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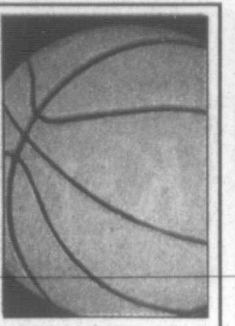
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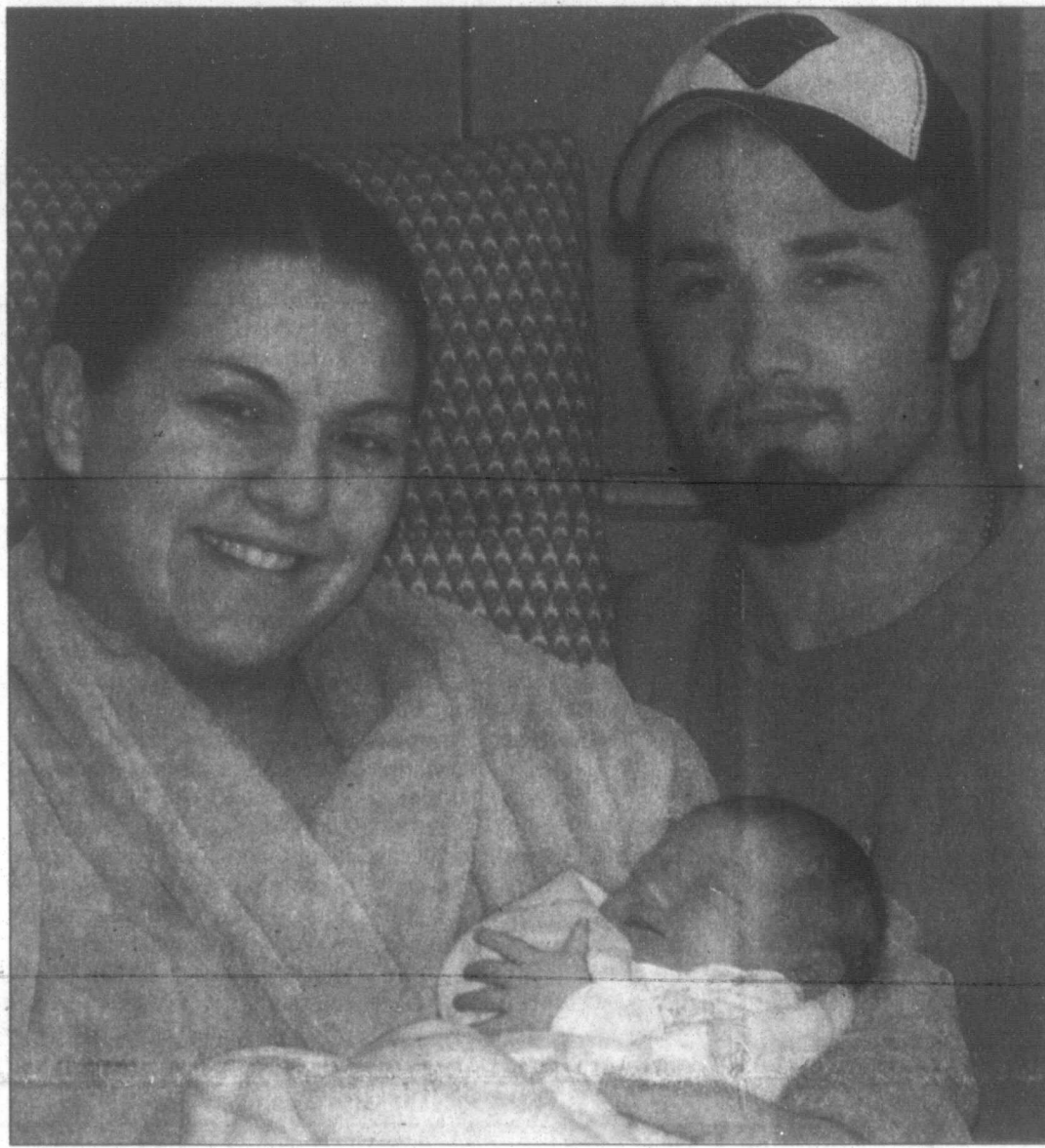
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First baby

Jaelyn Rae, Pampa Regional Medical Center's first baby of 2006, basks in the spotlight with her parents, Bobbi Lynch and Nicholas Roth of Pampa. Jaelyn arrived at 8:44 a.m. Sunday, weighing in at 7 lbs. 14.6 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. Her grandparents are Bob and Connie Lynch and C.J. Law.

Courtesy photo

Recreation Park lake stocked with rainbow trout

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

It's the height of the fishing season in Pampa. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked the lake at Recreation Park with rainbow trout in December. In February, the state agency will return with more trout for the lake.

Shane Stokes, community services coordinator for the city of Pampa, said the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is tentatively scheduled to return Feb. 12, with more rainbow trout.

"This will be the second time this year they've stocked it," Stokes said.

The trout being put into the lake are between 10 and 14 inches, he said. The prime fishing window for the trout will last only about 60 days after the lake is stocked.

After that, Stokes said, it starts becoming too warm for the trout.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is the only entity that can legally stock the lake, he said. Each year, in addition to the rainbow trout, the agency stocks the lake with channel catfish. Every other year, Stokes said, they stock it with bass. They put rainbow trout in the lake twice each winter.

The channel catfish are nine-inch fingerlings and TPWD puts from 700 to 1,000 of the catfish in the lake every year.

The state has stocked the lake with fish each year since it was first built at Recreation Park on the east side of Pampa, Stokes said. The lake was established about 12 years ago. It's 16 feet deep at its deepest point.

"There are probably some pretty good sized fish out there," Stokes said.

When the park was first built and the lake dug out, trees and stumps were left in the bottom of the lake to provide cover for the bass. The lake, which was built just before the park opened, was the last addition to the recreational area next to the rodeo grounds.

Recreation Park was built using government grants.

"I'll bet we've got some good stock out there," Stokes said of the lake.

Fire destroys trees for chipping event

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

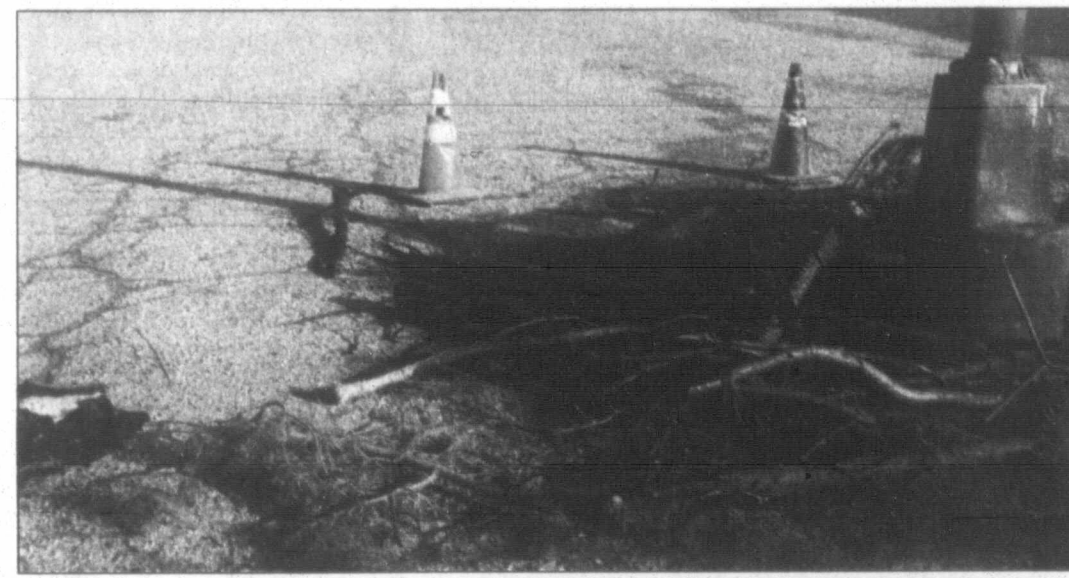
Not much greenery remains to be chipped after a fire early this morning blackened most of the Christmas trees being collected for the city's annual Chipping of the Greens.

