

Obituaries

Oleta Griffin, 77

AMARILLO — Oleta Griffin, 77, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, in Pampa.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Amarillo Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder R.A. Tindall officiating.

Burial was at Llano East Cemetery in Amarillo by Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Griffin's family was her life. She was a very devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She was married to the love of her life for 58 years, his "sugar plum."

We will always have wonderful memories of her and her red velvet cakes. Thank you



Griffin

Mamaw, for the grace and dignity you have given all of us.

She was a member of the Amarillo Primitive Baptist Church.

Mrs. Griffin was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers, Kenneth and James.

Survivors include her husband, Louie of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary Griffin and Teresa of Amarillo; a daughter and son-in-law: Karen and John Newberry of Amarillo; two sisters, Irene Toland of Gurdon, Ark. and Norma Jean McQueen of Pampa; nine grandchildren, Christina Clark of Little Rock, Ark., Bethany Peters of McSherrystown, Pa., Michele Stivers of Copperas Cove, Texas, Brian Dillard of Colorado, Amber Perez of Lubbock, Cindy Miller of Lockhart, Texas, Johnny Newberry of McKinney, Texas; and Jimi Wilmet and Bree Schaeffer, both of Amarillo; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Elizabeth Wells, 97

Margaret Elizabeth Wells, 97, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wells was born on July 25, 1908, in Bronte, Texas, to the Rev. Charles and Bessie Morton. She married Ray Manly Wells on Oct. 12, 1924, in Weatherford, Texas. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1985.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1942. She was business manager for the Woodrow Wilson school cafeteria for seven years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church where she was a former president of the Friendship Sunday School Class. She also sang in the senior choir and

was a former president of the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Wells was a volunteer for the hospital auxiliary for 20 years and enjoyed playing her classical violin.

Survivors include a son, Ray M. Wells Jr. of Richardson; a daughter, Elizabeth Sisk of Pampa; one sister, Frances Jenkins of Kingsland; 6 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Malvin Morton, Mary Ida Manuel and Martha Keaton.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 W. Interstate 40, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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Jessie James, 64

CLAREMORE, Okla. — Jessie James, 64, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Integris Grove General Hospital in Grove, Okla.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Musgrove-Merriott-Smith Chapel in Claremore. Burial was in Oakhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. James was born in Chelsea, Okla. He married Geraldine Woods in Miami, Texas, in 1958. He worked as a carpenter in Claremore and in Texas and as a truck driver for Hale-Halsell before establishing Jessie James Tire. He was president of the Oklahoma Buckle Club.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine of the home; two sons, Gary James and Matthew James, both of Claremore; two daughters, Teresa Pruitt and Joanna Reynolds, both of Claremore; three brothers, Earnest James of Jay, Melvin James of Oklahoma City, and Lewis James of Pampa, Texas; two sisters, Alta Ridenour of Chelsea and Geneva Williams of Joplin, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Danny James and Richard James; and three sisters, Thelma Fick, Doris Holloway and Ida Williams.

Services tomorrow

ROSE, Rex Wheatley — Memorial services, 10:30 a.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.

WELLS, Margaret Elizabeth — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind chill values between 25 and 31 early. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low near 35. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 57. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east southeast.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming west.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 62. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 54. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 31.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 60.

ABC newsman, cameraman injured in Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff, seriously hurt by a roadside bomb in Iraq, has shown signs of improvement and may be airlifted to the United States as soon as Tuesday, the network's news president said today.

A hospital official said body armor likely saved the journalist's life.

Cameraman Doug Vogt, also hurt in the explosion, is in better shape than Woodruff but doctors were pleased with how both handled the transfer to a U.S. military base in Germany, said ABC News President David Westin.

"We have a long way to go," Westin said. "But it appears that we may have also come some distance

from yesterday."

Vogt was filming a stand-up report with Woodruff and both were standing in the open hatch of an Iraqi military vehicle when the bomb went off. They underwent surgery in Iraq before being flown to Germany.

"They're both very seriously injured, but stable," said Col. Bryan Gamble, commander of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in western Germany. He said both men were heavily sedated and under the care of the hospital's trauma team.

Their body armor likely saved them, "otherwise these would have been fatal wounds," Gamble said.

Woodruff, the new co-anchor of "World News Tonight," had serious head wounds and broken bones, and Vogt also suffered head injuries, ABC News said. The network said the men's wives were at the hospital and talking with doctors Monday.

Former "NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw said Monday that he had spoken with Woodruff's wife, Lee.

"The doctors had told them once they arrived that the brain swelling had gone down. In Bob's case, that had been a big concern. Yesterday they had to operate and remove part of the skull cap to relieve some of the swelling," Brokaw said on NBC's "Today" show.

The doctors didn't know for sure whether shrapnel penetrated Woodruff's brain, but they were removing additional shrapnel from his neck area, Brokaw said. He said Woodruff's family had also learned more details about the explosion from witnesses.

"Immediately after the explosion he turned to his producer and said 'Am I alive?' and 'Don't tell Lee,' and then he began to cry out in excruciating pain," Brokaw said.

Woodruff and Vogt, an award-winning cameraman, were embedded with the 4th Infantry Division and traveling in a convoy with U.S. and Iraqi troops near Taji, about 12 miles north of Baghdad when the device exploded. An Iraqi soldier also was hurt.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Forty-eight traffic stops were made, resulting in at least six arrests.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Christine and Pennsylvania streets.

Warrant service was attempted on 12 occasions, resulting in at least six arrests.

Agency assistance was reported in the 2300 block of Chaumont, the 300 block of North Christy, the 800 block of West Brown and the 400 block of North Sumner.

One open door was checked.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of Carr, the 1100 block of Alcock and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported at an unspecified location, the intersection of Hamilton and Pennsylvania streets and the 1100 block of South Dwight, where a bicycle was found.

Four burglar alarms were reported.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of North Somerville, the intersection of Browning and Ballard streets, the intersection of Linda and Mary Ellen streets, the 100 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Zimmers, the intersection of 19th and Coffee streets, and the 200 block of West Atchison, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of Malone.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway, the 900 block of West Kentucky, the 2100 block of Beech and the 600 block of West Brown.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from an unreported location.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and twice in the 2100 block of Wells.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson and the 1600 block of North Somerville.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported twice in the 700 block of Malone.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby, the 2100 block of Russell, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 300 block of Doyle.

Resisting arrest was reported in the 500 block of North Wells.

