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Commission hears complaint, takes other action

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Jim Terry is upset about the way Pampa looks.

Addressing the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon, Terry said that although the commission discussed the city's appearance at a town hall meeting two years ago, some areas look worse now than they did then.

Some areas look better, he said, but he noted that there were two cars in a yard on North Duncan that had been there for two years. He said a truck had run across the berm on U.S. Highway 60 at the west entrance to Pampa. There are still lots with junk on them.

"I would like to see action taken on this," he said.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said the police department had filed on the abandoned cars, and City Manager John Horst said the city had demolished some 35 dilapidated houses over the past year.

Terry indicated that his concern as a resident of Pampa was the first impression people might get when they drove through town.

"If I was going to put in a business," he told the commission, "I wouldn't put it in this town."

The Pampa City Commission took action to amend its insurance requirements for taxis, authorized an easement for Southwestern Public

Service and scheduled a meeting at city hall on Feb. 21 to learn about the Texas Open Meetings and Open Records Acts.

Horst said he had been approached by an individual wanting to start a taxi business in Pampa, but the insurance requirements were too high. The commission lowered them to match state requirements. The city insurance requirements for taxis were lowered from \$250,000 for each person, \$500,000 for each accident and \$100,000 for property damage to \$20,000, \$40,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

The commission also approved an underground electrical easement across a city park next to Red Deer

Creek for Southwestern Public Service.

Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers told the commission that under state law, all elected officials had to undergo training on the Texas Open Meetings and Open Records Acts. She said the Texas Attorney General's Office had produced two DVDs for the training sessions.

The commission scheduled their training session for 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. They will be joined by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

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Clay Lock uses a front end loader to push trees into a pile at the Gray County Precinct 2 barn at 12127 E. Frederic. The trees, cut from beneath a bridge over Red Deer Creek by county work crews, are being given away for firewood.

Cleanup provides free firewood

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Red Deer Creek is a little cleaner today after work crews cut wood and hauled trash from beneath a bridge on a county road.

Work crews from Gray County Precinct 2 and prison volunteers from the Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections just east of Pampa spent Tuesday cleaning up under a bridge on Gray County Road 10, bordering the City of Pampa's landfill.

The Texas Department of Transportation had notified the county last summer that trees had grown up beneath the bridge and were threatening its structural integrity.

Gray County Commissioner Gary

Willoughby, pointing to where trees had chipped away at the concrete on the bridge, said he waited until the leaves dropped off the trees to make it easy to handle them.

Along with cutting down the trees, the work crew pulled trash out of Red Deer Creek where it flows under the bridge. They retrieved parts of a car, a computer and a deer carcass.

While the trash and most of the small branches from the tree went to the landfill, the trunks of the trees were cut and taken to the Precinct 2 County Barn, 12127 E. Frederic, where they are being given away to anyone who wants them for fire wood.

"It's first come, first served," Willoughby said.

City commission kept up-to-date in planning session

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

During an evening planning session Tuesday, the Pampa City Commission talked about Tyng Street, the Pampa Emergency Operations Center, records retention, handicapped access, computerized voting machines and tire disposal.

The planning session followed the commission's regular meeting Tuesday. No action can be taken in the planning session, Pampa City Manager John Horst said, but it gives the city staff a chance to bring the commission up to date on various projects and alerts them to problems they may face in the future.

Horst told the commission that previous city commissions had talked about renovating Tyng Street between Starkweather and Cuyler, but the money had been used for other projects.

That stretch of Tyng is original concrete. Horst described the surface as rough. To make matters

worse, the city patched a strip of the street after having to dig up and repair a water main.

Richard Morris, Pampa's public works director, told the commission that the money from a bond issue originally committed to Tyng had been used for work on Duncan. He said there were several years between the issuance of the bonds and the work on the streets.

Morris said patching the old concrete street had been a nightmare.

He said he had first been approached on renovating the street some five or six years ago. Because of the costs involved, Morris said he had recommended renovating only the center 24 feet of the 50-foot wide street.

Morris said city crews could seal coat it, but it would take a contractor to put down an overlay. He estimated the cost of the materials for seal coating at \$15,000. An overlay, he said,

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New EDC board to hold first meeting

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa's new economic development corporation's board of directors will hold their organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the commission chambers at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

A temporary chairman and temporary secretary will be chosen at the beginning of the meeting, followed by an overview by City Attorney Don Lane of the EDC's articles of incorporation, Section 4B of the

Development Corporation Act of 1979, the Open Meetings Act and the EDC's bylaws.

Board members will then vote on the minute book and related documents to be included, and adopt a corporate seal.

Election of officers will be held, including president, vice president or presidents, secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting date and time and/or a regular meeting date and time will be chosen before adjournment.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

McKNIGHT, Derrill — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
QUINTANA, Ruperto — Funeral mass, 2 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.
WELLS, Thomas Byron "Tommy" Jr. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Derrill McKnight, 70

Derrill McKnight, 70, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McKnight was born on Dec. 20, 1935, in Antlers, Okla., and came to the Texas Panhandle in 1937. He was a 1955 graduate of Lefors High School. He married Peggy Cannon in 1977 in Pampa. She preceded in him death in 1981.

He worked for Cabot Corporation, the Texas Railroad Commission, and Colorado Energy for many years. He was a Baptist and



McKnight

a former member of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM.

Mr. McKnight was a veteran of the U.S. Army during peacetime.

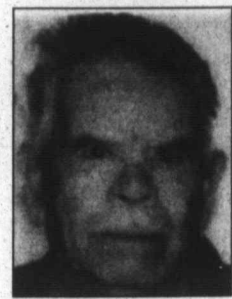
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Twila McKnight, in 1968; and by his parents, L.A. and Eula McKnight.

Survivors include one daughter, Kelli McKnight Collins of Pampa; one granddaughter, Sara Collins of Pampa; one sister, Mozelle Crutcher and husband Paskel of Owasso, Okla.; two brothers, Loyd McKnight and wife Shirley of Howardwick and Mayo McKnight and wife Mary of Cushing, Okla.; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Ruperto Quintana, 81

Ruperto Quintana, 81, of Pampa, died Jan. 10, 2006, at Lubbock.



Quintana

Vigil services are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Quintana was born March 27, 1924, at Nacori Chico Sonora, Mexico. He married Juanna Samaniego on July 10, 1948, in Nacori Chico Sonora. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Quintana first came to the United States in 1973. He worked in the farm and ranch business in New Mexico for five

years. He later moved to Perryton and worked in the oil and gas industry for two years. He returned to Mexico prior to relocating to Pampa where he has lived the past 4 1/2 years.

