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School board to hear reports on TAKS, school enrollment

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

School board members will meet and possibly approve a donation of 40 acres from Campbell Brothers Enterprises for possible construction of a new junior high school at a regular meeting for Pampa Independent School District.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pampa High School temporary library, which is located in the vocational building of the high school, 111 E. Harvester.

Also on the agenda is consideration of delinquent tax properties, trade bids, a

revised employment contract and the quarterly investment and financial report.

Governor Perry's proclamation for School Board Appreciation Month will be read and accepted. Board members will possibly approve a resolution supporting a Boys and Girls Club program in Pampa.

Numerous reports will be heard at the meeting, including the media services report and first semester reports for PISD enrollment, students arrests and accidents on school property. A report on TAKS Exit level trends will be given, along with the correlation between TAKS passage and the end of course passage.

Gift of life



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Annette Davis, a homemaker and pygmy goat farmer from Pampa, donated blood at the Coffee Memorial Blood Center's M*A*S*H Blood Drive at the Pampa branch of Clarendon College Monday afternoon. Assisting her is Phlebotomist Rudy Rodriguez. According to Coffee, they saw 86 people and drew 81 units of blood. If you missed this blood drive, you can attend the next one scheduled by Coffee at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School from 2 to 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in the school gym.

ACTIVITIES

Gray County Extension gives wrap-up of 2007

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Extension Agents Brandon McGinty and Joan Gray-Soria reported on 4-H, Family and Consumer Sciences and agriculture-related activities of their offices for 2007 during a noon meeting Monday in the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic.

McGinty and Gray-Soria began the meeting with a summary of 4-H activities in 2007. The meeting was attended by members of Gray County Commissioners' Court.

"We decided to focus on sixth-graders in Pampa Independent School District, and fifth- and sixth-graders in Lefors Independent School District, concerning alcohol," McGinty said. McLean Independent School District was also given the opportunity to participate but declined, he said.

High school juniors and seniors in 4-H presented the program, a series of weekly meetings over a period of five weeks. The program was presented to 260 Pampa students and 18 Lefors students.

"The program included refusal skills, alcohol awareness, self-esteem, effective communication, assertiveness training and being true to yourself," Gray-Soria said.

Highlights of the program included "drunk goggles," which imitated the effects of inebriation for the wearer, and a talk by Pampa Police Department officers concerning what happens when a teen is caught drinking.

"It is more critical for fifth- and sixth-graders to avoid alcohol because their brains are not fully developed," Gray-Soria said. "Substances such as alcohol can have a permanent effect on their learning and decision-making skills."

A youth agricultural fair was held in November for fourth-graders. The fair drew 234 participants from Pampa, Lefors and McLean ISDs and from Community Christian Schools of Pampa.

Eight sessions were held during the fair which covered topics such as beef, cotton, water conservation, healthy eating and a mobile dairy classroom, which

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WORD FIND

In Tuesday's edition of The Pampa News, two words were left off of the Word Find, 'Thomas' and 'repair'.

We apologize for the mistake and will accept all entries by 5 p.m. Tues., Jan. 22 and a winner will be drawn from those on Wed., Jan. 23.

Local Red Cross office in need of more volunteers



Courtesy photo

Junior Red Cross volunteers for the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter, headquartered in Pampa, include, back row from left, instructor Valorey Foreman, Michael Foreman, McKinley Nunn, Summer Sieber, Karoley Villareal, Petra Bennett and instructor Vanessa Vick. Front row from left are Sierra Sieber, Benjamin Foreman, Matthew Foreman and Andrew Foreman.

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Anyone who would be interested in doing something to protect their family, strengthen their community, build their confidence and save time, money and perhaps even someone's life may wish to consider volunteering for the American Red Cross.

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter is seeking volunteers for disaster response and aquatic, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid instruction.

Some of the services provided locally in recent months and years by the Pampa office include assistance during the 26-vehicle pileup Dec. 22 on Highway 60 outside Pampa, meals and other support for families displaced during the Courtyard Apartments fire in Pampa and support for firefighters

and evacuees during the Texas Panhandle wildfires of 2006.

"When you stop and think about it, preparing ahead of time for disasters and first aid emergencies makes perfect sense," said chapter Executive Director Jana Gregory. "Yet somehow, many of us don't find the time or motivation to prepare. Now, you have an opportunity to prepare and volunteer utilizing the skills you learned while preparing."

Training for the various volunteer positions is provided by the Red Cross. Trained volunteers may choose to work locally or help others in other locations across the nation. The training received locally is the same training used wherever the Red Cross responds to disasters.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday



Sunny

Friday



Sunny

Saturday



Sunny

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 31. Wind chill values between -3 and 7. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. Wind chill values between 6 and 16. West-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Man gets 12 years for fatal accident

LLANO, Texas (AP) — A driver who had a blood-alcohol level more than double the legal limit was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his role in the deaths of two passengers killed in a wreck near Lake LBJ.

Harold Odum, 55, said the three men were celebrating a business deal in 2006 when they piled into his Jaguar. Odum was driving when the car flipped and landed on its roof, killing Michael

Klinglesmith and Corey Buchanan. Odum's blood alcohol level was 0.178, over the legal limit is 0.08, according to trial testimony.

The three men had been drinking at Odum's house before going to a local tavern, where they were refused service, then got back in the car.

Information from the Rivers Cities Daily Tribune: www.thepicayune.com.

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Julian Alexander Herring, 3

HOBBS, N.M. — Julian Alexander Herring, 3, died Jan. 10, 2008, at Hobbs. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Julian was born Dec. 30, 2004, at Amarillo, where he lived until moving to Hobbs in August of 2007.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maria Herring in 2002.

Survivors include his father, Brian Herring of

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Herring

Hobbs; a sister, Xmanthious Newhouse of Hobbs; and his grandparents, Dale and Carla Herring, and Donnie and Tina Perry, all of Amarillo.

