

Obituaries

C.L. Farmer, 76

C.L. Farmer, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Farmer was born Feb. 13, 1929, in Shamrock and had been a resident of Pampa since 1930. He married Vera Hughes on June 29, 1953, in Pampa. He was owner of C.L. Farmer Auto Co. from 1957 until 1980.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, Lubbock Scottish



Farmer

Rite consistory, and Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo. Mr. Farmer was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Korean Conflict from 1949 to 1951.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Farmer of the home; one daughter, Sharon DuBois and husband Bill of Anacortes, Wash.; two sons, Curt Farmer and wife Evelyn of Pampa and Calvin Farmer of Amarillo; four grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Farmer in 1986; by his father, Calvin E. Farmer in 1955, and by his mother, Trudy Farmer in 1983.

The family requests memorials by to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Robert Lee 'Bob' Gordy, 76

SKELLYTOWN — Robert Lee "Bob" Gordy, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gordy was born on June 2, 1929 in Haskell County. He lived in Pampa from 1948 to 1979 when he moved to Skellytown. He married Donna Cornelison on June 7, 1979, in Skellytown.

He worked for Celanese Chemical Co. for 20 years and was owner and operator of R.L. Gordy Trucking Co. from 1971 to the present. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa.



Gordy

Survivors include his wife, Donna Gordy of the home; two daughters, Bruce Ann Gordy of White Deer and Mona Gordy of Mobeetie; one son, Richard Gordy of McLean; one sister, Lucille Moore of Amarillo; three stepchildren, Michelle Duvall of Amarillo and Troyce Reeves and Stacy Wells, both of Skellytown; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 10 stepgrand-children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe and Inez Gordy, by a brother, Jerry Gordy, and by a sister, Bernice Cochran.

The family requests memorials by to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106 or Teen Challenge of South Texas, 3850 SW Loop 1604, #1, San Antonio, TX 78264.

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Rev. Sam Houston Randolph, 71

COMANCHE — Rev. Sam Houston Randolph, 71, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Comanche, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a sudden illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Comanche with interment to follow in Comanche County Gardens of Memory. Services are under the direction of Hall & Sons Funeral Home of Comanche.

Mr. Randolph was born Aug. 17, 1934, in Simon, Okla., the son of Grace Gray Randolph and the late Aubia Gilbert Randolph. He was a graduate of Pampa High School, Wayland Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On Sept. 10, 1956, he married Patti Hill in Borger. They moved from Howe to Comanche in 1982 where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church until he retired in 1996. He had pastored churches in Texas for

the past 42 years.

Survivors include his wife, Patti of Comanche; his mother, Grace Randolph of Comanche; four daughters, Kim Atkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., Stephanie Buckingham and husband Larry of Grapevine, Melinda Wilkinson and husband Darrell of Easley, S.C., and Jill Lewis and husband Greg of Kingsland; two sisters, Betty Nelson of San Antonio and Myrna Fort of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren, Luke Atkins, Charis Atkins, Micah Atkins, Jeremy Buckingham, David Buckingham, Daniel Buckingham, Zachary Wilkinson, Joshua Wilkinson, Matthew Lewis and Madison Lewis; and one great-granddaughter, Shea Lee Atkins.

The family will be at Hall & Sons Funeral Home today from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Lunch for the family will be at noon Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Comanche.

Services tomorrow

RANDOLPH, Rev. Sam Houston — 2 p.m. First Baptist Church, Comanche.



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Joyce Ann Shaw, 61

MARANA, Ariz. — Joyce Ann Shaw, 61, of Marana, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 at Desert Son Community Church.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw was born Feb. 11, 1944, in Neodesha, Kan. to Fred and Frances Powell. She was a member of the Tucson 500 Bowling Club and the Arizona 500 Bowling Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents



Shaw

and two brothers, Herschal Powell and Thomas Powell.

Survivors include her loving husband, William "Bill" Shaw; four children, Denise (Bryan) Johnson of Tucson, Lynn (J.R.) Glover, Cindy Hogan and Bill Shaw, all of Marana; a brother, Don Powell of Tucson; 10 grandchildren; brothers in law and sisters in law, LeeRoy and Wilma Shaw, Vinson and Bobby Shaw, Jackie and Marlene Shaw, Lillian Chesher, and Mary and Ray Denham, all of Pampa; Geneva and Bill Thompson of Boerne; Virginia and Bill Ridgway of Mobeetie; Darlene and Ray Asencio of White Deer; and lots of nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

Harold Hardy Thrasher, 89

Harold Hardy Thrasher, 89, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006 in Pampa.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday Jan. 23, 2006, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Thrasher was born on March 18, 1916, in Cooke County and came to Amarillo in 1921 where he lived until 1936. In 1936 he moved to Canadian and moved to Pampa in 1950.

He married Juanita Pendergraft on April 1, 1938, in Canadian. She preceded him in death in 1984. He as a conductor for Santa Fe Railway for 37 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of Central Baptist

Church, United Transportation Union #1313 in Amarillo, Canadian Masonic Lodge #855, and Pampa Senior Citizens Center. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Thrasher and J.M. Thrasher; a sister, Alta Faye McGeehee; and a grandson, Dale Glen Collins.

Survivors include on son, Harold L. Thrasher of Clovis, N.M.; one daughter, Wanda Fay Caldera of Pampa; three grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX 75219.

