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# School board hears reports on alcohol, drug use

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#### **By AARON PEPPER** Staff Intern

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Pampa District's school board held its meeting for January, which was proclaimed by Gov. Rick Perry to be School Board Recognition Month, on Thursday night in the Pampa High School library. Points of key interest included results of the latest student drug and alcohol surveys, status of each campus in regard to performance on state mandated testing, and a review of an audit of the district's financial report for last vear

Lesley Gershmel, Substance Abuse Counselor at PHS, presented Independent School a report of last spring's drug and alcohol surveys.

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"Every section looked better even if ever so slightly," she said. "Still we aren't where we'd like to be."

Tobacco use among students, which has been above state averages in PISD for the past several years, remained roughly the same. In a sign of possible progress, Gershmel said that for the first time in her tenure, the district's levels of alcohol use fell very near to the state average as opposed to usually being significant-

ly higher than average. However, 66 percent of middle and high school students claimed using alcohol in their lifetimes. Also, 45 percent of 11th grade students claimed alcohol use within a month of testing, a sign of regular drinking.

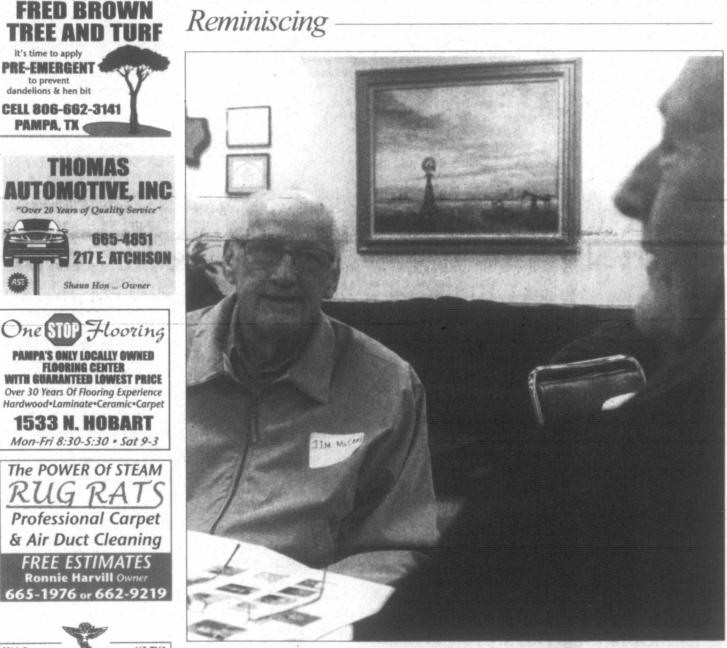
Contrary to statistics for tobacco and alcohol, those for illicit drugs, including marijuana, appeared slightly above state average. Forty one percent of 11th graders claimed using marijuana at least once in their lives. Also, according to Gershmel, there seems to be a rise in inhalant and powder cocaine use.

To combat these issues, Gershmel and her partners have implemented programs such as Pressure Points, an assembly aimed at substance abuse in teenagers; a mock drunken-driving accident known as Shattered Dreams and a support group for the parents of teen addicts.

The board also heard a report of the district's performance on last year's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

All campuses met the state's Average Yearly Progress standard.

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# **Pampan** arrested on mail theft charge

#### By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Pampa man has been transferred to a federal detention facility from Gray County Jail after he was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft of mail.

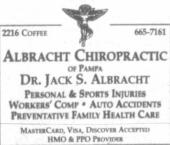
Zachary Taylor Wilson, 20, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 5 p.m. Wednesday by Texas Ranger and said in the affidavit that Bart Bivens and U.S. Postal . he and the Pampa Post

four-page affidavit by Romo. "Mr. Locke advised that he believed his mail was being stolen from his post office box. Mr. Locke stated that he noticed in early December 2005 that mail addressed to his post office box began to be missing,' Romo said in the affidavit.

Romo began an investigation into the missing mail, Inspector Fermin Romo of Office received numerous

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Jim McCray of Panhandle, left, visits with Billy Van Crawford about ground water issues during a reception today celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District in White Deer. McCray was one of the first members on the water district board of directors. Crawford is a current member.

the Postal Inspection Service's Lubbock office after he was interviewed and his residence was searched, according to jail records and Romo's affidavit.

A criminal complaint by Romo and signed by U.S. Magistrate Judge Clinton E. Averitte of Amarillo states that Wilson allegedly had in his possession deposit slips which had been mailed from Bank of America and addressed to Doug Locke of Pampa at a Pampa post office box.

The deposit slips had been part of "mail which had been stolen, taken, embezzled and abstracted from a letter box which was an authorized depository for mail matter," according to the complaint.

Locke had contacted Romo on Jan. 3 to report that he was missing numerous pieces of mail, according to a

complaints of missing mail from other postal customers. The complaints advised that the customers' mail was addressed to their post office boxes in Pampa.

Romo contacted the Texas Rangers' Office in Pampa, Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office and advised them of his investigation.

A PPD offense report dated Dec. 29, 2005 was received by Romo on Jan. 18. In the report, Terry Hall of GH Ranch Inc., 309 N. Frost, said that on Dec. 29, a man came into Hall's office and handed him some of the ranch's mail.

"The white male told Mr. Hall that he had accidentally taken the mail home and opened it. Mr. Hall advised that the mail was deposit See MAIL, Page 14

## **Ex-treasurer Hahn seeks old position**

#### **By DENNIS SPIES** Editor

Former Gray County treasurer Scott Hahn has announced he will be a candidate for his old job.

Hahn said friends and acquaintances urged him to run again.

He served as Gray County treasurer for 16 years, from 1987 to 2002. "I will bring back to the office many

good qualities that I developed over the years that I was in office before," he said. "Sixteen years of experience will serve as a good base for being a qualified candidate.

Hahn's experience includes being

the county investment officer, level 2; payroll/personnel director; and handling accounts payable and receivable.

"I worked very closely with the commissioners' court and all the offices in the courthouse without any problems," he said. "As the officeholder who handles the county's finances, I offer my education, a degree in business administration, my experience, and my good work ethic. I will also attempt to reclaim the constitutional duties that have been lost to other offices."

Hahn and his wife Barb are mem-

bers of First United Methodist Church and the White Deer Land Museum Foundation Board, where he serves as treasurer.

He is also treasurer of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, Pampa Softball Umpires Association and a member of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department.