He is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include five children, Ramon Quintana of Mexico City, Ofelia Hernandez of Pampa, Albino Quintana and Bernardo Quintana, both of Perryton, and Maria J. Quintana of Amarillo; 21 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Wind chill values between 21 and 28 early. West wind around 10 mph becoming south.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 24 and 29 early. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 25. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 63. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 67. Southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Woman found dead in student's place had drugs in system

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman found shot to death and mutilated in a University of Texas student's apartment last summer had methamphetamine and other drugs in her system, an autopsy found.

Jennifer Cave's partially dismembered body was found on Aug. 18 in the bathtub of Colton Pitonyak's apartment. Pitonyak, 23, was charged with murder.

The autopsy report released Tuesday said Cave, 21, died from a shot to the right arm and torso and was shot in the head after her death. Her head and hands were severed.

In addition to methamphetamine, Cave also had marijuana and alcohol in her body when she died, the report said.

Cave told her mother on Aug. 16 that she'd gotten a new job with a law firm and was going to dinner that night with a man named Colton, according to Pitonyak's arrest warrant affidavit.

Cave's mother filed a missing person report after her daughter's roommate said she'd never come home from her date with Pitonyak.

Emergency Services

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

9:48 a.m. — A 2003 GMC Yukon, driven by Delores Dominguez Arreola, 45, 720 N. Christy, and a 2001 Ford Escort, driven by Deborah Maria Chambers, 47, 1045 S. Farley, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets. No injuries were reported. Arreola was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

10:50 a.m. — A white truck with a boom on the back and unknown driver collided with a telephone pole in the 1200 block of West Alcock. The vehicle and driver then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Pampa PD

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

Eight traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1200 block of Duncan and the 1200 block of Alcock. Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of South Hobart and the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Hobart. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Found property was reported at an unreported location.

Two burglar alarms were reported. Welfare checks were made in the 200 block of East Foster and the 200 block of North Ballard.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca.

An animal complaint was received from the intersection of Wells and 21st streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of Doucette and One Medical Plaza.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of North Roberta. Possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia were also reported and an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Davis.

A disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of Alcock. Possession of drug paraphernalia was also reported at the location, and an arrest was made for public intoxication, consumption of alcohol by a minor, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to maintain financial responsi-

bility.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of Jean. No injuries were reported.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Campbell. A chain link gate valued at \$200 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Jan. 10

7:49 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan on a vehicle accident.

8:36 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

12:26 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Beech on a carbon monoxide check.

3:35 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Beech to recheck on a previous carbon monoxide call.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Jan. 10

8:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Michelle Sullivan, 22, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.

Shelli Lunn Brandt, 35, Pampa, was arrested in the 1200 block of Duncan by Pampa Police Department for theft by check, failure to appear and non-guardian permit unlicensed driver.

Jason Collin Harlan, 25, Pampa, was arrested in the 500 block of North Faulkner for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

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Stocks

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Corn	3.90
Soybeans	4.76

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

OXY	89.65	-1.25
BP PLC ADR	67.25	-0.93
Cabot Corp	37.44	-0.20
Celanese	19.40	-0.06
Cabot Oil Gas	48.85	-0.56
Coca Cola	41.71	+0.06
VLO	56.25	-0.52
HAL	68.58	-0.02
TRI	41.60	+0.95
KMI	95.18	-0.59
XCEL	18.69	-0.07
Kerr McGee	96.85	+1.72
XOM	59.74	-0.12
Nat'l Oilwell	70.05	-1.50
Limited	23.10	+0.18
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Cop Corner



Lt. Fred Courtney

Since we talked about leaking water mains and the problems they can cause, I thought it would be a good time to talk about driving on snow and ice. One of the problems I have is I think I can drive anywhere, no matter the road conditions.

One of those times, many years ago, that train of thought cost me several hundred dollars damage to my beautiful 1-year-old, candy apple red 1966 Ford Fairlane 500, 2 door hardtop. Did I say many years ago?

That car was not equipped for snow and ice. Today's cars are a bit better. Most have front wheel drive which gives out better traction in snow and ice. A lot of people have four-wheel drive trucks, SUVs and cars, and this helps too.

Most vehicles have anti-lock brakes. The materials roads are made from help also, except for the brick streets. There is one thing that cancels out these drive train and braking extras: SPEED.

It does not matter what kind of vehicle you have, if you are going too fast for the road conditions, then you are going to lose control. Loss of control means your car is probably going to hit something or be hit by something.

Panhandle weather can change in a heartbeat so check the weather during the day, especially if conditions are right for rain or snow. When we have the bad roads, stay at home as much as possible. Don't tempt fate.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

City

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The commission also heard from Chief Pitner concerning a drug awareness program scheduled to kick off in February.

There will be six one-and-a-half-hour public meetings — Feb. 2, Feb. 23, March 2, March 23, April 27 and May 4 — beginning

at 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Horst reported to the commission that the city's alley cleanup program had been completed in Wards 1 and 2. He said city crews with the help of prison volunteers from the Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections east of Pampa were working in Ward 3.

Although city ordinances require alleys to be clear, Horst said they have tradi-

tionally allowed firewood stacked in alleys so long as it didn't block alleys.

Commissioner Brad Pingel said he had gotten complaints because the city had not enforced the removal of firewood.

Horst said that normally firewood is used during the winter and stacks of wood are depleted during the year. Mayor Lonny Robbins suggested the commission consider amending the ordinance to reflect the practice.

Planning

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would probably run \$25,000 for the center 24-foot wide strip.

"To revamp the whole street," Morris said, "would cost about \$180,000 to \$200,000."

Morris said the traffic along that strip of Tyng was constant, but not extreme.

In the most recent street repairs, asphalt was \$40 a ton. Morris said he expected it to go up to \$65 a ton.

"It needs to be done," Morris said, "but a lot of other areas need work, too."

The commission got some good news from Pampa Emergency Director Ken Hall. He said that working with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and with \$10,000 raised by the Local Emergency Planning Committee, he had been able to get some new furniture and equipment for the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of City Hall.

He said he got a 14-foot conference table that will provide 10 workstations during emergencies. Using part of the LEPC money, Hall said he will be able to install electrical and Internet connections on the table so emergency workers can simply plug in their laptops.

He said there is still difficulty receiving cell phone service in the basement of city hall unless the person with the phone stood near a window.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said he was working on that issue and should know something within a few days.

On the down side, Hall said the city's emergency generator was not powerful enough to fulfill emergency needs. To complicate mat-

ters, the switching mechanism failed during the last power outage.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers told the commission the city was coming near to facing a crisis in maintaining control over the records the city must keep.

"I have the physical responsibility for every record created by every employee of the city," she said.

With the exception of executive sessions and personnel files, all the records are public. The records date back to Pampa's incorporation almost a century ago.

Most are stored in one room in city hall, she said. The police files are stored downstairs in the police department.