Driving while intoxicated/open container was reported in the 800 block of West Foster.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and expired motor

Sheriff

vehicle inspection were reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Hamilton and the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of Garland and the 1800 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. No injuries were reported. The incident occurred in the 1900 block of Nelson.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Malone. A chain link fence gate valued at \$75 was taken.

Burglary was reported in

the 1000 block of Duncan.

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

Saturday, Jan. 28
Tabitha Lee Ward, 27, Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police Department for two counts of theft by check and 16 counts of issuing a bad check.

Francisco Hinojosa Silva, 30, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for driving while intoxicated/open container.

Taylor Anthony Adkins, 21, Briscoe, was arrested by GCSO for theft of property and two counts of issuing a bad check.

Joshua Mullin, 20, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for no driver's license and no insurance.

Sunday, Jan. 29
Kristi Gail Gallegos, 25, Pampa, was arrested in the 1000 block of Alcock by PPD for theft by check.

Dovonia Kay Davidson, 30, Pampa, was arrested in the 900 block of North Frost by PPD for issuing a bad check, two capias pro fines for animal nuisance and five capias pro fines for animal at large.

Cherish Autumn Kirkland, 17, Pampa, was arrested in the 1100 block of North Hobart by PPD for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Alfred Ray Couch, 52, Pampa, was arrested by PPD on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Monday, Jan. 30
Ricky Allen Basden Jr., 26, Pampa, was arrested in the 400 block of East Browning by PPD for expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear and no insurance.

Valerie Lynn Greene, 31, Pampa, was arrested in the 100 block of East Foster by PPD on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jerry Joe Cook, 41, Amarillo, was arrested in the 100 block of Osage by PPD on municipal warrants for no

driver's license, no insurance and failure to appear.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Friday, Jan. 27
7:43 a.m. — A 2002

Oldsmobile Alero, driven by Sabrina Louise Jeffries, 33, 1326 Coffee; a 1999 Ford F-250, driven by Brandy Jann Wood, 35, 1813 Evergreen; and a 1993 Bluebird bus, driven by Jeanette Duncan Love, 61, 615 N. Somerville, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets. Jeffries and two passengers in her vehicle, Daniel Jeffries, 12, and Amber Jeffries, 8, both of 1326 Coffee, were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Jeffries was cited for expired tags, no driver's license on person, failure to yield right of way while making a left turn, no

insurance and unrestrained child under age 17.

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

Saturday, Jan. 28
7:27 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 700 block of Roberta on a good intent false alarm.

Sunday, Jan. 29
4 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Sumner on a service call.

5:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Christy on a lifting assist.

11:31 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to the 1800 block of Duncan on a Dumpster fire that involved a storage shed and a fence and caused about \$2,000 in damages.

Monday, Jan. 30
12:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

the 1500 block of North Christy on a lifting assist.

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

Friday, Jan. 27
7:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Naida and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan and transported three patients to PRMC.

8:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Kentucky and Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Campbell and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Jan. 29
7:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Frost and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the Veterans

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Stocks

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

Wheat	3.52
Milo	3.10
Corn	4.00
Soybeans	4.76

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

OXY	91.60	+1.39
BP PLC ADR	72.36	+1.35
Cabot Corp	38.53	+0.06
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Cabot Oil Gas	50.56	+0.72
Coca Cola	41.80	-0.17
VLO	61.34	+1.29
HAL	81.85	+2.92
TRI	41.73	-0.49
Kinder Morgan	96.63	+0.10
XCEL	19.36	-0.09
Kerr-McGee	108.05	+0.84
XOM	63.19	+1.90
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West Texas Crude	67.76

Spending helps push savings rate to lowest level since 1933

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' personal savings rate dipped into negative territory in 2005, something that hasn't happened since the Great Depression. Consumers depleted their savings to finance the purchases of cars and other big-ticket items.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that the savings rate fell into negative territory at minus 0.5 percent, meaning that Americans not only spent all of their after-tax income last year but had to dip into previous savings or increase borrowing.

The savings rate has been negative for an entire year only twice before — in 1932 and 1933 — two years when the country was struggling to cope with the Great Depression, a time of massive business failures and job layoffs.

With employment growth strong now, analysts said that different factors are at play. Americans feel

they can spend more, given that the value of their homes, the biggest asset for most families, has been rising sharply in recent years.

Analysts cautioned that this behavior was risky at a time when 78 million Americans are on the verge of retirement.

"Americans seem to have the feeling that it is wimpish to save," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York. "The idea is to put away money for old age and we are just not doing that."

The Commerce report said that consumer spending for December rose by 0.9 percent, more than double the 0.4 percent increase in incomes last month.

A price gauge that excludes food and energy rose by a tiny 0.1 percent in December, down from a 0.2 percent rise in November. This inflation index linked to consumer spending is closely watched by

officials at the Federal Reserve.

The central bank meets on Tuesday, when it is expected it will boost interest rates for a 14th time. Many economists believe those rate hikes are drawing to a close with perhaps another quarter-point hike at the March 28 meeting as the central bank is starting to see the impact of the previous rate hikes in a slowing economy.

The government reported on Friday that overall economic growth slowed to a 1.1 percent rate in the final three months of the year, the most sluggish pace in three years.

That slowdown was heavily influenced by a big drop for the quarter in spending on new cars, which had surged in the summer as automakers offered attractive sales incentives.

A negative savings rate means that Americans spent all their disposable income, the amount left

over after paying taxes, and dipped into their past savings to finance their purchases. For the month, the savings rate fell to 0.7 percent, the largest one-month decline since a 3.4 percent drop in August.

The 0.5 percent negative savings rate for 2005 followed a 1.8 percent rate of savings in 2004. The last negative rates occurred in 1932, a drop of 0.9 percent, and a record 1.5 percent decline in 1933. In those years Americans exhausted their savings to try to meet expenses in the wake of the worst economic crisis in U.S. history.

One major reason that consumers felt confident in spending all of their disposable incomes and dipping into savings last year was that a booming housing market made them feel more wealthy. As their home prices surged at double-digit rates, that created what economists call a "wealth effect" that supported greater spending.

The concern is that the housing boom of the past five years is beginning to quiet down with the rise in mortgage rates. Analysts are closing watching to see whether consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, falters in 2006 as Americans, already carrying heavy debt loads, don't feel as wealthy as the price appreciation of their homes would seem to indicate.

For December, the 0.4 percent rise in incomes was in line with Wall Street expectations. It followed a similar 0.4 percent increase in November, with both months lower than the 0.6 percent rise in October.

