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Deaths

**Margaret Ruth Gage Berry**, 76, longtime Pampa resident.  
**Sidney A. Parsley**, 69, minister.  
**Dare L. Locke**, 77, museum advisor.

## Texas briefs

### Army soldier cleared of manslaughter

**FORT HOOD (AP)** — An Army platoon sergeant was acquitted Friday of involuntary manslaughter but convicted of assault in the alleged drowning of an Iraqi civilian who was forced into the Tigris River by armed U.S. troops.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, 33, had been charged with involuntary manslaughter in Zaidoun Hassoun's death after he and his cousin, who had violated curfew, were forced into the cold river near Samarra in January 2004.

The six-man jury of Army officers and enlisted members, who deliberated 17 hours over two days, considered lesser charges. They convicted him of assault consummated by battery in Zaidoun's death. That carries a maximum sentence of six months.

### Jury seated for in prison abuse case

**FORT HOOD (AP)** — The reputed ringleader of the Abu Ghraib scandal will have his fate decided by a jury whose members have experience in the region where the alleged prisoner abuse took place in late 2003.

The all-male panel of four officers and six enlisted soldiers will hear opening statements Monday in the court-martial of Spc. Charles Graner Jr., the first of the accused to be tried in the scandal.

They will determine whether Graner, 36, of Uniontown, Pa., was illegally beating and humiliating inmates or following orders to soften up the detainees for interrogation.

Graner, shown in some of the notorious photographs taken inside the Baghdad prison, was upbeat after the jury was picked Friday.

"The sun is shining, the sky is blue and this is America," said Graner, who may take the stand to offer his version of what occurred at Abu Ghraib. "Whatever happens is going to happen, but I still feel it's going to be on the positive side."

## Hearing set on boy found home alone

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

An initial permanency hearing concerning continued custody of an 11-year-old boy found apparently living alone at a Pampa house is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday in Judge Phil Vanderpool's court at Gray County Courthouse.

Texas' Child Protective Services has had custody of the boy since Pampa police officers found him alone at 414 E. Browning on Aug. 13, 2004, amid trash; dirty clothing; fleas; and animal feces, urine and vomit from the several pets with him in the house, according to a Pampa Police Department news release. Margaret B. Stevens turned herself

in to Gray County Jail on Aug. 17 on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child after a warrant was issued for her arrest on Aug. 13. She posted \$2,500 bond and was released that afternoon, according to jail records. Police estimate that the boy had been living alone at the house for "at least a month, possibly two," the release said. "Officers learned that

the mother would come by once or twice a week to bring food. Two adult sisters were also aware of the plight of the young boy," according to the release.

One of the sisters had recently taken the boy to register for school, police said.

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## Rep says no crisis in Social Security

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — There is no looming crisis in Social Security, and Congress should not rush to create private accounts, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. said Saturday.

"The facts prove that there is no imminent crisis with Social Security. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says Social Security can pay full benefits for nearly 50 years," Rangel said in the Democratic weekly radio address.

Rangel, senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, invoked the memory of the late California Rep. Bob Matsui, his party's former top member on the Social Security subcommittee, in disputing White House arguments that the system needs an overhaul to stay healthy.

President Bush wants to revamp the program by letting younger workers divert some of their payroll taxes from the retirement system to personal investment accounts.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

### Diehard fisherman

A knee brace and crutches weren't enough to keep Pampa resident Stanley Gray away from City Lake Saturday afternoon. Gray used his truck to block the wind and cold while keeping an eye on his fishing pole.

## AP Poll: Three in 10 say they gave for tsunami victims

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Three in 10 Americans say they have donated to the victims of the South Asia tsunami, an Associated Press poll found. The total of private donation is rapidly approaching the \$350 million pledged by the government as private citizens

made many of their donations online.

By Friday afternoon, relief charities had raised more than \$324 million in cash pledges, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy — up from \$245 million as of Wednesday. Some of that

money has been donated by companies and foundations.

Despite the outpouring, the amount pales in comparison to the donations in the days following the Sept. 11 attacks. But much more is expected. Twenty-nine percent say they have given for tsunami aid; an additional 37

percent say they plan to.

"It's heartbreaking," said Charla Mear, a 52-year-old mother of two from Manitou Springs, Colo., who said she had contributed \$150. "People should give money if they have it. We're all humans, we should all treat each other as humans. Those

children who have no parents, have nothing — the devastation on their faces is just terrible."