"Being treasurer of these organizations involves taking care of someone else's money, keeping it soundly invested and being a responsible finan-

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# UNITED WAY AWARDS LUNCHEON

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### **Obituaries**

Services tomorrow

BRYANT, Raymond L. – 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

CHAMBERS, Vineta McCain Duncan — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa

GRAY, Donald N. - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. HORNBACK, Jesse . - 11 a.m. New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla.

#### **Raymond L. Bryant, 74**

MIAMI - Raymond L. Bryant, 74, died Jan. 18, 2006, at Miami.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Miami with the Rev. Lance Wood, pastor, and George Lundberg, minister of the Church of Christ of Miami, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A Miami resident most of his life, Mr. Bryant was born Nov. 18, Bryant 1931, in Hopkins County. He mar-

ried Ella Mae Cunningham on Aug. 7, 1951; she died March 8, 1997.

Mr. Bryant was a master electrician for H.L. Price & Sons in Amarillo, was maintenance supervisor for Miami Independent School District for 16 years, and ownedoperated Raymond Bryant Builder Services for a number of years.

Vineta McCain Duncan Chambers, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 19, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. George Turner, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Chambers was born Sept. 15, 1919, in Boogerholler, Okla. She was reared in Mobeetie, graduating from Mobeetie High School in 1938. She lived in Oakdale, Calif., for many years, moving back to Texas in 1990.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Bryant and Richard Bryant. Survivors include his wife,

Joyce Bryant of Miami; two daughters, Pamela Nicholson and Brenda Sewell, both of Amarillo; two sons, Raymond Darrell Bryant and Danny Lynn Bryant, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Mary Inez Benge of Lubbock and Rita JoAn Bryant of Ardmore, Okla.; two brothers, Bill Bryant of Pampa and

Don Bryant of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. Joyce Bryant will be at 1330 Lion in Miami. -Sign the on-line register book at

www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### Vineta McCain Duncan Chambers, 86

She received many awards for her artwork, including the Artists of the Southwest Show in Amarillo. She taught art in Dalhart

Survivors include one daughter, Nelda Pisors and husband Bob of San Antonio; one brother, Robert McCain and wife Linda of Pampa; six grandchildren; and 10 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Chambers, and a son, Richard Duncan.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 6605 West I-

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Donald N. Gray, 79, of Pampa, died Jan. 18, 2006, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Skellytown, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gray, a lifelong Pampa resident, was born Oct. 27, 1926, at Gray Enid, Okla. He was formerly an operator for Celanese Corporation.

He was preceded in death by a son, David

#### ARDMORE, Okla. — Jesse V. Hornback, 61, died Jan. 17, 2006, at a hospital in Ardmore. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church with the Revs. Steve and David Gardner officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Harvey-Douglas

Funeral Home in Ardmore. Mr. Hornback was born Dec. 30, 1944, at Canadian, Texas, to the late Jesse Franklin and Ema Agnes Reno Hornback. He married Jeanie Hammer on April 29, 1967, at Pampa, Texas. A resident of Ardmore since 1971, he retired from Michelin Tire Company after 30 years as a finishing supervisor and in quality testing.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam and was honorably discharged after 8 1/2 years.

He owned and operated Hornback Tractor Service since 2000. He was a Little League

### **Emergency Services**

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. today. Thirteen traffic stops were made. Traffic stops in the 400 block of North Starkweather, the 2700 block of Cherokee and the 500 block of West Cook resulted in at least five arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Barrett and Crawford streets.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Banks streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call in the 500 block of North Wells resulted in an arrest for possession of drug para-

phernalia. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of Rham.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood and the 1000 block of Schneider.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Ward and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Three instances of burglary of a motor vehicle were reported at Pampa High by PPD for drag racing. School. In one instance, a Jeffrey Alan Cloud, 30, of

Gray in 2004; a sister, Sylvia Beede; and a granddaughter, Carrie.

Survivors include two sons, Eugene Gray of Pampa and Dewayne Gray of Plano; a daughter, Vicki Gossard of San Antonio; a brother, Marvin Gray of Lefors; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Jesse V. Hornback, 61

baseball coach, enjoyed hunting and bowling, and his granddaughters.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanie, of the home; a son, JJ Hornback of Ardmore; two sisters, Ernie Shackelford of Pampa, Texas, and Delorres Thompson of Kingfisher, Okla.; two granddaughters, Cheyenne JaRae and Camille Bre'Anne; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Corey Thompson, Dennis Butler, Randy Hopkins, Douglas Jerome Smith, Don Buck and Bill Henry. Honorary pallbearers will be his close family and friends, his hunting and bowling buddies, and all his friends he had made through Michelin and his tractor business.

Memorials may be made to Sunshine Industries.

Condolences may be made online at www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com.

> by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for failure to appear and failure to attend school, and warrants for disorderly conduct/language and two counts of failure to attend school.

Brandon Wayne Poteet, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 2700 block of Cherokee by PPD for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Tyson Dean Beck, 32, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Jimmy Aaron Alexander, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of West Cook

and Pampa for many years.

40, Suite A-6, Amarillo, TX 79106.

He belonged to Miami Lions Club, Miami Chamber of Commerce and IBEW #602.

Donald N. Gray, 79



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## Gray County Weather

then a slight chance of rain between 2-3 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Wind chill values between

19 and 27 early. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming

Today: A slight chance of mostly clear, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23.

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North-northwest wind around 5 mph becoming west-southwest.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 27. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 40.

Assistance to other agencies was rendered in the 600 block of North Nelson. One open door was

checked. Civil matters were reported in the 600 block of Deane Drive and on two occasions

in the police department lobby. service was Warrant

attempted at four locations, resulting in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2000 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call from the 1000 block of North Hobart resulted in an arrest for public intoxication.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Mary Ellen streets, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 2400 block of Navajo.

stereo face plate valued at \$100 was taken. A car stereo and 30 compact discs were taken in another instance, with estimated value of loss as \$300. The third instance involved 50 CDs of unknown value.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler.

Assault was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

#### Sheriff

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

Charlie David Flowers, 43, of Pampa was arrested by Carson County Sheriff's Office for a Gray County charge of theft by check.

Raya Annette Garza, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Cuyler

Borger was arrested in the 700 block of North Hobart by PPD for drag racing.