The family will receive visitors at 5117 Lawrence Blvd. in Amarillo.

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

Gerry Ned Ingram, 60

MIAMI, Texas — Gerry Ned Ingram, 60, of Miami, Texas, died Jan. 15, 2008, in Gray County, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ingram was born June 18, 1947, in Pampa, to George and Viola Ingram. He grew up farming and ranching east of Pampa.

Gerry was a 1965 graduate of Pampa High School, and also graduated from West Texas State University and Oklahoma State University. He married Yvonne Danford on May 14, 1966. She preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 2005.

Gerry started his own farm and ranch east of Pampa in 1971, working up

until the time of his death. He had been a resident of Miami since 1997 and was a member of both First Christian Church of Pampa and First Christian Church of Miami.

Gerry was involved in the Farm Bureau, supporter of both the Miami and Pampa Stock Shows, ASCS Board, and many more organizations.

He enjoyed his grandchildren, camping in the mountains, taking photos, working the land, caring for his cattle and horses, being with his family and friends, and he was always willing to help a



Ingram

neighbor in need.

His family expresses their deep gratitude to Miami and surrounding communities for their loving care and concern.

Survivors include two daughters, DeAnn Bivins and husband

Reeves of Pampa, and Denise Howard and husband Scott of McLean; his parents, George and Viola Ingram of Pampa; one brother, Larry Ingram of Pampa; five grandchildren (who called him "Dado"), Jerrod Bivins, Kristin Bivins and Jeramie Bivins, all of Pampa, and Suzanne

Howard and Bradley Howard, both of McLean; nieces and nephews (who called him "Uncle Ned"), Brandi Yee of Hawaii, Geordan Montalvo and Larie Pidgeon, both of New York, Christian Ingram of Colorado and Kevin Danford of Amarillo; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and a host of good friends and relatives.

MEMORIALS: First Christian Church, 1622 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065, First Christian Church, 201 Tascosa St., Miami, TX 79059, or a favorite charity.

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

Jose Geronimo Rodriguez, 63

Jose Geronimo Rodriguez, 63, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 15, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rodriguez was born Dec. 9, 1944, in Durango, Mexico. He came to Pampa in 1980 from Albuquerque, N.M. He married Manuela Gonzalez on Feb. 12, 1965, in Durango, Mexico. She preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2006.

Jose was a hard worker who raised 11 children. He was a former employee of the Iowa Beef Packers in Amarillo. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

He enjoyed cooking, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include five



Rodriguez

daughters, Maria Sanchez, Bertha Cordova, Lorena Rodriguez, Gisela Portillo and Lourdes Perez, all of Pampa; six sons, Joe Rodriguez, Raymond Rodriguez, Abel Rodriguez, Salvador

Rodriguez, Rudy Rodriguez and Jesus Rodriguez, all of

Pampa; his mother, Catalina Rodriguez of Durango, Mexico; four brothers; three sisters; numerous grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. MEMORIALS: St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd Pampa, TX 79065.

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

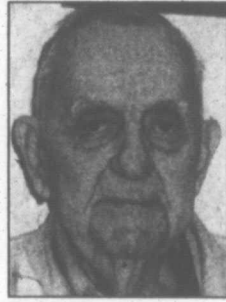
James Carl Taylor, 80

BEL AIRE, Kan. — James Carl Taylor, 80, a longtime Pampa resident, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa.

Born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1928, at Okmulgee, Okla., to

Rudolph Taylor and Margaret (Barnhart) Taylor, Mr. Taylor was an oil field worker and a pipe-fitter with LU196 of Amarillo for more than 50 years.

He moved to



Taylor

Pampa in 1934 and married Rudell Taylor, his wife of 59 years, on Sept. 17, 1948, at Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Larry Taylor of Bel Aire; a sister,

Joyce Roberts of Pampa; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

To share a memory or leave condolences, log onto www.cornerstoneofwichita.com on the Internet. Arrangements are under the direction of Cornerstone of Wichita.

Emergency Services

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

Thirty-four traffic stops were made resulting in two arrests.

A traffic complaint was reported on Highway 60 East.

An accident was reported in the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals

at the Country Club, the 800 block of Locust, the 100 block of Somerville, the 600 block of North Wells, the 700 block of Octavius and in the 100 block of Albert.

An open door was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Tignor.

A police escort was provided in the 200 block of West.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of East Frederic and the 300 block of East Brown.

A silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A welfare check was made in the 1300 block of West Kentucky and the 2400 block of Mary Ellen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler and in the 100 block of North Cuyler, where a front window valued at \$400 was damaged.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of Somerville, which resulted in minor injuries.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 200 block of Miami and the 2200 block of North Sumner.

Fraudulent use of identifying information was reported in the 400 block of East Foster.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles and in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Granville Smith, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for criminal mischief in more than \$50 and less than \$500.

Kenneth Putman, 25, of Farnsworth, Texas, was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Amy Dominique Carter, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia and no driver's license.

Amber Rose Ellwanger, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury.

Lonnie Dale Fly, 43, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for failure to appear, open container, expired operator's license and no insurance.

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Nathan Williams, 30, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for money laundering and possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

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Red Cross



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Executive Director Jana Gregory of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross is shown here with her Great Dane, Ellie Mae. The Red Cross is seeking volunteers to work disasters and become instructors. For more information, call 669-7121 or go by 108 N. Russell.

Cross

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Aquatic instructors teach swimming skills. CPR and first aid instructors teach lifesaving skills of first aid and how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"Preparing for a disaster or first aid emergency has clear personal benefits, and when everyone prepares, the benefits extend to our entire community," Gregory said. "We hope you will do your part by volunteering with us."