About 15 percent of Americans said they had donated less than \$100, according to the poll con-

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### Old Glory



A tattered American flag flaps in the stiff Pampa wind Saturday in front of a Highway 60 motel.

### Meeting Notice

## PEDC board to discuss shutting down process

Pampa Economic Development Corporation's board will meet Monday for the first time since September.

Board members will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 10, in the City Commission Chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

PEDC officials have said they expect to shut down the economic development corporation by April. All long term debt was to be paid by December, officials said.

Formal shutdown of the PEDC will be among the topics addressed by the board on Monday.

Election of PEDC officers is listed on the agenda for possible action.

Board members plan to discuss and possibly act on discounting notes for Billy Scribner and George Kilcrease.

They also plan to discuss what reserve will be necessary to honor the PEDC's commitment for United Medicorp funding.

Other items listed for discussion and possible action include payment for water well repairs on the Red River Dairy lease, payment of the NBC note and Officers/Directors Insurance.

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## Obituaries

### Margarette Ruth Gage Berry, 76

HOLLIS, Okla. — Margarette Ruth Gage Berry, 76, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at Altus, Okla.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Memory Gardens West Mausoleum in Pampa, Texas, with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Margarette was born Oct. 12, 1928, in Healdton, Okla., to Lee Earl and Allie Beatrice Myers Gage. She was reared in Pampa, Texas, and attended Pampa schools.

She left an everlasting heritage to her family and friends with her dynamic personality that portrayed her creativity and her unique sense of humor that also included an extended helping hand to those she deemed in need.

Margarette (our mother, nanny, sister, aunt and friend) will be forever in the hearts of those she touched.

Survivors include one son, Mark Cockrell



Berry

of Dallas, Texas; one stepson, John Berry and wife Cheryl of Kennedale, Texas; four daughters, Linda Thompson of Carrollton, Texas, Sheila Kelsay and husband Fred of Lewisville, Texas, Peggy Ashurst and husband L.Z. of Eldorado, Okla., and Vickie Templeton of Hollis, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Veda Berry of Woodward, Okla., and Marilyn Seabeck of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Rex Gage and wife Ruby of Pampa, Texas, and Bob Gage and wife Gay of Columbia, Mo.; two sisters, Hattie Branscum and Shawnda Green, both of Pampa, Texas, and a host of nieces and nephews; 23 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Berry; three stepsons, Darrell Berry, Danny Berry and Ronnie Berry; her parents, Lee Earl Gage and Allie Beatrice Tate; two brothers, Roy Foster and Eugene (Bo) Gage; and three sisters, Margie Roe, Betty Marchman and Barbara Hicks.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home in Pampa from 5-7 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005.

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

### Dare L. Locke

Dare L. Locke, 77, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Locke was born Sept. 25, 1927, at Alamogordo, N.M. He married Betty Dyar Sugar on June 26, 1962, in Pampa. He farmed and ranched in Carson and Armstrong counties for many years.

Mr. Locke was a member of Texas Cattle Feeders Association, White Deer Lions Club and First Baptist Church in White Deer.

An avid collector of Indian artifacts and artwork, he donated to area museums and was a trustee of Panhandle Square House Museum. He was an advisor to the museum in Miami and to White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

Mr. Locke, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, worked with Boys Scouts of America for many years and was a Golden Glove Boxing Champion.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia Locke Lee and Betty Locke Arrington; and a brother, Wallace Lynn Locke.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of the home; a son, Bruce Douglas Locke of Tulsa, Okla.; two stepsons, Larry Martin of Dallas and Gerald Gary Sugar of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Carol Ann Martin of San Saba; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

### Sidney A. Parsley, 69

FELT, Okla. — Sidney A. Parsley, 69, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Clayton, N.M.

Services will be Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at 2 p.m. in White Deer United Methodist Church in White Deer, Texas, with Dr. Max Browning, retired Methodist Minister, and the Rev. Bailey Barkley, minister of Texline United Methodist Church, officiating.

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

Mr. Parsley was born March 1, 1935, in Gray County, Texas. He married Kathleen McDaniel on Sept. 4, 1955, in Clayton, N.M. He graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 1979.

He served as a Methodist Minister in several towns including: Quitaque, Flomot, Lorenzo, Hamlin, Crowell, Olton, Trinity, Plainview, Haskell, Lazbuddie, Oklahoma Lane, and Seagraves. He retired in 1997.