Raymond Dale Sissel, 51, of Lefors was arrested in the 1000 block of North Hobart by PPD for public intoxication.

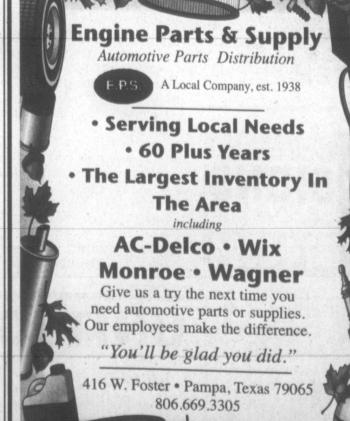
Mary Michelle Daniels, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 2700 block of Cherokee by PPD for no driver's license.

Lenora Ruth Goldthrite, 39, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of North Wells by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Maria Jesus Alvarado, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of South Starkweather by PPD for assault causing bodily injury, possession of drug paraphernalia and a capias pro fine for theft under \$50. Keri Lynn Moxon, 35, of

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# Religion

# Kirkin' O' the Tartan celebration returning to Presbyterian church

The annual "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" will be celebrated this coming Sunday during the 10:45 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, in Pampa. Featured will be Thomas Campbell of Amarillo on the bagpipe.

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Banners of tartans representing the clans of various members of the congregation will be carried in a procession at the beginning of the service. The procession will be accompanied by Campbell's rendition of "Scotland the Brave." The banners will be placed in the front of the sanctuary. Additional banners will hang from the ceiling of the church.

A luncheon will follow the service in the newly renovated church parlor for the entire congregation and guests. The meal will be a combination of potluck and Scottish cuisine.

Purely an American custom, the bringing of the "kirkin" represents Scottish defiance against English rule and dates back to the 1700s when then

English King Prince Charles outlawed the wearing of the distinctive plaid or tartan which represented each Scottish clan. Punishment for being caught with a tartan could be severe.

The clans took to carrying small pieces of the fabric to church, often in their pockets. The word for church in Olde Scot is "kirk," hence the name kirkin'

The service is open to all who wish to come. For more information, call 665-1031 or 665-7321.



Harold Taylor of Friona plays the bagpipes at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa during a "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" service of recent years.



Twelve inmates at Jordan prison unit recently completed the Bible study "Free for Sure." Above: (front) Calvin Roberts; (second row, left-right) Robin Whalon, Eddie McCarty, Robert Alexander, Eloy Guajardo, Ed Banks; and (third row, I-r) Jorge Alejandro, Eric Smith, George White, Ricky Alvarez, Kelvin Hardin and Mariano Garcia.

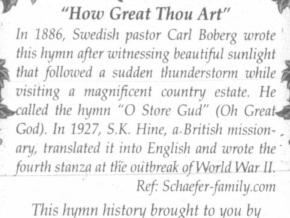
## Jordan Bible students graduate from class

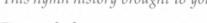
prison unit recently completed a Bible study on the book of John. Nearly 50 past and present students of the study attended a ceremony honor- A

Twelve inmates at Jordan certificate of completion, the book "The Man In the Mirror," a specially designed bookmark, a copy of the Alvarez, Kelvin Hardin, poems "My Commitment As Mariano Garcia, Robin

Graduating from the class were Jorge Alejandro, Eric Smith, George White, Ricky Christian" and Whalon, Eddie McCarty, ing the 12 new "Free For "Somebody," and a photo of Robert Alexander, Eloy

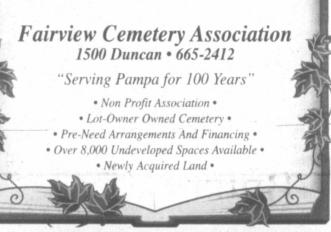
In addition to refreshments, the group enjoyed poetry and music presented by volunteers Kathy Farrar, Joyce Field and Margie Moore. Other volunteers included J.B. and Bethel







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themselves with the "free Sure" graduates. Each graduate received a world" volunteers.

Guajardo, Ed Banks and Walker. Calvin Roberts.

#### **MINISTER'S MUSINGS**

## **Daniel was faithful no matter what the situation**

If you were kidnapped by a bunch of heathens who not only didn't believe in Jesus Christ, but were committed to another savior, and then hauled by those pagans to another country and kept there for 70 years, could you be faithful? Would you be faithful? That is the focus of today's article.

The book of Daniel opens with the fall of Judah to the Babylonian Empire in about 606 BC. Babylon's philosophy when it con-

carry off into captivity the "cream of the crop" of the youth of the defeated race and to begin brainwashing them in the Babylonian Mike

ways immediate-Sublett ly. Daniel Hi-Land was one of Christian those kidnapped.

They hauled him and the other captives off to Babylon, some 600-plus miles away. By today's standards it

quered a nation was to was like taking them to the

other side of the world. But Daniel was faithful: He didn't have his family or his childhood friends, and he was

constantly barraged with the teachings of the idolatrous ways of

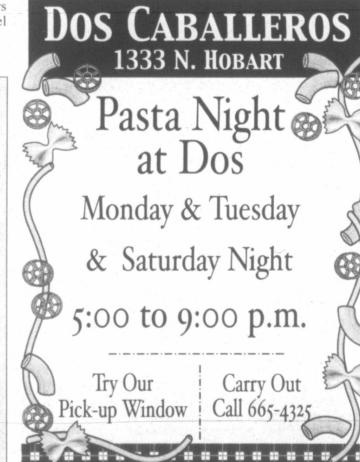
the Babylonians. But still Daniel was faithful.