One truck and two firefighters from Pampa Fire Department responded to a call at 12:29 a.m. today concerning a fire in the 900 block of Duncan, on the parking lot of the Warner-Horton building.

"Upon arrival, they found a pile of old Christmas trees on fire," said Captain Gary Winton of PFD. "They used foam to extinguish it."

Three trees which had been blown free of the pile of greens were at the south end of the lot this morning, undamaged by the fire. The remaining greenery, which had been piling up around a street lamp and was ringed by safety cones, was a jumble of blackened tree trunks.

The street lamp post was also blackened, and the safety cones sustained varying



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Charred tree trunks, damaged safety cones and a blackened street lamp mark the location of the Christmas trees which were being collected in the 900 block of Duncan for the City of Pampa's annual Chipping of the Greens, which was scheduled for Jan. 21. Residents could drop off their Christmas greenery, and on Jan. 21 could bring containers to take away free mulch made from the trees.

County judge Peet to seek another term

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Judge Richard Peet has filed for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Peet is beginning his 12th year as county judge. He previously served as mayor of the City of Pampa for six years and a Pampa city commissioner for two years.

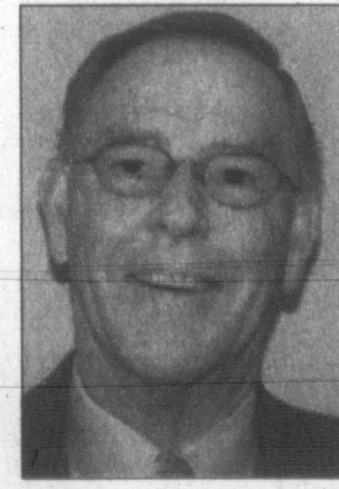
Peet is dedicated to providing fairness and administration of justice.

"I take great pride in being able to say that I make every effort to treat everyone equally. I plan to continue to be fiscally responsible to provide for events as they occur, and to continue providing fairness and justice," he said.

One achievement of his judicial career is the restoration of Gray County Courthouse. He hopes through re-election to continue to be part of the restoration effort, which is scheduled to be completed by 2010 under contract to the Texas Historical Commission.

Restoration which has not yet been completed includes landscaping, balcony reinstallation and replacement of the entrance doors, he said.

Peet's responsibilities as county judge include hearing civil cases up to \$5,000 in value, criminal cases involving Class A and Class B misdemeanors, probate cases, guardianship cases, requests for wine and beer per-



Peet

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Obituaries

Chester Allan Crutcher, 85

McLEAN, Texas — Chester Allan Crutcher, 85, of McLean, died Jan. 2, 2006, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at First Baptist Church of McLean, Texas, with Pastor Larry Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas, under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Chester Allan Crutcher was born Oct. 20, 1920, in Sherman, Texas, to Edgar and Edna Crutcher. He married Fay Cooper on Oct. 4, 1952, in Clovis, N.M. They were married for 53 years.

Mr. Crutcher served as a corporal in the army during World War II. He also worked in the oilfield as a pumper and a welder for Traveler's Oilfield Service.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Fay

Crutcher of McLean, Texas; two sons, Jimmy Crutcher of McLean and Roger Crutcher of Pampa; two daughters, Lawana Ramos (Leon) of Shamrock and Pam Lock (Dale) of Lefors; three brothers, Harmon Crutcher of Pampa, Texas, Paskel Crutcher of Owasso, Okla., and Johnny Crutcher of Amber, Okla.; three sisters, Helen Holloway of Owasso, Okla., Omega Chisum of Pampa, Texas, and Waunel Coleman of Salt Lake City, Utah; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers; one sister; his parents; and one grandson.

The family requests memorials be to McLean Volunteer EMS Service, P.O. Box 16, McLean, TX 79057.

James 'Jimmy' Crouch, 75

James "Jimmy" Crouch, 75, died Jan. 4, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

Ann Elizabeth Lucas, 58

Ann Elizabeth Lucas, 58, of Pampa, died Jan. 3, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Lucas

Mrs. Lucas was born April 26, 1947, at Plainview. She had lived in Pampa for the past 20 years and attended Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Anna Kathleen Kane of Pampa; two sons, Troy Allen Lucas and Ricky Joe Lucas, both of Amarillo;

her mother, Elizabeth Broutherton of Pampa; an ex-husband, Billy Joe Lucas of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Coronado Healthcare Center, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065 or to Meredith House, 812 W. 25th, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Darlene Davis Usleton, 50

CANYON, Texas — Darlene Davis Usleton, 50, of Canyon, died Jan. 1, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Canyon Ward (8400 Hunsley Rd), with President Bruce Tate officiating. Graveside committal will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon. Darlene Usleton was born on Oct. 12, 1955, to Charles and Nancy Walker Davis at

Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton, Calif. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1974 and graduated from Amarillo College in 1976.



Usleton

Darlene enjoyed music, playing the clarinet in high school, and was a past president of Canyon High School Band Booster Club. She married Tommy Dale Usleton in 1979 and has since divorced. Tommy is now married to Glenda Fessler.

Darlene was a great-granddaughter of W.L. Bill Lohberger, an early settler of Wheeler County. She enjoyed working with

Affiliated Foods for 20 years in HBC and Tobacco Purchasing Department.

Darlene had been a resident in Canyon for 20 years. She was preceded in death by grandparents, Clarence and Louise Davis; an uncle, Jim Walker; an aunt, Ellie and her husband George Wilkinson. She went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 1, 2006, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Survivors include a son, Sean Usleton and wife, Becky, of Canyon, Texas; a grandson, Blake Usleton of Canyon, Texas; parents, Nancy and Charles Davis of Clarendon, Texas; grandparents, George C. and Dorothy Walker of Wheeler, Texas; a sister, D'Anne Woods and husband, Doug, of

Pflugerville, Texas; two brothers, Danry Ray Davis of Amarillo, Texas, and Don Alton Davis of Pampa, Texas; sister-in-law, Dianne Davis of Amarillo; two nieces, Tiffany Baldwin and husband, Donnie, of Point Mugu, Calif., and Julie Anne Marie Woods of Pflugerville, Texas; four nephews, Stephen Woods of Pflugerville, Texas, Joshua Davis of Amarillo, William Davis of Amarillo, and Dylan Woods of Pflugerville, Texas; and three close friends, Janice Blandford of Amarillo, Connie Clark of Canyon, and Cindy Craig of Canyon.