He has lived in Felt, Okla., for the last four

years. He served on Ministerial Alliance in most of the towns he served in. He was a past member of Rotary International and Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Parsley, of the home; one daughter, Debra Goss and husband Brian of Whitharral, Texas; three sons, Shane Parsley and wife Mary of White Deer, Texas, Dane Parsley and wife Debbie of White Deer, Texas, and Kirk Parsley and wife Elise of Crowell, Texas; two brothers, Larry Parsley of White Deer, Texas, and Lonnie Parsley of Weatherford, Okla.; one sister, Sallie Stidger of Amarillo, Texas; Brother in Christ, Dr. Max Browning and wife Juanita of Plainview, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Parsley was preceded in death by one grandchild and by a brother, Sammy Parsley.

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

### Teacher tries to report cheating, gets turned away

HOUSTON (AP) — A middle school teacher tried to report cheating on standardized tests last spring but gave up when district officials refused to grant her immunity from punishment, a union official said.

The Key Middle School teacher told union representatives last year that a school administrator had given her and her colleagues advance copies of the 2004 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills for their students to use as practice exams, said Gayle Fallon, president of the Houston Federation of Teachers.

Key is one of 25 Houston Independent School District campuses under investigation because of uncharacteristically high

scores on the TAKS.

On Thursday, HISD Superintendent Abe Saavedra announced plans to create an Office of Inspector General to scrutinize those scores and determine whether they were the result of cheating or legitimate academic improvement.

The move was prompted by a Dallas Morning News investigation that found suspicious test scores at nearly 400 Texas schools.

A union representative approached chief HISD attorney Elaineita Hutchins-Taylor and offered to have the teacher give a statement in return for immunity, Fallon said. Hutchins-Taylor declined.

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*Gray County Weather*

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 64. Wind chill values between 30 and 35.

West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 40. Southwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 61.

Southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

### Services tomorrow

**BERRY, Margarette Ruth Gage** — 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.  
**PARSLEY, Sidney A.** — 2 p.m., White Deer Methodist Church, White Deer.

### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents and arrest, according to Sheriff's Office jail records and the PD incident blotter.

##### Friday, Jan. 7

Police officers responded to one business alarm, one hold-up alarm, served one warrant, made one welfare check, provided a funeral escort to Fairview Cemetery, and responded to six traffic stops and three civil matters.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 700 block of North Somerville Street, on Highway 60, and at Sunset and Yeager streets.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Avenue by two separate complainants.

Narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway.

Two animal complaints were reported in the 2700 block of Seminole Drive — Animal Control officers needed help loading a caged dog — and in the 1000 block of Crane Road.

Two traffic complaints were taken in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen and in the

2700 block of Seminole Drive, respectively.

Criminal trespass was reported at Consuelo's, 1328 N. Hobart, and in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Found property, a pill bottle, was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson.

Three suspicious person reports were taken in the 1000 block of West Harvester Avenue, in the 1500 block of Dogwood Lane and in the 1800 block of North Dwight, respectively.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 100 block of South Nelson.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received by the PD.

A vehicle accident was reported with no injuries and no hazardous material spills in the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Assault was reported at the ER, One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Two assists law enforcement were made in the 2300 block of West Alcock and at Highway 60 and Price Road,

respectively.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart. The vehicle was allegedly being driven all over the road.

##### Saturday, Jan. 8

Arturo Villarreal, 43, 509 N. Christy, was arrested for public intoxication and no insurance.

#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrest.

##### Friday, Jan. 7

Phillip Daniel Fought, 24, 2220 Dogwood, was arrested for criminal mischief which resulted in damages estimated at between \$50 and \$500.

#### Fire

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

##### Friday, Jan. 7

12:48 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 300 block of Warren on a carbon monoxide check.

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# Group teaches urbanites how to track wild animals

**MOUNT HOOD NATIONAL FOREST, Ore.** (AP) — Jason Davis knelt in a snow-filled ditch beside a frozen gravel road, the bill of his baseball cap nearly touching four small marks in the snow.

As he examined the marks, more than a dozen other animal trackers gathered around. "Could it be a mouse?" asked Davis, 31.

Some trackers looked up,

searching for trees that could have dripped water onto the snow and caused the marks. Others followed the faint trail into the woods, but didn't see any more clues.