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Wayne 'Curley' Mulanax, 95

Wayne "Curley" Mulanax, 95, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mulanax was born on May 9, 1910, in Granite, Okla., and had been a resident of Pampa since 1926. He married Hazel Pauline Williams in 1934 in Pampa. She preceded him in death on June 17, 1998. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Cabot Corp. for 27 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Kadingo of Pampa; one stepson, Robert

Dean Moss of Garland; three grandsons, Doyle Bowers and wife Wanda of Katy, and Michael Moss of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Deana Moss of Phoenix, Ariz., and Lynda Laird and husband Bruce of Azusa, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Wind chill values between 18 and 28 early. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 21 and 26. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high around 59. Wind chill values between 19 and 26 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 32. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 56. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A slight chance of rain showers, mixing with snow after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. South wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	3.42
Milo	2.77
Corn	3.75
Soybeans	4.55

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

OXY	90.60	-0.40
BP PLC ADR	70.29	+0.11
Cabot Corp	37.77	+0.22
Celanese	19.56	-0.06
Cabot Oil Gas	51.43	-0.45
Coca Cola	40.62	+0.53
VLO	59.83	-0.49
HAL	74.86	-0.64
TRI	42.74	-0.35
Kinder Morgan	101.11	+0.13

XCEL	19.19	+0.16
Kerr McGee	103.81	+0.63
XOM	60.73	+0.20
Nat'l Oilwell	73.25	-0.08
Limited	22.48	-0.10
Williams	24.72	-0.30
MCD	35.75	-0.11
Atmos	26.45	0
Pioneer Nat	51.78	-0.27
JCP	54.65	-0.16
COP	64.10	-0.55
SLB	121.65	-0.60
Tenneco	19.89	-0.03
CVX	61.15	+0.03
Wal-Mart	45.02	+0.02
ORKE	28.97	+0.17
NS Grp	44.38	+0.58

New York Gold	554.49
Silver	8.88
West Texas Crude	68.35

California wildfire threatens homes

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — A brush fire driven by 40 mph wind and even higher gusts charred several acres and threatened homes early Monday in this upscale community near Los Angeles, officials said.

The blaze was quickly contained after burning about 10 acres but firefighters remained concerned that the wind, gusting to as high as 80 mph, could kick up embers and ignite new blazes.

"Until there's absolutely

no embers to blow, there's still concern," Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Mark Savage said.

Residents were evacuated from about 15 homes on a street near the blaze, Savage said. One firefighter was treated for a minor eye injury.

The fire was started around 2:35 a.m. by a power line knocked down by the wind, Savage said. In all, about 100 Southern California Edison lines were reported down Sunday and Monday.

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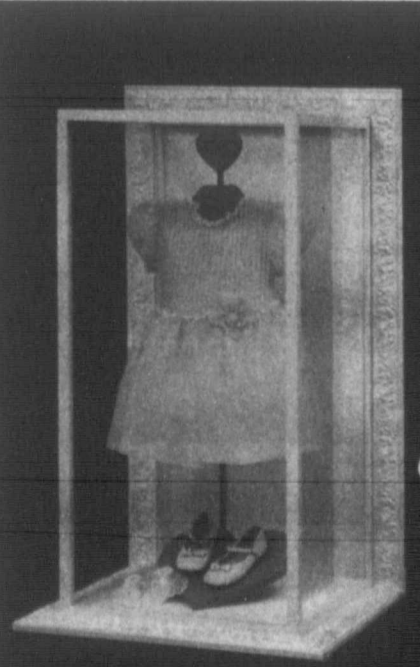
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Abbott sues sheriff on records release

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today sued Upshur County Sheriff Anthony Betterton's office to force the release of investigative files related to a Gladewater

police officer's shooting of a hit-and-run suspect. The lawsuit filed in Travis County asks the court to compel the release of records requested by a relative of the man who was

killed. The file may also include a video of the incident, Abbott's office said. The sheriff had requested an exception to state open records law because of a pending criminal investiga-

tion. But according to review, as required by law. Abbott's office ordered the records disclosed in the attorney general for October.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Forty-two traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Cuyler Street and Highway 60, an unreported location, the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway and the intersection of Murphy and Reid streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Duncan.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of East Kingsmill, the 2800 block of Charles and the 1100 block of Garland.

Assistance to other agencies was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson, the 500 block of Carr and the 400 block of Carr.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. An impact wrench was found at an unreported location.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of East Tyng. A bicycle was found.

A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Wells.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Warrant service was attempted on 11 occasions, resulting in at least three arrests.

Civil matters were reported in the 2000 block of Duncan, the 100 block of South Sumner, three times in the police department lobby, the 500 block of Lowry and the 100 block of North Houston.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of Murphy, the 500 block of Montagu, the 400 block of North Dwight, the 400 block of North Russell, the intersection of 19th and Fir streets and the 1000 block of Barnard.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 900 block of South Wells and the 700 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Alcock and Sumner streets, the intersection of 21st and Hobart streets, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the intersection of Highways 171 and 60, the 700 block of Murphy and the 400 block of Oklahoma.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of South Russell.

Criminal trespass was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester and the 600 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Craven, the 1300 block of Coffee and the 900 block of East Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct/noise and minor in possession of alcohol were reported in the 1700 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of East 17th, the 2100 block of North Hobart, the 1900 block of Russell, the 700 block of Davis, the 300 block of North Sumner, the 2600 block of Evergreen and twice in the 1600 block of Coffee.

Hindering apprehension or prosecution was reported in the 700 block of Campbell.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 100 block of Lowry and the 1300 block of East Kingsmill. The

incidents were verbal only.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. No injuries were reported.

Minor injuries were reported at domestic disturbances in the 1000 block of South Faulkner and the 1900 block of Coffee.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of East Foster and the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

An unattended death was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

One suicide attempt was reported.

A burglar alarm at EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart, alerted officers to a shattered front glass door. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. An 18-pack of beer valued at \$14 was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A propane tank valued at \$45 was taken from the 800 block of East Albert.

Forgery was reported in the 300 block of North Somerville.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 100 block of East Harvester. A stereo valued at \$160 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of South Tignor. Windows were broken and a television set was taken. No estimated value of damage or loss was reported.

Burglary was reported in the 200 block of East Tyng.

Sheriff

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

Friday, Jan. 20

Martina Garza Luviano, 41, Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police Department for GCSO on two counts of issuing a bad check.

Saturday, Jan. 21

Rafael Vasquez Felix, 37, Pampa, was arrested in the 100 block of East Craven by PPD on a blue warrant for parole revocation.

Maurice Edwards Clouse, 19, Omaha, Neb., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of over 400 grams of a controlled substance.