The 0.9 percent rise in spending with slightly above the expectation for a 0.8 percent increase and was almost double the 0.5 percent increase in November.

Numbers don't add up in DeLay replacement

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the race to replace scandal-scarred Rep. Tom DeLay as House majority leader, one contender claims 120 votes, another boasts 90 and the third says he has about 50.

They can't all be right, since the totals claimed by Republican Reps. Roy Blunt, John Boehner and John Shadegg far exceed the 232 lawmakers eligible to vote when the rank and file selects a new leader for an era of political peril.

The exaggeration is understandable in advance of balloting set for Thursday.

"We're going to have the first significant leadership election since 1998," says New York Rep. Tom Reynolds, recalling the year Speaker Newt Gingrich stepped down following charges of unethical conduct and unexpected election-year losses.

Reynolds, who is running the party's 2006 House campaign, says all Republicans share a common view regardless of how the leadership race turns out: "I think they know we have the wind to our face" in the run-up to the November elections.

President Bush's poor poll showing accounts for part of that, but the GOP-controlled Congress has more trouble. A drumbeat of scandal — California Rep. Randy Cunningham's resignation after pleading guilty to bribe-taking,

DeLay's indictment on campaign charges in Texas — reached a crescendo when lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate in a congressional corruption probe.

DeLay, with close ties to Abramoff, abandoned his efforts to hold onto power.

In a race that will be won on personal relationships and persuasiveness rather than public campaigning, each of the rivals claim to be the best qualified to revive Republican spirits and fortunes.

Blunt, the acknowledged front-runner, is from Missouri, Boehner from Ohio and Shadegg from Arizona. All three are conservatives and 56 years old. And all no doubt have an eye on succeeding Speaker Dennis Hastert, who has announced that the next term will be his last.

At the same time, all three have raised millions in recent years from special interests as well as individuals, and Democrats will be looking for ammunition to use in the 2006 campaigns.

Blunt was beginning only his second term in Congress when DeLay tapped him in 1998 to be chief deputy whip.

Seven years later, the Missouri lawmaker stepped as acting majority leader when DeLay was indicted last fall. It was a rocky transition.

Republicans struggled to pass a

sweeping deficit-reduction bill, and a measure to cut spending across hundreds of social programs went down to embarrassing defeat.

Both measures ultimately passed the House, and Blunt claimed bragging rights.

"This is not a party stuck in neutral," he said at one point, dismissing a claim made by Boehner. "This is an opportunity for reform."

He has since issued pledges to "move swiftly to enact new lobbying reforms and enhanced penalties" for violations of the law, among other changes.

If Blunt was a DeLay protege, Boehner is anything but.

The Texan and the Ohioan clashed often in the early years of the Republican Revolution, and DeLay was widely seen as guiding the successful effort to oust Boehner from the leadership seven years ago.

It was evident when DeLay stepped aside that Boehner had been planning a comeback. He announced his candidacy on television, an audition of sorts for Republicans looking for a new spokesman.

And a day later, he issued a 37-page platform.

"I'm the only candidate in the race who has managed major legislative projects from a committee markup to a signing ceremony," he wrote.

Services

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Medical Center in Amarillo.

1:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of East

22nd and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

2:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1200 block of North Wells.

3:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in

Amarillo.

5:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Christy. No transport.

Monday, Jan. 30

12:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Christy. No transport.

Crash

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Ford F-250, driven by Brandy Jann Wood, 35, 1813 Evergreen, which was traveling north in the 1200 block of Duncan, according to the report.

The pickup's front end impacted the passenger side of the Alero. The Alero traveled toward the northeast corner of the intersection,

and its driver's side collided with the front left corner of a 1993 Bluebird school bus, driven by Jeanette Duncan Love, 61, 615 N. Somerville, which was stopped at a stop sign in the 300 block of East Kentucky at the intersection with Duncan.

The Alero finally came to rest south of the school bus, which had seven juveniles and one adult occupant in addition to Love.

No one in the pickup or school bus reported injuries,

Drought

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Viewpoints

Phony article provided comic relief during World War II

By February 1942, Fort Clark had been guarding the Texas border for nearly 90 years.

But the world was changing. Since Germany's Sept. 1, 1939, blitzkrieg in Poland, even most die-hard cavalrymen had begun to understand that men on horses were no match for machine guns or tanks. Still, the U.S. Army kept mounted soldiers at the venerable post on Los Moras Creek across from Brackettville, 125 miles southwest of San Antonio.

Most of the soldiers belonged to the 112th Cavalry Regiment, a component of the Texas National Guard's 56th Cavalry Brigade. Patrolling regularly between Del Rio and Sanderson, their job was to keep the Southern Pacific Railroad safe from sabotage.

On Feb. 7, The Centaur, the fort's weekly newspaper, appeared with a banner headline that must have caught most readers' eyes in a hurry: "Soldier Inventor Solves Submarine Defense With Oil Paint Bombs."

A hell-for-leather horse soldier thinking about submarines?

Indeed, as the story explained, "Unauthoritative and unreliable sources revealed this week the discovery of a secret weapon to be utilized in submarine warfare. The invention is credited to Pfc. Vernon Skinner of Troop A, 112th Cavalry."

Said Skinner: "My weapon will revolutionize submarine warfare. It will be as effective as a trench mortar in a telephone booth."

Skinner, whose company

came from the Dallas area, envisioned his weapon as standard armament for all ships operating in sub-infested waters.

"The bomb is filled with an oil paint the exact color of the sea water," the story continued. "When a submarine is suspected to be near the convoy, the ships release a number of these bombs. The bombs burst and spread a film of paint over the surface of the ocean."

The way Skinner had it figured, the story went on, when a submarine rose to periscope depth, the paint would cover the lens. Not

able to see, the enemy captain would not know when his boat reached the surface "so the submarine just keeps on rising."

Once the boat rose 300 or 400 feet into the air, it could be shot down with anti-aircraft guns, the horse soldier postulated, bridle-bit-in-cheek.

The weapon will be tested Sunday at midnight on the surface of the Rio Grande River near Eagle Pass," the Fort Clark newspaper concluded. "The Nazis have obligingly loaned Pfc. Skinner an old Munich Pact submarine to be used in the experiment. Great secrecy will surround

the proceedings. Only foreign spies and fifth columnists will be admitted."

Two months after Pearl Harbor, the phony story must have provided a little comic relief to the Texas men stationed on the border.