The trackers are volunteers with Cascadia Wild, which has organized the Wolverine Tracking Project for the past five years to bring urbanites closer to nature and gather information about animal species in Mount Hood

National Forest.

Every Saturday and Sunday for six winter weekends, volunteers strap on showshoes to spot signs of wildlife around Oregon's tallest mountain, Mount Hood.

They record how many animal tracks they find and add the information to a growing database that is shared with the U.S. Forest Service.

In 2003, the group covered up to two square miles of forest

in each of 19 outings and found tracks left by animals including bobcats, red fox, rabbits, ermines and a spotted skunk.

Alan Dyck, forest wildlife program manager for the national forest, said the data provided by Cascadia Wild is valuable because surveys aren't routinely conducted in the million acres of forest land around Mount Hood.

In particular, predator data

is useful to the Forest Service and can be used as a management tool. The existence of predators like pine martens, bobcats and wolverines indicates forest health.

"We are using the information to help monitor carnivores in general," Dyck said. "If they aren't there due to too many people or not enough food supply, it shows we aren't doing our job to protect them."

Volunteers begin training in Portland, where they learn to identify animal tracks and sort out clues found in the woods.

On a recent outing, volunteers scouted snowy fields for traces of wolverines — one of the shyest of carnivores — while armed with measuring tapes, global positioning system units, data sheets and animal tracking books.

## Rodeo queens

# Rodeo pageant officials seek entries

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is currently seeking entries into its Miss Rodeo and Miss Rodeo Teen pageants to be staged during the annual Top O' Texas Rodeo slated June 2-4 at the rodeo arena in Pampa.

Both pageants are under the direction of Gina Greenhouse. Young ladies between 13- and 23-years of age may apply. Entry forms, rules and general information are available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, or by calling 669-0434.

Saddles, belt buckles and tiaras will be among prizes awarded to the overall winners. Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas will receive a scholarship. In the categories of appearance, personality and horsemanship, winners will win horse products, jewelry, clothing and more.

The luncheon and style show will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 2 at Pampa Community Building.

This phase of the contest will require contestants to participate in a style show and to present a three-minute speech on a particular topic. Due to limited seating, early reservations for the luncheon and show are recommended.

Past winners of the pageants have gone on to participate and to win at the state and national levels.

The deadline for entries, fees and



Miss 2004 Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Whitney Wichert, left, with 2004 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Amanda Puckett. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association officials are currently seeking entries for the upcoming competition. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

pictures to the rodeo office is Tuesday, March 1 with no exceptions.

Contestants may or may not participate in a separate ticket-selling competition. This competition is not

mandatory to enter and will not be included in the official judging. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434 or Greenhouse at 665-6093.

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# Tennessee wind farm expands, more clean power

By **DUNCAN MANSFIELD**  
Associated Press Writer

**OLIVER SPRINGS, Tenn.** (AP) — With a "whoosh, whoosh, whoosh," the graceful blades of 18 windmills on the South's first commercial wind farm are now producing enough clean power to be seen as more than just an eco-experiment.

When the farm opened with three turbines in 2001, it generated a mere 2 megawatts of electricity, enough for just 360 homes.

But the December addition of 15 larger turbines — each as tall as a 26-story building — boosted the capacity to 29 megawatts, enough for 3,000 homes.

"Magnificent," said Rick Carson, the Tennessee Valley Authority's renewable operations manager, as he gazed out on the windmills dotting a two-mile forested ridge atop Buffalo Mountain.

Still small in comparison to big wind farms in the Great Plains and Pacific Northwest, TVA's expanded operation is huge for the Southeast, where there is less reliable wind.

TVA is the nation's largest public utility, serving about 8.5 million people in Tennessee and parts of Kentucky, Virginia, North

Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

The new turbines rise 262 feet, 49 feet taller than the three originals. Their seven-ton, 135-foot-long white blades can be seen for miles.

Despite their size, the spinning rotors can barely be heard over the mountain breeze or the coal mining that continues farther down the mountain.

Privately financed by Invenery LLC of Chicago, the \$30 million expansion is expected to help erase a supply deficit in TVA's Green Power Switch renewable energy program, leaving a surplus that could be sold to other utilities.

Fears that a wind farm would be a blight on mountain vistas have caused problems elsewhere for TVA.

Chattanooga homeowners blocked TVA's first proposed site on Lookout Mountain five years ago so TVA came to Buffalo Mountain, about 30 miles west of Knoxville.