The family suggests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Six traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of Roberta.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of East 16th and the 200 block of West 28th.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of North Starkweather and the 100 block of Westn.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A bicycle was found.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

A prowler was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2100 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Kingsmill and Cuyler streets and the intersection of Kingsmill and Russell streets.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations, leading to at least three arrests.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor and the 1100 block of South Christy.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of North Russell and the 900 block of Cinderella.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Naida.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. Minor injuries were reported. The victim was exam-

ined and released from medical care.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of Twiford and the 400 block of Carr.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

9:15 a.m. — A 1994 Mercury Cougar, driven by Daniel Josue Silva, 38, 1723 Dogwood, and a 2002

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Celanese	19.74	-0.03
Cabot Oil Gas	47.36	-0.23
Coca Cola	40.99	+0.09
VLO	54.19	-0.17
HAL	64.97	-0.37
TRI	40.26	+0.83
KMI	93.88	-0.56
XCEL	18.61	+0.04
Kerr McGee	92.62	-1.66
XOM	58.66	+0.19
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Williams	23.69	-0.21
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JCP	57.12	+0.67
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SLB	103.01	-0.35
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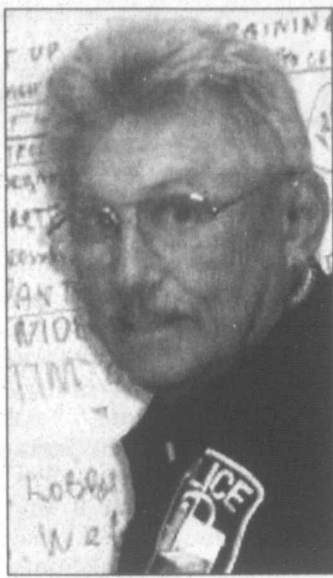


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I would like to tip my hat to the city workers who have been braving the cold weather to get the water leaks fixed. It takes a special person to get down in a hole full of very cold water. The water leaks create a special problem for all you motorists out there. Evening and midnight shift officers call in many of the leaks because they are patrolling after everyone has gone home. The problem is when a bunch of water comes to the surface and pools in the intersections. When we have the below freezing temperatures the water freezes pretty quick.

When people get up to go to work and it is still dark, it is a real surprise when the car slides through or spins out at an intersection, especially when everything else is dry. What you might want to look for are the signs of people working. If you see a backhoe parked in the street, you might want to check for ice in the dips. Just be careful out there by paying special attention to the road during extreme cold weather. Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.



Lt. Courtney

Bush campaign returns money linked to lobbyist Abramoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's re-election campaign is giving up \$6,000 in campaign contributions connected to lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who faced more guilty pleas as part of a broad-ranging political corruption investigation. The once-powerful lobbyist was due in federal court in Miami later today to plead guilty to fraud charges stemming from his purchases of a Florida gambling boat fleet called SunCruz. The plea is part of an agreement with prosecutors requiring him to cooperate in a broad corruption investigation into members of Congress.

In a plea agreement with government prosecutors Tuesday, Abramoff agreed to tell the FBI about alleged bribes to lawmakers and their aides on issues ranging from Internet gambling to wireless phone service in the House. The full extent of the investigation is not yet known, but Justice Department officials said they intended to make use of the trove of e-mails and other material in Abramoff's possession as part of a probe that is believed to be focusing on as many as 20 members of Congress and aides. "The corruption scheme with Mr. Abramoff is very extensive and we will continue to follow it wherever it leads," said Assistant Attorney General Alice Fisher, head of the Justice Department's criminal division. Bush joined several lawmakers, including House Speaker Dennis Hastert and former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who have announced plans to donate Abramoff's campaign contributions to charity. Abramoff raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush-Cheney '04 re-election campaign, earning the honorary title "pioneer" from the campaign. But the campaign is giving up only \$6,000

directly from Abramoff, his wife and one of the Indian tribes that he worked to win influence for in Washington. Abramoff, his wife and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan each donated \$2,000 to the Bush campaign, said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt. The rest of the money that Abramoff brought in was from other individuals whom he encouraged to donate to Bush.

Peet

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mits, and mental commitments. The number of probate cases averages 10 to 12 per month, Peet said. Mental commitments include those from other counties with which Gray County has a contract to provide such services, he said. Other counties have contracted with Gray County on mental commitments since 1996, and counties currently having such a contract include Cottle and Randall. Peet is also responsible for all county facilities such

as Perry LeFors Airport and county annexes. He is currently chairman of the Texas Panhandle Workforce Consortium, an oversight committee for area workforce commissions. He is on the committee of the Texas Panhandle Housing Finance Corporation, which receives state funds and funnels the funds to housing developments. Peet is also a member of the Local Emergency Planning Commission. He is a New York native and came to Texas in 1962. He has lived in Pampa since 1971. He and his wife of 37 years, Carol, have three sons and five grandchildren. Peet served in the U.S.

Air Force from 1962 to 1966. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education degree, in political science and history, from Midwestern University in 1969. He did graduate work at West Texas State University and at Cortland State Teachers College in New York, as well as at Midwestern. He taught government and social sciences classes at Pampa High School for 24 years, and taught evening government classes at Clarendon College - Pampa Campus for 22 years. He is a member of Carol Peet Ministries, which is headed by his wife.

Record

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Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Stacy Lynn Phillips, 36, 1453 Dogwood, collided in the 600 block of West 16th Avenue. No injuries were reported. Silva was cited for failure to maintain a single lane of travel.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Tuesday, Jan. 3** Tory Jay Pettit, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of East Frederic by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for theft under \$50 and failure to appear. Holly Sue Leger, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of Evergreen by PPD for five counts of issuing a bad check. **Wednesday, Jan. 4** Larry Michael Gaines, 33, of Pampa was arrested

by PPD for reckless injury to a child, theft by check, and failure to appear on a motion for enforcement.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Tuesday, Jan. 3** 9:21 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle accident at 16th and Dogwood. 10:22 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a Lifestar stand-by. **Wednesday, Jan. 4** 12:29 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a trash fire in the 900 block of Duncan.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Jan. 3

8:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 10:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of North Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC. 11:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC. 2:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local residence. 3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC. 4:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility. 9:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

Trees

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degrees of damage. The exact cause of the fire is unknown. "We're going to rule it suspicious because of the nature of it," Winton said this morning. "It's a good thing the wind wasn't blowing like it was yesterday afternoon," Winton said of the greenery fire. Dorothy Clark, executive director of Keep Pampa Beautiful, which holds the annual Chipping of the Greens, said this year's chipping may have gone up in smoke, since only three unscathed trees are left. "I don't know if there's going to be very many people left who'll still have a tree to discard," Clark said this morning. "Unless someone brings some more, we probably won't do the chipping this year," she said. For more information on the chipping event, call Clark at 665-2514.

Texas fires now under control

DALLAS (AP) — All but one major Texas blaze remained inactive today as firefighters continued to monitor flare-ups amid slightly lighter winds and cooler temperatures. A fire that scorched about 50,000 acres in Irion and Reagan counties had been 60 percent contained Tuesday night and continued to burn in areas Wednesday morning, Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Mary Leathers said. Air and ground crews worked overnight to battle the blaze and officials were trying to determine Wednesday morning how many acres were still burning. Otherwise, the nearly 60 blazes that erupted Sunday were inactive. There were no deaths reported in those fires. Since December, grass fires have killed three people, burned more than 250,000 acres and destroyed at least 250 homes. A "red flag warning" remained in effect Wednesday in North Texas, meaning heat, low humidity

and wind could allow wildfires to spread quickly. But National Weather Service meteorologist Jesse Moore said an overnight cold front

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How the Dems have aided and abetted Bush

Why have President Bush's poll ratings improved lately? Some say it is because he became more visible and vocal in defense of his policies. But I believe the Democrats drove voters back to his camp with their attacks on the Patriot Act and the administration's wiretapping policies.

Bush's Democratic and liberal critics tend to see opposition to the war in Iraq and complaints about domestic spying as two sides of the same coin — both positions that defend what they

see as our values in the face of government recklessness.