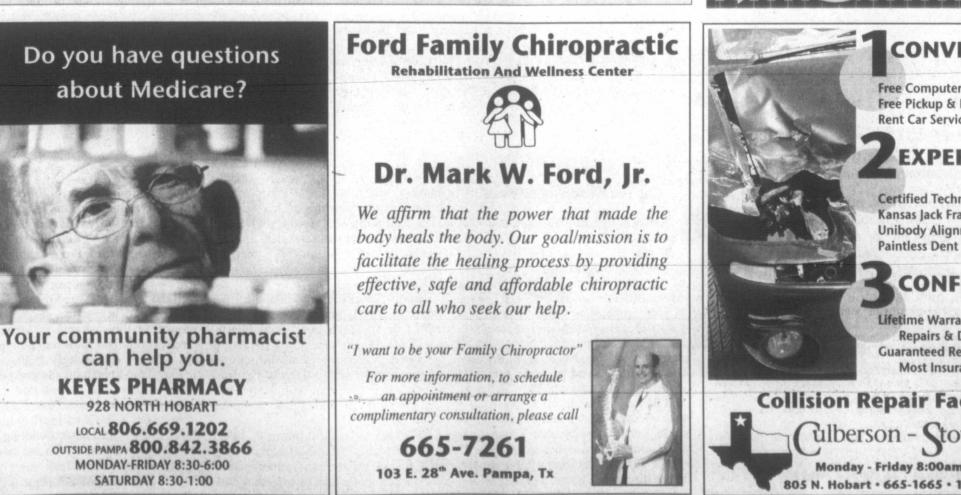
Later in Daniel (5:1; 5:31; 9:1; 11:1; 10:1) events confirm that these

parts of Daniel were written around 539-536 BC. That means that Daniel lived in Babylon for 70 years. The obvious conclusion would be that he was captured when he was an early teen. Can you imagine the

teenagers in your church being kidnapped and hauled off to another country and still faithful 70 years later? Can they see themselves faithful for all of those years without their

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# Viewpoints

# Where is our hope in this seemingly hopeless world?

Look at the news on any given day and you'll likely walk away feeling that the world is a hopeless place. Terrorist attacks, natural disasters, oil and gas price escalations, health care for senior citizens, and loss of jobs can easily be found during any 30-minute broadcast.

The average person gets hit with at least a dozen similar negative news stories daily and they all have the potential to undermine the one last survival tool we have - our hope.

There are a lot of things happen." Not that something that we can live without, but we can't live without hope. As one writer noted, we can live an hour without oxygen, a week without water, three months without food, but no ful one can live without hope. even The key to successful living is to know how to feed and protect your hope in spite of the negative events that surround us daily.

The best definition of hope that I've encountered is "the confident expectation that something good will

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good "might" happen, but rather that something good "will" hap-

pen. Hope David is so power-Cain that the writers of the Bible chose to

include it in the important definition of faith by instructing that "faith is the substance of things hoped for." This

our hope - our faith. Living with the hope that

things will get better has been the

fuel that has delivered generations f Americans through

many past catastrophes. The great depression, the dustbowl, slavery, 9/11, wars, human loss, terminal illnesses and many other tragic

weapon required to protect events were successfully endured because of hope. The same hope of our forefathers is the same hope that is available to us today and it is the same that is the substance of our faith.

Emerson wrote, "Oh lord, how unhappy are men that allow men to make them unhappy."

Emerson understood the importance that nothing in the world should have so much power that it robs us of our hope. I have a relative who will not leave the house

until she reads her horoscope and if it is negative will return to bed until the next day. Sadly, her hope originates from the mind and thoughts of man.

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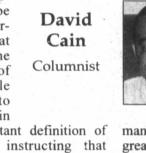
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So where is our hope? It's not with palm readers, it's not with the government, not with our jobs, nor with our money, family or friends. Hope can only come from one source and discovering that source can make a world of difference in a world that is full of bad news.



insight gives us the basic

**By The Associated Press** 

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2006. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty-five years ago, on Jan. 20, 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

On this date:

In 1801, John Marshall was appointed chief justice of the United States.

In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.) In 1887, the U.S.

*By the time vou're* eighty years old vou've learned everything. You only have to remember it."

- George Burns American actor, comedian (1896-1996)

cials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1945, President Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway



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In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1986, Britain and France announced plans to build the Channel Tunnel.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians turned out to vote in a festive first election, solidly endorsing Yasser Arafat and his peace policies.

### Our readers write

#### PHS students' show of respect ...

I am writing this letter to commend the students from Pampa High School for their reverence and respect they showed to my family and me as we drove to Fairview Cemetery recently to bury my husband.

This spoke volumes to the ones in the procession from Pampa and also to those from out of town.

Oftentimes we hear mainly about the bad actions of youth, but I wanted to acknowledge the ones who stood at attention, bowed their heads and placed their hands over their hearts.

Thank you, youth! It meant a lot to me. **Kay Crouch** Pampa

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American charities as scared politicians in Washington try to dump their Jack Abramoff campaign contributions. Putting daylight between themselves and this firstclass crook will not be easy. Abramoff no doubt

caused digestive problems for a number of members of Congress and their staffs when he decided to turn canary and sing the tunes dictated by federal prosecutors. Corruption in Washington is so pervasive that a number of people forgot a very important lesson: There is no honor among the dishonorable. Faced with a very long prison sentence, the once-cocky Abramoff said, "Who do you want me to rat on?"

Many of these politicians and arrogant little staff members are now having nightmares about orange jumpsuits and bright, shiny handcuffs. Let us all hope fervently that their nightmares come true. Let us all pray that there are still a few. honest people in the Justice Department, protected by civil service, who will do

### Texas Thoughts

#### By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

#### 🖬 Jan. 6

The Odessa American on the impact of the indictment of lobbyist Jack Abramoff:

The indictment and subsequent guilty plea of Washington superlobbyist Jack Abramoff, on charges that he defrauded clients, has many in the capital squirming. And while we feel little sympathy for those who took an active and conscious part in his scams, there's also a tremendous potential in this situation for smears, character assassinations and guilt by association.

We would therefore caution readers to be discerning about painting all the

ding of their political boss. Abramoff was one of the

young stars of the "new conservatives" rising through the ranks of the College Republicans. As it turned out, these guys were neither new

nor conserva-Charley tive. They Reese loved big government Columnist as much as the liber-

als as \_\_\_\_\_ long as they could control it and direct the patronage. Their morals were as old as sin itself. They got drunk on arrogance. They got greedy. All of their high-blown rhetoric was as nothing compared with a fat bank account, a mansion and memberships at

all the fancy watering holes. The problem is that in Washington, the only god in town is money. The pols need money to run their campaigns. The lobbyists need money to buy their votes. The special interests are more than eager to supply the money in exchange for favors. Why do you think

accountable.

scandal.

pages of small print? They need that verbiage to hide favors written into the legislation in return for the lucre. Campaign-finance reform

will never work. Whatever amount of money a politi-

cian needs to win he will find a way to get by hook or crook. by The answer

limit the amount of money that can be spent. Multimillion-dollar campaigns are an invitation to corruption.

to state legislators who are

players with the same broad brush

before all the facts are in. It's by now

clear that Abramoff took a sometimes

honorable, sometimes sketchy profes-

sion to sleazy new lows. For that, he

and any co-conspirators should be held

punishment, he has agreed to work

with federal prosecutors "in an investi-

gation of influence peddling involving

members of Congress," according to a

wire story. So what's largely been an

inside-the-Beltway sideshow now has

the potential to widen into a major

In order to spare himself a harsh

prison sentence, Abramoff will now try

dragging down as many former associ-

ates as possible which means some oth-

But in an effort to soften his own

would take a huge hunk of money out of the equation. It would also help people realize the importance of their state legislators.