Sunday, Jan. 22

Charles Randol Jones, 57, Lefors, was arrested in the 1800 block of East Frederic by PPD for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Isidro Hernandez, 41, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Josely Eddilberto Silva, 24, Pampa, was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence and interfering with an emergency telephone call.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, Jan. 19

2:00 p.m. — A 1989 Cadillac Sedan De Ville, driven by Ralph Franklin Petty, 88, 604 Red Deer, and

a 1990 Toyota Corolla, driven by Helen Mary Bridwell, 39, 1332 Charles, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Banks streets. Bridwell was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS Ambulance with possible injuries. Petty was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Saturday, Jan. 21

9:50 a.m. — A 1992 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Antonio Resendiz, 35, 1100 Garland, collided with a legally parked 1990 Chevrolet 1500, owned by Bobby Lee Faires, 1105 Garland, in the 1100 block of Garland. No injuries were reported. Resendiz was cited for backing without safety.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Jan. 21

8:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Dean. No transport noted.

9:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to SCCI.

11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Elm and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Coffee. No transport.

Sunday, Jan. 22

12:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Carr and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

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

Saturday, Jan. 21

8:37 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Dean on a medical assist.

3:55 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 900 block of East Gordon on an unauthorized burn.

5:26 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1800 block of West Harvester on a grass fire.

Sunday, Jan. 22

1:24 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 400 block of Carr on a structure fire.

8:47 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Crane on a medical assist.

6:41 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1900 block of Evergreen on a Dumpster fire.

7:48 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1100 block of East Foster on a smoke scare.

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Viewpoints

Oops, it appears Hillary did it again with another scandal

How can Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton pretend that her campaign's \$721,895 under statement of the costs of the key fund-raising event of her 2000 Senate race was just a bookkeeping error for which the candidate bears no responsibility?

Will her campaign's \$35,000 civil fine be all the punishment for this massive flouting of the campaign-finance law?

Remember what happened. Hillary's GOP opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, had challenged the first lady to put her money where her mouth was and refuse to accept soft money (large, essentially unregulated donations) to fund her Senate race. If she abstained, he said, he would also.

Hillary had always con-

demned soft money, and the Clinton administration had pressed hard for its elimination.

But most of her money in the 2000 race was soft — the result of large checks written by people who had slept in the Lincoln Bedroom or otherwise been feted at the White House, Camp David, Air Force One, etc.

Hillary had defended her receipt of soft money by noting that Lazio was doing the same. But with her opponent offering a joint ban, she must have known she'd soon have to agree.

That's when she and Bill arranged for a huge Hollywood fund-raiser to rake in hard money.

This affair was arranged and orchestrated by Peter Paul (who is now suing

Hillary and Bill Clinton). It succeeded in raising millions in hard money — but the costs of staging it proved much higher than expected.

Had Hillary reported accurately the cost of the event, she would have had almost \$1 million less in hard money than she got by understating it.

This extra hard money was pivotal to her ability to finance her 2000 Senate campaign.

With the Hollywood money in hand, and after much hemming and hawing, Hillary agreed to the soft money ban in September of

2000, two months before Election Day.

I've worked with Hillary: She's a master of detail. A decision to underreport the costs of an event like the Hollywood extravaganza by almost three-quarters of a million dollars could not possibly have been made without her knowledge and approval — probably, at

her direction. Paul says that Hillary did, indeed, know about the underreporting — she asked him to hold down his fee so she could net more funds from the event.

Will the Teflon Senator

skate by yet another scandal? Count them up: The cattle-trading windfall, the Travel Office firings, the retainer from the Madison Bank, the disappearance of the Rose Law Firm billing records, falsely telling the grand jury that she did not work on the Castle Grande real-estate deal, the FBI file scandal, the pardons her brothers were paid to secure — and now the Hollywood fund-raiser.

When the fine was announced (as arranged between regulators and her campaign), Hillary and Bill were conveniently out of the country, together in the Dominican Republic.

Call it damage control, Clinton style: Arrange not to be around when awkward questions would be asked.

Yes, this scandal has been aired before — but the story lost its legs after a jury acquitted Hillary's finance aide, David Rosen, on charges that he deliberately understated the amount spent on the event.

But the Federal Election Commission's finding that the amount was underestimated and that the Clinton campaign should be fined implies a level of collective responsibility for the false report which elevates it above the category of a simple mistake.

And Sen. Clinton needs to be pressed on this point.

Or we could just wait for the next scandal.

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

Dick Morris
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2006. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1973, President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-king of Germany.

'Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined.'

— Johnny Carson
American talk show host
(1925-2005)

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1943, critic Alexander Woollcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming

Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

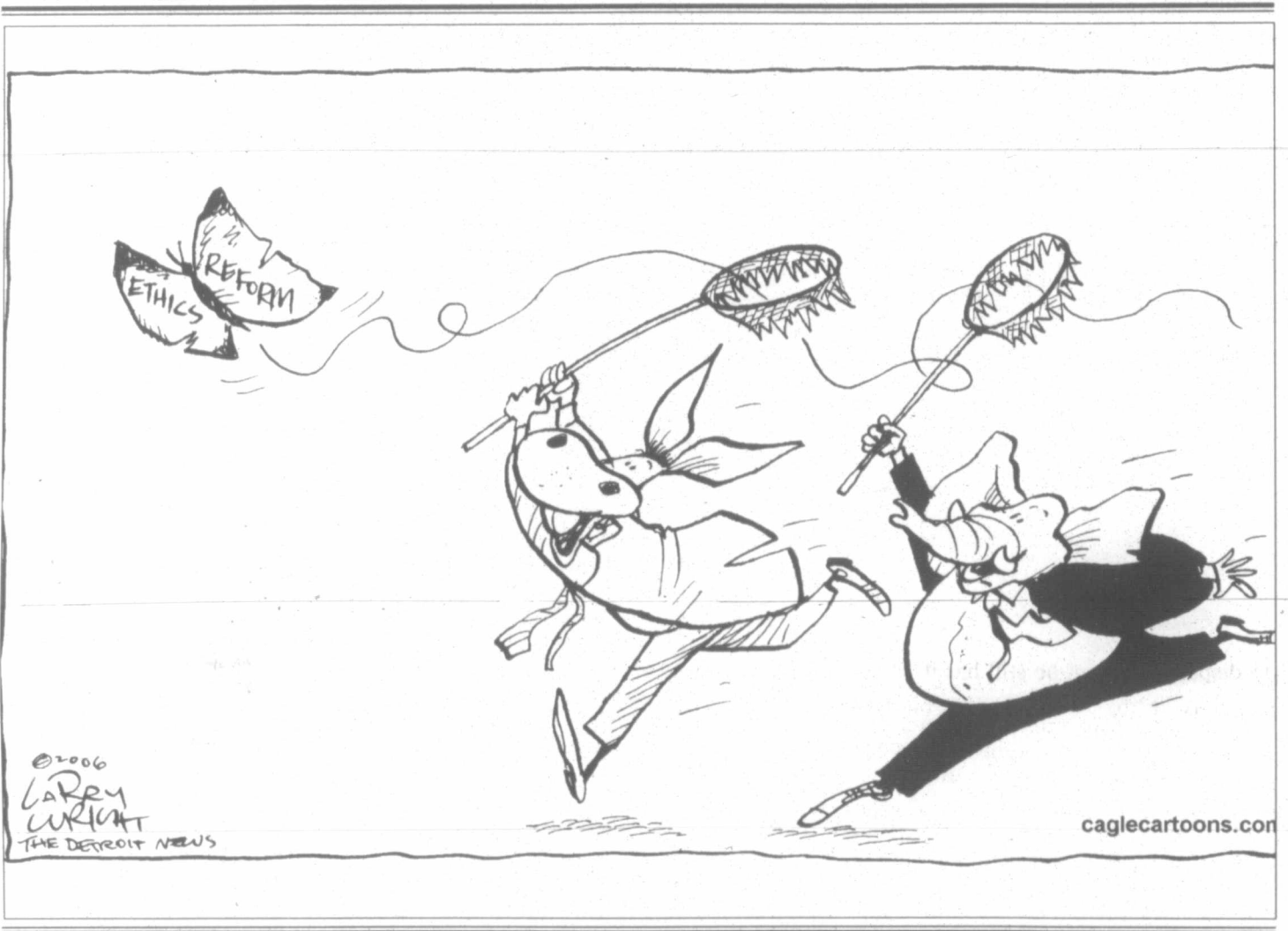
In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released eleven months later.)