Some of the files, she said, must be kept permanently, and others for only a few months or a few years. Some are required to be kept by state law. Some are kept because it is required by federal law. Even when records can be destroyed, a record must be kept of their destruction.

"We're out of room," Jeffers said, "and we need a full-time employee."

A full-time employee would cost about \$1,500 a month.

In another matter, Horst said the city has an estimated 4,000 used tires lying around that need to be disposed of.

Although a number of people brought tires in during a tire amnesty day last fall, Horst said those were people who would have taken the tires out to the landfill and paid the fee for disposing of them.

He said he had talked with other city managers about buying equipment to destroy the tires, but was advised that the equipment was too expensive for a city the size of Pampa.

For now, Horst said the city is paying Tire King in

Plainview to haul them off. Tire King charges Pampa from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per tire.

It would cost about \$500,000 for the equipment to shred the used tires. He estimated it would cost at least that much to operate and maintain the shredder.

Pampa City Commissioner Brad Pingel asked about handicapped access downtown, noting that there were cutaways in the curbing only at the end of the block.

Pingel suggested putting ramps in the middle of the block with handicapped parking on either side.

Morris said he would look into it, but in the past merchants had complained that it would take up too much of the sidewalk and eliminate too much parking. Morris said he would look into making the parking spaces at the end of the blocks where the curbs are cut wider.

Mayor Lonny Robbins suggested the city work with the merchants to see if a compromise could be reached.

Horst said the city was investigating the availability of grants to pay for such a program.

Jeffers admitted that M.K. Brown Auditorium had significant American Disability Act issues, but she said the city was working with an architect on the auditorium. She said he suggested removing the crumbling aggregate walkways near the front of the auditorium and putting in handicapped parking.

On another subject, Jeffers said that by the next election, the city would have to have at least two electronic voting machines.

She said the county had been able to get a grant to buy theirs.

"We can lease theirs for 10 percent of the purchase price or buy our own," Jeffers said.

Arrest made in assault on disabled man

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

An arrest has been made in connection with an assault on a disabled man in the victim's home Sunday night, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Reynaldo Wilson, 30, 117 N. Starkweather, was arrested at 8:25 a.m. today by deputies and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of injury to a disabled person, a third degree felony, Hoard said.

Wilson remained in jail as of press time today pending arraignment.

At about 9 p.m. Sunday, deputies were dispatched to the 200 block of East Tuke after the victim called to report an assault. The victim, a 51-year-old disabled man, said a man had knocked on his door, came into his house and assaulted him, Hoard said.

The suspect and victim are not related to each other but know each other, Hoard said. He declined to discuss any reasons for the occurrence of the incident.

The victim went to the hospital by private conveyance, Hoard said, and the extent of the victim's injuries were not known as of press time today.

Nothing was taken from

the home at the time of the incident, and nothing was damaged, Hoard said. No weapon was used in the assault; the attacker used his fists and feet.

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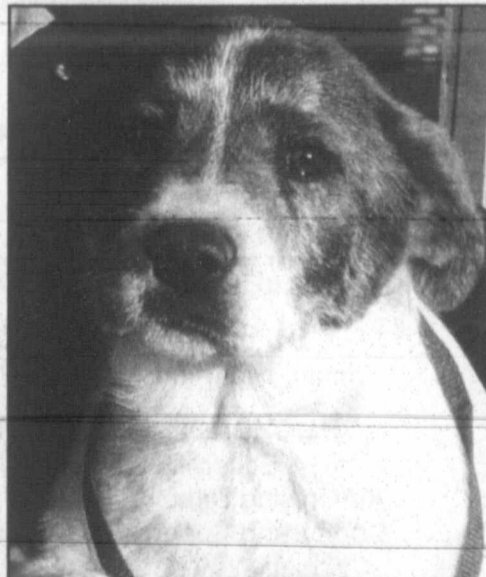
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Viewpoints

Texas gem is a model for national renewal

Houston recently hosted the third annual conference of The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, known as TAMEST. Academy members are Texans who have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering or the Institute of Medicine in recognition of their academic and research achievements. TAMEST is helping to shape the future of Texas and the United States.

Since the birth of our republic, Texans have shown a bold, pioneering spirit that has led to great growth and innovation. Today, many of the world's most remarkable minds are doing their groundbreaking work right here in the Lone Star State. TAMEST acts as a lens to focus that innovation, maximizing the fruits of the exciting new research being done

by our doctors, scientists and engineers.

Houston is a perfect setting for the conference because this city has led so many bold strides taken by Texas and the United States over the years, and it is the nexus for much scientific work today. Houston was the command center for the United States' leap into outer space, and it will be the focus of our launch into nano-space. By supporting Rice University, the University of Houston, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine, the leaders of Houston have made research excellence and growth a major priority.

As part of a long-range plan to strengthen our economy, I began working to move Texas to the forefront of research in the United States. In 2002, I helped establish the Strategic

Partnership for Research in Nanotechnology (SPRING) to foster nanotechnology research. SPRING is a collaborative effort between Texas universities and the military to create stronger, lighter materials.

In 2003, I directed my attention to the creation of TAMEST to encourage our best researchers from various disciplines to become familiar with work done in our Texas institutions and combine their efforts to master bigger projects. In 2004, Houston leaders conceived the Alliance for NanoHealth, which applies nanotechnology to the treatment and cure of disease. That same year, the National Biocontainment Laboratory was launched at

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator

UT Medical Branch in Galveston, the first Biosafety Level 4 Laboratory on a university campus in the country.

At the TAMEST conference, engineers presented their impressive work on the latest advances in fuel-cell technology. Scientists are sharing their insights on cutting-edge



research in plasma physics, creating new avenues for further innovation. And physicians, such as the pre-eminent Dr. Michael DeBakey, are elaborating on their successes in medicine, providing a fertile climate for others to join their work and suggest new possibilities for additional research.

TAMEST and our other research initiatives have

been a great success. In 1998, Texas was ranked fifth nationally in federal research expenditures with \$908 million. Since that time, Texas has moved up to a strong third.

Last year, expenditures rose to over \$1.5 billion. Since the advent of our initiatives, important funding has been drawn to Texas: \$37.5 million for SPRING over the last four years, \$10.4 million for the Alliance for NanoHealth from 2004 to 2006 and \$158 million for the National Biocontainment Laboratory. MD Anderson receives more research funding from the National Cancer Institute than any other medical center in America.

TAMEST should not be just a Texas initiative; instead, it should become the first step in a broader American agenda to redouble our efforts in the hard

sciences. America's leadership in scientific research is responsible for its economic success since World War II, but our edge has begun to erode.