Another step should be to require that all campaign contributions come from individuals who are legal residents of the politician's district. As it is today, once a man gets to Washington, he can raise his next campaign kitty in Washington. This is a huge disconnect between the congressman and the people back home he's supposed to represent. He doesn't really need the people back home. He just needs the money, which he gets in Washington, to fool the people back home once every two years.

Media, pollsters and marketing people have taken over our political process. Huge amounts of campaign money flow into the pockets of these people, and consequently, we live in an age of perpetual campaigning. Perhaps we should limit campaigns to three months,

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erwise honorable people could be smeared in the short run, even if eventually cleared of wrongdoing. The fact that Abramoff is a "Republican" lobbyist only increases the likelihood that this affair will be exploited for ideological or partisan purposes.

If the facts uncovered result in a fullblown scandal, so be it. We won't mourn for those snared in Abramoff's tangled web. But the witch hunt potential here is exceedingly high, so it's important to keep things in perspective. Not everyone associated with Abramoff should be assumed guilty of corruption. What Abramoff is in trouble for isn't "influence peddling," but defrauding clients, which are two different things.

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has to be to find ways to

Under the original Constitution, senators were chosen by their respective state legislatures. During one of the reform frenzies, an amendment changed this make senators run statewide. We should rethink this. In today's overpopulated America, it is impossible to run a statewide campaign in a large state without spending millions of dollars. Having senators chosen by

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ban polling and ban television advertising. Before the three-month period begins, candidates should be forbidden to spend even one dime on their campaigns.

You might have even bet-

money on the American political process. Power is shifting away from the people to the big-money crowd. Unless the trend is reversed, it will inevitably lead to more corruption and rule by an oligarchy that will sit behind the scenes and instruct its bought polititer ideas. The point is, all of cians. Our elections will

us must think of ways to

shrink the influence of

become meaningless, since the oligarchs will dictate the only choices we have on the ballot.

One of the things that worries me a lot these days is the general absence of outrage. I don't believe selfgovernment can work unless people get angry about corruption. To shrug it off is to accept it. One must never tolerate evil.

# Lobbyist

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"Influence peddling" is not, as far as we know, a crime: If it were, half of Washington would be behind bars. So let's be discerning in separating real criminals from those who innocently brush up against one or two corrupt lobbyists in a town where networking is a way of life. And let's take care not to criminalize legitimate lobbying activities by lumping them under the rubric "influence peddling," or to taint all lobbyists as Abramoff clones.

We don't often find ourselves coming to the defense of the parasites that feed on the bloated body politic. But not every member of Congress who had a dinner or cloakroom discussion with Abramoff is corrupt. Not every lobbyist is involved in the kind of billing skullduggery and double-dealing Abramoff was.

And not every client who didn't get his wish-list fulfilled by a lobbying shop has been victimized or defrauded. The good-

ness or malevolence of lobbyists largely depends on where one stands on the issues they are lobbying on. Within limits, lobbyists (in the broadest sense of the word) have a valid, sometimes even beneficial role to play in ensuring that various voices are heard in Washington. But like any other profession, some are dishonest in how they ply their trade.

Power is a bipartisan and equal-opportunity corrupter. And the Abramoff saga, if it can teach us anything at this point, demonstrates that the temptations may just be greatest for the party in power, with its fingers most firmly clasping the federal purse strings. Majority status has obviously had a corrupting influence on the GOP. But it corrupted many Democrats, too, when they were in charge.

We long have held that the reason Jack Abramoffs exist, persist and proliferate is that there is far too much money and power centered in Washington. Unless we reverse that unfortunate and dangerous trend, and de-fund and de-power Washington as much as possible, it will be impossible to purge the potential for corruption from politics.

## Faith

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earthly family, without their childhood friends, without their country, etc.? Well, Daniel was.

Could today's Christian teens withstand 70 years of brainwashing by a false religion and still be faithful 70 years later? Daniel was.

What about you? What about me? What if we were cut off from everything and everyone except our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Would He be enough? What

if we didn't have any of our Christian music? What if we didn't even have our Bible? What if we couldn't go to church? What if we were pounded every day for 70 years with some pagan religion? Would the Lord still find us faithful without all of our blessings?

That is the point of today's article. Just think about it. We need to be as confident in our walk with Jesus as Daniel was in his walk with Jehovah. We need to know that we would be faithful no matter what and no matter for how long. Daniel did and we can, too. Think about it. God bless.



Events, PSAs

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Panhandle Community Services has received funding for Comprehensive the Energy Program. The program provides emergency utility assistance for qualifying low-income, elderly and disabled/handicapped families. To apply, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, proof of income, current electric and gas bills and a 12 month billing history of electric and gas bills provided. must be Applicants may call their Panhandle local Community Services office at 665-0081 for more information.

· AARP Tax-Aide, a free, volunteer run tax counseling and preparation service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation and to become leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Tax counselors receive free tax training and become IRS certified by passing the IRS exam. They assist customers one-on-one at tax sites or over the Internet and agree to a minimum commitment of four hours per week for a 10 week period. For more information, call (806) 883-6871.

• The Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum will host the Kwahadi Indian Dancers on the dancers 40th Annual Winter Night Ceremonials at 7:30 p.m. today, Saturday, Jan. 27, 28 and Feb. 25 at the museum in Amarillo. Dinner will be served prior to the show. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call the museum at (806) 335-3175.

• The next Pampa Area Christian Dance, an alcohol- and smoke-free

event, will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission Assistance is \$6 per person. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

 At approximately 7:15 p.m. Monday, a meeting on the senior prom will be held in the library of Pampa High following the school's open house. The "come and go" open house will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Karen at 665-9733.

• The local WIC clinic will be conducting vaccinations from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday at a charge of

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Saturday January 21,2006

\$14.85 to \$20 for nonclients. For an appointment, call 665-1182.

