





Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**COOK, Dorma P.** — 2 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**FARMER, C.L.** — Memorial services 4 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.

**Dorma P. Cook, 80**

Dorma P. Cook, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 23, 2006, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cook was born Sept. 21, 1925, in Tonkawa, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1935, moving from Cassville, Mo. She worked for Marie Foundation for 11 1/2 years and worked for the Pampa Regional Medical Center for 10 years, retiring on Dec. 21, 1990.

She was a lifelong member of the Barrett Baptist Church, which later became Cornerstone Baptist Church. She was an avid fisherman and liked to play dominos and cards with her grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Ernest Frazier and wife Vanita of Pampa; four grandchildren, Roy Frazier and wife Mary, Karen Ascencio and husband Raymond, all of Pampa, Scott Frazier and wife Shawna of Dallas, and Gary Don Frazier and wife Sherrie of Lefors; six great-grandchildren; one niece, Anna Young and husband Mike of Lefors; two nephews, Jimmy Corley and wife Becky and Kevin Reece and wife Waunita, all of Pampa; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Henson and Charles (June) Henson; and a sister, Elva Lee Sparks.

The family requests memorials be to Cornerstone Baptist Church Vision Fund, 1304 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**C.L. Farmer, 76**

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

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, and the Rev. Larry Spannagel, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Borger, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Farmer

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 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 be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Willie Mae Rawls, 84**

Willie Mae Rawls, 84, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rawls was born Jan. 6, 1922, in Palmer, Texas, to Mary and Mack Jones. She married Ernest H. Rawls on Jan. 30, 1941, in Memphis. He preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1981. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1941.

She worked for Levine's Store for several years, and worked as a clerk in the Gray County ASCS office for 34 years. She had been a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ since 1956.

She had lived the past five years with her grandson, Kevin and his family in Herber City, Utah, recently returning to Pampa to live in the Pampa Nursing Center as a result of her Alzheimer's disease.



Rawls

Survivors include one son, Buddy Gene Rawls and wife Sheila of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Ima Jo Hoggatt of Pampa; one brother, Horace Jones and wife Kay of Irving; three grandchildren, Kevin Rawls and his family of Herber City, Utah, Kirk Rawls and his family of Lawton, Okla., and Cherie Tedesco and her family of Tampa, Fla.; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Emergency Services

**Pampa PD**

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

Eight traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 21st and Coffee streets.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1300 block of Garland.

Vehicle accidents were reported at an unspecified location and in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Agency assistance was rendered at Hemphill County Sheriff's Office, Canadian; at the intersection of Crawford and Hobart streets, the 500 block of South Barnes and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

One open door was checked.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of Market.

Two burglar alarms were reported. A civil matter was reported in the 100 block of North Houston.

Criminal trespass was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Terry Road. A bicycle valued at \$100 was taken.

Counterfeiting was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Sonic Drive-In, 1404 N. Hobart, and involved one \$100 bill.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 1342 N. Hobart.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2300 block of Alcock.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart. A knife was used in the assault, which resulted in at least one person being admitted to the hospital.

**Accidents**

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

**Monday, Jan. 23**  
 4:26 p.m. — A 1989 Nissan pickup, driven by Gloria Angel Wilson, 59, 1001 S. Nelson, and a 1986 Ford Tempo, driven by Kathy Joan Cole, 43, 405 S. Houston, collided in the 100 block of North Houston. No injuries were reported. Wilson was cited for driving left of center.

**Sheriff**

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

**Monday, Jan. 23**  
 Shannon Lewis, 19, of Pampa turned herself in for violation of a protective order.

Anna Marie Aldridge, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Houston by Pampa Police Department for criminal trespass and issuing a bad check.

Jeffrey Dwight Hunt, 42, of Tuttle, Okla., was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for assault causing bodily injury.

Ervin Dale Craddock, 52, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24**  
 Dennis Wayne Taylor, 52, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Alcock by PPD for public intoxication. Ronald Alan Leggett II, 24, of Temple was arrested by PPD in the 2700 block of Perryton Parkway for failure to identify/false information.

**Fires**

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 24**  
 3:36 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a Lifestar standby.

**Ambulance**

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

**Monday, Jan. 23**  
 3:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

4:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Malone and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Clarification**

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will not meet this month as reported in the "Meetings and Notices" section published in Sunday's issue of The News. The organization will resume its regular monthly meeting next month.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	3.38
Milo	2.83
Corn	3.81
Soybeans	4.62

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

OXY	90.93	-0.37
BP PLC ADR	71.30	+0.55
Cabot Corp	38.64	+0.68
Celanese	19.87	+0.14
Cabot Oil Gas	51.18	-0.38
Coca Cola	40.88	+0.38
VLO	61.07	-0.10
HAL	76.60	-0.41
TRI	42.40	-0.06
Kinder Morgan	101.20	+0.17
XCEL	19.19	+0.04
Kerr McGee	101.20	+0.17
XOM	61.36	+0.16
Nat'l Oilwell	74.75	+0.49
Limited	22.67	+0.28
Williams	24.59	+0.07
MCD	36.04	+0.33
Atmos	26.27	+0.07
Pioneer Nat	52.66	+0.39
JCP	55.35	+0.34
COP	64.97	+0.06
SLB	124.62	-1.38
Tenneco	19.94	-0.01
CVX	62.63	+0.42
Wal-Mart	45.75	+0.50
OKE	28.81	-0.09
NS Grp	43.78	-0.52

New York Gold	559.80
Silver	9.04
West Texas Crude	68.07

CITY

BRIEFS

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**DON'T FORGET** to pick up your Baby's 1st Christmas picture at the Pampa News.

**ALL MALE** Revue at OCB, Feb. 8, 8 pm. Buy Tickets now, \$10. 2302 Alcock.

**PART TIME** Inserter needed. About 20 hrs. per week. Must work every Sat. Apply in person at *The Pampa News*. No phone calls.

**SPOILED BY** Right. 302 W. Foster. Closing Doors Friday. "Lets make A Deal" Hurry.

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high around 61. Wind chill values between 19 and 25 early.

North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 28 and 33.