In 1975, the U.S. conferred 59 percent of the world's doctorates; now it confers just 41 percent. During the same time, China has increased the number of doctorates its students earn from near zero to 12 percent. India has also become competitive, training large numbers of engineers who speak English and often are willing to work for one-fifth the salary of their U.S. counterparts. Our recent trend has been in the wrong direction.

This new year, 2006, is the time for us to start reversing that trend. TAMEST is a gem for Texas and should be our model for the renewal of American leadership in science, engineering and medicine.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2006. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

On this date:

In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first

'The essence of taste is suitability. Divest the word of its prim and priggish implications, and see how it expresses the mysterious demand of the eye and mind for symmetry, harmony and order.'

— Edith Wharton
American author (1862-1937)

woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1995, 52 people were killed when a Colombian airliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena; a 9-year-old girl survived.

Ten years ago: Addressing pointed questions about the first lady, President Clinton offered a rousing defense of his wife, Hillary, during a news conference. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on a nine-day mission. Ryutaro Hashimoto was chosen the new prime minister of Japan.

Abramoff: Court seat jack-in-the-box

Having pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and wire fraud in federal court in Florida, onetime super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff says he wants to do whatever he has to do to get the feds to reduce the stiff seven-year sentence he's facing, which means he's willing to sit in the witness box and tell all.

His plea agreement specifically requires him to cooperate with the feds in what has been called a broad corruption investigation into certain members of Congress.

Exactly what he'll tell about his widespread lobbying activities in Washington and the Capitol Hill biggies he ran with for years is anybody's guess, but the liberal media speculate (and hope) that his testimony could bring down some really big names despite the fact that very few members of Congress have been mentioned in connection with Abramoff's generosity. The most prominent are Texas Republican Tom DeLay and Ohio Republican Bob Ney. In the Florida trial, only Ney's name came up.

It's important to keep in mind that the Florida case involved some very shady doings in connection with a gambling cruise line he and two partners bought with financing obtained by outright fraud. Ney's connection was mainly his inserting in the Congressional Record a couple of really servile speeches which were designed and written by Abramoff's associates to aid him and his partners in their struggles to get the loans they

needed to buy the gambling cruise ship business.

Now the focus turns to Washington and the nature of Abramoff's dealings with members of Congress whom he wined and dined in his D.C. restaurants, entertained in his football stadium skybox and in some cases took on lavish overseas junkets to such places as the storied links at St. Andrews in Scotland. He once arranged for a reported 85 lawmakers and some staff

Michael Reagan

Columnist



members to take all-expense-paid junkets in the late '90s to the Northern Mariana Islands, clients of his law firm seeking to overcome some labor laws.

Nobody, however, has been able to produce evidence of a quid pro quo — of legislators being influenced by Abramoff's generosity to perform improper services for him and his clients. Nobody has been singled out as having taken a single bribe.

The feds hint darkly that they are now busy investigating an "extensive" corruption scheme but they have failed to reveal just how many, if any, lawmakers they have in their gun sights. The media, however, are speculating that as many as 50 or 60 may be under

investigation for their dealings with Abramoff.

Abramoff was the source of large campaign contributions, but that's true of most big-time lobbyists. Contributions bring access to Congressional offices but never guarantee action. Lobbyists entertain and contribute to lawmakers they know from the record are sympathetic to their causes. They don't have to buy their votes — they know they already have them. They make campaign contributions because they want to keep lawmakers friendly to their causes. That's not bribery, it's politics. You won't find a lobbyist for the NRA giving money to an anti-gun legislator — it would be a waste of the client's money.

Abramoff represented a lot of Indian tribes that run gambling casinos, and it has been said that he both misled his clients and mispent millions of their dollars.

This, however, is not where the feds want to go. They've already got Abramoff. What they want now is proof of illegal activities by his Congressional contacts, and unless he can demonstrate quid pro pro — outright bribery — the feds are probably going to fall short of their goal to bag some big-name legislators.

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

Don't waste time fretting over global warming

Global warming means it will get hotter or colder, drier or wetter, stormier or calmer. One of the people at a recent conference on global warming made just such an asinine statement. Talk about covering your bases — if we have weather, it's because of global warming.

About the only fact in this global-warming brouhaha is that the planet has warmed up about 1 degree in the past century. Keep in mind that in the past the planet has gotten much warmer and much colder during times when humans were too few to make any difference. So-called greenhouse gases are not the only factor that can cause Earth to warm or cool. Volcanic eruptions can put enough particulate matter into the atmosphere to cause a cooling, and there are variations in the radiation from the sun.

Carbon dioxide is a natural component of the atmosphere. Animals breathe it out and plants "breathe" it in, a good example of a partnership, because while our respiration produces carbon dioxide, the photosynthesis of the plants absorbs carbon dioxide and produces oxygen, which we need.

The fact that there is carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in our atmosphere makes our planet livable. If they were absent, then at night the earth would lose all of its heat and temperatures would plummet. So some greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are good and necessary.

The global-warming dispute has arisen over the question of how much is good and how much is bad. Frankly, scientists don't know. All of the

Charley Reese

Columnist



projected stuff you hear is based on computer models of the atmosphere, and the atmosphere is far too complex, with too many variables, to be reduced accurately to a computer spreadsheet. What you really have are the computers making guesses and the scientists making guesses based on the computers' guesses.

Be skeptical, too, when you read that some scientist studying an ice core can tell you what the planet's weather was 600,000 years ago. He is projecting beyond his

evidence. His ice core can only tell him what was going on in that particular, small spot.

There are currently about 330 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. You might think of it as having \$330 compared with \$1 million. It doesn't seem to me like enough to cause trouble, but I'm no scientist, and even the scientists are in disagreement. The unfortunate thing is that global warming — which is, after all, a

theory — has taken on, like evolution, the characteristics of religious dogma. The true believers cast the doubters as heretics to be scoffed at and scorned. The nonbelievers suggest the believers are naive, misguided or venal (after grants that only go to believers in global warming).

I personally don't care one way or the other. If the planet wants to get warmer, it's OK with me. It's OK with me, though slightly less OK, if the planet wants to get colder. As for hurricanes,

droughts, floods, blizzards and such stuff, we have all that anyway, always have had them and presumably always will. As for projected catastrophes 100 years out based on guesses that are based on guesses, I couldn't care less.

My street smarts tell me that no one can predict next year, much less 100 years into the future. Sometimes meteorologists with all of their satellites cannot even accurately predict the weather for two days out.

I'm not worried about industrial production because the oil will run out and the industrial machine will slow down considerably. Of all the things a person can worry about, global warming should be close to the 100 mark on his list. And don't forget, of course, that regardless of climate change, we are all mortal and will eventually go to another place whether in rain or shine, heat or cold. God was good to us. He did not give us the job of saving or preserving the universe. Smart God. Most people have all they can handle dealing with their family and their own yard.