 Amarillo Museum of Art will host its Spring Film Festival in 2006. The festival will include the following films: "Basquiat," 7 Thursday; p.m., "Downtown 81," 7 p.m., Feb. 2; "I Shot Andy Warhol," 7 p.m., Feb. 9; and "The Life & Times of Andy Warhol," 7 p.m., Feb. 23. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

 Amarillo Children's Theatre Guild will present "Elvis Acts Up!" with impersonator Manny Triana at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 Ordway Hall on in Amarillo College campus.

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# PLAY WHO'S WHO AND WIN \$100 PAMPA BUCKS **HERE'S HOW**

1. Match each face with the corresponding name and rectangle in the advertisements found on the following pages in today's edition of THE PAMPA NEWS.

2. Cut out each face and tape it in the corresponding blank rectangle in each ad. All entries must be original newspaper - no photo copies accepted. THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE IS TO GO TO THE BUSINESS AND LOOK FOR YOUR-SELF! BUT... Some of these businesses might be inaccessible to the public, so rely on friends and family to solve this puzzle.

3. The Who's Who contest will appear in the January 20, January 22 and January 24 issues of The Pampa News. A drawing will be held from all the correct entries the morning of January 26 to determine the winner. Bring entries to The Pampa New office at 403 W. Atchison or mail to P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066. Entries must be received by 5:00pm on January 25. Label your entry with your name, address and phone number so the winner may be notified.

4. Employees of The Pampa News and their immediate families are not eligible to win.

5. The Who's Who contest will be solved in the January 26 edition of The Pampa News.



































































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# Dear Abby...

**By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips** 

DEAR ABBY: I went into our home office and noticed that my wife had left her email on. I spotted an odd name, so I opened one of the messages and my jaw dropped. It was from a man with whom my wife was having an affair. The e-mails were so graphic as to leave nothing to the imagination. This person is someone with whom my wife had an affair before we got together. He was going to leave his wife and live with her before we met, but when push came to shove, he stayed with his wife and just used mine for sex. One of the messages discussed a planned meeting that did not take place -- only because he got stuck at work. She e-mailed him and told him he could stop by the house any night after 10 and have sex for an hour or two because our 5-year-old son and I were sleeping in other bedrooms! She insists that "nothing happened," which I have trouble believing. We have been seeing a therapist who believes my wife, and says that since "nothing happened" it wasn't an affair. I disagree. Am I wrong? - FURIOUS IN **NEW JERSEY** 

DEAR FURIOUS: You now have two problems. You have a therapist who is siding with your wife, and an advice columnist who sees it your way. No, I do not think you are wrong. And unless your wife can come up with a satisfactory explanation for inviting her old lover over for sex under the same roof as her child and her husband, I'd say your marriage is O.V.E.R.

DEAR ABBY: I have one sister. Our mother is deceased. When our father passes

This will involve a great deal of time, going through both houses, some cleaning, and too many phone calls to count, etc. Would it be fair to keep track of the time my husband and I devote to this, charge an hourly fee, and deduct it from my sister's share of our father's estate? Let's face it, fair is fair. -- DREADING WHAT'S AHEAD

DEAR DREADING: It seems fair to me. However, if your father has his faculties, this is something that should be discussed while he's still living so it can be noted in his will. If he's too ill to talk, then speak to the lawyer who drew up the will. You may be surprised to learn that what you have in mind is usual and customary. The lawyer can explain it to you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Craig," whom I have known almost a year. We have become closer than friends in a lot of ways -- except the one way that counts, if you know what I mean. Craig likes to tease me about sex, but says it will never happen because he doesn't want to ruin the friendship. Do you think it's fair for him to arouse me and then just run out the door? Craig says he doesn't want me, but when I go out on dates with other people he gets mad. How should I handle this? -- IRRI-**TATED IN GEORGIA** 

**DEAR IRRITATED:** The key phrase in your letter is "he says he doesn't want me." Craig may enjoy teasing you (a power play), or he might be gay (unavailable for romance). In either case, the result will be