In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried on live television for the first time.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.

Ten years ago: Delivering his State of the Union address to a skeptical Republican Congress, President Clinton traced the themes of his re-election campaign and confronted GOP lawmakers on the budget, demanding they "never — ever" shut down the government again.

Five years ago: California energy officials eked sufficient power out of tight West Coast electricity supplies to avoid rush hour blackouts as lawmakers scrambled to make longer-term deals to buy power.



Content is the future now, not plastic

In the old movie "The Graduate," a pompous man takes the young hero aside and says: "Plastic. That's the future." Or words to that effect. If we were going to rewrite that script for today's audiences, the man would have to say: "Content. That's the future."

You've probably noticed that there seems to be a gazillion devices for downloading, recording and playing back stuff. The ratio between these devices and the stuff that can be downloaded, recorded and played back seems, to me, hugely disproportionate. Hence, the desperate and sure to be growing need for more content.

The problem is that producing good content requires a lot of money and time, not to mention talented and creative people. For example, printing and distributing a

newspaper is the easy part. The hard part is the gathering and editing of information, which is done by a staff of reporters, editors and photographers. No matter how technologically advanced the press and other machines in the building are, it is content that sells a publication, just as it is content that attracts audiences to the television screen, the movie theater and the concert.

Thus, if you are inclined toward creative work — writing, art, photography, acting, dancing, singing, computer graphics and design — take heart. There is a voracious electronic hole that's going to require continuous filling. Anyone who subscribes to a

cable service knows how often content is repeated, not to mention all the hours sold for infomercials. That tells you there is a market for good content.

The main problem with movie and television production is cost. People in that industry are going to have to find ways to reduce those costs. Eventually they will have to fight with the unions and the agents. They should start by refusing to pay actors millions of dollars. There isn't an actor in the business today whose mere name on a marquee can attract an audience. Ergo, they are overpaid. Virtually all of them are interchangeable, as far as audiences are concerned.

When studios controlled the business, there were actors whose mere name would pull in an audience. People would say, for example, "Let's go see the new Clark Gable movie," or "There's a new Gary Cooper film. Let's go see it."

I don't think anybody today says, "Let's go see the new Brad Pitt film or the new Tom Cruise film." Clint Eastwood came close, but he's the only one. Today's mature audiences are more sophisticated. They want a good story. If it's a good story, it matters little who the actors are as long as they are competent.

Unfortunately, Wall Street financiers control most of the business today, and many of them have been sold the hogwash that some stars "are bankable" and some are not.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 13
Austin — American-Statesman on Iran's nuclear aspirations:

When even the Europeans, including the Russians, grow alarmed about an Asian nation's nuclear moves, you know the situation is serious. Such is the case with Iran's announcement this week that it will resume efforts to enrich uranium a step, it says, toward making fuel for nuclear power plants, but more likely is a move toward making nuclear weapons.

The British foreign secretary, Jack Straw, said, "There was no good reason why Iran should have taken this step if

its intentions are truly peaceful and it wanted to resolve longstanding international concerns."

Now there is talk of going to the U.N. Security Council for action, possibly to impose economic sanctions against Iran if it doesn't stop its plans to enrich uranium. The alarm might not be so great if the Iranian government had a long record of stability and no stated ambition beyond protection of its own frontiers.

But Iran has been through enormous internal turmoil over the past 25 years, with religious zealots in power and suppressing dissent. Its new president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, recently said that Israel "must be wiped off the map." Israel is widely understood to have some nuclear weapons, but no one

has ever feared it would use them for anything but as a deterrent to invasion.