For more information, including training schedules, or to become a volunteer, call 669-7121 or go by the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell.

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Man charged with taking 14-foot python for walk

MASTIC, N.Y. (AP) — A man was arrested Tuesday for walking on a highway with a 14-foot python wrapped around his body, police said.

Police in Long Island's Suffolk County say 35-year-old Curtis Dewberry of Wading River was spotted by an officer for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals while out

strolling Tuesday afternoon. The officer called police because the python is considered a danger to the public.

Dewberry has been charged with animal cruelty and failure to protect the public against dangerous wildlife. He was being held Tuesday and didn't have a lawyer.

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featured a real dairy cow.

"The youth ag fair was a tremendous hit," McGinty said. "We've gotten a lot of thank-you letters from the kids."

Some Gray County 4-H members completed a Share the Fun contest in 2007 and a food bowl. The consumer team won first place in the district and seventh place in the state. One local 4-Her was chosen to serve on the state technology team.

"One of our team members was selected to go to California and teach them how we do things here," McGinty said.

Thirty-seven 4-Hers worked on a pirate ship parade float which won first place in August. A multi-county leadership workshop at which all Panhandle counties were invited was hosted by Gray County. Two students were sent to a diabetes-only summer camp.

Gray-Soria reported that through the Safe Riders program, her office had given away an average of four child safety car seats per month in 2007. Safe Riders is a program managed by the state health department in Austin and funded by the

state, she said.

Parents who wish to receive the free seats must declare that they have limited income, complete a one-hour class and own a vehicle with working seat belts. Anyone who receives any form of public assistance such as WIC would qualify as a limited income family, Gray-Soria said.

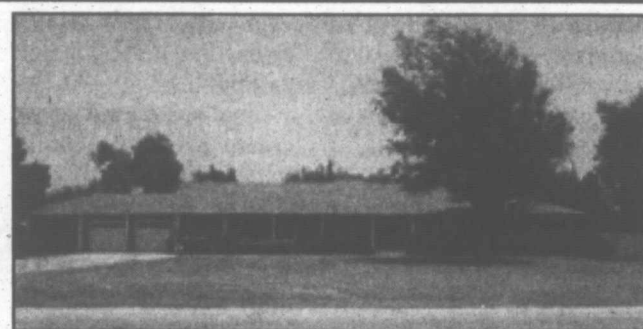
Gray, Potter, Deaf Smith and Wheeler counties are the only Texas Panhandle counties participating in the Safe Rider program, she said. Recipients of the seats do not have to reside in the county from which they receive the seats.

McGinty spoke on agricultural issues in Gray County in 2007.

"We conducted tours on the continued recovery of the land from the 2006 wildfires," he said. "The grass is still returning after the fires."

Corn averaged 218 bushels per acre in Gray County in 2007, McGinty said. Irrigated cotton produced three to three and one-half bales per acre, while dryland cotton produced an average of one and one-half bales per acre.

The 2007 sorghum harvest in Gray County consisted of 4,000 to 5,000 pounds per acre on dryland and 7,000 to 8,000 pounds per acre on irrigated land, McGinty said.



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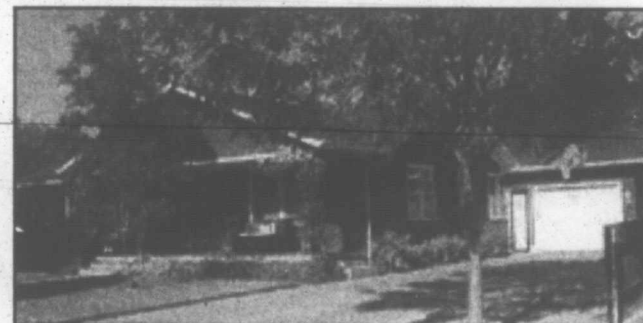
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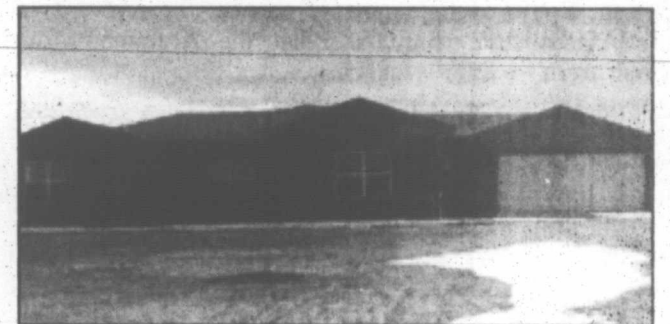
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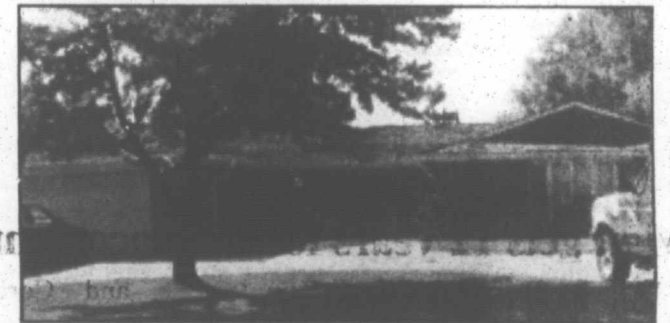
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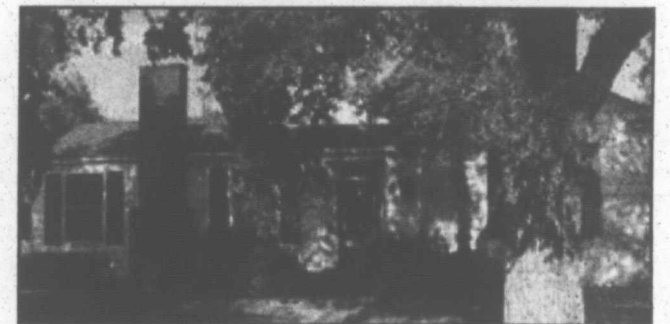
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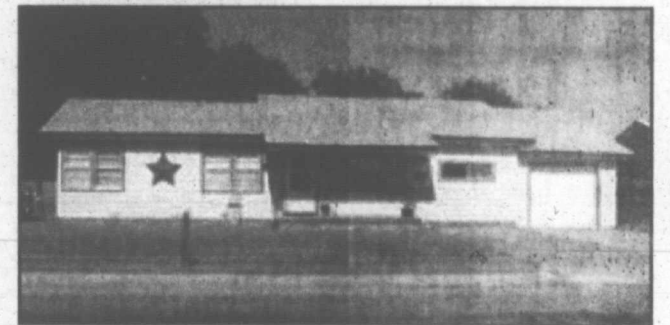
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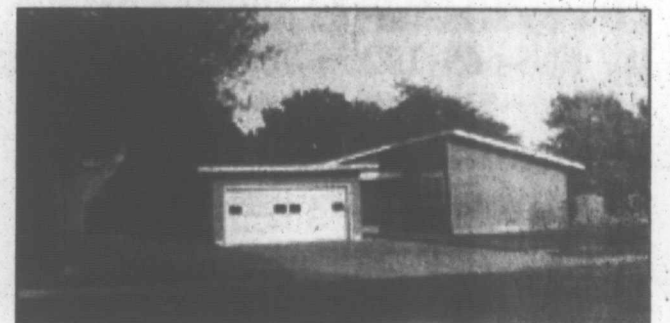
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GOP needs a grass roots movement in worst way