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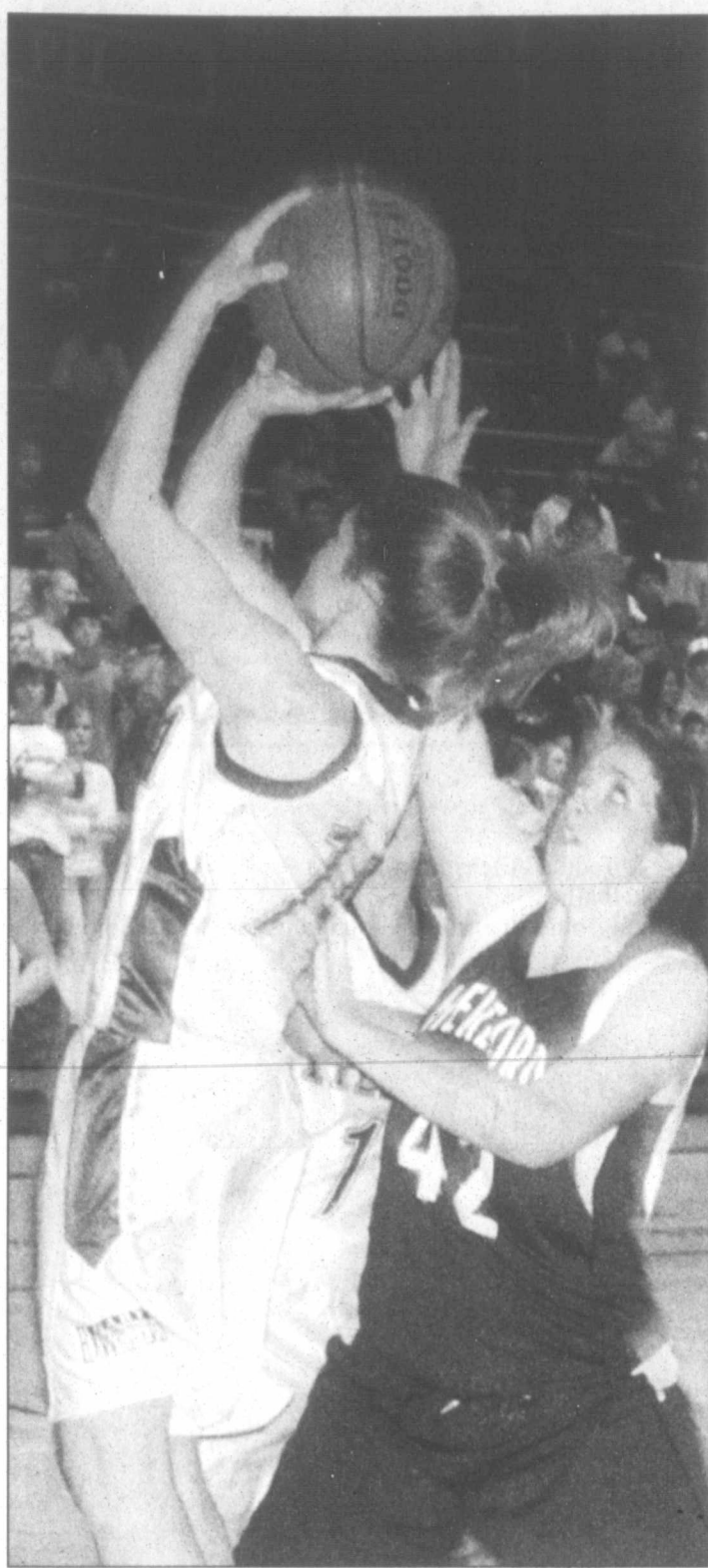
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Sports Day

Gerber, Rice combine for 46 points in win over Hereford



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Jackie Gerber fires a short jumper during Tuesday night's home game against Hereford.

Pampa 54, Hereford 48
The smell of freshly grilled hamburgers wafted through the doors and into The Pit Tuesday night as the Lady Harvesters and Lady Whitefaces hooked up for game two of the District 3-4A season. This was also Pampa's district home opener.

But burgers wouldn't be the only thing cooking on this night.

Junior guard Britteni Rice and senior guard Jackie Gerber hit on almost everything they put up. Rice wrapped the game with 27 points, Gerber with 19.

Early indications were this game was going to be close. Perhaps closer than some anticipated given each team's district opener. While the Lady Whitefaces struggled in their win over Dumas Friday, Pampa nearly pulled off the upset over Palo Duro.

Hereford got on the board first with a layup little more than a minute into the game. The lead was short lived as Rice scored on a 3-pointer moments later. The battle would continue until half-time.

Pampa didn't look crisp early on. When asked if his team was just a little out of sync, Pampa head coach Troy Fry said, "I don't think we were out of sync the first half. We were getting a lot of good looks and shots. I really believe that since this

was just our fourth home game this year we were not accustomed to playing in our gym."

The Lady Harvesters held a slim 22-21 advantage at the break, leaving some Pampa fans a little nervous.

In the third quarter, Pampa began to flex some muscle as Gerber found a groove and added to her growing total. The Lady Harvesters would outscore Hereford in the period, 22-11, but the Lady Whitefaces would not go away.

Pampa's point production dropped a bit in the final period, scoring just 10 to Hereford's 16. But it was enough to give the Lady Harvesters their first district win of the season. Pampa improved to 9-13, 1-1 while Hereford fell to 8-11, 1-1.

When asked if he expected such a close game from Hereford, Fry said, "I was expecting Hereford to come out and play well, and they did. They were coming off a big win against Dumas and played with a lot of desire."

Gerber, who had been off the pace the last few games, had a highlight game Tuesday night.

She went 6-for-6 from the field including 3-for-3 from the 3-point stripe. She also had four rebounds.

"Jackie had a great game last night," said Fry. "She has been struggling the past few games with her shot and free throws. I just reminded

her she needs to continue to play hard and good things will happen and they did for her."

Fry also notes the play of senior post Krissie Alexander, who seems to get better and better with every game.

"Krissie has found her groove," Fry remarked. "She has been playing big for us the past few games and her defense is the key to her on court success right now."

Pampa travels to Randall Friday to face the Lady Raiders.

Junior Varsity

The Lady Harvester junior varsity team played a tough, physical game at home against Hereford Tuesday night, coming out on the short end of a 38-35 final.

Jasmine Moore was solid at both ends of the floor for Pampa, as was Sara Foster, who has been under the weather recently.

