday, Jessica M. Schroeder, 30, was driving a 2004 Ford pickup southbound on U.S. 287. Once inside the city limits of Hedley, her vehicle crossed the turning lane and struck a 2006 International truck pulling a semi-trailer traveling northbound, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety report.

Schroeder and her husband, Curtis Walter Schroeder, 31, died instantly at the scene, according to DPS reports. Their two chil-

dren, Wolfgang Schroeder, 10, and Augustus Walker Schroeder, 1, who were also in the pickup, were injured and taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Wolfgang died at approximately 10 a.m. Saturday. Augustus was in stable condition Saturday, according to DPS.

All occupants of the Schroeder vehicle were wearing seat belts. Augustus was in a car seat.

The truck driver, Kevin Wayne George of Watauga, was not injured in the accident.

Speaker

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A Texan with uncommon impact? Yes. A Texan who affected lives? Yes. A Dallas Morning News Texan of the Year finalist? Yes. A Texan who improved his state's schools? No.



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Reese

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belief that wars are contests to see which side makes fewer blunders. So far, we've been lucky in our choice of opponents.

The current Bush administration is easily the most secretive, classified-happy administration in history, and probably with good reason, given its cronyism, incompetent appointments, blunders, corruption and deceptions. Compared with George W. Bush, Richard Nixon is beginning to look normal.

Bush's outrage about being exposed for breaking the law in regard to National Security Agency surveillance domestically shows how arbitrary and stupid this administration is. The law says you must get a warrant from a secret intelligence court. These courts have almost never rejected a request for a warrant. Therefore, the same people Bush ordered spied on without a warrant could have been spied on legally, except for Bush's Caesar complex. Except for the kinky sex, Bush far more resembles Caligula than either Julius or Octavius Caesar.

Bush is absolutely convinced he's right, doesn't want to hear any dissent and thinks people who disagree with him are disloyal enemies. If those aren't the mental characteristics of a wannabe dictator, then let's nominate Saddam Hussein as humanitarian of the year.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

The Red Hat Dollies

The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa met Dec. 22 at Meredith House for its Christmas program. Betty Buckingham was in charge of entertainment.

Members handed out candy at Meredith House and sang carols. Helene Baumgardner led many of the musical selections, and Rita Geiger played piano.

Brenda Madison presented several readings and poems, and Buckingham presented "the little chicken dance."

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