In contrast, an Iranian government run by religious zealots determined to wipe out the Jewish state and armed with nuclear weapons, which also could be used against neighbors and U.S. forces guarding oil shipping lanes, could set off a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

Such a race atop the world's greatest supply of oil would menace regional stability and the international economy. Most Americans weary of Iraq might be inclined to ignore Iran, especially those distrustful of President Bush. But other nations have been trying for two years to accommodate Iran's stated

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Not long ago, I attended a birthday party for a 5-year-old boy. After the cake was brought out and the birthday song had been sung, the child's face was shoved into his beautiful birthday cake. The boy cried piteously amidst the roaring laughter of the children and the adults in the crowd. I, and a few of the other adults, displayed shock, disgust and sympathy for the birthday boy. As if that wasn't enough, his 3-year-old brother was also smeared with the cake and frosting. He, too, burst into tears. I have seen the same scenario at a 90-year-old's birthday party. Please give me your thoughts on this. There are other children's birthday parties I will be attending. — **DISMAYED GRANDMOTHER, LAREDO, TEXAS**

DEAR DISMAYED: I'm glad to oblige. I have never found humor at the expense of others to be funny. I consider it to be cruel, hostile, and a form of bullying. That a parent would tolerate, much less participate in, the humiliation of his or her child is an appalling breach of trust. If you truly believe that you will be seeing a repeat performance at another child's birthday party, I wouldn't blame you for not attending -- and clearly stating the reason why.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Neil" for two years. It has been an emotional roller-coaster, mostly because we live 500 miles apart and can't afford to visit each other regularly. My problem is Neil is still in possession of the bridal gown that belonged to his former fiancée. They broke up more than five years ago. She has since married and gone on with her life. Last March, I finally felt I had a right to ask him to dispose of it, but he still has it. He tells me he is "trying" to get rid of it, but I have seen no real effort.

(He said he has offered it for sale, but has had no takers.) I just want it gone! Neil feels I'm overreacting. He insists he wants the money back that he spent on it. I say no one will pay what he originally paid, and he should cut his losses. I even offered to buy it and donate it to charity. All I got was a smile and, "I'll think about it." Abby, I feel Neil is holding on to a past that's not there. I know he loves me and not her. But I'd feel better if that "reminder" was gone already. Am I wrong? — **DESPERATE GIRLFRIEND**

DEAR DESPERATE: If I were you, I'd drop the subject for now because you are needlessly turning this into a power struggle. You might succeed in bullying him into getting rid of this sad memento, but what I think you really resent is the emotional investment it represents. Please believe me when I tell you that the more you nag, the further you'll drive him away -- and I don't mean geographically. If and when the romance moves to the next level -- a formal engagement or marriage -- ask him to "store" the dress elsewhere if it means too much to get rid of.

DEAR ABBY: My question concerns wedding etiquette. If my co-workers give me a wedding shower at work, am I obligated to invite them to my wedding? — **ANOTHER CONFUSED BRIDE IN MARTINSBURG, W.VA.**

DEAR CONFUSED BRIDE: If someone hosts or attends a shower for you, in my opinion, good manners dictate that the person be invited to your wedding.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Conflicts support
 - 5 Weigh-in need
 - 10 "A Death in the Family" writer
 - 11 Brass and bronze
 - 13 Wander
 - 14 Evening bash
 - 15 Ideal man
 - 17 Lamb's mother
 - 18 Tennis great
 - 19 Permit
 - 20 Jamie Foxx movie
 - 21 Remini of "The King of Queens"
 - 22 Billiards shot
 - 25 Congo, formerly
 - 26 Bullfight cheers
 - 27 Fish feature
 - 28 Capp and Capone
 - 29 Muscle connectors
 - 33 Have a late meal
 - 34 Pastoral
- DOWN**
- 1 Heats up
 - 2 Old market
 - 3 Supply with new weapons
 - 4 Part-time athletes
 - 5 Strut
 - 6 Artery problems
 - 7 — Baba
 - 8 Rhine siren
 - 9 Glasses
 - 12 Be quietly furious
 - 16 Mass unit
 - 21 "Wicked" setting
 - 22 Goes
 - 23 Charms
 - 24 Breathe
 - 25 Brittle metal
 - 27 Engaged in vendettas
 - 29 Steak choice
 - 30 Green shade
 - 31 Frasier's brother
 - 32 Cologne
 - 36 Church seat



Saturday's answer

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- 8 Rhine siren
- 9 Glasses
- 12 Be quietly furious
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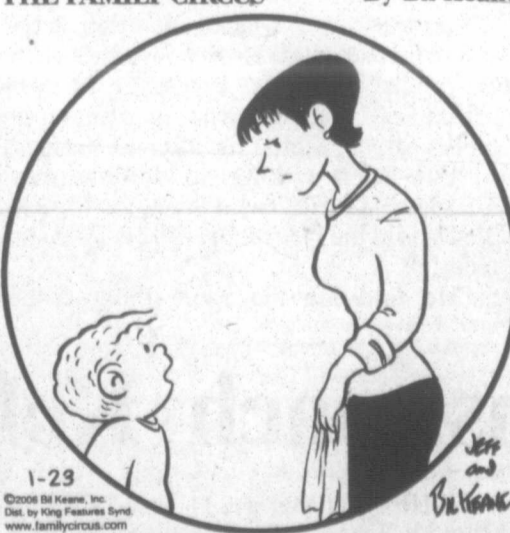
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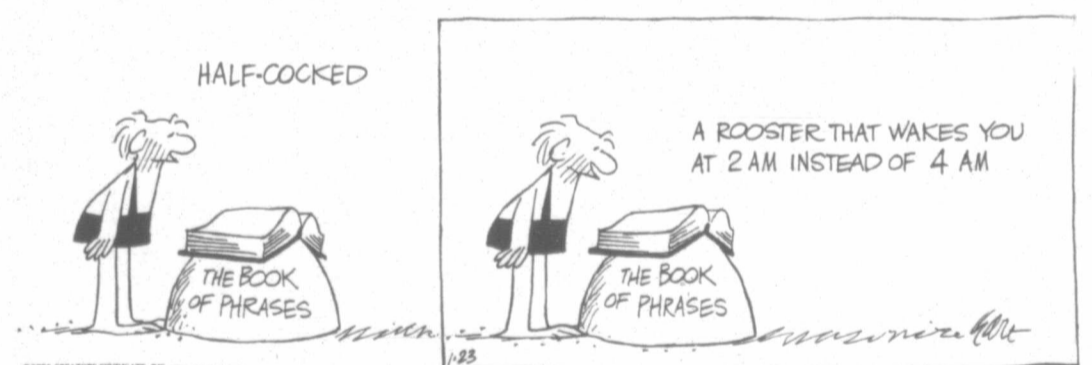