East-northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early.

Windy, with a south-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A slight chance of rain show-

ers. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 35. Wind chill values between 26 and 31.

Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers between 9 a.m. and noon.

Partly cloudy, with a high near 55.

Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

38. West-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 59. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 53. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy and windy, with a low near 29.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 54.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lefors ISD board to convene meeting

LEFORS — An executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and contract will be included in Thursday's meeting of Lefors Independent School District's school board.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school library, 209 E. Fifth St.

The executive session is being held according to Texas Government Code 551.074, which deals with personnel matters.

Other items on Thursday's agenda include the 2004-2005 school year audit, Policy Update 77 which affects certain local policies, the superintendent's report, current billings and the district's cash position.

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There was no word on the future of Pampa's Albertson's store at 1223 N. Hobart

# Albertson's sale completed

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Albertson's Inc., the nation's second largest traditional grocery store chain, sold Monday for \$9.7 billion in cash and stock, pending approval by shareholders and regulators, according to a report by the Associated Press.

An investment group led by grocer Supervalu Inc. and drugstore chain CVS Corp. bought the grocery giant and its affiliated pharmacies, according to the AP and an Internet news release from Supervalu.

The purchase has been approved by the boards of all the companies involved.

Pampa's Albertson's is included in the transactions. Albertson's came to Pampa 14 1/2 years ago and employs about 75 people, according to Steve Stockton, store director.

"No, we can't comment," Stockton said when asked about the sale of the grocery store chain.

Telephone calls to Albertson's corporate media offices in Boise, Idaho, were unsuccessful. A person who answered said that no one was available to talk Monday afternoon due to the heavy volume of calls concerning the sale. A telephone message for a media representative was not returned as of press time today.

Supervalu spokeswoman Yolanda Scharton said the purchase will expand the company beyond its current base in the East, Southeast and Midwest.

"With all this, it's all states, coast to coast and border to border," she said in the AP report.

Minneapolis, Minn.-based Supervalu currently employs about 57,000 people. Albertson's has an estimated 144,000 employees affected by the Supervalu transaction.

Scharton said it is too

soon to say how many of the Albertson's employees will remain with the combined companies.

"We believe the vast majority of these employees will remain with us," she said.

Supervalu will become the nation's second-largest grocer, behind Kroger Co., with the takeover of 1,124 stores under the Albertson's, Acme Markets, Bristol Farms, Jewel-Osco and Shaw's Supermarkets banners.

CVS, based in Woonsocket, R.I., will gain about 700 stand-alone Sav-on and Osco drugstores and a distribution center in La Habra, Calif., for \$2.93 billion in cash. It will also acquire estate interests in the drugstores for \$1 billion in cash.

CVS, already the largest drug store chain in the nation, will operate 6,100 stores across 42 states and the District of Columbia after the deal closes, which is expected this summer.

Supervalu will acquire the in-store pharmacies under the Osco and Sav-on brands. The Pampa Albertson's includes an in-store Sav-On pharmacy.

Jeff Noddle, chairman and CEO of Supervalu, will be chairman and CEO of the combined Supervalu/Albertson's company.

"The combination of operations will create a premier food retail powerhouse of 2,656 stores from coast to

coast, tripling the size of our current retail operations," Noddle said.

Albertson's stockholders will get \$26.29 per share in cash and Supervalu stock, according to the AP.

Albertson's shares rose \$1.05, or 4.4 percent, to \$25.16 in afternoon trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. Supervalu shares rose 93 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$32.78 and CVS shares fell 13 cents to \$27.

Supervalu will pay about \$6.3 billion in stock and cash and assume about \$6.1 billion in Albertson's debt.

Not all Albertson's stores will be acquired by Supervalu. Other purchasers, led by Cerberus Capital Management, will buy 655 stores in Dallas/Fort Worth, California, Florida, the Rocky Mountains and the Southwest. The group plans to operate the stores under the Albertson's name.

No information was available on whether the Pampa store will become a Supervalu or retain its current name.

## CRP

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eligible livestock producer located in an approved county.

"In light of recent weather patterns, it is imperative that the USDA offer the emergency CRP haying and grazing program to Texas producers. Availability of

forage is literally a matter of survival in the unpredictable and often unforgiving agriculture industry," Street said in the release.

CRP offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving cover on eligible land. The USDA will monitor producers to ensure the land is hayed or grazed without damaging conservation covers.

The USDA offers additional programs to assist drought-stricken producers, including emergency farm loans, the emergency conservation program and the non-insured crop disaster assistance program.

For more information and eligibility requirements, contact the local FSA office at 665-6561 or visit FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Work

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10,218. The labor force is the population of persons employed and those looking for and available to work.

With too few persons in

the labor force a community can have a labor shortage. With too many people in the labor force relative to the job base, unemployment or low wages are likely to be the result.

When studying the Gray county labor force, of 10,218 persons, 9,819 indi-

viduals are employed, and 399 individuals are unemployed, giving Gray County an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent for the month of December. This compares favorably to the state of Texas unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for December 2005.

## Peet

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date for Gray County Clerk in 1986. His father is Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

"It is an honor to have the same ambitions and desires for government as my father," he said.

The Pampa native is a 1990 honors graduate of Pampa High School. He received his bachelor's

degree in mathematics in 1997 from West Texas A&M University.

His knowledge of mathematics, computer science and computer programming, along with the qualities of being flexible and adaptable to change, are strengths Peet said he would bring to the office of county treasurer.

"There are many things about the office's functions that change frequently due to updates in requirements set by the state and various duties required by the coun-

ty commission," he said.

"I believe government is only as effective as the people who are elected to serve in that government, and I want to serve Gray County. I believe I can make a difference. I am very optimistic concerning Gray County, and I want to see that the direction it takes continues to move forward."

Peet and his wife of 14 years, Jennifer, have lived in Pampa since 1998. They have two daughters.

**A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People**

### Kid Scoop.com

**This Week: Tierra del Fuego**

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#### A Gnawing Problem

Fifty years ago the Argentinean government brought in this to raise on commercial fur. When the project, the animals were released into the wild.