North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, now threatening to sue TVA over its coal plant pollution, raised similar concerns in 2003 when TVA suggested a second clean-energy wind farm near the North Carolina border in

*"I think Oak Ridgers are proud of it and like to show it off when they have visitors in town."*

— David Bradshaw  
Oak Ridge Mayor

Mountain City, Tenn.

With few other sites offering enough available wind — the turbines need a 14 mph breeze to generate power — TVA returned to Buffalo Mountain with an expansion plan and a 20-year, \$60 million power purchase offer to lure private investor Invenery.

"I can't say I've had the first complaint," said Anderson County Mayor Rex Lynch, other than tiny Oliver Springs' demand to be paid for roads damaged in hauling the heavy turbines through town. TVA and its contractors wrote the town a \$35,000 check.

The expanded wind farm can now be seen some 10 miles away in downtown Oak Ridge, home to a large Department of Energy nuclear weapons and energy research complex.

"I think Oak Ridgers are proud of it and like to show it off when they have visitors in town," Oak Ridge Mayor David Bradshaw said.

Environmentalists have championed TVA's Green Power Switch program, which has 7,156 residential and 339 business customers paying premium prices for renewable energy.

"Nobody from Kentucky south or Louisiana east has done this much," said Stephen Smith, director of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

Unlike some utilities, such as Florida Power & Light, that are selling customers green power made outside the region, TVA's is home-grown.

"Now there is a lot of rumbling going on," Smith said, "because TVA has demonstrated that it can be done and these turbines are performing well."

# Edward Jones to host satellite broadcast

The three local Edward Jones investment offices will host a free one-hour satellite broadcast on three separate occasions on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The broadcast will be offered at any one of the local offices at 10:45 a.m., 5:45 p.m. or 7:45 p.m. on the 11th.

Entitled "Is the Uncertainty Over?" the broadcast aims to look at questions related to the recent presidential election, and examine what the issues mean to the markets and to investors' portfolios in the

year ahead.

The broadcast will feature Geoffrey Colvin, co-host of Wall Street Week with "Fortune," and Alan Skrainka, Edward Jones' chief market strategist.

Colvin and Skrainka will discuss:

—How the deficit and a weak dollar should impact individual investing decisions;

—What four more years of the current presidential administration may mean to investors; and

—How to take control of

one's financial future.

This interactive event is being presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

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**Pampa High School**  
January 11 • 7:00 • Soccer Booster Club • Library  
January 12 • 6:30 • Football Banquet • M.K. Brown  
January 14 • 2:45 • Pep Rally  
January 15 • Band All Region Concert

January 15 • 9:00 - 3:00 • Choir Garage Sale • M.K. Brown

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# Viewpoints

## Questions of tragedy: Why, how and what

Have you ever asked yourself the question: How in the world did I get in this situation or why did this happen to me? Have you ever been in a situation where you felt completely helpless or hurt by something that was out of your control?

When tragedy strikes, sometimes the answer to the question "why" doesn't present itself in the time frame we would like. In fact, I would venture to say that those who have faith start to question everything when prayers seem to go unanswered as to "why" something tragic and devastating has happened.

Tragedy takes many forms in life. The sudden death of a loved one, a hurtful betrayal by someone close, a massive tsunami wiping out hundreds and thousands of people, a car wreck that suddenly takes away good health, cancer than robs one of past energies, the culmination of financial debt that suddenly becomes all encompassing, or maybe the tragic realization of a lost childhood dream. Whatever the tragedy, a question that tends to be asked is: Why did this happen to me? Why, why, why?

After living in England for a few months and meeting people from all over the

world, including India and Thailand where the recent tsunami has had devastating impacts, I have come to realize that these questions of "why" face the entire human race. Each of us has had, or will have, tragedies in our lives. It is one part of the greater test we all face.

While each of us face different tests, we must realize that hard times have always been, and always will be, an occurrence at some point during each of our lives. One

thing I have learned is that the right question to ask in tough times is not always "why," but instead, "how" and "what." "How" do I get through this and "what" is the right thing to do?



**J.B. Horton**  
Columnist

Often, when tragedy strikes, the answers to "why" may not become

apparent until much later. When a tragic event in life does strike, a choice must be made. You can either choose to let that tragedy define your future and allow the rest of your life to revolve

around that tragedy itself, or you can choose to accept it, learn from it, realize the blessings in it, let it go and move forward.