But in a way, as the story reflects, the war was not all that far from Fort Clark. In 1942 and continuing into 1943, the German navy had more than 20 U-boats operating in the Gulf of Mexico. The Nazis skippers had orders to sink oil-laden tankers departing Texas and Louisiana ports.

For a time, Germany was winning the war in U.S. waters. The so-called Wolf Packs sunk 56 ships, 39 of them off Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

This "like shooting fish in a barrel" stage of the conflict

drug on until late 1943, when a concerted U.S. military effort, along with the use of armed convoys for merchant ships, the development of the Intracoastal canal and the "Big Inch" pipeline from Texas to New Jersey finally thwarted the German operation.

And soon enough, the horse soldiers of the 112th got into the fight. Shipped overseas on July 8, 1942, the Texas cavalrymen served in the Pacific theater throughout the rest of the war. Proving they had more than a good sense of humor, the outfit spent 434 days in combat, losing 224 men while claiming an estimated 7,200 Japanese soldiers.

Mike Cox is a historian and author.

Mike Cox
Texas Tales



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2006. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

On this date:

- In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.
- In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.
- In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.
- In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

'History repeats itself in the large because human nature changes with geological leisureliness.'

— Will (1885-1981) and Ariel Durant (1898-1981)
American historians

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.

In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

In 1964, the United States launched Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that was to

crash-land on the moon.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

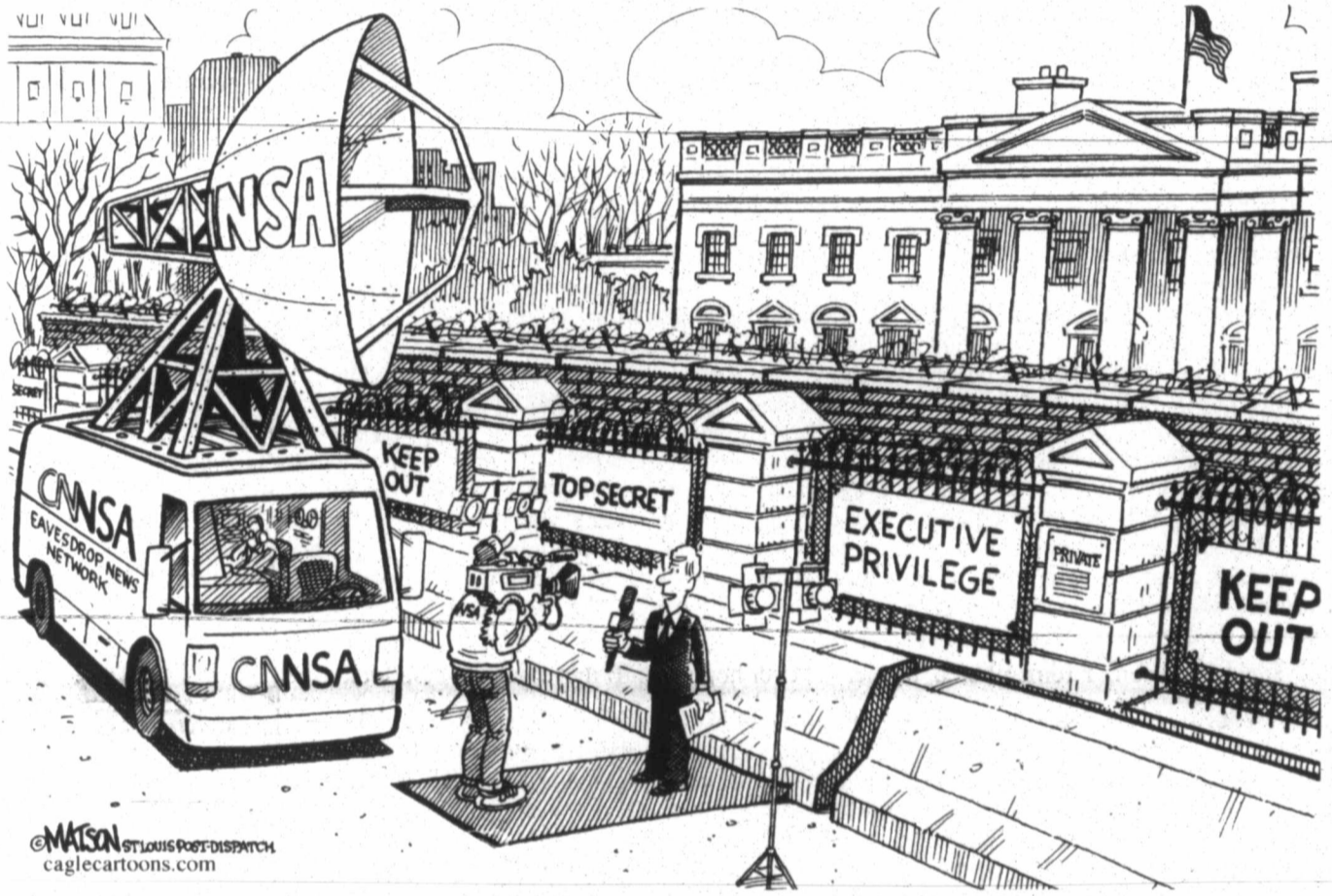
In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

Ten years ago: In an election billed as an early barometer for the national political season, Ron Wyden won a close race to become Oregon's first Democratic U.S. senator in 30 years, replacing Bob Packwood.

Five years ago: Republicans pushed John Ashcroft's attorney general nomination to the Senate floor by a narrow 10-8 Judiciary Committee vote; all but one Democrat voted against him.

One year ago: Iraqis voted in their country's first free election in a half-century; President Bush called the balloting a resounding success.



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Politicians are throwing pixie dust at us

Congressional reforms should be viewed the same way you would view a career criminal's promise not to commit more crimes — after he's been caught. Those nabobs knew they were doing wrong. Now they are trying to throw pixie dust in the people's eyes.

All I have to say is, when they pass whatever they call reforms, read the fine print. There you will find loopholes large enough to drive a herd of elephants through.

How dumb would you have to be to believe that some lobbyist is spending thousands of dollars to show you a good time just because he likes you? What could be more immoral than to tell lobbyists that if you want your message heard, you'll have to hire Republicans and help fund Republican campaigns? This is the plainest case of corruption in

Washington since the Teapot Dome scandal.

The best way to reform Congress is to vote every single incumbent out of office. The shock to the political system would be profound and salutary. As I have pointed out before, it is humanly impossible to find a group of men and women who would be worse than the present bunch. Corruption aside, let's look at some of their failures.