But while the critics have a plurality on the question of whether the war in Iraq was a mistake, they're in the minority in complaining about the Bush anti-terror policies at home.

Why do majorities support the Patriot Act and NSA wiretapping but oppose the war in Iraq? Because the true swing voters in politics today are isolationists, who vote with the left on Iraq and with the right on homeland security.

It is impossible to understand politics today without grasping the essential power

Dick Morris
Columnist

desire for the rest of the world to go away.

The spokespeople for the Democratic Party and the anti-war movement may be liberals and even internationalists, but they represent a thin veneer atop a constituency that is far more isolationist than liberal in its perspective and orientation.

This coalition of liberals and isolationists brought

down the Vietnam War and serves as the mainstay of the opposition to the current war in Iraq.

In 1996, I did a series of polls for President Bill Clinton to quantify the isolationist element in the American electorate. The surveys indicated that 15 percent of the voters were global in outlook while 35 percent were isolationist. (The balance — 50 percent — was either open to internationalism or closed to it based on the particulars of each situation.)

And the isolationist 35 percent divided evenly among the political parties, constituting a third of each party's base voters.

On the left, they tended to say that we needed to pay attention to America's poor and our own problems rather than squander our resources abroad. On the right, they complained that the rest of the world was at least ungrateful and perhaps unworthy of our attention and money. But left or right,

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2006. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his Great Society in his State of the Union Address.

On this date:

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Court ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by

'Very few men are wise by their own counsel; or learned by their own teaching. For he that was only taught by himself, had a fool to his master.'

— Ben Jonson
English dramatist and poet (1572-1637)

the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Essex, Md.

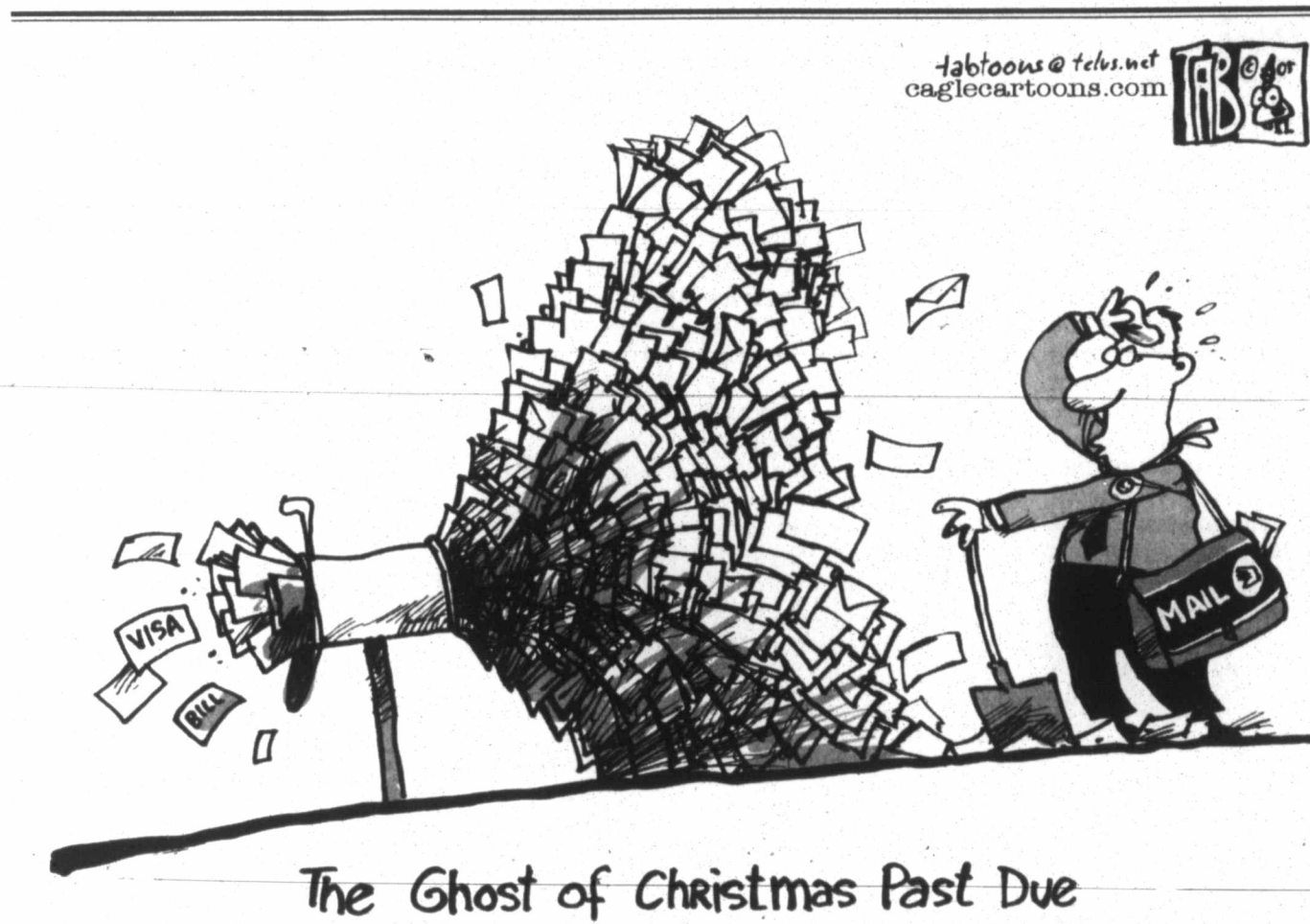
In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

Ten years ago: Bowing to pressure from NATO and the United States, Bosnian Serbs freed 16 civilians who had entered Serb-held territory after NATO forces had declared roads in Bosnia open to all.

Five years ago: It was announced that George, the politics and lifestyle magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr., would fold. Orchestra leader Les Brown, known for his "Band of Renown," died at age 88.

One year ago: The governor of the Baghdad region known for cooperating closely with American troops, was assassinated along with six bodyguards as he drove to work. No. 1 Southern California overwhelmed No. 2 Oklahoma 55-19 in the Orange Bowl. Wade Boggs was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, and Ryne Sandberg made it with just six votes to spare on his third try.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 92. Actress Barbara Rush is 79. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 76. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 71. Actress Dyan Cannon is 69. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 69. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 51. Actress Ann Magnuson is 50. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 50. Country singer Patty Loveless is 49. Rock singer Michael Stipe (REM) is 46. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 44.



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Seceding from today's polluted culture

I wish to urge you to secede — not politically from the union, but from the culture, which is, after all, decadent and nutty.

Recently I flipped on CNN Headline News. The first story was about educators and students complaining that it takes too long to take the SAT (three hours and 45 minutes). Given how many functional illiterates graduate from college, I'd say the test is not long enough. It has been watered down through the years.

The second major story on the national news show was a complaint by a spokeswoman for a whore's union about dangerous working conditions. It was not clear if she wanted police to escort the whores to their motel rooms or if she wanted the FBI to run background checks on the johns. At any rate, the folks at CNN thought this was a most important story to share with the American people.

As I said, our society is decadent and nutty. We all have to do what we have to do to make a living, but beyond that, we have a great

deal of freedom to live our lives by our own values. For example, if you don't approve of gay marriage, then don't marry a gay person; if you disapprove of abortion, don't get one; if you dislike drugs and tobacco, don't use them; if you are opposed to war, don't participate in it; if you are against gambling, don't bet.