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#### For Better Or Worse





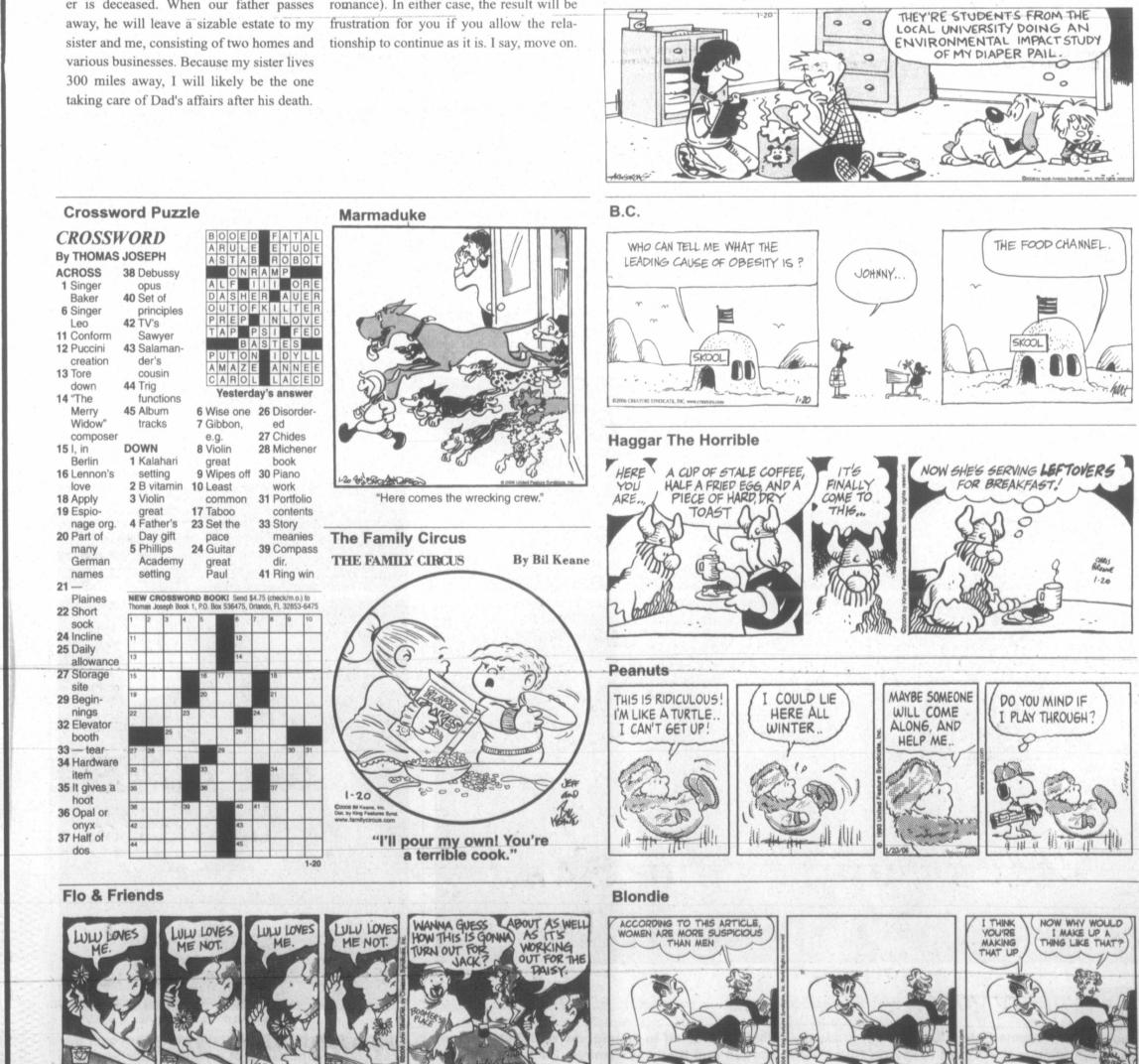
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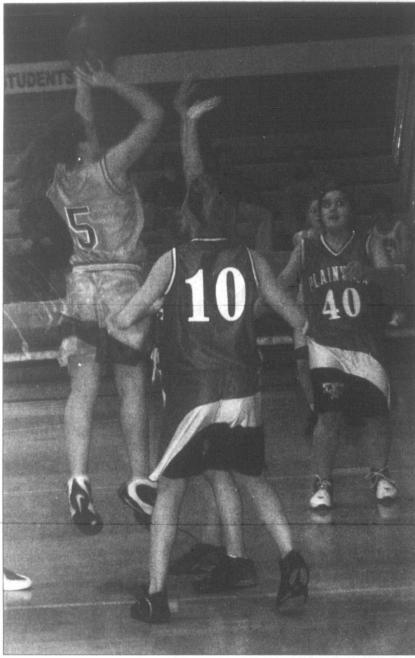
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# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Destiny Fitzer fires off a short jump shot against the defense of the Lady Bulldogs at McNeely Field House Thursday night. Fitzer and her Pampa teammates fell to Plainview, 39-23.

# **Freshman girls fall** to Plainview, 39-23

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

out playing good defense. We just couldn't make a shot." Owens noted the second period,

## **Harvesters home to host Demons**

#### By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Pampa is back home in The PIt tonight after two very important road wins over Randall and Caprock to open the District 3-4A season. The Harvesters host Dumas (12-8, 0-2). Game time is 7:30 p.m.

You would think given his team's performance to this point, head coach Dustin Miller and his guys would be marked men by now. "You know, I think people respect our record but I still don't know if we are a marked team," said Miller. "Obviously people will recognize that we won on the road but I'm still not sure people outside of Pampa recognize exactly what it is these boys have done." What they have done is put together a record of 17-4 overall, 2-0 in District 3-4A. Pampa enters tonight's game tied with Palo Duro for first place in the district. The lack of attention beyond the Pampa boundaries may be a good thing. "It gives us plenty of moti-

vation to keep doing what we are doing," said Miller.

Though the PD games looms large on the Harvester horizon, Miller knows better than to look beyond the Demons tonight. "Dumas is a district opponent that we will treat like everyone else," noted Miller. "You have to be ready to play at all times no matter if it is a home game or road game."

Miller noted he expects Dumas to attack his team

# Lady Harvesters pursue unexplored territory tonight

#### By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters could tonight." Fry added find themselves in foreign wouldn't be surprised to se territory if all goes well against the Demonettes tonight. "Tonight we have a chance to be in second place by ourselves at 4-1, a place we have never been," said Pampa head coach Troy Fry.

Fry's team has gone 3-0 contender for the title? since dropping a close district

Dumas try to press his tea as well.

If all in fact goes planned and Pampa wraps th first half of the District 3-4 season with a mark of 4will he consider his team a

Said Fry, "I consider ou

with a zone defense, which could shut down the lane and force Pampa into taking shots from outside. "We better be prepared to shoot the ball well tonight," Miller said.

Not one to allow his team to rest on its record, Coach Miller was asked what he wanted to see most from his team against Dumas tonight. "I want us to go

out and play Pampa basketball. That is hard pressure defense, running up and down the floor and shooting the ball well. We are really anxious to play at McNeely again and hopefully we have a nice crowd," said Miller.

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One of the unique aspects of the Harvesters is the challenge they present to opponents. Notes Miller, "I would not want to prepare for us because we have four people averaging double figures. It is tough to decide who you chose to focus on.

Those four are Sharod Young (17.2), Jarett Kotara (15.4), Braydon Barker (11.8) and Tyler Hall (11.6). Kotara leads

the district in rebounds, averaging just under 10 per contest.

The sixth-man should be loud and noisy tonight, making things even tougher for the Demons.

Sports Day had just one more question for Coach Miller this morning. What does 7:30 p.m. Tuesday mean to him? Miller replied, "We have a game Tuesday?"

(	Other games of interest
	District 3-4A
	Boys & Girls
	Dumas @ Pampa
	Caprock @ Palo Duro
	Hereford @ Randall Others
	Lubbock High @ Tascosa
	Lubbock Monterey @ Amarillo High
	Canyon @ Borger
1	Dalhart @ Perryton
	Spearman @ Canadian
	Highland Park @ Panhandle
	Boys Ranch @ West Texas High

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS



The Lady Harvesters freshman team hosted Plainview at McNeely Field House Thursday night, and despite a solid defensive performance, fell to the Lady Bulldogs, 39-23.

scoring with seven points. She also scooped up four rebounds.

Of the four quarters, it was the second that seemed to doom the Lady Harvesters. Said head coach Troy Owens, "We came

saying, "In the second, we lost everything." Pampa was outscored in the quarter, 17-2.