What animal was it? Beavers!

They have since chewed their way through the forests, felling the trees they need for food and building that flood acres of forest and farmland.

I chewed the words right out of this article! Can you put the words back where they belong?

failed killing farms trees  
crops dams islands animal  
failed killing farms trees

In Tierra del Fuego, beavers have no predators and an abundance of food. Use the code to discover about how many beavers live in Tierra del Fuego today.

▲ = 0   ● = 5  
▲ = 1   ● = 6  
▲ = 2   ● = 7  
▲ = 3   ● = 8  
▲ = 4   ● = 9

## Tierra del Fuego

### LAND OF FIRE

Tierra del Fuego is a group of islands at the southernmost tip of South America. "Tierra del Fuego" means "land of fire" in Spanish. It got its name from Ferdinand Magellan who, when sailing past the islands in the year 1520, spotted a number of fires burning along the coastline.

These fires were probably made by the first people to live there: the Ona, Alakuluf and Yahgan (commonly called Yámana).

**Coastal Community**

The Yámani Indians lived on the coasts of Tierra del Fuego and nearby islands. They ate mollusks, mussels, crabs and fish.

Entire families traveled together in canoes made of bark. The man of the family watched for the prey with harpoon in hand. The mother rowed while the children kept a fire burning in the canoe on a base of soil and stones. Each family lived in a hut made of branches built around a depression dug into the ground.

The Yámani Indians wore no clothes except for robes made of seal or otter skin. They kept their bodies covered with the blubber of seals. Some say their diet, which was heavy with the fat of seals, helped them to bear the cold.

**Two Countries**

The islands of Tierra del Fuego are owned by two countries. Circle every other letter to find out the names of these countries. (We did the first letter for you.)

**C S H Y I B L N E V A G N J D W**  
**A I R K G U E P N M T Q I F N R A**

Standard: Social Science: Describe how location, weather, and physical environment affect the way people live, including the effects on their food, clothing and shelter.

### For Peat's Sake

The lowlands of Tierra del Fuego are covered with forests and bogs filled with peat. Peat is dead sphagnum moss. This moss grows in cold, wet places. Peat is important to farmers and gardeners because it can absorb and hold up to 20 times its weight in water. It is added to soil to hold moisture around the plants.

**Peat Moss Puzzler**

Maria has cut three small squares of peat, but it turns out she really needs one large square. She makes only two cuts and rearranges the pieces to make one complete, larger square. Can you figure out how she did this? Go to [www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html) for the solution.

Standard: Math: Mathematical Reasoning: Analyze problems by identifying relationships and patterns.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

TIERRA DEL FUEGO COMMUNITY SPHAGNUM BLUBBER FRICTION BEAVERS SEALS MOSS BOGS FISH FIRE SOUTH POLE

N O I T C I R F T I  
E M R H T U O S R A  
B L U B B E R S D E  
Y T I N U M M O C L  
F I L S G O B M S U  
E E G F O A P O L E  
D R I F I S H S A L  
S R E V A E B P E P  
E A O G E U F D S O

Standard: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop News Navigator

Newspaper reporters have to gather information and viewpoints from people on both sides of an issue to tell the whole story.

Today's Kid Scoop says that the Pan American Highway starts in Alaska and ends in Tierra del Fuego. Or, does it start in Tierra del Fuego and end in Alaska?

How do you answer that question depends on your point of view. If you are starting to travel from Tierra del Fuego north, you might say that the highway starts in Tierra del Fuego. But, if you are starting a trip in Alaska and heading south, you could say the road starts in Alaska.

And, what about the Gnawing Problem? To understand that story better, think about the point of view of the beavers and the point of view of the farmers.

Write down what you think each point of view might be:

**Beavers:** Beavers are not a problem because ...

**Farmers:** Beavers are a big problem because ...

Standard: Reading Comprehension: Determine comprehension by identifying answers in text.

### Long Summer Days, Short Winter Nights

Because Tierra del Fuego is so close to the South Pole, it has long days in the summer and short days in the winter. Add up only the even numbers to find out how many hours of daylight there are on the summer days, and add up the odd numbers to find out how many hours of daylight on the winter days.

1 2 3 6 4 3 2 2

Standard: Math: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 20.

### Longest Road in the World

The Pan American Highway is a network of roads that starts in Alaska and ends in Tierra del Fuego.

How long is the Pan American Highway? Follow the maze to find the answer.

22,990 miles  
37,000 km

29,825 miles  
48,000 km

4,970 miles  
8,000 km

### BEYOND Kid Scoop

#### Ready for a Voyage

Pretend your class is on a voyage to Tierra del Fuego. Have each student find five items in the newspaper that he/she thinks would be useful on the voyage. Write a sentence explaining the value of each item.

Standard: Writing Conventions: Write complete simple, compound and complex sentences.

### Write On!

## HOT POETRY

Write a poem about fire.

### Now Consider This

Understand different points of view using the newspaper.

Select one article from today's newspaper and identify two people or groups of people affected by the news in the article.

Write one or more sentences telling each person or group's point of view about the news.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: ISLAND**

The noun **island** means an area of land smaller than a continent surrounded by water on all sides.

The main island in Tierra del Fuego is Isla Grande.

Use the word **island** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.



# Viewpoints

## Our personal health should be *our* business

"In The Year 2525" by Zager and Evans is a song which predicted what mankind's future would be like. It reached number one on the Billboard charts on July 12, 1969.

The song describes what it might be like in various years between now and the year 10,000. One verse deals with the year 6565:

"You'll pick your son, pick your daughter too/From the bottom of a long glass tube."

Seems that Zager and Evans were wildly pessimistic about how fast we would reach that point. The world's first test tube baby was born less than a decade after the song, on July 25, 1978, in England.

George Orwell wrote a novel, published in 1949, which he titled "1984." The book describes a world in which there are only three large countries, all three of

which are totalitarian regimes which censor their citizens' behavior and thoughts.

The regime of the country in which the book's characters live is headed by Big Brother, who is aided by the thought police. Everything the citizens do and think is monitored and dictated by the government, and those who rebel are put to death, even if their rebelliousness was only in their thoughts.