It's my observation that most of what people vociferously complain about are not things they are forced to do, but things that other people choose to do. A favorite phrase of my father — "None of your business" — seems to have become obsolete in our busybody society. The government is a busybody, its supporters are busybodies, and its opponents are busybodies, making it a conflict among busybodies as to which aspects of people's private lives the government should regulate.

The government should not regulate people's private

lives at all. It should protect them from force, fraud, usury, foreign attacks and the rape of our share of the planet. Other than those, if some people wish to self-destruct, it's nobody else's business, least of all the government's.

Most of today's polluted culture comes into our homes via television and the Internet.

Neither is a necessity. Both are easily controlled by thoughtful people. Nobody forces us to watch or read anything. Nobody forces us to buy anything or to spend more than we earn. Blaming our bad habits on advertising or the entertainment industry is just passing the buck. We can turn off and discard those aspects of modern culture we find offensive.

We should realize that the cultural messages found in advertising and entertainment are the products of a very thin slice of the population, centered mostly in New

York City and Los Angeles, two of the least-typical megalopolises in the U.S. A majority of writers and producers are cynical hedonists we wouldn't invite into our homes. Since their work products reflect their values, which are foreign to most of us and certainly to traditional American values, we ought to keep their work products out of our homes and minds. We don't need the government to do it. We can use the on/off button.

We have plenty of freedom, but too often we cede it to commercial interests, which tell us to watch this, do that, buy this, go here or go there. We can, however, by active concentration lead a quiet, thoughtful life free from the clamoring crowd.

Buddhists sometimes say that people seeking enlightenment are like thirsty people surrounded by water. By that they mean what is sought is easily at hand if we only recognize it and reach out and take it. The solution to all of the ills of our nutty culture lies not in Washington but in the hearts

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 23

The Austin American-Statesman on the debate over Intelligent Design:

Public schools now have clarity about the proper role of Intelligent Design. Don't confuse it as science. Don't offer it in science classes or textbooks.

We owe that clarity to U.S. District Judge John Jones III, who ruled this week that the initiative of the Dover, Pa., school board to insert Intelligent Design into science classes was unconstitutional. Eleven parents sued the school board after it voted in October 2004 to require teachers to tell their

ninth-grade science classes that Darwinism is "a theory and not a fact." Thank you, Judge Jones.

Legally, the judge's ruling has no bearing on Texas' or other states' public schools that also have clashed over whether Intelligent Design should be taught in science classes as an alternative to evolution or should be in science textbooks.

Even so, the ruling is a huge setback for proponents of Intelligent Design and their national movement to market it as science to public schools. The case is the first to test the legal merits of Intelligent Design, and Jones gave it a flunking grade on nearly every point.

"In making this determination, we have addressed the seminal question of whether I.D. (Intelligent Design) is sci-

ence. We have concluded that it is not, and moreover, that I.D. cannot uncouple itself from its creationist, and thus religious, antecedents..." the judge wrote.

"To be sure, Darwin's theory of evolution is imperfect. However, the fact that a scientific theory cannot yet render an explanation on every point should not be used as a pretext to thrust an untestable alternative hypothesis grounded in religion into the science classroom or to misrepresent well established scientific propositions."

If we might paraphrase the judge, Intelligent Design is not science; it is religion. Specifically, it is repackaged creationism that violates the First

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and my girlfriend, "Jody," is 19. The other day she was invited to a party at which she told me she intended to smoke marijuana. She knows I disapprove of drugs and alcohol. When I became upset, she told me to "lighten up." I love Jody with all my heart and want nothing bad to happen to her, so I wrote an anonymous letter to her mother explaining the situation. Jody didn't get into trouble, but her brother did because he had marijuana on him at the time. Because I told her mother what was going to happen, nobody was able to do what they intended at the party. Now they're all mad at me. I have been getting hate messages on my answering machine and via e-mail. Jody promised to call me before the party, but she didn't and went anyway. I visited her at work and tried to talk with her, but she isn't speaking to me. I have apologized countless times, saying I didn't mean for anyone to get in trouble. I love her more than anything, but I don't feel any love in return. I am very shy, so I find it hard to talk to her. What can I do? -- HURTING IN IOWA

DEAR HURTING: You have done enough. It doesn't take a crystal ball to see that your relationship with Jody is over, at least for now. Please forgive me for being a "downer," but it's time to accept the fact that you and Jody are at different levels of maturity and heading down different paths. When and if this girl matures, she may realize the fine qualities you have to offer. But I have a feeling that by the time that happens, you'll be long gone and in love with someone whose values are more similar to your own.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married almost 22 years and are happily child-free. We have always lived far from our relatives and see them only every three or four years. At a recent gathering of my husband's siblings, his oldest sister (now a grandmother) was extremely

aggressive in her insistence that we hold, kiss and interact with her 11-day-old grandchild (her latest). When we attempted to rebuff her with humor, saying, "Oh, we just don't do babies!" she became hostile and insulting. It made us both very uncomfortable. Because of this, we are now considering skipping any future visits because her behavior will undoubtedly be repeated. I don't want bad blood in the family. However, I refuse to be treated with disrespect. Should we confront the sister and let her know how her behavior made us feel? -- NO BABIES, PLEASE, MARLBOROUGH, MASS.

DEAR NO BABIES, PLEASE: Parents and grandparents can be blind to the fact that not everyone is comfortable with small children. Your sister-in-law regarded your reluctance to hold her grandchild as a personal rejection. Please don't skip the next family reunion. With any luck, there won't be any new grandchildren to be forced on you. And if there are, smile and say, "I prefer babies at a distance, in the arms of their parents," and keep your hands at your sides.

DEAR ABBY: It's a well-known fact that I don't drive. However, no matter where I go, people ask me how I got there. I am a very private person and resent people asking me that question. I would like a good answer. Thank you. -- FRAN IN BUFFALO, N.Y.

DEAR FRAN: Smile and say, "The stork brought me."