The federal deficit has grown, not shrunk, while these mountebanks have been in office. They have failed to reform Medicare and Medicaid, and both are eventually headed toward bankruptcy. What greater

evidence of corruption do you want than Congress forbidding Medicare from bargaining with the pharmaceutical companies for cheaper prices and forbidding Americans from buying their drugs in Canada?

There's no question but that the pharmaceutical industry wrote that clause

and paid for the privilege. They have done nothing about the current-accounts deficit, and Warren Buffet, who knows finance, has recently warned that a stiff crisis is coming as a result. Foreigners own more and more of America as American jobs are shipped overseas to sweatshop-labor countries, and the cheap goods produced are import-

ed under the guise of free trade. There isn't one thing made in China that American workers can't make and were once making before greedy corporations decided to take advantage of China's slave labor.

The open borders, which admit millions of illegal aliens and no doubt some terrorists, have not been closed by this Congress. It is almost unbelievable that grown men and women would condone spying on American citizens and all the other curtailments of individual liberty in the name of fighting terrorism, yet do nothing about illegal immigration. Keeping 2-year-olds off airplanes because a similar name is on a watch list while allowing a million unknown illegals to enter the country is pure madness.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Jan. 22
Houston Chronicle on the fight against climate change:

When numerous former chiefs of the Environmental Protection Agency including appointees of Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan sound an alarm, one would hope the current president would listen. Despite the former chiefs' unanimous warnings about the danger of climate change, there's little sign their message got through.

"I know from the president on down, he is committed," Stephen Johnson, the current EPA administrator, responded

at a gathering of EPA chiefs in honor of the agency's founding. "And certainly his charge to me was, and certainly our team has heard it: 'I want you to accelerate the pace of environmental protection. I want you to maintain our economic competitiveness.'"

Unfortunately, the Bush administration has iterated those and similar words for years. In practice, they mean that short-term business demands will drown out informed warnings about the effects of climate change.

Yet the alarms get louder every day. According to the Associated Press, the assembled ex-EPA chiefs pleaded with the administration to take notice.

"We need leadership, and I don't think we're getting it," said Russell Train, EPA head under Nixon and Ford.

"To sit back and just push it away and say we'll deal with it sometime down the road is dishonest to the people and self-destructive."

"You'd need to be in a hole somewhere to think that the amount of change that we have imposed on land, and the way we've handled deforestation, farming practices, development and what we're putting into the air, isn't exacerbating what is probably a natural trend," said former Bush appointee Christine Whitman. Before resigning in 2003, Whitman had discounted a government-generated report on humans' key role in global warming.

Most ominous were the words of Reagan appointee Lee Thomas. If the

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: A successful, single career woman wrote me recently wondering if she should "curtail (her) professional success, financial wherewithal and IQ" in order to land a husband. She asked, on behalf of herself and her unmarried friends, "how to find true happiness while being true to themselves." Fascinating mail from readers poured in. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is MY reaction to that woman's comment about taking a job as an "administrator" so that she won't appear to be so smart. I assume by "administrator" she means the administrative assistant positions that are vital to the smooth running of almost every business and organization. Perhaps her elitist attitude is what's causing her to be single, and not her job or financial status. Please inform "Miss Thing" that not only are most successful assistants highly intelligent, but many of us know something she doesn't -- how to deal with people! Some of us went to college just like she did, but ended up in administrative positions through downsizing, necessity -- or maybe some of us really like our jobs. You were right to advise her not to step down the ladder in the corporate world. With her superior attitude, she'd never make it "down here at the bottom." -- **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH AN MBA**

DEAR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: I understand why you might have been offended by the writer's comment, but please understand that people experiencing a painful life crisis aren't always politically correct.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 30-something male in the same situation. I remember a former psychology professor giving us a lecture that addressed this issue. He said people are often lonely not because nobody loves them, but because they don't love or recognize the ones who DO. He gave an example of a woman who complained that she was lonely and without prospects. Her

mentor said, "What about Jim, the checker at the grocery store? He wants to date you." She dismissed it with, "... but he works in a grocery store." I'm a college-educated professional, also unattached and sometimes lonely. I sometimes remember the nice women who might have been interested in me years ago, but whom I didn't consider because "she was just a waitress," "wasn't a college graduate," "was divorced," etc. I would urge the writer and her friends to ask themselves if they truly are without prospects. -- **GEOFF IN MILWAUKEE**

DEAR ABBY: I'll bet you \$50 those women all go out in a crowd. There is nothing more intimidating than trying to ask for a date when the woman is at a table full of her girlfriends. Few males are confident enough to subject themselves to the typical withering judgment of a clique. Smart women, if they are truly smart, understand that they need to make themselves accessible! -- **J.S., DANVILLE, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: Successful single women with high IQs might scrutinize their criteria for "Mr. Right." Must he have a "certain income," perfect looks, the right connections? Can he have children, a limp, a bald head, be poorer than she is? Are they looking for love without judgment, as they would wish to be evaluated? Regardless of their achieved status, they must realize that what's on the inside means more. Do they wear contacts, makeup, padded bra, color their hair? They do? Life isn't "Sex and the City" or any other media-produced 60-minute "life." You can't put yourself on your own pedestal. I found love -- twice -- with "country boys" who ended up having more smarts and giving me more love than I ever hoped for. If those women stop looking, love will find them when they least expect it. -- **BETSY IN PLANO, TEXAS**

READERS: More on this subject tomorrow.

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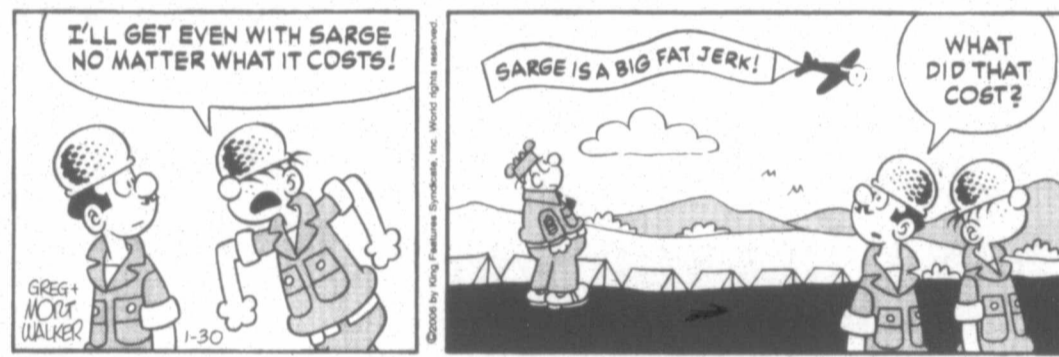
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Sports Day

School spirit

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

You can't help but notice them. They sort of stand out by themselves. But get two or more people together wearing them and pilots can use them as land markers on approach to Amarillo Rick Husband International Airport.