Zager and Evans made at least one correct prediction in their grim song by describing test tube babies. It makes me wonder how accurate Orwell's book will be.

Of course, the year 1984 is over 20 years in the past now, so it is obvious that Orwell's description of a possible future world has not yet become a reality.

"1984" remains a classic piece of literature, despite

falling short of the mark in its description of the way things might have been in the year which was its namesake.

It is often required reading in English classes at high schools and institutions of higher learning. Who hasn't heard of

**Big Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

That book and certain others has left its mark on me. I am always on the alert for signs of government intrusiveness, and am concerned whenever I find them.

Dictatorships are perhaps the form of government which come closest to that described in "1984." Yet our own government is slowly insinuating itself into more and more aspects of our

lives, passing legislation that takes a sidwinder approach to influence us toward or away from a certain behavior or attitude.

We are often told these steps are taken for our own good. Sometimes it's true that what the government is



"pushing" would result in healthier, more productive citizens.

But where does it stop? When does government cross that invisible line and become something other than a democracy?

Our government's interest in our health really got under way on the issue of smoking.

A number of studies have shown that tobacco smoke can be harmful to those near a smoker, in addition to the smoker, so I can understand

some type of intervention to protect those who are exposed to something they did not choose to use themselves and which can harm them.

But it hasn't stopped there.

Our government has since made tentative motions toward telling us what to eat and penalizing us, in the form of sales taxes and other persuasions, if we make choices that are considered bad for us.

Is this type of interference what this country's citizens want? I sincerely hope not.

I think there is absolutely nothing wrong with publicizing new information on healthful versus harmful habits. That is a good thing.

But leave it at that. Leave us the freedom to make our own choices. After all, at various points in the not-so-distant past, I remember sci-

entists claiming that peanut butter, coffee and artificial sweeteners caused cancer. They later backed away from these claims.

Will the government eventually outlaw certain foods? Will people start walking up to overweight people and telling them to their face that their eating habits are bad for them and they need to stop it for their own good?

I hope not. I still believe we are all deserving of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as long as we don't harm others or hinder their rights to the same.

I think it is the job of health care professionals, not congressmen, to concern themselves with the public's health. I don't go to my senator for a checkup.

Now, I think it's time for a peanut butter sandwich, followed by a cup of coffee.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2006. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

On this date:

In 1908, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader (however, it has since been re-named St. Petersburg).

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people

*'God gives us relatives; thank God, we can choose our friends.'*

— Addison Mizner  
American architect  
(1872-1933)

who had resided in a state for less than a year.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Ted Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at age 84.

In 2003, the new Department of Homeland Security officially opened and its chief, Tom Ridge, was sworn in.

Ten years ago: The FDA approved Olestra, the nation's first zero-calorie artificial fat. Specialist Michael New was discharged from the U.S. Army after a court-martial jury convicted him for refusing to wear a UN beret for a peace-keeping mission in the former Yugoslavia.

Five years ago: The last two of seven escaped convicts from Texas were captured in Colorado after 42 days on the run; four others were captured earlier, and one committed suicide. Lucent Technologies said it would eliminate up to 16,000 jobs.



## Attacking lobbyists the wrong strategy

Jack Abramoff, the Washington lobbyist who's pled guilty to charges of conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion, has showered millions of dollars on the campaign coffers of both Republican and Democrat Congressmen. Like a kid caught with his hands in the cookie jar, many

Congressmen seek to distance themselves by purging their coffers of Abramoff money. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., in reaction to Abramoff's guilty plea, has pledged to "examine and act on any necessary changes to improve transparency and accountability for our body when it comes to lobbying."

Whatever actions Congress might take in the matter of lobbying are going to be just as disappointing in ending influence-peddling as their Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, known as the McCain-Feingold bill.

Before we allow ourselves to be bamboozled by our political leaders, we might do our own analysis to determine whether the problem is money in politics or something more fundamental.

Let's start this analysis with a question. Why do corporations, unions and other interest groups fork over millions of dollars to the campaign coffers of politicians? Is it because these groups are extraordinarily civic-minded Americans who have a deep interest in Congressmen doing their jobs of upholding and defending the U.S. Constitution?

Might it be that these groups and their Washington-based lobby arms, numbering in the thousands, just love participating

in the political process? Anyone answering in the affirmative to either question probably also believes that storks deliver babies and there really is an Easter Bunny and Santa Claus.

A much better explanation for the millions going to the campaign coffers of Washington politicians lies in the awesome growth of government control over business, property, employment and other areas of our lives. Having such power, Washington politicians are in the position to grant favors. The greater their power to grant favors, the greater the value of being able to influence Congress, and there's no better influence than money.

The generic favor sought is to get Congress, under one

ruse or another, to grant a privilege or right to one group of Americans that will be denied another group of Americans. A variant of this privilege is to get Congress to do something that would be criminal if done privately.

Here's just one among possibly thousands of examples.

If Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) used goons and violence to stop people from buying sugar from Caribbean producers so that sugar prices would rise, making it easier for ADM to sell more of its corn syrup sweetener, they'd wind up in jail. If they line the coffers of Congressmen, they can buy the same result without risking imprisonment.

Congress simply does the dirty work for them by enacting sugar import quotas and tariffs. The two most powerful committees of Congress are the House

See LOBBY, Page 14

**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Jan. 15**  
Victoria Advocate on India's energy needs:

The Bush administration still has considerable work to do in hammering out last July's agreement in principle to grant India access to civilian nuclear technology. Because he is a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and was the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, U.S. Sen. John Kerry's qualified endorsement of that agreement should give the bilateral negotiations a useful boost.

"For more than three decades, the United States led the global fight to deny India access to nuclear technology because it rejected the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and developed nuclear weapons, testing them in 1974 and again in May 1998," Reuters News Service reported.

If the goal of that policy was to force India to spike its nuclear weapons program, it failed abysmally. And as the world's largest democracy's economy continues its superheated growth, preparing to overtake China as the world's most-populous nation, India needs new, reliable and environmentally responsible energy sources.