Nobody ever tried to build a house by starting with the roof and working down — it can't be done. You have to start from the bottom up.

The same thing is true about building a political party. You have to start at the grass roots and work your way up to the national level, going from precincts, to counties, to states and all the way up to the national level. Without a large body of workers at the local level, a political party would be like an army with only generals and no privates.

This is just plain common sense, but it seems to have escaped the notice of the Republican Party, a vast organization with lots of generals and colonels and damned few privates. Nobody has focused on building the Republican Party since Ronald Reagan took on the job. My dad won the presidency because he worked to build the party from the ground up from 1976 to 1980.

He went out there and he supported local congressional and senatorial candidates, and many other Republicans at the local and state level. Electing them required an army of

workers at the grass roots, and through his efforts in many states where the Republican Party had been all but absent at the local level the party now had a grassroots organization capable of spreading the GOP gospel and getting out the vote on Election Day.

As a result, when he decided to make a second try at winning the White House in 1980, he had a huge core group of supporters in place at the grass roots ready to help him.

The point is my dad went out and did the hard work required to build a winning organization, which became such a key part of the Reagan revolution because it was at the level where the majority of Americans live.

Today — especially after the debacle of 2006 when the Democrats took control of both houses of Congress — the GOP is in shambles. The great coalition my dad built is history, and in vast areas of the country the GOP exists at the local level in name only.

Michael Reagan
Columnist



Ask yourself just how many of the current crop of Republican presidential candidates have spent the last four, six or eight years working out there in the states helping to elect Republican congressional candidates and local and state officials and in the process helping to rebuild the grass roots?

How many have followed the example Richard Nixon set after his defeat in the 1960 presidential election and in his later campaign to win the California governorship? Instead of retiring to California and licking his wounds, he spent the next

six years tirelessly crisscrossing the country working to elect Republican congressional and state and local candidates and as a result, by 1968 he had a vast network of GOP grass roots organizations that helped elect him and other GOP candidates.

That's the kind of work you have to do to create a national political party, but it has

been sadly lacking in recent years. It needs to go on not just in election years, but in between elections. It's a full-time job.

Where the liberal Rockefeller wing of the party consists of kingmakers operating from behind the throne, the Reagan wing of the party has always lived and thrived at the grass roots, where the real Americans live.

What this party is lacking right now is that sturdy grass-roots movement which is the mechanism that wins presidential and congressional elections. Here where I live in California, you'd have to put out an All-Points Bulletin to find the Republican Party at the grass roots. That's why the Democrats all but own the state, lock, stock and barrel.

When the Rockefeller-wing philosophy prevails, the GOP loses. When the Reagan wing is in control, we win. We don't need kingmakers. We need workers. Until we get them, we'll be the minority party.

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

There's no reason for NATO to exist

I'm reading a collection of short stories by Rudyard Kipling. Some of them are set in Afghanistan, where the British were fighting the Afghans in the 1800s. Funny how in 2008, the British are back in

Charley Reese
Columnist



been able to get an intelligent answer to that question. I suspect the real answer is that the American govern-

ment does not plan to leave either country for a very long time.

There is a lot of oil in one country and a route for a pipeline in the other. The U.S. seems to have decided to replay the "Great Game" with Russia over the Caspian Sea petroleum resources, just as the British Empire once played it with Russian Empire when both had their eyes on India.

As most of you know, I would prefer that we abandon our empire, for it is, like every other empire in history, bleeding us of treasure and blood. We don't need to have troops in South Korea, Japan, Germany, the Balkans and the Middle East. None of those countries is a threat to us, and all of them are capable of defending themselves. We have many domestic problems that need both the attention and the resources of the government.

Of course, journalists have as much influence on national and international affairs as a fan sitting in the bleachers has on the management of a professional baseball team. We can only observe and cheer or jeer. Voters are the only plain people who can influence foreign policy, but they can only do it if they choose intelligently which politicians to retain in office and which ones to dump.

The American Establishment, by and large, excludes the people from

any discussion of foreign policy. Other than as a recipient of propaganda, we have no part to play in setting the policy of our own government. We should object to that on principle, but most Americans have little interest in foreign affairs.