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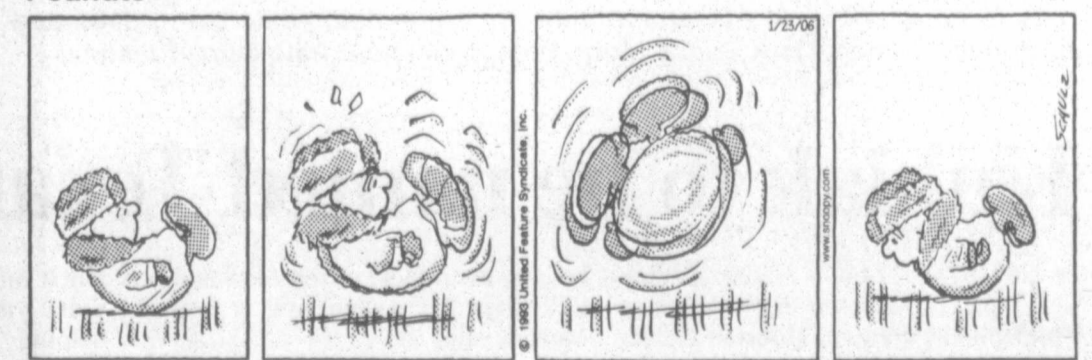
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Peanuts



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Sports Day

Soccer: Boys go 2-1 in Stephenville; girls 2-2 in Midland

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Harvesters

The Pampa High School soccer team went 2-1 at the Challenge of Champions in Stephenville over the weekend.

The Harvesters opened the event Friday with a solid win over Western Hills, shutting out the Cougars, 2-0.

Rusty Snider and Tanner Dyson accounted for both Pampa goals.

Goalkeeper Colby Copeland had eight saves in the opening match.

In game two, Pampa faced a strong Brownwood team, blanking them as well, 3-0.

Nick Robbins, Rusty Snider and Chase Phillips netted the Pampa goals.

Copeland fended off another 16 shots-on-goal.

The Harvesters took the field Saturday against a highly touted El Paso Del Valle squad, falling to the Conquistadores 4-0.

Said Pampa head coach Byron May, "I feel like our skill and team play is coming together, but we really won those two games with hustle."

He added, "Brownwood was a team that went toe-to-toe with Del Valle earlier in the day, so I was excited to see the boys compete with a team of that caliber."

May says if his guys can continue to have the "workman-like attitude" they showed in Stephenville, it will give his team a chance

to win many more matches as the season progresses. He won't have to wait long.

Pampa is scheduled to meet Lubbock High this afternoon at 5.

Lady Harvesters

Coach Jeff Quisenberry and his Lady Harvesters traveled to Midland over the weekend to take part in the Midland High Tournament.

Pampa played in four games over the 2-day tournament, going 2-2.

The Lady Harvesters opened up against El Paso Montwood Friday with a 1-0 win. Jenee Norris netted the Lady Harvester goal in the second half.

Pampa played host Midland High in game two, losing that contest 5-0.

Saturday, Pampa dropped El Paso Socorro 3-2, with Heather Balay, Vanessa Resendiz and Krista McClelland responsible for all Lady Harvester goals.

Pampa wrapped up the tournament with a loss to Lubbock Coronado, during which the Lady Harvesters suffered some key injuries.

Still, the girls put up great fight. Said Coach Quisenberry afterward, "I was very excited by our improvement throughout the tournament and I feel that we are taking steps in the right direction."

He added, "Once again our young ladies played with class and sportsmanship and we left Midland as a better team than when we arrived."

The Lady Harvesters are off until Jan 31.

PACK THE PIT

These kids deserve our support

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club, along with local businesses and fans, have organized a special event for Tuesday's games at McNeely Field House they are calling "Pack The Pit".

I submit to you "Pack The Pit" should be more than just a catchy name, it ought to be a battle cry.

It should be offered as a reminder during each school's PA announcements.

It should be part of the suggestive selling for every local fast food drive-thru. Each order taken should close with "Thank you. And don't forget to Pack The Pit."

Marquee and other such business signs should boastfully suggest to all who pass, "Pack The Pit."

Local law enforcement. The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker should do all they can to ensure McNeely Field House is filled to capacity Tuesday night. No...only overflowing will do.

I know some are chuckling. Others may be laughing out loud, and that's fine. But as you do so, know that I am very serious.

Palo Duro comes calling tomorrow night. Both the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters have an extremely unique opportunity. Beat PD and Pampa will either share or possess first place in District 3-4A.

Sadly, I have had too many people ask, "Do we have a chance against them?" Fact is, these kids — our kids — believe they can win every game they play. Rather than question their ability to win, perhaps the more accurate question should be, "What time is the game, and how much are tickets?"

"Do we have a chance against them" is a question that shouldn't have to be asked here. Pampa is not a big city, it is a community. We don't have that many home games. And fortunately, our local newspaper — even our local radio station — does what it can to keep Pampa fans informed of those

games we play away from home. Therefore, it doesn't take much to keep up with local sports if you really want to.

The problem is there are too many agnostics about. Folks who like these kids, but would rather wait for an important playoff or title game before offering support. Worse still are those who refuse to lend fan support for no reason other than spite. This is nothing more than an ugly cancer that will only divide and devour a community.

These kids deserve better.

"Pack The Pit" can do more than just fill

McNeely Field House with Harvesters fans, it can help unite and strengthen them. It can start a small flow of support that can become a gusher. Opponents should appreciate coming to Pampa, but fear our sports spirit.

Both Palo Duro teams come to town Tuesday night toting very good records. The Dons are 19-2, 3-0. The Lady Dons are 23-3, 5-0. They benefit from solid coaching, plenty of media hype and...fan support.

So you are aware, the Harvesters will enter the game 18-4, 3-0. The Lady Harvesters are 12-13, 4-1.

Do they have a chance? You better believe they do. But this should not be your motivation. Win, lose or draw, our athletes are deserving of your support. They have earned the right to step out of their locker rooms and onto their home court surrounded by fans.

Prizes will be given away throughout the night, but you will need to be on hand before halftime of the Lady Harvester's game, which will begin at 6.