The Lady Harvesters stepped up in the second half, holding Plainview in check and allowing Holly Winegeart led Pampa in just 11 points, while Pampa added 12 to its total.

> Pampa is now 3-7 for the season with little time to rest as they host Caprock Saturday morning at 10.

opener against Palo Duro.

In the Demonettes, the Lady Harvesters face a team not unlike the scrappy Caprock squad Pampa edged Tuesday night.

"Dumas is somewhat like Caprock, a very young team that plays very hard," said Fry. "They like to run the flex offense and could come out and run a box-and-one against Britteni (Rice)

selves a contender only if we play aggressive defense the rest of the season." He continued, "It would feel great to finally be the chased and not the chaser."

Pampa enters the night 11-13, 2-0. Dumas is 9-13, 1-3. Games tonight can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO and via the Web at www.centramedia.com.

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The Pampa High School basketball boosters have set aside Tuesday's home game against Palo Duro and the Jan. 31 game against Randall as 'Pack The Pit' nights.

Door prizes and giveaways are scheduled prior to halftime of the Lady Harvester's games, so it would behoove Pampa fans to arrive early and plan on a night of Harvester hoopla.

For more information, contact a booster member, of the PHS Athletic Department, 669-4830.



Extreme-ly good

The Pampa Extreme Ballers 5th and 6th grade basketball team is off to an impressive 3-0 start. Team members include (L-R) front row- Arin Rice, Taylor Morgan and Kaitlynn Ramirez. Back row- Alanna Stephens, Courtney Ward-Miller, Daniell Savior and Coach Leo Ramirez. Not pictured: Sarai Soria.



Anthony Allen (#22) fires a fade-away shot over the head and beyond reach of a Canyon defender during Thursday's PJHS 8th grade B-team game.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Others continue to call the shots, whether you like it or not. Still, you might find this situation quite agreeable, even if you cannot play the "alpha" person. You'll find it delightful if you

manage to simply let go. Tonight: Say TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Stay even and don't push others too far. You might not realize that you are adding stress to your life. Deal with others individually, adding that especially nurturing Taurean touch. Others will

respond. Tonight: Easy works. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Your playfulness and joie de vivre only add to the many friends and

loved ones seeking you out. By letting go

it, and help others enjoy the here and now. Tonight: Add more spice to a relationship CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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\*\*\*\* Lighten up. Sometimes, especially lately, you are way too serious. Let go of problems and enjoy your life - be it your company, where you are or simply a good book. Reach out for others rather than cause yourself a problem. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Grab hold of your finances and use self-discipline. You will be much happier. What you want to add to your home environment can be done without costing you an arm and leg. A family member has suggestions. Tonight: Fun can also fit into your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Happiness is your middle name. You will tend to luxuriate and enjoy the moment. You beam, and others respond. Make sure you zero in on what you want. Your lively ways strike others as fun and delightful. Tonight: As you wish

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Know when to develop a low profile. Also of significance is keeping your opinion to yourself. Sometimes the less said the better - as you will discover today. Your instincts guide you financially. Listen to your inner tom-toms. Tonight: Keep plans easy or null. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Go out of your way to touch base with friends. The more people you are with the merrier you are. You seem to touch off parties. Enjoy yourself. You find that friends will encourage you to overdo it. Tonight: Happy with people. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your instincts tell you how to deal with those you look up to. Sometimes you are overwhelmed by everything you need to do. Today might be an example, but your best bet is biting the bullet. You will feel great later. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You might want to understand what is motivating someone at a distance. Your ability to read between the lines could make all the difference in an interaction with friends. Take off whenever you go. Tonight: Where music is played.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Deal with others directly, and don't hesitate to zero in on what you want. A key partnership could make all the difference in what goes down. Be open to change and adjustment. Show off your sweetie. Tonight: Out on the town.

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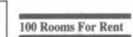
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slips and checks for his company," Romo said in the affidavit.

"Mr. Hall advised that the boxes of checks and deposit slips were opened but not disturbed. Mr. Hall thought the incident was strange and wanted to report the matter in case he began to get unknown charges on his checking account," Romo said.

Det. Beverly Chace of Pampa Police Department apartment, and Wilson subidentified the man as Zachary Wilson, 2600 N. Hobart #C6, on Jan. 4, according to Romo's affidavit.

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Sheriff's Office were looking for Ryan Mears on a felony arrest warrant. They went to Wilson's apartment in search of Mears because Wilson was a known associate of Mears, Romo said.

Wilson answered the door to his apartment Wednesday and gave verbal consent to the officers to search his apartment for Mears, according to Romo's affidavit.

"While in Zachary Wilson's bedroom, the officers observed in plain view mail that did not belong to Mr. Wilson," Romo said.

Romo was called to the sequently gave Romo written permission to search the residence, according to the affidavit.

"Found incident to the On Wednesday, Chace search was a large amount

office boxes at the Pampa post office. Among the mail recovered from Wilson's bedroom was a pad of Mr. Locke's Bank of America deposit slips. The deposit slips were imprinted with Mr. Locke's Pampa post office box address," Romo said.

In an interview with Wilson, Romo said Wilson admitted he had begun breaking into post office boxes at Pampa Post Office in October or November 2005, and had returned some mail to a ranch office two or three weeks earlier.

"He told me that he had stolen all the mail that was found in his bedroom and that he worked alone," Romo said.

Wilson was transferred Thursday from Gray County Jail to a federal detention facility at an

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Friday, Jan. 20

1:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU

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Writers failed to clarify in a

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News that the group is

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ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Jan. 19 2:03 p.m. – Two units and four personnel responded to Continued from Page 2 the intersection of Kentucky and Banks on a vehicle Pampa was arrested in

accident.

#### Ambulance

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

#### Thursday, Jan. 19

11:44 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Magnolia and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:02 p.m. – A mobile ICU will be June 9-10.

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the budget throughout last year. Finally, PISD received eight quotes on the archi

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cial steward," he said. Hahn said he takes each of his jobs very seriously. "I will bring integrity, experience, and dedication to the office," he said.

unknown location, according to jail records. The charge against him had originally been listed as "burgla-

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The board was also presented with an audit of last year's finances performed by the firm of Graham, Brown, and Co.

Total assets were valued at \$22 million including \$12 million in net assets. The district began last year

tectural work estimated for the projects set forth by the district's facilities committee. A meeting with three top prospects was scheduled for Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium. The school board would like to hire one of these firms at the February board meeting.

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