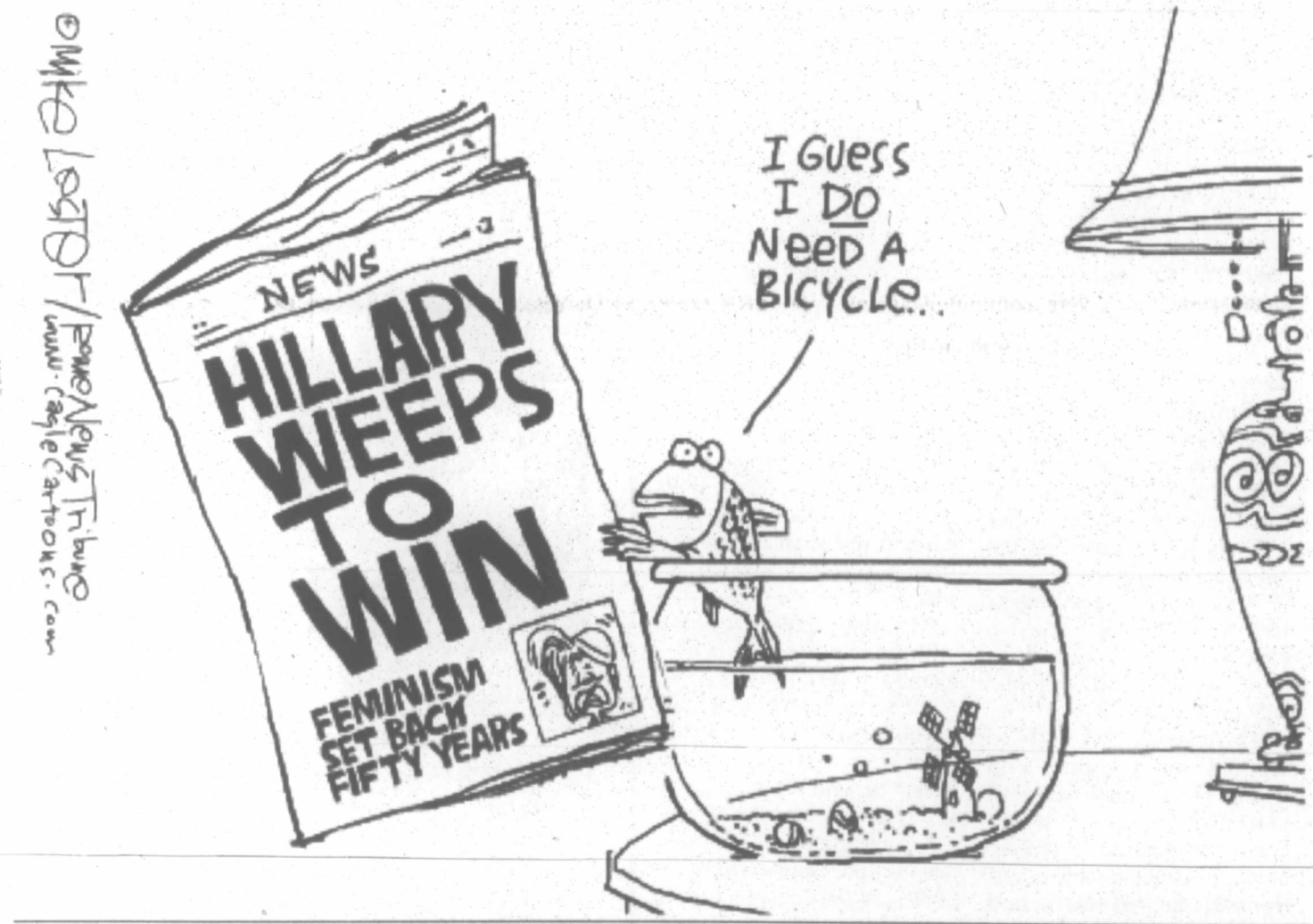
Perhaps when the traditional population has been replaced (or should I say displaced) by new immigrants, which shouldn't take that long at the present rate, the newly arrived citizens will be more interested in overseas affairs. By then we

should be multilingual as well as multicultural. We might even get a president who could read a foreign newspaper.

I am, at least, preparing for the future by developing a taste for Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Arab,

Hungarian, French, Persian and Slovakian cuisine. All are easily available in the middle-class American city where I live. That in itself ought to tell you something.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2008. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

On this date:

In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother and about 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas while returning from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Expeditionary

Forces in London.

In 1957, three B-52's (accompanied at first by two spare aircraft) took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes.

In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first U.S. secretary of transportation.

In 1978, NASA named 35

candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1988, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired as a CBS Sports commentator, one day after telling a Washington, D.C., TV station that, during the era of slavery, blacks had been bred to produce stronger offspring.

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 7
San Antonio Express-News on Pakistan's delay in voting turning to a threat to democracy:

Pakistan's Election Commission, staffed by supporters of President Pervez Musharraf, has decided to postpone by one month the national election that was scheduled to take place Tuesday.

The commission said the turmoil created by the recent assassination of Benazir Bhutto makes balloting for the National Assembly impossible. Rioting

following the former prime minister's death led to the destruction of voter lists and other election documents at about a dozen election offices, a spokesman said.

The delay does not inspire confidence in a government that has questionable democratic credentials in a country with an unsteady democratic tradition. Musharraf came to power in a 1999 coup d'etat. On Nov. 3 he declared a state of emergency, one month after he won a controversial election for another presidential term with 98 percent of the vote in the national and provincial assemblies.

The delay is a blow to Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, which would

undoubtedly benefit from a large sympathy vote in the wake of its leader's assassination. The delay poses a larger danger, however, to Pakistan's fragile democratic institutions. A one-month delay could easily turn into a one-year delay, or longer.