We live in a victim society today where we tend to hold onto the wrongs that others and/or life presents us. Our society tends to let hard times in the past define our individual futures. The truth is, tragedies are easy to hold onto. Once a tragedy shifts individual reality, it is hard to let it go. Forgive what needs to be forgiven and move on.

I am not suggesting even for a minute that grief and/or a period of sadness shouldn't occur after a tragedy, but it is

the aftermath of that grieving period that must be put in check. It seems that for many people, even if they don't realize it, the hardest thing about moving on from a tragedy is forgiveness. Ironically, it is usually not about forgiving someone else that is necessary for individuals to move on. It is usually about forgiving yourself.

If you have been through a tragedy or devastating time, let 2005 be a fresh start. Make a choice to define your own future through your faith, not to let past pain, hurts and tragedies

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## Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2005. There are 356 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

### On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1861, the "Star of the West," a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C.,

retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the

deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported biography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

**Ten years ago:** In New York, the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 other defendants accused of conspiring to wage a holy war against the United States began. (All the defendants were convicted of seditious conspiracy, except for two who had reached plea agreements with the government.) Severe flooding forced people to flee resort communities in the hills north of San Francisco. British comedian Peter Cook died in London at age 57.

**Five years ago:** The controversial "Sensation" art exhibit ended its three-month run at the Brooklyn Museum, which had gotten into a fight with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani over what the mayor called the exhibit's offensive anti-Catholic content.

*'Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing/ Is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.'*

— Phyllis Diller  
American comedian



## 'Different direction' means up

It invariably comes across as tepid and insincere, this quote from college presidents when "powers that be" decide the old school needs to change football coaches. You've heard it, time and again: "We have decided to go in a different direction." (Actually, the desired direction is "up," the same direction the departing coach had promised to take the team when he took the job.)

Well, I've made a similar decision in the fresh and hopeful light of a brand new year. In this week's epistle, I'm going a different direction, defying logic and basic journalistic training. Topics will grow from the minutia to the meaningful.

If you are in such an all-

fired hurry, go ahead and start at the bottom and work your way up. In so doing, though, you'll foul up my topsy-turvy plan to go in a different direction. It's your call.

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**F**or starters, let us avoid steam and blood pressure build-ups in 2005 by looking beyond slick billboard messages and "shalts and shalt nots" of government postings. Sometimes marquees, t-shirts and bumper stickers offer more practical and/or enjoyable messages.

A few recent ones include:

—I AM NOT tail-gating; I'm flying in formation (on a bumper).

—Be patient; I'm trying to decide what you'd be like with a personality (on a t-shirt).

—We can tire, shock and brake you (at an auto repair shop) and

—It's a Boy (on a church marquee Christmas morning).

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Some people can speak volumes with facial expressions alone, often without making a sound. Four examples come to mind; they

coach athletic teams going in various directions. They are professional football's Bill Parcells (Dallas Cowboys) and Bill Cowher (Pittsburgh Steelers) and a couple of university basketball coaches — Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton and Texas Tech's Bobby Knight.

If they competed in a tag-team stare down match, do you think there'd ever be a winner? It might take more than "further reviews." If there's enough time for a "double header," let the same foursome compete to see who can from the longest. Bring your calendar.

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Admit it now: We were

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**Don Newbury**  
Columnist



## Political symbolism of Tsunami aid

The United Nations reports that 1.8 million tsunami survivors need food; 5 million others in South Asia need some kind of assistance. As President Bush said Monday, "The devastation in the region defies comprehension."

The Bush administration was slow off the mark in committing aid and exhibiting leadership in the days after an earthquake spawned tidal waves that swept the coasts of Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and India. However, it took a few days for the enormity of the disaster to become clear as reports arrived from remote

islands. The \$350 million pledged by the U.S. government, up from \$35 million, is exceeded by the amount committed by Japan, but U.S. ships, helicopters and personnel are already on the scene, performing the valuable logistical support that only the United States can provide.

As Secretary of State Colin Powell pointed out, there is no shortage of money at the moment. The challenge is coordinating the

relief efforts of so many nations. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, co-leader with Powell

of the U.S. assessment team in South Asia, was right to note that recovery will require sustained economic development long after the first wave of relief providers has departed.

Characteristic of Americans' generosity, hundreds of millions of dollars in private donations for tsunami relief are pouring in to charities, taxing their Web

sites. The donations, Reuters reported, range from children's pocket money to \$1 million checks from Hollywood stars and major foundations.