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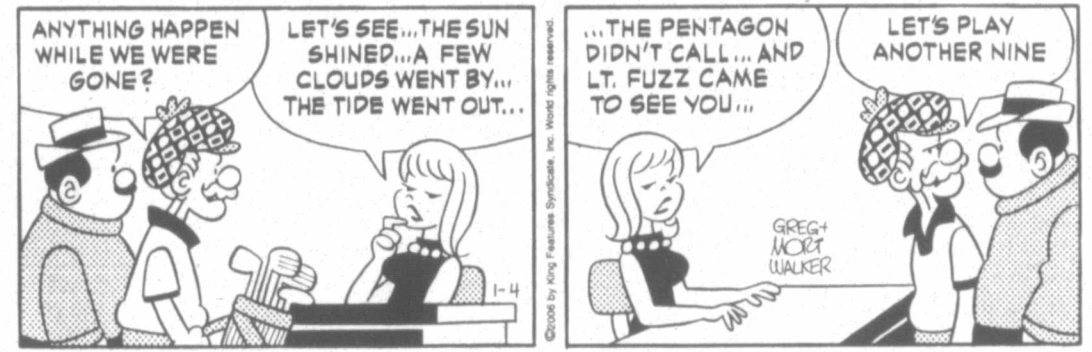
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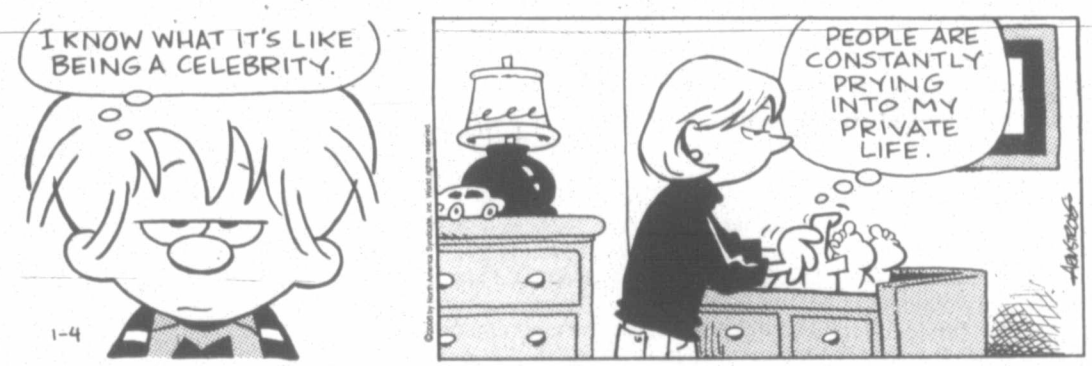
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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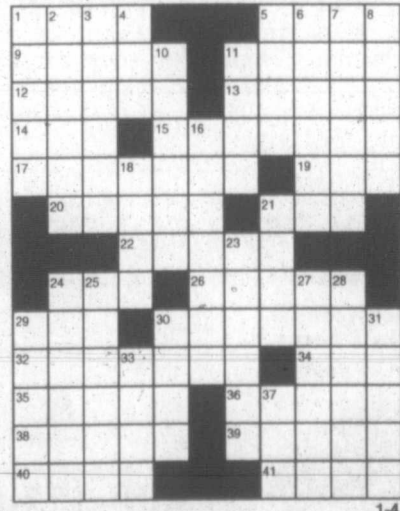
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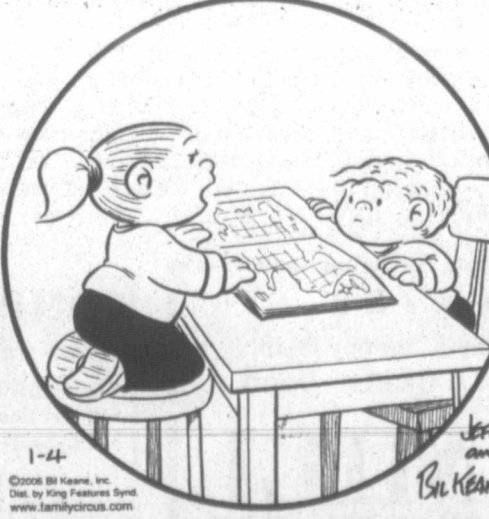


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Sports Day

Pampa blows away Sandies in third quarter to seal 14th win of the season

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa 63, Amarillo High 51
Pampa High School band member Greg Wariner got things under way with a guitar solo version of the National Anthem that would have made Jimi Hendrix proud Tuesday night.

Then Pampa and Amarillo High met at center court for the tipoff and the heat index in The Pit rose a few notches.

The Harvesters were sluggish out of the gate, allowing the Sandies to race off to an 8-0 lead before getting their first score. The two teams tightened things up midway through the opening period. Then something got into Pampa's Tyler Hall, who was cleared to play in the game late Tuesday.

With just over two minutes to play in the period, Hall stole a few Amarillo High passes and turned them into Pampa points, setting off a scoring frenzy that saw the first quarter end with Pampa holding a 20-11 advantage.

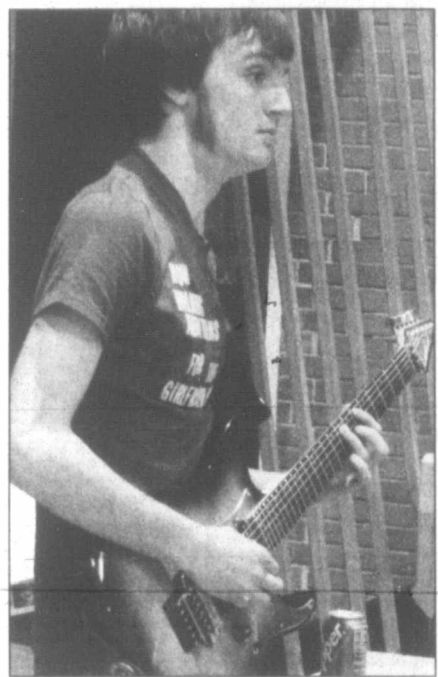
"Tyler went and had X-rays after school Tuesday and the doctor released him to give it a go. It looked sore but he played very well," said Pampa coach Dustin Miller.

Hall would end the night with 13 points.

The second quarter began much like the first with the boys in Black and Gold scoring the first five points before Pampa could find the basket. Both teams scored 13 points in the

period and went to the locker room with Pampa ahead, 33-24.

The third quarter was all Harvesters. The Sandies struggled to keep the Green Team out of the paint and off the scoreboard, while the Pampa defense held Amarillo High to just six points for the period. Pampa scored 24.



Pampa High School band member Greg Wariner playing guitar Tuesday night.

Ahead 57-30, Miller started resting his starters in the final period. Said Miller, "We tried the bench with different combinations last night than in the past. These guys can help us, they proved that to me in Clovis when they

had to perform and they did."

The Sandies would outscore Pampa 21-6 in the fourth quarter, but it was simply too little too late as the Harvesters claimed win No. 14 on the season.

Top scorers Tuesday night for Pampa were Jarrett Kotara 16, Sharod Young 14, Tyler Hall 13 and Matt Smith 13. Smith had a solid performance, playing one of his best games of the season.

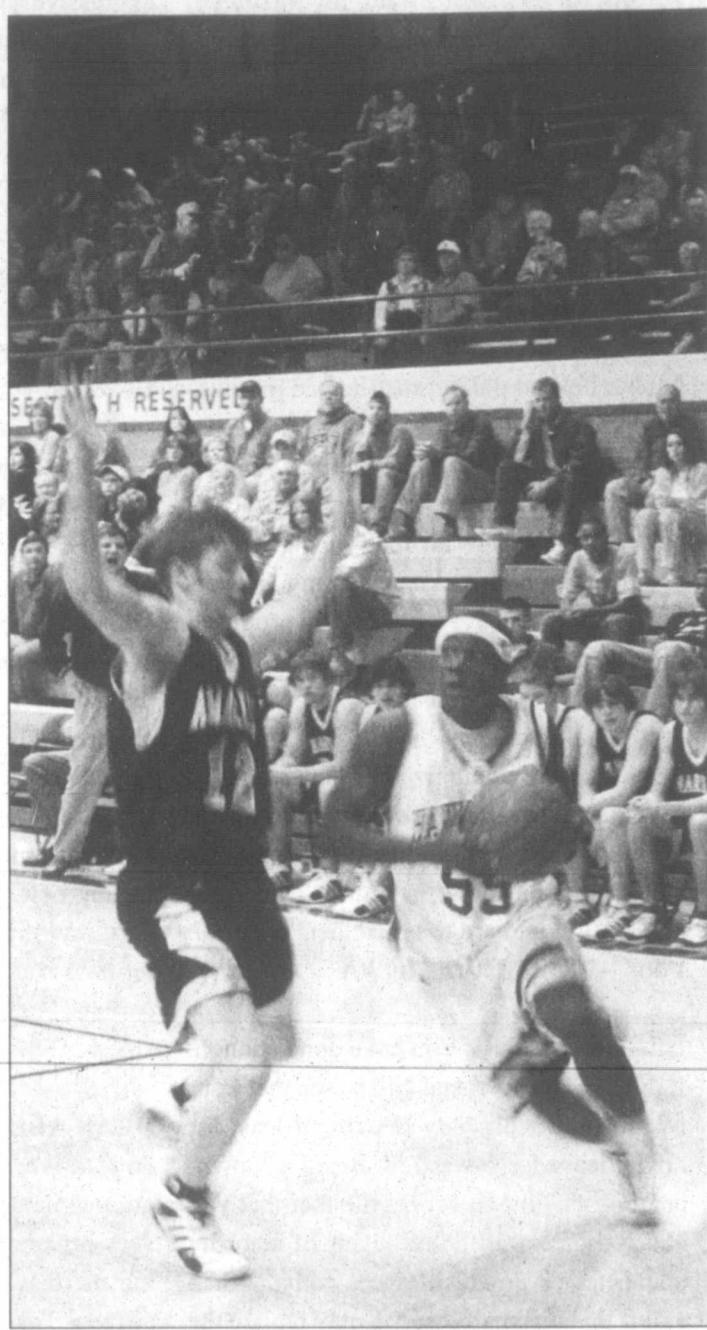
The freshman looked relaxed and played a very mature game at both ends of the floor. "He did play a great game last night. He was under the weather and wasn't sure how long he could play but we talked and I told him I wanted him to give it a try. The kid came out and played great," said Miller.