The tragedy is that in delaying the election, the Musharraf government is helping the assassins achieve their goal preventing Bhutto and her party from gaining power. If Musharraf is truly committed to defeating the extremists presumed to be responsible for Bhutto's death, then postponing elections is the wrong move. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am ashamed and angry at myself because I think I have made a mistake that is impossible to correct. Two detectives came to my home about two years ago to ask me about a teacher I'd had in high school. He was being investigated for molesting boys. I told them, my wife and my parents that nothing had happened to me. In fact, he had molested me for more than two years. He was charged with molesting some boys and taking pictures of them performing sexual acts, but I learned recently that those charges were dropped because of some legal technicality. One of my friends from high school nearly committed suicide because of what this man did. I feel awful about having lied, and now this man is free to do it to others. Abby, that teacher took pictures and made movies of me. That's how he made me do things with him. He told me if I didn't, he'd send them to my parents and my friends. The guilt is killing me. Please tell me what you would do in my situation. Please do not reveal my name or location. — **DIDN'T TELL THE TRUTH**

DEAR DIDN'T TELL: There may be a way to correct your mistake. If more men step forward and reveal how this predator molested and blackmailed them, other charges could be filed. Of course, this will require honesty and courage from you and more of his other victims. Here is what I'd do: I would ask my doctor for a referral to a psychotherapist who specializes in victims of sexual abuse. Then I would contact the district attorney, give an honest statement, and have that office help you locate your classmate who "almost committed suicide" to see if he will finally reveal what happened. It was not his fault, and perhaps knowing that may help him come forward. The crimes that were committed against you both are appalling, and the perpetrator belongs behind bars.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old guy in high school. Two of my best friends have started smoking pot before school every morning. They have asked me to join them and "do it just once." I have tried over and over to get them to stop. They say things like, "It's the best feeling in the world," and "It doesn't hurt you at all." I know for a fact that what they're saying isn't true. But I don't want to lose them as friends. What should I do? — **JUST SAYING NO IN MONTROSE, COLO.**

DEAR SAYING NO: I have news for your friends. Smoking pot may seem like it's the "best feeling in the world," and "it won't hurt them at all," but walking into class stoned can be fatal when it comes to paying attention, retaining information and earning passing grades. Smoking marijuana on a daily basis is the definition of addiction. If used frequently, it has been known to cause users to lose their initiative. ("Why bother to try?") Not only should you not join them, you should quietly inform a responsible adult about what's going on. What your friends are doing is illegal, and their "harmless habit" could prevent them from earning a high school diploma.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19, going on 20. My boyfriend, "Alex," is 28. We have been together for about two years and are completely happy together. The only problem is Alex says he never wants to get married or have kids -- ever. I have never pushed the issue, and I don't plan on marriage or kids for a long time. But am I wasting my time going with someone who doesn't want the same things as I do in the end? — **CONFUSED IN OHIO**

DEAR CONFUSED: Yes.

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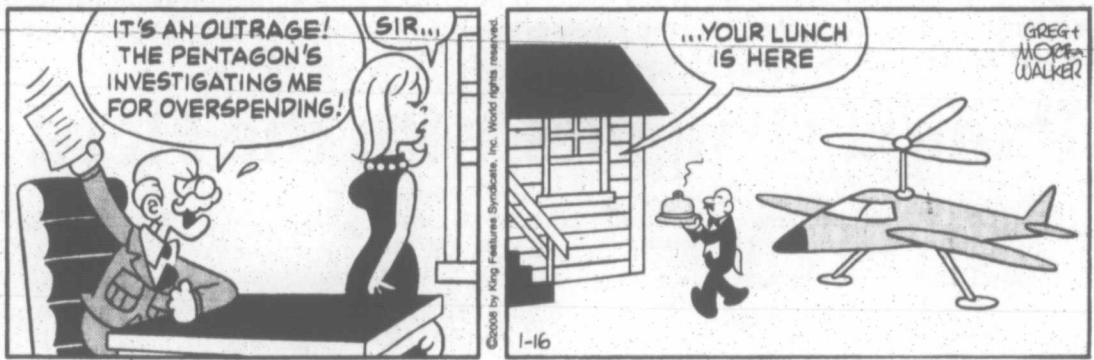
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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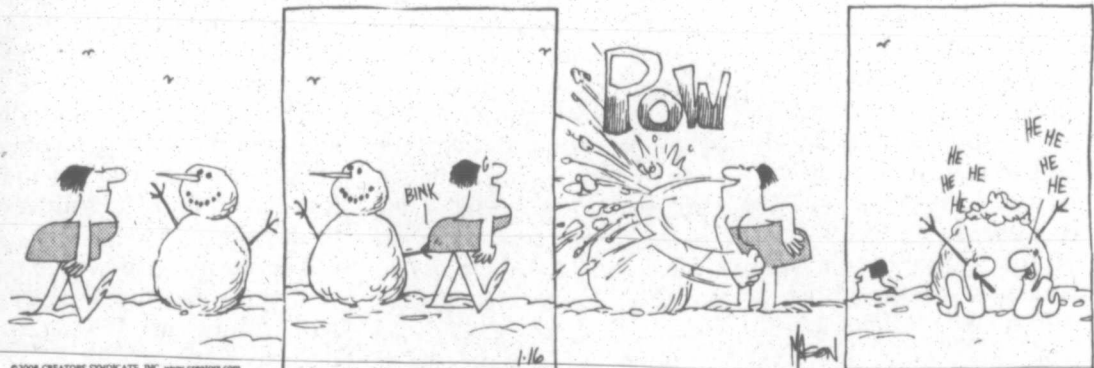
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Pampa's Adam Anguiano, Shavious Kelley and Matt Smith watch for and anticipate an offensive rebound during the third quarter of this past Friday's game at Palo Duro.