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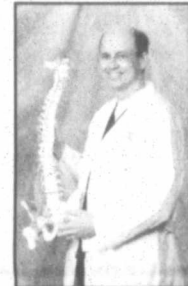
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Girls

District 3-4A
Pampa 54, Hereford 48
Palo Duro 52, Randall 39
Dumas 61, Caprock 53

Others

Amarillo High 53, Tascosa 29
Perryton 62, Borger 49
Canadian 50, Panhandle 40
Spearman 54, Sanford-Fritch 26
Sunray 43, White Deer 31
Clarendon 54, Shamrock 43

Claude 86, Quanah 46

Boys

Spearman 54, Sanford-Fritch 34
Canadian 47, Panhandle 38
White Deer 46, Sunray 31
Clarendon 55, Shamrock 33
Claude 69, Quanah 47
Lubbock Monterey 78, Randall 52
Tascosa 61, Borger 60
Plainview 63, Caprock 51
Dumas 40, Perryton 39

PJHS teams split with Herd

The Pampa Junior High teams invaded Hereford Monday night and split with the Herd. The Pampa 8th grade teams took the wins while the 7th grade teams took tough losses.

8th Grade Green

The Hereford Whiteface A team approached the game in a different manner than the previous meeting. Taking lessons from the 70's North Carolina teams, the Herd played a game of keep away from the Green Team as long as they could and had the game tied 10-10 at the half.

However, Alex Clendenning and his PJHS teammates would not be denied. Pampa used pressure defense and took advantage of Hereford turnovers to take the 32-26 win.

Clendenning led the scoring with 10 points, followed by Ryan Jimenez with eight.

8th Grade Gold

The 8th grade Gold avenged an earlier loss to Hereford with a 36-31 win over the Herd Monday.

Anthony Allen provided the scoring boost needed as he put in 18 points — half coming off steals — the other half coming from finishing the fast break.

Almost every Gold Team player scored in the contest.

7th Grade Gold

The team played its best game of the year in a nail biting 45-41 loss to the Herd.

This game had numerous lead changes, Pampa holding a 9-point advantage

twice in the game.

Pampa's Brandon Chairez led all scorers with 10 points, Brendon Rice tossed in eight, and Gregorio Cabrales and Hudson Bentley scored six. Nine of the 13 Pampa players got into the scoring column.

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Judge denies ex-Baylor player's motion to appeal

WACO, Texas (AP) — A judge has denied a former Baylor basketball player's request to appeal his murder conviction. State District Judge Ralph Strother issued the decision in a letter sent Tuesday to Carlton Dotson, 23, who is serving a 35-year prison term for the 2003 shooting death of teammate Patrick Dennehy. Local officials said Dotson is not eligible to appeal his case because he surrendered his right to appeal when he pleaded guilty in June. Also, the 30-day deadline to request an appeal has expired.

Dotson wrote a letter last month seeking permission to appeal his case and asking the court to loan him a transcript of his court appearances. He sent the letter to McLennan County District Clerk Karen Matkin but addressed it to "The Honorable Justices of the Court of Appeals." Although Strother denied Dotson's request, Matkin forwarded a certified copy of the motion to the 10th Court of Appeals "out of an abundance of caution," according to her letter to the intermediate appellate court clerk, Sharri Roessler.

Pampa Junior High 7th grade girls fall to Westover, rebound against Hereford

Girls Basketball
Jan. 5, 2006

Pampa at Westover Park 7th Grade Green

27-38 Westover 38, Pampa 27
High Point: Kylee Wyatt 9
Team Points: Ashlee Holland 8, Taryn Eubanks 6, Kay Kirkham 2, Kayla Hughes 1, Hayley Steger 1
Steals: Kylee Wyatt 3, Hayley Steger 2, Kayla Hughes 2, Shaylie Thompson 2, Kay Kirkham 1
Rebounds: Ashlee Holland 8, Kayla Hughes 5, Kay Kirkham 4, Kylee Wyatt 2, Shaylie Thompson 2, Cori Cook 1, Taryn Eubanks 1

Gold Team Westover Park 27, Pampa 8

High Point: Aubrei Dowdy 6
Team Points: Madilyn Shults 2
Steal: Cassie Doyle 3, Cali Gibson 1, Liz Hoelting 1
Rebounds: Madilyn Shults 8, Aubrei Dowdy 7, Candia Jimenez 4, Ashtyn Roberts 2, Liz Hoelting 1, Cassie Doyle 1

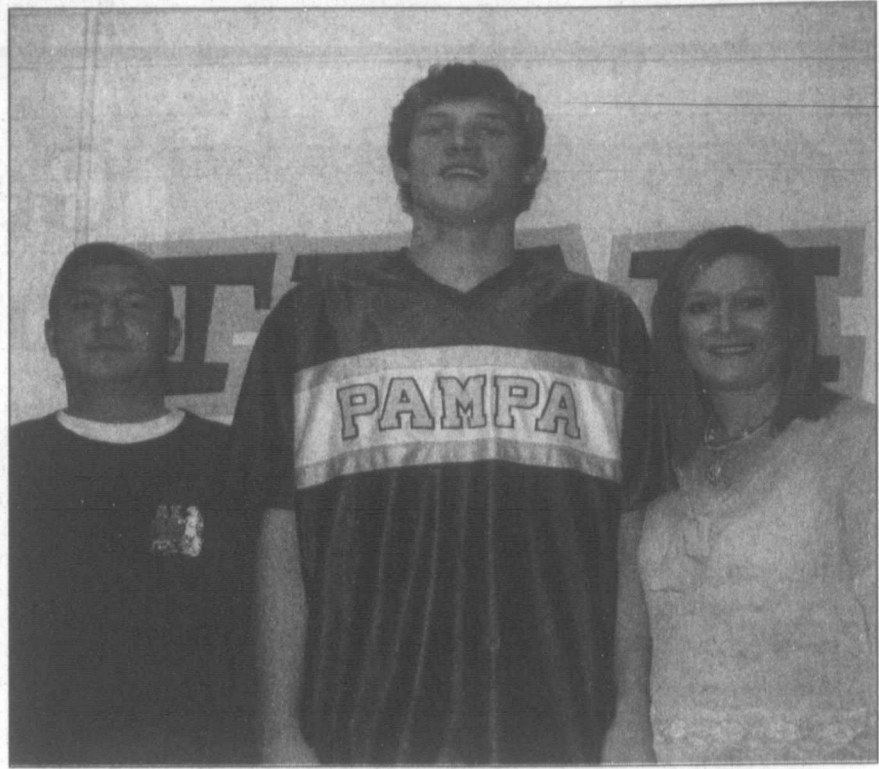
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7th Grade Green
Pampa 52, Hereford 21
High Point: Kylee Wyatt 14
Team Points: Ashlee Holland 12, Kay Kirkham 6, Taryn Eubanks 6, Kayla Hughes 6, Shaylie Thompson 5, Holly Gage 3
Steals: Kylee Wyatt 5, Shaylie Thompson 4, Kayla Hughes 3, Cori Cook 3, Taryn Eubanks 1, Kay Kirkham 1
Rebounds: Ashlee Holland 6, Hayley Steger 5, Kayla Hughes 4, Holly Gage 4, Kay Kirkham 3, Taryn Eubanks 3, Cori Cook 2, Shaylie Thompson 1, Kylee Wyatt 1