Last year, President Bush reversed

U.S. policy to accommodate that changed reality. Now, "Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns is due in India later this month to discuss India's plan to separate its civilian and nuclear facilities, and Kerry said Congress would be looking closely at the fine print of the deal," according to Reuters.

Kerry told India's government that he would support the agreement in principle "providing you are not undermining the broader goal of nonproliferation itself." That is prudent, and it should be the goal of both the Bush administration in negotiating the fine print and of Congress in reviewing the final agreement.

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- 14) Order of beans \$1.25
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- 27) Serves two people \$25.95  
Served with guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo, beans, rice, salad & choice of tortillas
- 28) Each additional person \$12.49

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- 29) **Chile Relleno Combination** \$8.95  
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- 30) **Plato de Chile Relleno** \$7.75  
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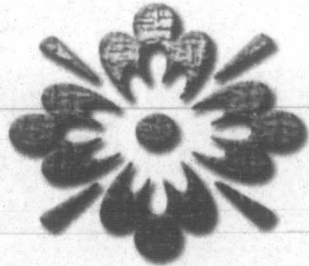
### Entradas

- 31) **Enchiladas** (five/\$5.95 or seven/\$6.95)  
Small red tortillas served with a delicious combination of Mexican sausage and vegetables topped with lettuce, tomatoes, onions and cheese served with pickled jalapenos.

All items below served with rice, beans & salad

- 32) **Plato de Tacos** - the taco plate includes three tacos choice of beef or chicken-\$7.95
- 33) **Plato de Tamales** (made fresh here) \$7.95
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- 38) **Plato de Fajitas** (your choice of beef or chicken) \$8.95  
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- 40) **Plato de Cabrito** \$13.95  
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### Combination Plate

- 36) **Tamal**  
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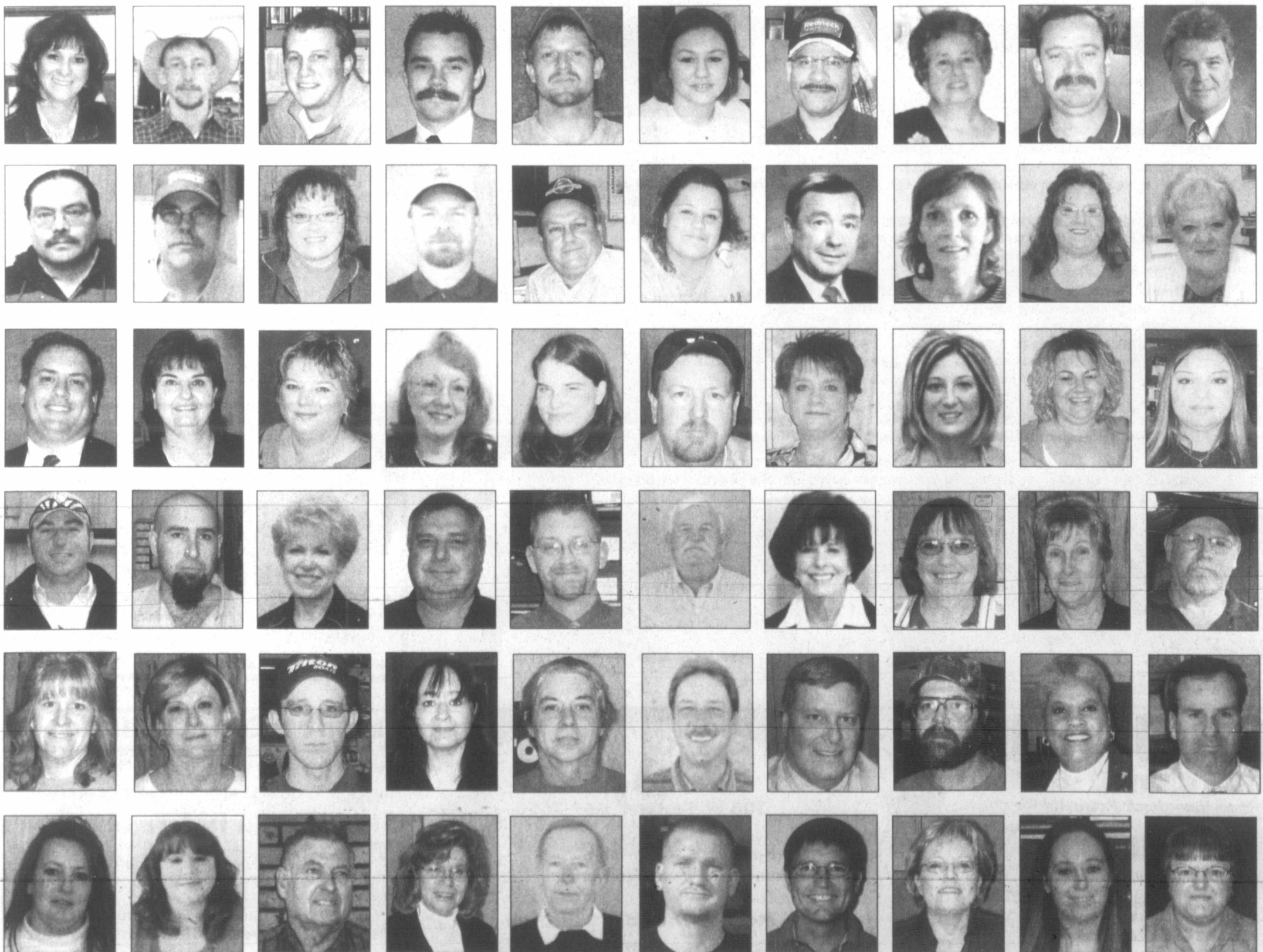
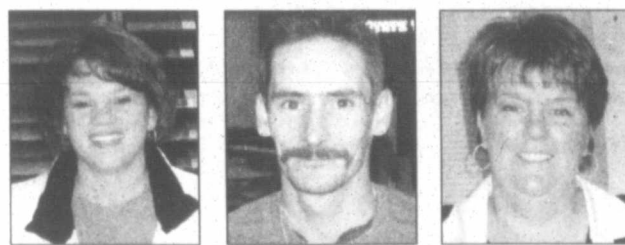
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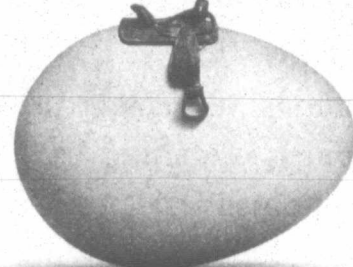
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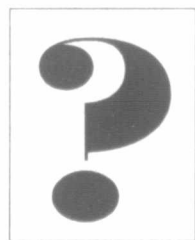