They are loud, and yet make no noise.

They are the green and gold striped overalls seen with more and more frequency at Pampa Harvester sporting events.

The spirit-filled fashion statements are being sold for \$20 by the PHS Football Booster Club and can be purchased at the concession area of McNeely Field House, which is operated by the club.

Look for them Tuesday when Pampa hosts Randall.

► Jake Craig (center) appears to be offering an off-the-cuff distraction by flashing his gams during Tuesday's basketball game between Pampa and Palo Duro. A growing number of students can be seen at Harvester games sporting the new pants and overalls.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Say what you want

Interesting banter was being tossed about in the editorial chambers of the newspaper as deadline was met Friday afternoon. And while the topic of discussion ran the gamut, the common theme seemed to be freedom of speech.

I am all about freedom of speech. I have been all my life. However, I told myself long ago that, if I were going to support — even champion such an issue — I had better be able to accept the consequences.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



I have. I do. I accept them, but often do not care for them. Too many have decided to take this precious right that countless others have died protecting, and hide behind it.

They use it to justify their existence and excuse the mockery they make of it. Making fools of others while filling their pockets with lots and lots of coin. And the very people that ought to be enraged by it are the ones all too eager to throw their money at them.

Conversely, those who know better are only too glad to encourage them. Seems they value that coin more than they do their own morals.

It is a vicious cycle. It is the never ending "Dumbing Down" of our country.

One of the greatest examples of what I'm talking about is now turning minds to mush via satellite. You probably have more talent than this person, yet he discovered a long time ago that he could exploit his freedom of speech and get rich doing so.

Rap artists have learned to hop on the bandwagon. In what is truly the blink of an eye we have gone from Sir-Mix-A-Lot's "Baby got back" to things I cannot even write about here.

Profanity, sexual innuendos disguised as candy references and artist-to-artist messages are what seems to sustain this music genre.

In what may be the most pathetic attempt I have seen to cash in on what the rappers have created, country artist Trace Atkins has come out with the lyrical masterpiece "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk". Take away the girls, and this tune is almost comical. Probably would have gotten Atkins' butt dunked not too long ago. I researched the Urban Dictionary only to discover 'Badonkadonk' is slang for a woman's posterior.

I don't care for country. But this abomination ranks right up there with "Achy Breaky Heart" and "She thinks my tractor's sexy".

And through all this, I will maintain each has the right to sing and say what they want. I may not care for it. You may not care for it. But the right is theirs. Though I will toss in an addendum here and say I think high schools and others ought to keep the comfort of parents' and fans' ears in mind when choosing the songs their teams warm up to.

Freedom of speech? Absolutely. But what Rolling Stone magazine has opted to do for the front cover of its latest issue (released Friday) is not only immoral, it is a slap in the face to those the publisher knows are virtually helpless to defend themselves...Christians.

Outspoken rapper Kanye West is festooned in a crown of thorns and makeup to resemble facial scarring, blood and tears. Beneath the image is the headline "The Passion of Kanye West".

Inasmuch as I am appalled by the image — and not because Mr. West is an African-American — I find it hypocritical, yet a great example of how the vicious cycle continues to churn.

I spent a lot of time in thought over the weekend trying to recall the last time I saw Rolling Stone or any other magazine for that matter, use the image of Jesus on its cover without questioning His existence.

Equally, I recall that most mainstream media panned Mel Gibson's "The Passion of The Christ" but seem only too happy to plagiarize it for their own gain now.

I can only hope Mr. Gibson is receiving some sort of royalty from Rolling Stone. I mean, if I were to simply take a magazine from the rack without permission, isn't that stealing?

UIL policy: Noise makers not allowed in The Pit

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

For those who were put off by the confiscation of noise makers during last Tuesday's Pack The Pit night, school officials want to make it clear, the decision was not theirs. They were only adhering to UIL policy.

According to UIL bylaws noise makers are prohibited at league athletic events played in field houses and gymnasiums.

Those who bring them will have them taken away and face the possibility of being escorted out of the building.

Pampa will host Randall in two very important District 3-4A basketball games Tuesday night. The Lady Harvesters' game will begin at 6, followed by the boy's game at 7:30.

PSA registrations start soon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Soccer Association will begin taking registrations Feb. 11 through Feb. 18 for the upcoming spring season.

The fee this season is \$45. Players must be 4 years old on or before Dec. 31, 2005.

Those interested in competing can sign up at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill.

Practice will begin Feb. 27. The season will start Mar. 11. Call 665-3036 for further information.

Harvester tennis kicks-off spring season

The Harvester Tennis team opened up its spring season Saturday in Levelland. In the morning, Pampa fell to Levelland, 13-6. "Levelland has a strong guy's team consisting of two 3A state champions," said Pampa coach Emily Laurence. "We were having to compete more against the wind and weather than the actual game of tennis. What it boiled down to was that Levelland was better at playing in the 50 mph wind gusts than we were."

In the afternoon, Pampa played Snyder, taking 8 matches to Snyder's 12. For 4A schools like Pampa, the fall season is a "team" format in which all of the kids play singles and doubles matches. The spring season is an "individual" format in which the kids play either singles or doubles.

3A schools like Snyder and Levelland only compete in the spring season prior to spring break. All teams played using the team format Saturday. Said Coach Laurence, "My team is already focusing on the event that they will be playing for our spring season, so it was hard for them to find the motivation to go back to the team format." She added, "All in all, I am proud of the way my kids competed and we used this weekend to discover what we need to work on."

Pampa will next compete in the Wichita Falls tournament Feb. 10-11.