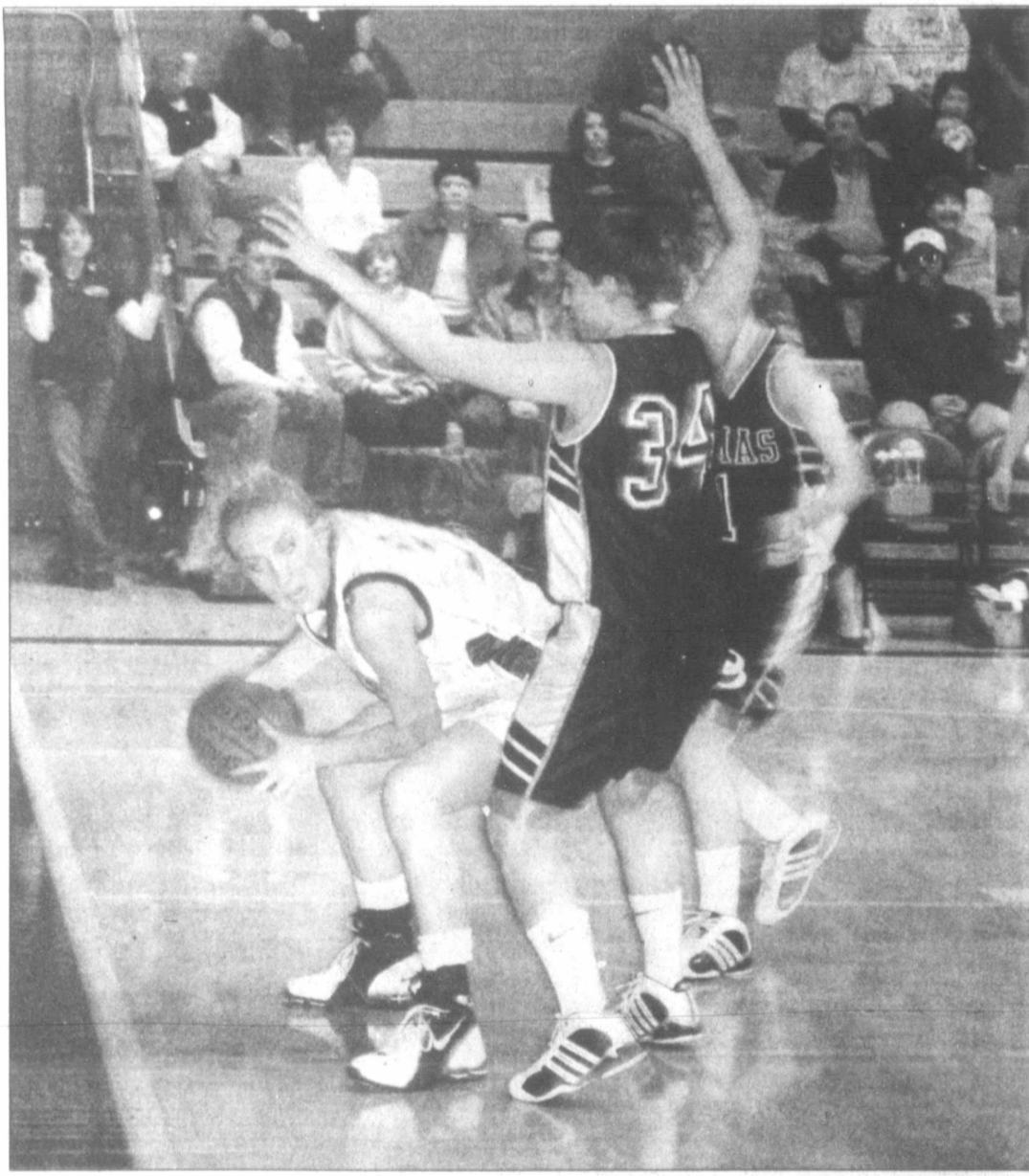
However, may I suggest you get there early to make sure you get a good seat? Though when it's your home court and your home team, is there really such thing as a "bad seat"?

"Pack The Pit." Who knows? We may be on to something here.



Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

Feeling trapped



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Lady Harvester Krissie Alexander looks for some help while being defended by Dumas' Caitlan Clark Friday night. Pampa will host Palo Duro Tuesday.

Sixty score bags weekly scramble

Senior Regular Scramble
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Jan. 18, 2006

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Pat Montoya
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Bill King
Kenneth Williams
Callen George
Jess Mathis

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Bill Hammer
Larry Heard
Marvin Allison
Joe Mabry

4th Place (63)

Tom Lindsey
Ray Covalt
James Lee
Bill Brown
Dwayne Ferguson

Closest to the Pin

Tom Lindsey (#6)
Bill Abernathy (#15)

Accomplishments & Accolades

Jim Maher of Pampa recently broke his own age (87), shooting an 84. Gabe Crossman, also of Pampa, was on hand to witness the feat.

Most improved players (women) for 2005 were Brenda Kelly who went from a 29.7 handicap to 22.9, and Linda Olson who improved from a 31.1 to 24.2.

On the men's side, it was Bobby Schiffman who dropped from a 20.1 handicap to a 14.7. Clint Miller improved from a 7.2 to 4.1.

'The Bus' gets Super Bowl ticket for his former high school coach

DETROIT (AP) - Pittsburgh running back Jerome Bettis is making sure his former high school coach sees his return home for the Super Bowl on Feb. 5.

Former Detroit Mackenzie High School football coach Bob Dozier says he's stayed in touch with his ex-player, a 1990 Mackenzie graduate who is fifth on the NFL's career rushing list after 13 seasons.

"I've been talking to Jerome every Tuesday," Dozier, who lives in El Paso, Texas, told the Detroit Free Press for a story today.

"He told me the same thing Gilbert

(Brown) told me: 'Coach, I got a ticket for you.'"

Brown is a year older than Bettis and played in the Super Bowl with the Green Bay Packers in 1997 and 1998.

Bettis, known as The Bus, is the third of Dozier's former players to participate in the Super Bowl. Pepper Johnson made the game with the New York Giants in 1987 and 1991.

"I'm just so happy for Jerome, and I'm happy for Mackenzie," Dozier said. "I feel it won't end when he parks the bus in Detroit. I think he's going to win it."

Kubiak to be named Texans coach

HOUSTON (AP) - Even if they don't pick hometown favorite Vince Young in the draft, the Houston Texans will have a native son leading the team.

Denver offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak, who grew up in Houston, will be hired as coach of the Texans, team owner Bob McNair said Sunday.

McNair said the hiring won't be completed until later in the week. The Texans couldn't negotiate a contract with Kubiak until the Broncos were eliminated from the playoffs.