Only a freshman, how good can Smith be by the time he's a senior? According to Miller, "The sky is the limit for Matt. He was blessed with the height but he also has an incredible work ethic. He is also very smart," Miller notes Smith is among the top students in his class.

"I never once have asked Matt to go harder, he always goes as hard as he can and that alone will get you a long ways," said Miller.

Pampa has one preseason game left, Plainview. The Bulldogs will be in Pampa Friday night for the only game scheduled in The Pit that night. Tip off will be at 7:30.

Plainview fell to Randall Tuesday in Canyon, 76-71. The Harvesters open the district schedule at Randall Jan. 13.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sharod Young (right) races past an Amarillo High defender Tuesday night.

AP history: No.1 vs. No.2

(AP) — Meetings between the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the Associated Press college football poll (the No. 1 team is 21-12-2):
Jan. 4, 2005 — No. 1 Southern Cal 55, No. 2 Oklahoma 19, Orange Bowl
Jan. 3, 2003 — No. 2 Ohio State 31, No. 1 Miami 24, 2OT, Fiesta Bowl
Jan. 4, 2000 — No. 1 Florida State 46, No. 2 Virginia Tech 29, Sugar Bowl
Jan. 4, 1999 — No. 1 Tennessee 23, Florida State 16, Fiesta Bowl
Nov. 30, 1996 — No. 2 Florida State 24, No. 1 Florida 21
Jan. 2, 1996 — No. 1 Nebraska 62, No. 2 Florida 24, Fiesta Bowl
Jan. 1, 1994 — No. 1 Florida State 18, No. 2 Nebraska 16, Orange Bowl
Nov. 13, 1993 — No. 2 Notre Dame 31, No. 1 Florida State 24
Jan. 1, 1993 — No. 2 Alabama 34, No. 1 Miami 13, Sugar Bowl
Nov. 16, 1991 — No. 2 Miami 17, No. 1 Florida State 16
Sept. 16, 1989 — No. 1 Notre Dame 24, No. 2 Michigan 19
Nov. 26, 1988 — No. 1 Notre Dame 27, No. 2 Southern Cal 10
Jan. 1, 1988 — No. 2 Miami 20, No. 1 Oklahoma 14, Orange Bowl
Nov. 21, 1987 — No. 2 Oklahoma 17, No. 1 Nebraska 7
Jan. 2, 1987 — No. 2 Penn State 14, No. 1 Miami 10, Fiesta Bowl
Sept. 27, 1986 — No. 2 Miami 28, No. 1 Oklahoma 16
Oct. 19, 1985 — No. 1 Iowa 12, No. 2 Michigan 10
Jan. 1, 1983 — No. 2 Penn State 27, No. 1 Georgia 23, Sugar Bowl
Sept. 26, 1981 — No. 1 Southern Cal 28, No. 2 Oklahoma 24
Jan. 1, 1979 — No. 2 Alabama 14, No. 1 Penn State 7, Sugar Bowl
Jan. 1, 1972 — No. 1 Nebraska 38, No. 2 Alabama 6, Orange Bowl
Nov. 25, 1971 — No. 1 Nebraska 35, No. 2 Oklahoma 31
Dec. 6, 1969 — No. 1 Texas 15, No. 2 Arkansas 14
Jan. 1, 1969 — No. 1 Ohio State 27, No. 2 Southern Cal 16, Rose Bowl
Sept. 28, 1968 — No. 1 Purdue 37, No. 2 Notre Dame 22
Nov. 19, 1966 — No. 1 Notre Dame 10, No. 2 Michigan State 10, tie
Jan. 1, 1964 — No. 1 Texas 28, No. 2 Navy 6, Cotton Bowl
Oct. 12, 1963 — No. 2 Texas 28, No. 1 Oklahoma 7
Jan. 1, 1963 — No. 1 Southern Cal 42, No. 2 Wisconsin 37, Rose Bowl
Nov. 9, 1946 — No. 1 Army 0, No. 2 Notre Dame 0, tie
Dec. 1, 1945 — No. 1 Army 32, No. 2 Navy 13
Nov. 10, 1945 — No. 1 Army 48, No. 2 Notre Dame 0
Dec. 2, 1944 — No. 1 Army 23, No. 2 Navy 7
Nov. 20, 1943 — No. 1 Notre Dame 14, No. 2 Iowa Pre-Flight 13
Oct. 9, 1943 — No. 1 Notre Dame 35, No. 2 Michigan 12

Repeat National Champions

(AP) — Repeat winners of The Associated Press college football poll's top ranking:
Minnesota 1940 (8-0); 1941 (8-0)
Army 1944 (9-0); 1945 (9-0)
Notre Dame 1946 (8-0-1); 1947 (9-0)
Oklahoma 1955 (10-0); 1956 (10-0)

Alabama 1965 (10-0); 1965 (9-1-1)
Nebraska 1970 (11-0-1); 1971 (13-0)
Oklahoma 1974 (11-0); 1975 (11-1)
Alabama 1978 (11-1); 1979 (12-0)
Nebraska 1994 (13-0); 1995 (12-0)
Southern Cal 2003 (12-1); 2004 (13-0)

ROSE BOWL

USC takes on Texas — and history

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — With 34 straight victories and consecutive national championships, Southern California has already reached college football's hallowed ground.

Exactly where USC's dynasty ranks among the great runs is up for debate.

Better than Bear Bryant's best at Alabama? Behind Bud Wilkinson's unbeatable Oklahoma teams? On par with Miami's modern-day championship machines.

But this much is for certain: Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and the top-ranked Trojans can carve out a spot in history all to themselves Wednesday night by beating No. 2 Texas in the Rose Bowl and winning an unprecedented third straight national title.

"Well, the very fact that no one's ever done it is testimony to how difficult it is," said former Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian, who won two championships and 95 games in 11 seasons with Notre Dame. "It's almost impossible to stay in that superiority position because of the very nature of the game."

Hard rains Sunday and Monday left California drenched, but Pasadena is expected to be dry and cool by kickoff. So only the Longhorns will be left to slow Heisman Trophy winners Leinart and Bush in USC's run at history.

At almost every turn, coach Pete Carroll and the Trojans have played down the historical significance of the Bowl Championship Series title game, insisting they

haven't given it much thought.