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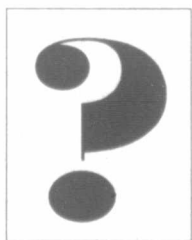
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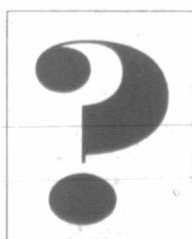
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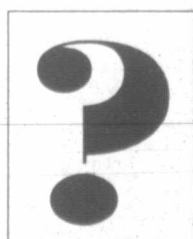
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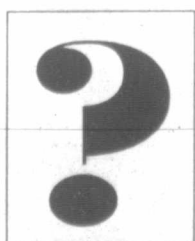
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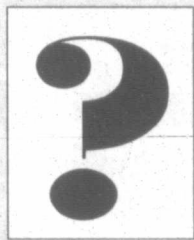
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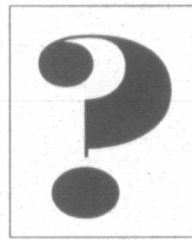
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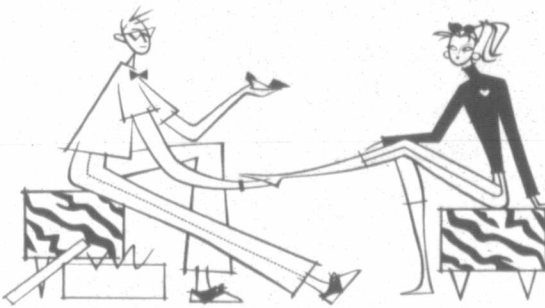
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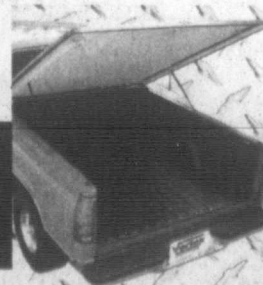
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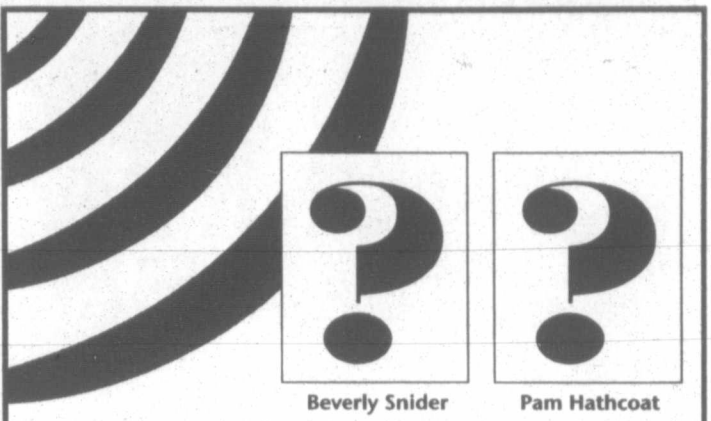


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# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sharod Young (#55) studies a Dumas defender as he drives the ball up the court for Pampa Friday night during the Harvester's home game against the Demons.

## All eyes will be on Pampa tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Ask any of the coaches involved in tonight's games and they will say each has a great respect for the other and his/her program.

That is one of the unique aspects of District 3-4A. Extremely competitive, but always respectful.

When Pampa and Palo Duro tip off tonight, game faces will go on and the fight for the district title will heat up.

The Lady Harvesters can move into a tie for the district lead with a win over the Lady Dons, while boys can take over first place with a victory over PD.

Though this will be the first meeting of the season for the boys, the girls are facing off for the second time. In the first

game, Pampa led state-ranked Palo Duro well into the fourth quarter before losing to the Lady Dons 44-39.

The loss is the only blemish on the Lady Harvesters' district record. Pampa has since gone 4-0.

On the boy's side, Pampa and Palo Duro are tied for the district lead at 3-0. Palo Duro enters the night ranked sixth and sporting an overall record of 19-2. Pampa is 18-4.

There will be plenty of interest in what goes on at The Pit tonight from other district members, fans and media.

### Harvesters

This is a big game to first year Pampa head coach Dustin Miller. He makes no bones about how the Harvesters were once where Palo Duro is now. It is a place he wants to return to. "This just isn't another game on the schedule. This is a game that, as a former Harvester, I can't wait for," Miller said. "As I told you back in June, we used to be the PD of this area, so I take it a little personal. Still, what PD has accomplished is amazing and we definitely have our hands full."

Miller and his club had their hands full Friday against Dumas, narrowly escaping McNeely Field House with 55-49 overtime win. A game in which Miller thinks his players' minds were somewhere else. Said Miller, "Honestly, I think that the boys were thinking about PD Friday. I think that was half the problem."

It's possible. As Coach Miller reminds us, "These are still kids we are talking about. You can warn them over and over but it's human nature with such a large game looming."

That game is here. How does a coach prepare his team for an opponent like Palo Duro, that enters each game preceded by a good share of media hype? Is it more mental or physical preparation? "Honestly, a little of both," said Miller. "So many times they have their opponent beat before they take the floor. But physically you cannot simulate their speed in practice. We tried to prepare our guys for a physical, extremely hard pressure defense."

Miller was asked if he thought PD coach Jeff Evans might have prepared his team differently for tonight's game than he would have had the game been played earlier in the season? "Possibly. He must do a great job preparing them for everyone because they have had a target on their back for a long time having won 39 district games in a row."

Miller says he expects to see a lot of speed and steal attempts from tonight's opponent. "PD obviously likes to run and gun," said Miller. "They do not really set up an offense. They rely on steals and fast break points."