The announcement came about an hour after Denver lost to Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game.

"Hopefully we'll have him down

here by the middle of the week and he will then be assembling a staff," McNair said.

There's been speculation for weeks that Kubiak, 44, would become the Texans' second coach, replacing Dom Capers.

Capers was fired a day after Houston finished its season an NFL-worst 2-14. He led the team since its inception four seasons ago.

Houston won four games in its first season, five in 2003 and seven last season before its meltdown this past season.

Kubiak has been a highly regarded coaching prospect for several years, but this will be his first head coaching

job at any level. He spent the last 11 years with Mike Shanahan in Denver, helping the team to back-to-back Super Bowl wins in 1998 and 1999.

"To lose him is going to be tough," Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer said. "He really helped me step up in my career. We'll miss him, but at the same time you're excited for him. He deserves it and he's a great football coach."

The Texans formally interviewed six candidates, but Kubiak was the front-runner from the beginning. It certainly didn't hurt that he played in Denver for Dan Reeves, who is working for Houston as a consultant to McNair.

Kobe scores NBA second best 81

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kobe Bryant scored a staggering 81 points — the second-highest total in NBA history — and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Toronto Raptors 122-104 Sunday night.

With the fans at Staples Center chanting "MVP! MVP!" Bryant made two free throws with 43.4 sec-

onds remaining for his final points, putting him behind only Wilt Chamberlain on the all-time scoring list.

Chamberlain scored 100 points for Philadelphia against the New York Knicks at Hershey, Pa., on March 2, 1962. His second-highest total was 78 against the Lakers in three overtimes on Dec. 8, 1961.

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ConocoPhillips Borger Refinery operates a 146,000 barrel per day refinery. The Borger Refinery has approximately 740 hourly and salaried employees located in the panhandle of Texas in Borger, Texas.

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Resumes will be accepted through January 30, 2006.

Responsibilities:
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Education Requirements:
Associates Degree in Chemistry/Chemical Technology (other Science disciplines considered) Basic Computer Skills

Other Desirable Education and/or Experience:
Prior experience in a chemical/refinery plant is a plus.

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Red Hats



The "Red Hat Society" met recently at Pampa Senior Citizens and distributed candy to senior center members. Above: Helene Baumgardner, Betty Buckingham, Rita Geiger, Everet Butler, Ira Bewley, Elton Coe, Gene Barger, Herschel Burns and Paul Appleton.

FDA considers making diet pill available OTC

WASHINGTON (AP) — A prescription diet drug that blocks the absorption of fat is "no magic pill" but will nevertheless help control calorie intake, the drug manufacturer said today as the Food and Drug Administration considered whether to approve the pill for over-the-counter sales.

In 1999, the regulatory agency approved orlistat, marketed as Xenical, for sale as a prescription drug. The drug blocks the absorption of fat the first weight-loss drug it has approved for over-the-counter sales.

Now, GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare seeks to sell an over-the-counter version of the pill.

"There is no magic pill for weight loss and orlistat is not a magic pill. Orlistat is a tool that will help people control their calorie intake and modify their diet," said John Dent, the pharmaceutical company's senior vice president of research and development.

That proposed version, called Alli (pronounced "ally"), would contain half the dose of the prescription capsule. Two FDA advisory committees were to vote on

recommending approval late Monday.

The agency usually follows the nonbinding recommendations of its outside panels of experts.

An earlier, internal FDA review found the drug is a "safe and effective weight loss agent," but held off on concluding whether it should be sold without a prescription. The review found that over-the-counter use of the drug could lead to vitamin deficiencies and encourage abuse.

On Monday, FDA panel members questioned whether consumers would be able to distinguish Alli from non-approved dietary supplements also sold as weight-loss aids. They also expressed concern about its effect on vitamin intake.

When taken with meals, the drug blocks the absorption of about one-quarter of any fat consumed. That fat is passed out of the body in stools, which can be loose or oily as a result. Other side effects include gas, incontinence and oily spotting. About half of patients in trials experienced such side effects, the company said.

Nukes

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desire for nuclear power while keeping it from developing nuclear weapons.

It would be too dangerous for the U.S. government

and its people to ignore Iran. Like it or not, them U.S. economy has an enormous stake in Middle Eastern oil supplies. And the longer we can put off the spread of nuclear weapons to every nation that wants one, the safer the world will be.

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That's hype from agents. The way to break the agent's back is to simply say, "We're only willing to pay this amount, and if that isn't acceptable, there are plenty of other actors who will take it." As indeed there are, for there are many more actors than there are parts for them to play.

The "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, one of the most successful movie ventures in decades, didn't have a single big star in its cast. Audiences go see James Bond movies no matter who plays Bond. The cast of the first "Star Wars" movie was virtually unknown until the film became a blockbuster.

I'd like to see the old studio system revitalized, run by people who know and love the movie business.

The market is out there, but it can't be filled with megamillion-dollar productions. Current moviemakers will price themselves out of business. The movie theaters themselves will go under unless they get their act together.

But the thing to remember is that problems always present opportunities. Right now, the problem is content — not enough quality content. The young people who figure out a way to fill this need at a reasonable cost will be the media moguls of tomorrow.

Actually, despite all of our problems, it is a good time to be alive, though it is always a good time to be alive if you are in your teens and 20s. More serious people might think we are a wild and crazy people to make amusement such a vast enterprise, but if you're looking for opportunity, that's where it is.

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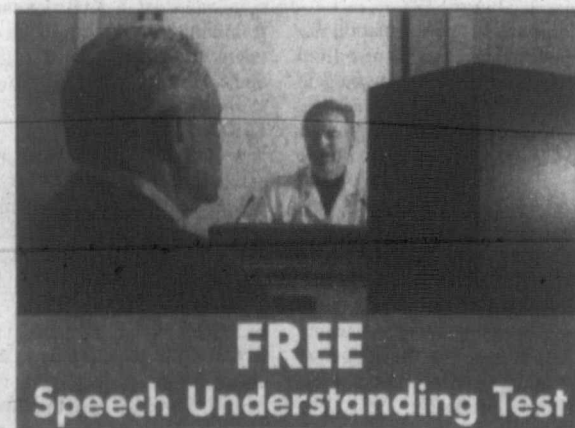
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