Pampa 6, Levelland 13

Boys Singles

1. Jareth Fortenberry lost to Andy Cariens 6-0, 6-0
2. Tyler Morris lost to Robin Gahl 6-3, 6-0
3. Kevin Frels lost to Jake Blair 6-1, 6-4
4. Landon McNeely lost to Ryan Lawson 6-0, 6-3
5. Jack Ware def. Justin Houser 6-3, 6-1

Girls Singles

1. Ashlee Lucas def. Courtney Truitt 6-2, 6-4
2. Haley Acker lost to Tina Padilla 6-2, 6-2
3. Tanna Stowers lost to Amy Banda 6-4, 4-6, 10-7
4. Kourtney Farmer lost to Kori Stark 8-4
5. Maegan Patterson lost to N. Keeling 6-4, 3-6, 10-6
6. Deschna Afram def. Morgan Evans 6-2, 6-4

Monday Sports Briefs

SAN DIEGO (AP) -

Tiger Woods made an 8-foot birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to get into a three-way playoff, then won the Buick Invitational with simple pars as Australian rookie Nathan Green and two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal made crucial mistakes.

Olazabal, playing a splendid bunker shot on the par-3 16th, missed a 4-foot par putt on the second extra hole to hand Woods the victory.

For Woods, it was the fourth time in 10 years that he won in his first PGA Tour event of the year, and he became the first four-time winner at the Buick Invitational, played on a Torrey Pines course he played as a kid.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Roger Federer won his seventh Grand Slam title Sunday, overcoming an early challenge from unseeded Marcos Baghdatis to win the Australian Open 5-7, 7-

5, 6-0, 6-2.

The 24-year-old Federer won the Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles last year. He will try to win his fourth straight major later this year on clay at the French Open — the only Grand Slam he has never won.

Baghdatis, a Greek Cypriot who had Melbourne's large Greek population behind him after knocking out four seeded players, had never gotten past the fourth round at a Grand Slam event before this year.

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Mike Piazza agreed Sunday to a \$2 million, one-year contract with the San Diego Padres.

Piazza, 37, is hoping to catch about 90-100 games this season, along with playing some first base and being the DH in interleague games.

The 12-time All-Star holds the major league record for most career home runs by a catcher (374).

7. Sammie Pereira def. Dayton Castro 3-6, 6-1, 6-2
8. Anna Julian lost to Julianne Yeary 6-2, 2-6, 6-2

Boys Doubles

1. Morris/Frels lost to Cariens/Gahl 6-1, 6-2
2. McNeely/Ware lost to Blair/Lawson 6-3, 6-3

Girls Doubles

1. Acker/Stowers def. Padillo/Stark 6-4, 4-6, 7-5
2. Farmer/Patterson lost to Truitt/Keeling 4-6, 6-4, 3-6
3. Lucas/Pereira def. Banda/Castro 7-5, 6-0

Mixed Doubles

1. Fortenberry/Afram lost to McDonald/Evans 6-4, 6-4

Pampa 8, Snyder 12

Boys Singles

1. Jareth Fortenberry lost to Wesley Price 6-0, 6-0
2. Tyler Morris lost to Daniel Burk 6-3, 6-2
3. Kevin Frels lost to Will Banks 6-4, 6-3
4. Landon McNeely lost to Austin Lyle 6-3, 6-2
5. Jack Ware lost to J.W. Wesson 6-1, 6-0
6. Landon McNeely lost to Will Stewart 6-3, 6-2

Girls Singles

1. Ashlee Lucas lost to Megan Crisp 6-2, 6-4
2. Haley Acker lost to Kim Harlan 6-2, 6-3
3. Tanna Stowers lost to Ashley Casa 6-3, 6-3
4. Kourtney Farmer def. Stacey Elam 6-4, 6-2
5. Deschna Afram def. Amy Fogleman 6-4, 6-1
6. Sammie Pereira def. Ashley Bailey 6-1, 6-2
7. Anna Julian def. Alex Martinez 6-0, 6-7 (7-3), 10-7
8. Anna Julian def. Bailey Richardson 2-6, 6-3, 6-3

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THE City of Lefors is currently accepting applications for the position of part-time City Marshal. The City Council will review the application at its February 13, 2006 regular meeting and will consider filling the position at that time. All applicants must be TCLEOSE certified and willing to work various hours. Applications may be picked up at Lefors City Hall, 101 N. Court St., Lefors, TX or may be requested by calling Lefors City Hall or mailed to P.O. Box 383, Lefors, TX 79054. All applicants must be received not later than 4 pm. on Feb. 13th. For more information contact Lindy Forsyth, City Secretary.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006:
 You might be making a big difference in your life as well as others'. The unexpected plays a role in your finances and how you feel about your possessions. You could toss away your material shackles out of the blue. Many Water Bearers will tend to keep their feelings tightly wrapped. You will gain professionally because of your hard work. Some might get community acknowledgment or a promotion. If you are single, you will meet people easily, but you do need to check out a potential suitor carefully. You could get hooked up with someone who is unavailable. If you are attached, your relationship would benefit from plenty of downtime together. PISCES helps you spend your money, not save it. Oh, dear!

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)
 Mumble to yourself rather than share. Do independent research. You could get a surprising revelation. Intuitively, you know what works and what you need to do. Trust an associate who has a dynamic suggestion. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 You might be surprised by a meeting or a friend. You certainly have more to think about than you initially considered. Pick up the phone. Plans made for a mini-trip or get-together need attention. Tonight: Whoop it up with your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Listen to someone who is in charge, or who thinks he is. You could be taken back by this person once more. You might want to think about a partner or associate who always gives you good advice. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 **** Don't be too frightened to take a risk if a partner agrees and backs you up. You might want to think differently, no longer locking yourself into conventional thinking. Sign up for a workshop or a seminar. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Work with a partner, even though you could be jolted by his or her attitude or ideas. By now, you should be used to his or her behavior. Be more nurturing with this person, especially if you would like to improve the quality of your home life. Tonight: Relax at your pad.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 **** Others play a stronger role than usual in determining your plans. You might be stunned by the direction your day takes. Keep the lines of communication open, especially with a child or loved one. Caring flows. Tonight: Work with others' plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 **** Adjust to new technology that makes your life easier. Extremes mark decisions and events. You are coming from a good spot. Check out a property investment carefully. You might want to spend more than you'd planned. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 **** Your creativity peaks because of a dream or an incident in the morning. You speak in a way that makes others want to be close to you. Your magnetism could overwhelm quite a few people.

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Texas Checkoff to help students explore careers in beef industry

AUSTIN — The Texas beef checkoff program invites Texas high school juniors and seniors to take a close look next summer at the diverse career opportunities available in today's beef industry.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) and Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) will host the first Texas Beef Young Leaders Program June 25-29 in Amarillo. Interested juniors and seniors must submit an application and be accepted to attend.