Coach Miller noted how Palo Duro will pressure you defensively and trap you anywhere on the court, challenges Pampa must meet and overcome.

Three keys to a Harvester win tonight? According to Coach Miller:

1. "Do not turn the ball over. We really have to protect the basketball tonight."
2. "Limit their easy baskets."
3. "Great senior leadership."

Does Miller consider this a playoff game? "It is playoff-type game. But win or lose, we have another game after it. I definitely think it will be a playoff atmosphere."

Tonight's game will begin at 7:30. The junior varsity game will start at 6 p.m. in the MPAC building.

### Bonus

Burger, sausage wrap, brisket sandwich or hot dog? According to Coach Miller, "Definitely sausage wrap. Anything in a tortilla gets my vote!"

### Media

AM 1230 KGRO and [www.centramedia.com](http://www.centramedia.com).

### Lady Harvesters

Since their first meeting on Jan. 6, the Lady Harvesters have peeled off four straight district wins and enter tonight's game with a record of 12-13, 4-1.

The Lady Dons are 22-3, 5-0. But for Pampa head coach Troy Fry, this is still just a game. "I remind the girls that records and rankings don't make a team. How a team performs on the court will decide the outcome," said Fry.

If this game is anything like the last, Harvesters fans are in for something special.

Pampa jumped on PD

early in game one and led the Lady Dons most of the way. At one point, the Lady Harvesters held an 11-point advantage. Even as the game wound down and PD mounted the comeback and edged Pampa in the end, Lady Harvesters head coach Troy Fry and his team left Amarillo that night knowing they are capable of beating PD, and those on quickly circled Jan. 24 on their calendars.

Look for the Lady Dons' defense to press early and attempt to close off anything inside, hoping to force Pampa into taking perimeter shots. If successful, Britteni Rice, Callie Cobb and Jackie Gerber will need to find the groove. Second and third chance shots may also play a key role for the Lady Harvesters.

Said Fry, "Keys for us tonight will first be limit our turnovers, defensive rebounding, and controlling the tempo of the game."

There is something else Pampa has tonight they did not in game one, a large and loud crowd. "The 6th-Man could make a big difference for the girls tonight," Fry noted. "It will help with added energy and excitement to play the game."

Pampa had a solid game plan on Jan. 6. Coach Fry and his team will no doubt be ready again tonight. Ready to win and to prove the first game was no fluke.

Tonight's game will begin at 6. The Lady Harvesters junior varsity game will start at 7:30 in the MPAC building.

### Bonus

Burger, sausage wrap, brisket sandwich or hot dog? According to Coach Fry, "I would say one of each with a Dr Pepper."

### Media

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### Now Open

Repair work on the front entrance of McNeely Field House has been completed. Fans can once again enter The Pit using the main entrance.

## Harvesters drop Lubbock High

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters soccer team took care of business on the road Monday, dropping Lubbock High 3-2.

Chase Phillips got Pampa rolling in the 16th minute with a smart breakaway from the Lubbock High defense. He was fouled, giving the Harvesters a penalty kick which Nick Robbins sent sailing into the Westerners' net.

Pampa scored again in the 30th minute by way of a Rusty Snider kick off a Steven Smith assist.

In the 59th Minute of play, Pampa's Steven Smith managed to steal the ball and was charging up field when he was tripped by a defender just 10 yards from the goal. Smith maintained possession of the ball and sent a looping kick just over the keeper's shoulder for the third Harvester goal of the game. Said head coach Byron May afterward, "It was a tremendous effort and very nice shot."

The Westerners managed a goal in the 70th minute, and a desperation goal at the end of the match.

"We just kept our nose to the grindstone," said May. "We still have a lot of defensive situations that confuse us, but we're working hard enough to win some matches. Hopefully the chemistry won't be far behind."

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

## Other games of interest

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

District 3-4A  
Boys & Girls  
Palo Duro @ Pampa  
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### Others

Lub. High @ Amarillo  
Dalhart @ Canyon  
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## No. 4 Texas routs Oklahoma State

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Brad Buckman scored 19 points, Daniel Gibson kept up his hot shooting and No. 4 Texas stayed perfect in the Big 12 with an 80-46 victory over Oklahoma State on Monday night, the Longhorns' ninth straight win.

Gibson scored 18 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 14 for Texas (17-2, 5-0) in a blowout that matched Eddie Sutton's worst loss at Oklahoma State. Texas beat the Cowboys 92-58 in 1997 in the first matchup between these schools in the Big 12.

The Longhorns have found a perfect combination of defense and 3-point shooting in a winning streak that has them sitting alone atop the Big 12. They hit 12 3-pointers and held their ninth straight opponent under 40 percent shooting.

Gibson, who hit nine 3-pointers in a win Saturday over Baylor and is shooting better than 50 percent in Big 12 games, hit three in the first half as Texas built

the lead as high as 19 points in the opening minutes.

The Longhorns came in giving up an average of 54 points in Big 12 play, fewest in the league, and held the Cowboys to their lowest total of the season.

David Monds scored 11 points to lead Oklahoma State (12-7, 2-3), which had no fast break points and committed 20 turnovers.

Sutton tried to confuse the Longhorns with a mix of zone and man defenses that stymied Texas under the basket but did little to disrupt the perimeter shooting.

Gibson missed his first two 3-pointers but quickly settled into a rhythm. The Longhorns scored just six points in the paint in the first half but hit eight 3-pointers.

Kenton Paulino hit the first, then Gibson followed with two in a row. Buckman followed with two more and Gibson's third made it 33-14 before the Cowboys closed the half with an 8-3 run to make it 36-22.

## Lemieux to retire a second time

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Penguins star and owner Mario Lemieux, one of hockey's greatest players, is retiring for the second time, a team official said today.

Lemieux, a Hall of Famer who won Stanley Cups and scoring titles and then battled through cancer and heart problems in a comeback, will announce his decision at a news conference later Tuesday.

The team official requested anonymity because a formal announcement had not been made.

Lemieux's retirement was first reported on the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Web site.