"If I did that, then I wouldn't stay with the discipline of how we do stuff," Carroll said. "It has never been a focus of our program to look at the end of the rainbow."

The Associated Press poll began crowning champions in 1936 and five years later Minnesota became the first school to win consecutive titles.

USC became the ninth team to repeat with an emphatic 55-19 victory over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl last January.

In between, Oklahoma did it for Wilkinson (1955-56) and for Barry Switzer (1974-75). Nebraska also turned the trick with two coaches — Bob Devaney (1970-71) and Tom Osborne (1994-95).

Running backs Doc Blanchard (Mr. Inside) and Glenn Davis (Mr. Outside), the last teammates to win consecutive Heismans before Bush and Leinart, led Army to championships in 1944-45.

Bryant won two in a row twice at Alabama — 1964-65 and again in 1978-79. The Crimson Tide's first back-to-back championships were the centerpiece of Bryant's most successful run — from 1961-66, the Tide went 60-5-1 and won three titles.

The Sooners won 47 straight games under Wilkinson from 1953-57, an NCAA record and eight games more than the next closest streak. But what is often forgotten is Oklahoma won 31 in a row from 1948-50.

Coach Darrell Royal led Texas to a title in 1963, but the

Longhorns slipped in the mid '60s. Looking for a new approach, he brought the wishbone to Austin in 1968 and went on 30-game winning streak that included the school's last outright title in 1969.

"The wishbone was good to us," said Royal, who was in Southern California on Monday.

Comparing USC and dynasties from decades ago is in many ways impossible. The game was so different then, from segregation to the size of the athletes to scholarship limits.

"There are more good football teams today, I think, than there has ever been," Parseghian said. "I think it's much more significant today, and not to diminish past accomplishments, but the very fact that it's a different ballgame today, it's much more difficult to go undefeated and go on to win the national championship."

In the last 25 years, Miami, Nebraska and Florida State have put together long strings of dominance.

The Hurricanes from 1983-91 won four championship under three coaches — Howard Schnellenberger (1983), Jimmy Johnson (1987) and Dennis Erickson (1989, '91) — and changed the game by placing an extra emphasis on speed and playing prostyle offenses.

Osborne's best teams came toward the end of his career. Taking a cue from Miami, Osborne's team got faster and in 1995 he put together his best squad.

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Morris

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it was an undiluted block of opposition to any foreign involvement.

I doubt that the numbers have changed much since then. Indeed, Iraq may have expanded the ranks of the isolationists.

Never defeated at the polls, isolationism became the politically incorrect view in American politics as a result of Pearl Harbor in 1941 and the anti-communist crusades that began in the mid 1940s. The closest isolationists ever came to national success was Ohio Sen. Bob Taft's bid for the 1952 Republican nomination — which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower won at the convention with a delegate count of 599 to 500.

Isolationism lost its power in the '50s and '60s as the white Catholic voters who were prominent in its ranks defected, rallying behind the Vatican in opposing atheistic communism. In the Vietnam era, it resurfaced and linked with the left in undoing three decades of interventionist consensus in our foreign policy.

Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush I and Bill Clinton avoided offending the isolationists by adopting foreign policies that limited overseas military intervention — and limited casualties even more. But President George W. Bush has aroused the isolationist left and right by his determination in Iraq.

Yet the irony is that the very same voters the Democrats attract by attacking the war they lose by condemning domestic wiretaps and the Patriot Act — policies that isolationism argues for.

By figuring that all antiwar sentiment is liberal, Democrats misread the public — about the isolationists, whom the Democrats will keep in their corner when the argument is 4,000 miles away but will lose when it is right at home.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Customer appreciation



Lefors Post Office recently hosted its Annual Customer Appreciation Day with coffee, punch, donuts, cheese and crackers. Visiting the post office during the event were (from left) Megan Porter, Sydnee Porter, Matthew Porter, Christian Porter and Rebecca Porter, all of Pampa.

People in the news ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Bravo will pay tribute to Oscar-winning director Ron Howard in the special, "Moving Image Salutes Ron Howard."

The tribute, which airs Saturday at 9 p.m. EST, includes a first look at Howard's adaptation of the best-selling novel, "The Da Vinci Code," due in theaters in May.

Special guests and presenters include Jim Carrey, Edie Falco, Paul Giamatti, Howard's longtime producing partner Brian Grazer, Tom Hanks, Goldie Hawn, Bryce Dallas Howard, Michael Keaton, Kurt Russell,

Jeffrey Tambor and Renee Zellweger.

Howard, 51, won the best-director Oscar for 2001's "A Beautiful Mind." He also directed "Cinderella Man," "Apollo 13," "Cocoon" and "Splash."

His acting credits include the TV series "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Happy Days," and the 1973 film "American Graffiti."

Bravo, in association with the Museum of the Moving Image, filmed the tribute in New York last month.

Reese

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and minds of the American people. The culture is really us; therefore, by changing ourselves, we can change the culture. We just have to learn to say "No."

Secularism, hedonism and nihilism, which characterize today's culture, spell the death of any civilization. It may well be that Western civilization has already committed suicide, as some have argued. That means it is all the more important for the remnants who still believe in ideals to preserve themselves and provide the seeds for a new and better civilization.

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Amendment. So if school officials or parents want their children to study Intelligent Design, creationism or whatever one calls it, that should be done in a religious elective course, such as a history of the Bible or a study of world religions.

It's worth noting that Jones is a Republican appointed by President Bush. It would be nice if his ruling permanently ended the culture wars regarding creationism and evolution. At some point, the U.S. Supreme Court is likely to tackle the issue, and that raises the stakes on Bush's Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito, a federal appeals judge. So far, a majority of justices on the high court have resisted attempts to lower the wall between church and state when it involves public schools. But that balance could be shifted by Alito, so the Senate would be wise to press him on his judicial views on that topic.

For now, however, Jones' ruling provides clear direction for school boards grappling with the issue. Keep Intelligent Design out of science classes.



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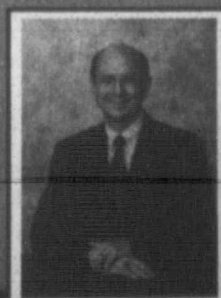
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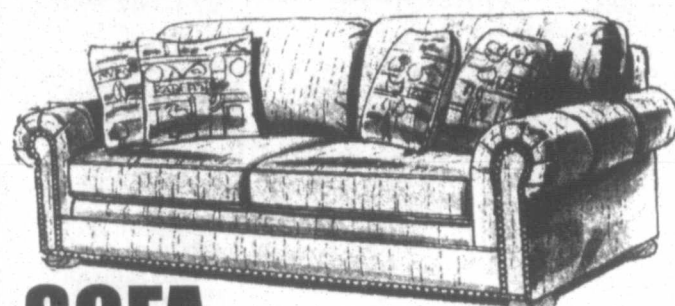
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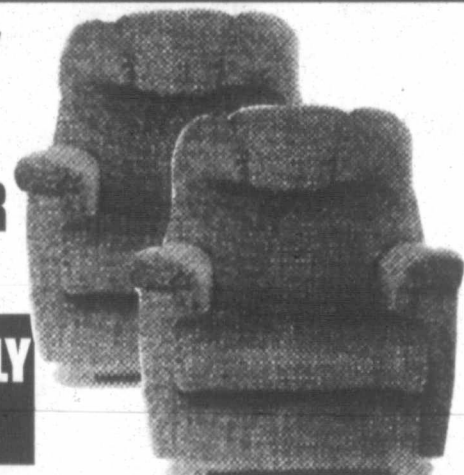


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