"As the \$153 billion U.S. beef industry continues to expand its markets, products and technology, it creates more career opportunities for young Texans who are just a few years away from entering the job market," said Richard Forgason, DVM, a Hungerford, Texas, beef

producer. "The Texas checkoff is funding this program to help many Texas students examine their beef opportunities before they choose a college or start their careers."

Forgason, who serves as chairman of TBC's beef quality committee, said the beef industry offers diverse career opportunities ranging from beef cattle production to occupations in the fields of food safety, beef marketing and nutrition.

The Texas Beef Young Leaders Program will give Texas students an opportunity to learn firsthand about these many opportunities while also developing their professional skills. Over five days of interactive sessions, the participants will:

- Explore many different career opportunities in today's beef industry.



The beef checkoff this summer will help Texas high school juniors and seniors examine the beef industry's diverse career opportunities. The Texas Beef Council and Texas Cooperative Extension invite eligible students to apply to attend the Texas Beef Young Leaders Program June 25-29 in Amarillo.

- Build communications skills through oral presentations.

- Interact with key industry leaders and managers.

- Expand industry awareness after the seminar through required presentations in their communities.

- Create lifelong contacts with fellow Texas students interested in similar career paths.

TBC and TCE invite interested Texas high

school juniors and seniors in the 2006-2007 school year to apply for this unique program.

Applications are available from 4-H agents, FFA teachers and through the junior representatives at beef breed associations. Interested applicants can also request an application from TBC at 1-800-846-4113 or go to www.texasbeef.org and download an application form.

Exxon Mobil reports record profits

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. posted record profits for any U.S. company today — \$10.71 billion for the fourth quarter and \$36.13 billion for the year — as the world's biggest publicly traded oil company benefited from high oil and gas prices and demand for refined products. The results exceeded Wall Street expectations and Exxon shares rose nearly 3 percent on premarket trading.

The company's earnings amounted to \$1.71 per share for the October-December quarter, up from \$8.42 billion, or \$1.30 per share, in the year ago quarter. The result topped the then-record quarterly profit of \$9.92 billion Exxon posted in the third quarter of 2005.

Exxon's profit for the year was also the largest annual reported net income in U.S. history, according to Howard

Silverblatt, a stock market analyst for Standard & Poor's. He said the previous high was Exxon's \$25.3 billion profit in 2004.

The results for the latest quarter included a \$390 million gain related to a litigation settlement. Excluding special items, earnings were \$10.32 billion, or \$1.65 per share. The result topped Wall Street's expectations. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial predicted earnings of \$1.44 per share.

Exxon shares rose \$1.79, or 2.9 percent, to \$63.08 in premarket activity.

Quarterly revenue ballooned to \$99.66 billion from \$83.37 billion a year ago but came in shy of the \$100.72 billion Exxon posted in the third quarter, which was the first time a U.S. public company generated more than \$100 billion in sales in a single quarter.

By segment, exploration and production earnings rose sharply to \$7.04 billion, up \$2.15 billion from the 2004 quarter, reflecting higher crude oil and natural gas prices. Production decreased by 1 percent due to the lingering effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which battered the Gulf Coast in August and September.

The company's refining and marketing segment reported \$2.39 billion in earnings, as higher refining and marketing margins helped offset the residual effects of the hurricanes.

Exxon's chemicals business saw earnings, excluding special items, decline by \$413 million to \$835 million, as higher materials costs squeezed margins.

For the full year, net income surged to \$5.71 per share from \$3.89 per share in 2004. Annual revenue grew to \$371 billion from \$298.04 billion.

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They have abandoned their proper constitutional role and sabotaged the checks and balances the Founding Fathers built in to protect our liberty. We do not have a parliamentary system, where the majority in the legislative branch controls the executive. Our republican system was deliberately designed to have three separate and independent branches of government. The

Republicans, however, have sabotaged this check and balance by acting as if President George W. Bush were their emperor and they were bound to do his bidding.

That's how we got voted into an expensive war predicated entirely on 100 percent false premises. Congress failed in its oversight and failed to view the evidence independently. That's how the tax system got so skewed in favor of the rich, and is in part why the gap between the rich and the poor is at its worst level since 1929.

Typically, politicians call

changes reforms, but they are rarely true reforms. Besides, a truly moral and honest group of politicians wouldn't need reforms or new rules. Honesty is not molecular physics. Even a simple-minded person knows you should not accept payment for your vote or accept lavish gifts and expensive trips from people whose clients are paying them to influence legislation.

Remember, if you don't vote bad politicians out of office, then how are you ever going to get good government? If you think good government doesn't matter,

ask the families of those who went to war believing they were protecting this country from weapons of mass destruction and are now dead. Ask those Americans unemployed because some big campaign contributor shut the doors of his American factory and shipped the jobs to China.

The problem with big government is that it affects the lives of everyone, so we really have no choice but to pay attention. Otherwise, we will pay for bad government in more painful currency.

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

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United States "doesn't deal with those kind of issues in a leadership role, they're not going to get

dealt with," he said. "So I'm very concerned about the country and this agency."

The Bush administration has consistently rejected peer-reviewed reports on global warming, either by impugning the science or butchering the govern-

ment's own reports to conform to its wishes. How much more responsible it would be to lead an international search for solutions.

This winter, the British consulate general is sponsoring an exhibit at the Museum of Natural Science showing photos of climate

change's worldwide effects. Houstonians should take this opportunity to decide for themselves if the scientists' warnings have merit. It might be that only citizen outcry can pierce Bush's deafness on global warming.

Former legislator Vernon Stewart dies at 76

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Vernon J. Stewart, an attorney who served 10 terms in the Texas House of Representatives, has died. He was 76.

Stewart, who died Tuesday, was a native of Wichita Falls and attended Hardin Junior College, now Midwestern State

University, where he was a founding member of the band. He graduated from the University of Texas and earned his law degree at Baylor University.

He was only 23 when first elected in 1952. Stewart held office for 20 years until redistricting forced him to run against Rep. Dave

Allred, son of popular Texas Gov. James V. Allred, in the 1972 Democratic primary.

During his years in the Texas House, Stewart crafted the bill making what was then Midwestern University a state-supported school. As a member of the Public Health Committee, he aided the Wichita Falls State

Hospital. He championed veterans' benefits, such as free auto license plates, and was one of the first members of the Legislature to pursue recycling as a way to reduce solid waste disposal.

The year he entered office, Stewart worked on a bill that would control lobbyists' access to Texas legislators.

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