The 40-year-old Lemieux learned in early

December he has atrial fibrillation, an irregular heart-beat that can cause his pulse to flutter wildly and must be controlled by medication.

Lemieux, the NHL's seventh-leading career scorer with 1,723 points, tried to return a week after being hospitalized with the problem, but it flared up again during a Dec. 16 game against Buffalo and he has not played since.

Lemieux has been practicing the last several weeks with the intent on returning this season but, with the Penguins stuck in a 10-game losing streak and with no hope of them making the playoffs, decided to quit playing for a second time.



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\*\*\*\*\* An associate goes out of his or her way to make your life easier, especially with the boss or someone who counts. Do not underestimate a problem. Make the most of this offer of help and good will. Do not take a money risk. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Others rule, or that's how you see it. Look at the positives and don't take a lead role. You could be shocked by

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\*\*\*\*\* A different approach can be most effective, especially if you want more inspiration in your life. The cost could be efficiency — something you admire and desire. Does this situation have to be an either/or one? Tonight: Mellow out at home.

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## Events calendar

• **The Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum** will host the Kwahadi Indian Dancers on the dancers 40th Annual Winter Night Ceremonials at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday 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.

• **Pampa Desk & Derrick Club** will meet at 6 p.m. today at Dyer's Bar-B-Que. The speaker will be Demmie Mosley from Titan Specialties. Mosley's topic will be "Sub Surface Technology Explained." The meeting is open to the public. For reservations, call Teresa at 669-2536 or 669-6079 no later than 12 p.m. the 24th.

• **Pampa High Theater Arts Department** will host a Coffee Memorial Blood Center blood drive from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday. To participate, donors must be 17 years of age or older. Those who give blood will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, call Rhianna at 669-4800, ext. 333.

• **The Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Pampa Country Club. A social hour will be followed up by an Italian Buffet at 7 p.m. for \$15 per person. The speaker will be Mark McCasland of Baker Oil Tools, speaking on "Frac Point Completion System in Horizontal Wells." Memberships will be available at the door. Baker Oil Tools will donate door prizes.

• **The local WIC clinic** will conduct vaccinations from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday at a charge of \$14.85 to \$20 for non-clients. For an appoint-

ment, call 665-1182.

• **Amarillo Museum of Art** will host its Spring Film Festival in 2006. The festival will include the following films: "Basquiat," 7 p.m., Thursday; "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.

• **BSA Hospice** will offer the volunteer training/community education class "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying" from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Jan. 31-Feb. 24 at BSA Hospice Facility, 800 N. Sumner. The course is free. The class is designed particularly for individuals interested in serving as a hospice volunteer or who just want to learn more about hospice care. For more information or to preregister, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, at 665-6677.

• **Amarillo Children's Theatre Guild** will present "Elvis Acts Up!" with impersonator Manny Triana at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Ordway Hall on Amarillo College campus in Amarillo. Tickets go on sale in Ordway Hall at 1 p.m. Feb. 4. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. prior to the performance. Proceeds will benefit AC's Lamplight Youth Theatre Company. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Feb. 14, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. For more information, call (806) 356-1905.

## Chili supper



Austin Elementary School will hold its second annual chili supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the school. All proceeds will go toward a computer lab for the children. Tickets are \$5 per plate. The menu will consist of homemade dessert and chili or Frito pie. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Austin Elementary at 669-4760. Above: Matthew Lewis, Chris Smith, Kolton Dyson, MaKenna Rex, Marlee Richardson, Jonathan Stevens and Taylor Bolton.

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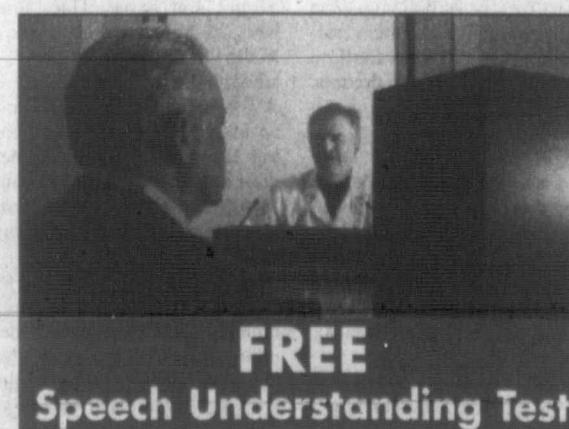
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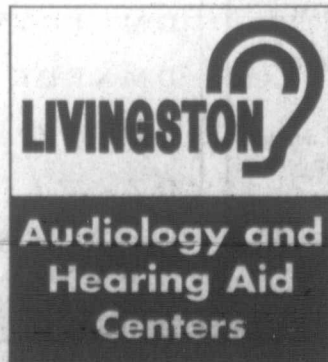


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## Arson

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Stevens retired Sept. 1. "We had an investigator up to that point," Powell said, "but we haven't had one since September."

She said the city is going through a hiring process, looking for a new Fire Marshal.

"We're still working in that area," Powell said. "Until we can get somebody in here to replace him, we have four forces -- State Fire Marshal's Office, the Pampa Police Department, the Gray County Sheriff's Office and the Pampa Fire Department -- that have joined hands."

She said the city is looking for someone who is qualified and exploring the possibility of training someone to become qualified.

In the meantime, the state and local fire and law enforcement agencies are working on the arsons

involving the houses in Gray County and Pampa.

"We'll be continuing to do that," Powell said.

"They can call the fire department, the police department, sheriff's office or the State Fire Marshal's Office," Hoard said.

The State Fire Marshal's Office toll free number is 877-434-7345.

"People can call them and just tell them they have information related to fires in Pampa," Powell said. "If they don't want to call the State Fire Marshal, she said, they can call the Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, the Pampa Fire Department or Crimestoppers."

There is a reward up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arsonists, Powell said.

"They can do it anonymously if they want to," Powell said. "They don't have to tell us who they are if they've just got some information they want to pass on to us."

## Lobby

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He elaborated: If Congress makes payments to one American for not raising pigs, every American not raising pigs should also receive payments. Obviously, were there to be such a law, there would be reduced capacity for privilege-granting by Congress and less influence-peddling.