Pampa struggles with the Herd

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters gave up a consistent lead over Hereford in the fourth quarter Tuesday to lose their second district match-up, 60-58.

Pampa records the loss for a record of 0-2 in district and 9-13 overall, and Hereford improves to 1-1 in district, 8-13 overall.

The Harvesters pulled ahead with an early lead in the first quarter, outscoring the Whitefaces 14-10.

Pampa outscored Hereford again in the second quarter to strengthen their lead to five points as the teams headed into halftime with a score of 30-25.

The Whitefaces fell further behind after the half as Pampa took a 46-38 lead going into the final period.

Hereford turned up the heat in the fourth quarter as they not only outscored the Harvesters, but took control of the game in the final moments of the game as they took a 60-58 lead to win.

Junior Hayden Skinner led the Harvesters on the scoreboard with 21 points. Alex Clendening had 16 points and Blake Sieck had 10 points.

The Pampa JV boys were also defeated by Hereford, 45-44.

The Harvesters will take to the courts again Friday as they make their way to Amarillo to take on the Randall Raiders (2-0, 19-3).

The varsity boys will play at 7:30 p.m. and the JV will precede at 6 p.m. Friday.

Lady Harvesters

The Lady Harvesters had a tough break Tuesday night as they struggled with the Hereford Lady Whitefaces.

Both teams shared a district record of 1-2 going into Tuesday's game, but Hereford came out with the win to improve to 2-2 in district and 13-8 overall as the Lady Harvesters now stand at 1-3 and 3-19.

The Lady Harvesters maintained an early lead through the first quarter as

they had a 10-5 advantage over the Lady Whitefaces, but soon gave that up as Hereford took an 18-14 lead going into halftime.

Both teams scored only seven points in the third quarter as Hereford continued to lead going into the fourth quarter, 25-21.

Hereford led the way down the stretch in the fourth quarter as they took a wide lead in the final minutes to close the game ahead of the Lady Harvesters, 43-32.

The Lady Harvesters were led by Jasmine Moore, who scored nine points Tuesday night, and Carlyn Teichmann who scored 6 points.

The Pampa JV girls were defeated 37-36 by Hereford Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters will continue their district competition as they take on the Randall Lady Raiders Friday night.

The varsity girls will play at 6 p.m. and the JV girls will follow at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Norris honored as soccer MVP at Wayland Baptist

Jenee' Norris, the daughter of Dennis Norris and Jenny Bronner and a 2007 Pampa graduate, has been attending Wayland Baptist University on a soccer scholarship.

Wayland Baptist University is a member of the Sonner Conference.

At the conclusion of the season, she was honored with the prestigious award of Most Valuable Player.

Norris started every game and played both defense and some midfield.

She started playing with the Pampa Soccer Association when she was four and says that she is happiest when she is on the field.

Norris couldn't believe she received the award as a freshman, but said, "I am honored, excited and happy!"

She is looking forward to next year's season and invites everyone to come see Wayland Baptist play during the fall semester of next year.



Courtesy photo

Pictured here is Pampa graduate Jenee' Norris holding her MVP plaque.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008:

Your perspective grows as the year ages, but also because you are willing to absorb new ideas and head in a different direction. Your openness might be the determining factor in your next year. You will be starting a new life cycle this year. Your spirits will soar as you learn to work with others. Your creativity seems endless. If you are single, you'll meet people with ease. Often you might feel like you are in love. Take your time deciding if you have met the right person. If you are attached, plan on more romance. Infuse your relationship with that old excitement once more. TAURUS, anchors you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ How you deal with differences and the choices you make could determine much more than you realize right now. If you're wondering about a friend's idea, try to imagine the long-term implications. If you do, you'll get positive responses. Tonight: Your treat. Go in a new direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Excitement becomes your middle name. Evaluate and head in a more positive direction. Understanding earmarks a discussion, though you might not want to get it or respond. Your personality blooms. Tonight: Find an expert.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ The unexpected might shake you up more than you thought possible. Deal with another person head-on, whether you like the outcome or not. Resourcefulness can help get you

through a hassle, though you might want to make some time to handle it. Tonight: Don't act just yet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Allow others the opportunity to join in on a project. Don't be so concerned about what might happen. Unity and brainstorming breed success. Listen to what is being said between the lines. Understand another's real agenda. Tonight: Hang with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to lead others becomes more important than you thought. Think in terms of success and new beginnings. Others just might not get it. Your resourcefulness blooms when facing a problem. You'll want to rethink a decision more carefully. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about a situation. You might feel a bit out of sorts about it. Your creativity flourishes, but with it comes a certain amount of disorganization. A child or romance demands your time. You might not see the forest for the trees. Tonight: Let in more fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to evolve or try another style or approach. You could be surprised by what happens when you relax and work with a touchy person in your life. Know that there are answers. You just might not have seen them lately. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others seem to come out of the woodwork. Keep communication flowing. Processing as a group draws some very strong reactions. Don't take a comment personally. Much more might be going on than you are aware of. Tonight: Let someone else take the lead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are coming from a place of solidarity. Think through a decision with care. Spending and accepting responsibility might be unusually heavy themes. You can and will deal with many different aspects. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be way ahead of the game. Much more happens than you anticipated. Your ability to handle situations overloads, and many demands and needs come forward. Pace yourself with care. Question your objectives. Tonight: What would you like? That is the question.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Basics count. How you handle a situation could change because of an insight. You might want to see a situation in a certain manner, but facts start coming to light that you cannot ignore. Honor what comes forward. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ How you say what you feel could determine the response. Pick and choose your words with great care. Investigate alternatives rather than close yourself off and be rigid. Sometimes different paths do end at the same point. Tonight: Hang out with the gang.