Gold Team Pampa 27, Hereford 23

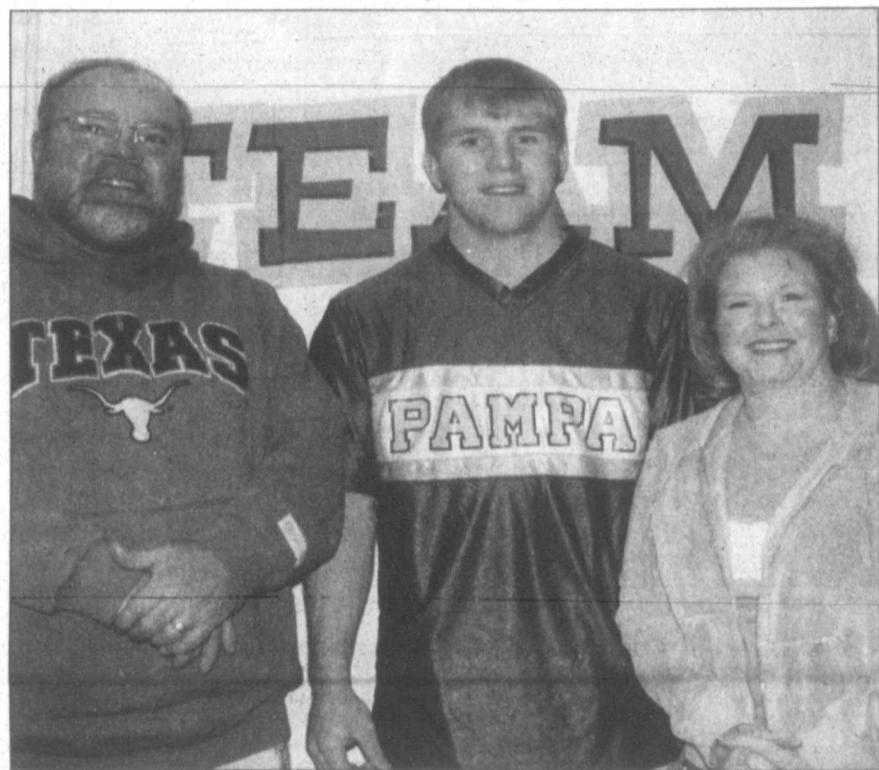
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Team Points: Madilyn Shults 4, Cali Gibson 3, Ashtyn Roberts 2
Steals: Aubrei Dowdy 4, Liz Hoelting 1, Cali Gibson 1, Candia Jimenez 1, Cassie Doyle 1
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Varsity spotlight



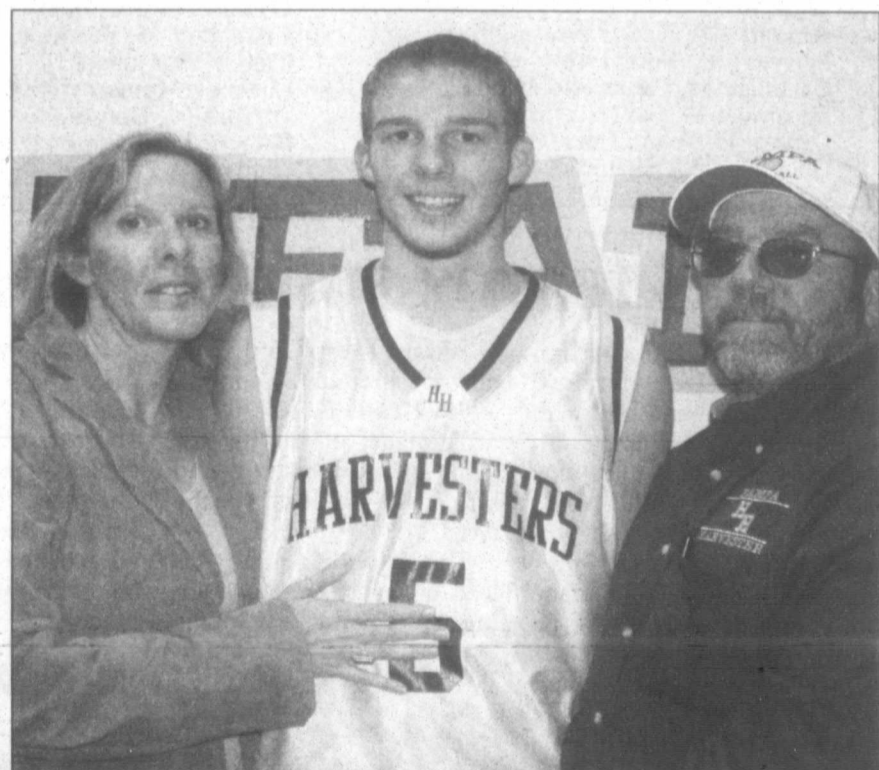
Jarett Kotara, Post

Height: 6'9"
Weight: 230 lbs.
Grade: Senior
Parents: Ross & Tammi Allen; John Kotara
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Interests: Hanging out with friends, watching the Texas Longhorns



Brody Smith, G/F

Height: 6'1"
Weight: 175 lbs.
Grade: Senior
Parents: David & Myrna
Activities: Football, basketball, track, soccer
Interests: Flying, skiing, cars.



Matt Smith, Post

Height: 6'5"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Grade: Freshman
Parents: Charles & Karen
Activities: Student council, Merit Gold, basketball, track
Interests: Music, basketball.

Former Tech assistant Brown dead

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Dave Brown, a defensive back who played 16 seasons in the NFL and was an assistant coach at Texas Tech, has died, the school said. He was 52. Brown suffered an apparent heart attack while playing basketball on campus. Brown won a Super Bowl with the Pittsburgh Steelers, and also played with the Seattle Seahawks and Green Bay Packers during a productive NFL career. He finished his career with 62 interceptions, tying Dick LeBeau for seventh on the NFL's career list.