BORN TODAY

Actor Jim Carrey (1962), singer Kid Rock (1971), gangster and crime lord Al Capone (1899)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Amarillo Area Foundation to hold annual meeting

AMARILLO — The 50th annual meeting for the Amarillo Area Foundation is scheduled at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room. The meeting will bring together board members, donors, members, volunteers and grantees to celebrate the completion of "50 years of giving ... a living legacy."

Guest speaker for the meeting will be internationally known stage and screen actor, Bill Cobbs. Cobbs starred as James Garner's attorney in "The Ultimate Gift," the film the foundation hosted at a private premiere last January to kick-off the 50 year celebration.

Cobbs has appeared in such films as "Declaration Day," "New Jack City," "I Know What You Did Last Summer," "The Color of Money" and "The Bodyguard."

He was a recurring guest star in "Six Feet Under," "The Practice," "Jag," "The Drew Carey Show," "Touched By An Angel" and "The Sopranos." He recently appeared in "Night At The Museum" with Ben Stiller and is currently starring in the feature "Black Water Transit" opposite Laurence Fishburne.

During the Foundation's

50th Annual Meeting, Cobbs will share lessons learned from "The Ultimate Gift."

The Amarillo Area Foundation's legacy began in 1957 when a group of individuals in the Texas Panhandle recognized the need for the creation of a community foundation. The foundation was used to form strategies to address the healthcare needs of the area and serve as a steward for future community contributions.

Over the 50 years, this early healthcare-focused vision grew into what is today over a \$180 million philanthropic organization.

The foundation was formed as only the second community foundation in Texas. In 1960, it accepted a deed to 360 acres of land acquired through cooperative efforts of Potter County, Amarillo Hospital District, landowners and private parties. A regional medical center was developed on the property.

Two major achievements of the 1970s included a gift of land for the development of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and the purchase and receipt of donated land on the west side of Coulter Road where the Texas Tech



COURTESY PHOTO
Actor Bill Cobbs will be the guest speaker at an upcoming meeting of the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Medical School and Pharmacy School now stand.

In 1988, the foundation received its most significant gift. The Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation, a private foundation created by oil entrepreneur Donald D. Harrington and his wife Sybil B. Harrington, gifted assets of \$68 million and

became a public supporting organization of the foundation.

In the late 1980s, the foundation created an information library to assist area nonprofit organizations in researching funding opportunities. This entity grew to become the Nonprofit Service Center, which assists area nonprofit organ-

izations in a variety of organization building and management skills. Today, the Nonprofit Service Center serves over 200 organizations.

The ACE (Achievement through Commitment to Education) program, developed in 1993, gives students at Palo Duro High School and Caprock High School a unique opportunity to receive comprehensive scholarship assistance at Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. The foundation raised more than \$3 million from the community to match its own grant support.

The late 1980s through the early years of the 21st century witnessed significant growth in many areas. The foundation's combined assets increased from approximately \$18 million to over \$180 million. The number of funds managed and administered by the foundation grew from 76 to more than 200. Out of almost 700 community foundations in the U.S., the Amarillo Area Foundation ranked 55th in market value of assets.

Today, over 18 facilities are located at the Harrington Regional Medical Center and serve over 1.2 million people.

Since 1957, area college students have received \$5 million in scholarship awards from the foundation's 90 scholarship funds. In that same time period, 97 donor-advised funds and 85 agency-endowed funds have been established for specific philanthropic initiatives. The foundation has awarded a total of \$315 million in grants to benefit communities across the Panhandle.

As the Amarillo Area Foundation prepares for the next 50 years, incoming Board Chair James Herring had this to say: "All the building blocks of critical resources, inspirational leadership, and just plain hard work have been committed over the last 50 years. Now we are in a position to take the spirit of philanthropy in the Texas Panhandle to the next level."

For additional information about the Amarillo Area Foundation 50th Annual Meeting, contact Charlotte Rhodes, vice president of Regional Services, Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, TX 79101. You may also call the foundation office at 806-376-4521 or send an e-mail to charlotte@aaf-hf.org.

Brad Renfro gained stardom in 'The Client' but struggled with drugs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brad Renfro was a street-smart Tennessee schoolboy plucked from obscurity in 1993 to play the title role in "The Client."

The film's success brought him instant stardom, but struggles with drugs and alcohol dogged his career. On Tuesday, he was found dead in his home. He was 25.

The cause of death was not immediately determined, said Craig Harvey, chief investigator for the Los Angeles County coroner's office. An autopsy was planned.

In "The Client," based on a John Grisham best-seller, he played a youngster who witnesses a suicide and gets caught up in a mob investigation. Susan Sarandon was nominated for an Oscar for her role as the lawyer the boy hires to help protect him.

Director Joel Schumacher wanted an unknown for the role.

"I didn't want to use one of those pretty kid faces the audience would be instantly familiar with," the director said when the

film came out. "I want a real wise-ass, a kid who nobody would know."

A Knoxville police officer who worked to educate children about drugs told a casting director about Renfro, whom he had seen in an anti-drug skit. That led to an audition and Renfro was chosen for the part.

"I'm definitely going to film school," the boy said when "The Client" came out. "I want to be like Joel."

Renfro followed up with major parts in the 1995 AIDS drama "The Cure," the 1997 "Sleepers," and "Telling Lies in America," also 1997. More recent credits included "Ghost World," 2001; "Deuces Wild," 2002; and "The Jacket," 2005.

But he was arrested numerous times over the past decade.

The actor served 10 days in jail in 2006 after pleading no contest to driving while intoxicated and guilty to attempted possession of heroin. The latter charge stemmed from his arrest in Los Angeles' Skid Row

area, when he attempted to buy the drug from an undercover officer.

Other run-ins with the law included a 1998 charge of cocaine and marijuana possession, for which he avoided jail time in a plea deal. He was also placed on probation and ordered to pay \$4,000 for repairs to a 45-

foot yacht he and a friend tried to steal in Florida in 2000.

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