HALL OF FAME

Aikman, Reggie White among Canton finalists

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Troy Aikman and the late Reggie White were among the 15 finalists today for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They joined Thurman Thomas and Warren Moon as finalists in their first year of eligibility. Results of the vote will be announced Feb. 4, the day before the Super Bowl in Detroit. Aikman quarterbacked Dallas to three Super Bowl titles between the 1992-1995 seasons. White, who died on Dec. 26, 2004, was one of the NFL's dominant defensive linemen through the 1980s and '90s. Thomas was a star running back on the Buffalo team that won four straight AFC titles from 1990-93. Moon threw for nearly 50,000 yards in the NFL after starting his career in the Canadian Football League. The two seniors candidates, former Dallas offensive tackle Rayfield Wright and former Oakland coach and current broadcaster John Madden, were chosen by a special committee last August and went straight to the finals. The other 13 were selected from a list of 25 semifinalists. The other finalists are: linebackers Derrick Thomas and Harry Carson; defensive ends L.C. Greenwood and Claude Humphrey; offensive linemen Russ Grimm, Bob Kuechenberg and Gary Zimmerman; and wide receivers Michael Irvin and Art Monk. A 39-member panel will vote on the finalists. A candidate must get 80 percent of the vote to be elected with a minimum of three and a maximum of six getting in. If fewer than three get 80 percent, the candidate with the next highest percentage will be elected.

Katrina evacuees fill hotel rooms as Detroit Super Bowl nears

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Hotel owners hoping to cash in on the demand for rooms during the Super Bowl say Hurricane Katrina evacuees are reducing the number available. Many hotels are raising rates and setting four-day minimum stays for the days around the Feb. 5 NFL championship game at Detroit's Ford Field. At a Howard Johnson's in suburban Southfield, room rates will be increased from \$69 a day to \$199. Officials say they depend on 30,000 hotel rooms being available for the Super Bowl. At 11 Michigan hotels, however, about 150 evacuees are still occupying 61 rooms, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Hotel owners receive an average of \$60 a day per room from the government to house them. "No one thought it would drag on this long," said

Frank Coutts, director of emergency management for Southfield, where most of the evacuees are staying in three hotels, including the Howard Johnson's. At the 91-room Hawthorne Suites, owner Dennis Davenport told The Detroit News: "I don't want to think about it." "Right now, it's a concern," Davenport said. Fifteen of the Hawthorne Suites' rooms are occupied by evacuees, according to the state. FEMA's deadline for hurricane evacuees to move out had been Jan. 7, but it is continuing to subsidize rooms while the government works out issues arising from a class-action lawsuit. The hotels' participation in housing hurricane victims is voluntary, according to FEMA spokesman James McIntyre.

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Amber Brown (#21) puts up a great defense against a Hereford player in The Pit Tuesday night during Pampa's junior varsity game against the Lady Whitefaces.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have owned a business for 13 years. Recently one of my employees forged a customer's check in the amount of \$1,000. I have tried to talk to him and ask why, and I have threatened to go to the police. We have more than just a working relationship. We did a lot of things together outside of work, but never had a sexual relationship. This man worked for me for more than two years and, other than this crime, was a perfect employee. He insists that he didn't "forge" the check that he had cashed at the customer's bank and tries to justify it by saying he felt he "deserved" the "extra" money. I always paid him on time and gave him many extra perks. Please help me. — **LOST BIG-TIME IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR LOST BIG-TIME: Wake up! Your "perfect employee" is a thief, a forger and a sociopath. He may be a charmer -- aren't they all! -- but that's what has enabled him to reach the point he has. For your own emotional well-being and for the sake of your business, please tell the police what you have learned. If you don't, the next person to be burned will be YOU. Bank on it!

DEAR ABBY: A couple invited my date and me to an expensive restaurant for dinner. We were to meet in the lobby of the restaurant at 7 p.m. We arrived a couple of minutes before the appointed time. Checking with the hostess, we found that a table for four had been reserved, and she offered to seat us even though our friends had not yet arrived. My date said we should have been seated so we could wait for our friends, who were 10 minutes late. I disagreed, pointing out that for us to be seated would have been a breach of etiquette because it emphasized that our friends were late. Who's right? — **TOM IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR TOM: It appears you were more concerned about the comfort of your hosts than the comfort of your date. As hosts, the couple who invited you should have been on hand to greet you. How long did you intend to stand around? After all, you had no idea if they'd be held up for 10 minutes or for 30 minutes -- and your date was probably standing there in high heels. To have taken the hostess up on her kind offer would not have been a breach of etiquette; it would have shown consideration for your date.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Thornton," and I are being married in two months. This is a second (and final) marriage for both of us. We dated for several years and went to counseling so that this marriage would last and our love would stay strong. We both have children from our first marriages who are excited about the wedding. Thornton and I are in disagreement, however, about whether or not to invite our ex-spouses -- although we remain friendly with them. Please tell me the appropriate thing to do. — **ABOUT TO BE WED IN HOUSTON**

DEAR ABOUT TO BE WED: Generally speaking, if the relationship between the ex-spouses is cordial -- and emotionally disconnected enough -- I see nothing wrong with inviting them to the wedding. However, in your case, because there is disagreement on the subject, it would be the better part of wisdom to set sail on the sea of matrimony without the exes standing on the dock.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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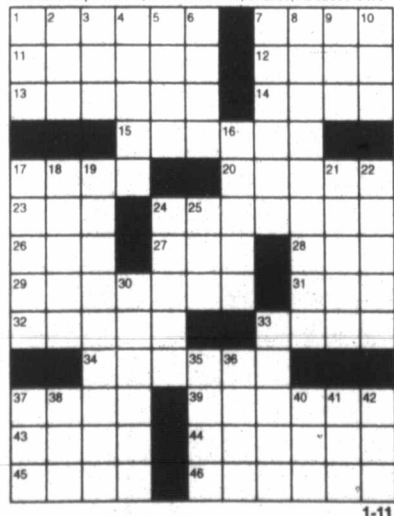
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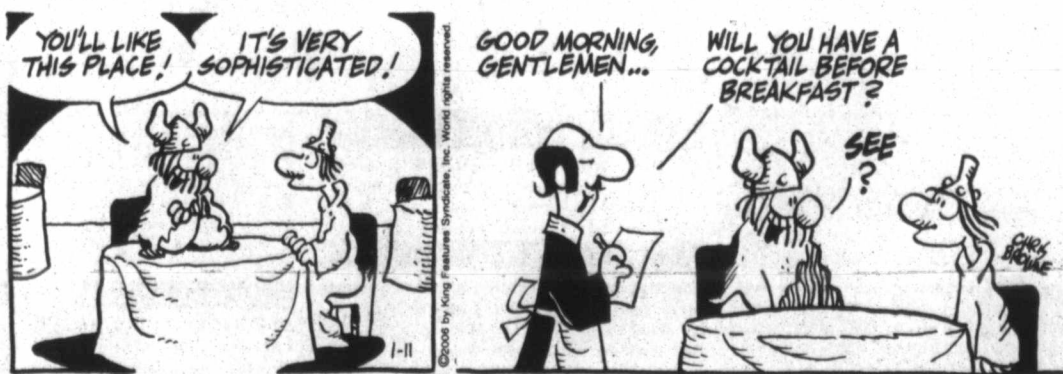
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