If President Bush can be faulted in any way for his slowness to grasp the scope of the destruction, he deserves credit for appointing former President George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton to head up the private fundraising effort. The wake of this natural disaster, which might have no precedent, is an ideal occasion for exhibiting the selfless bipartisan-

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# Hearing

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The boy did not know where his mother was living, and had lost the phone number she had given him, police said. Officers believe he had last seen relatives on Aug. 12.

Stevens denied in an Aug. 24 hearing that she had allowed the boy to live alone at the house. She said Aug. 13 was the first time she had left him alone there, and had done so because he didn't want to go with her to Amarillo to shop for clothing.

Stevens testified that the trash found in the house was from two 55-gallon barrels which a dog had knocked over inside the house. At the time the boy was found by police, two cats, a Chihuahua, a guinea pig and a turtle also inhabited the house.

A second hearing on Aug. 27 and a third on Oct. 6 in Judge Vanderpool's court continued CPS custody of the boy.

Stevens claimed the boy lived with her at the address of Larry Davis, 1704 Hamilton, and she and the boy had been spending four to five hours a day at the Browning Street house to feed and care for the animals and to go through the possessions of Stevens' late husband, David Stevens, who died Jan. 15, 2003.

Witnesses in the hearings also included police officers and CPS caseworkers. Thirty-

three photographs of the house were admitted into evidence. Police Sgt. Alvin Johnson testified on Aug. 24 that he had never before encountered a home in such a condition.

"The stench from animal feces and urine was tremendous," Johnson testified.

"(The boy) has been very consistent throughout the investigation that he's been in the home since the Fourth of July. He said he didn't see his mom every day. He said he liked being home by himself because he didn't like people. He said he'd been spending nights there by himself," Nita Mize, a CPS caseworker, testified at the Aug. 27 hearing.

Family reunification is the goal of CPS in the case, according to testimony by caseworker Marvelle Collins on Oct. 6. CPS is asking that Stevens begin parenting classes, provide a structured home for her son, provide individual and family therapy, maintain a stable household for at least six months, and cooperate with the CPS plan of service and any recommendations that may follow.

The boy was taken to an emergency shelter in Amarillo after CPS took custody of him on Aug. 13, and a therapeutic foster home had been found for him at the time of the Oct. 6 hearing. The boy was placed on medication to help him deal with his anger, Collins testified.

Davis, who also testified on Aug. 27, and Mize both testified that the boy is a "special needs" child.

after the hijackings, said Gene Tempel, executive director of the Center of Philanthropy at Indiana University. The difference is understandable, he said.

"On Sept. 11 our country was attacked. It was almost un-American not to respond," he said. "Three-fourths of the public eventually contributed something."

Tempel said the level of donations is likely to increase as independent groups are formed to raise money. Two former presidents renowned for their fund-raising prowess — Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush — have been recruited to spur giving.

The tsunami donations will be among the largest ever for an overseas disaster, Tempel said, but exact information on donation totals for past crises is sketchy. Continuing media coverage will be a key to the total raised, he said.

# Aid

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ducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. About 5 percent said they had given \$100 or more.

About 9 percent said they could not specify how much they had given, perhaps raising some doubt about their answer.

"People might feel pressure to give the socially correct answer when being interviewed," said Robert Shapiro, a public opinion specialist at Columbia University. "We know that a lot of people are giving money. People might feel it puts them in an awkward situation to say they haven't."

The total in private donations is about 40 percent of what had been given to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks almost two weeks

# Questions

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dictate your future or define you as a person. If you are still asking "why" about something in your life, be patient, the answer will come in God's perfect timing.

The question to ask now is "what" is the right thing to do and "how" do I move forward from here.

May 2005 bring happiness, love and true forgiveness for each person who has, or will,

face a tragedy. Let us lift up our prayers during this grieving time for the victims and the thousands of families effected by the Asian tsunami and let us all remember to be grateful for all the many blessings we have.

God bless and Happy New Year.

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# Up

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on the same page a few days back — laughing like hyenas do — when Colby the Cat was granted two academic degrees by "Trinity Southern University" through the magic of Internet. Colby's "bachelor's degree in business" cost undercover agents \$299, and they tossed in another \$99 for the feline to receive the "Executive MBA degree," too.

Now, as the world rallies to render aid to the teeming masses surviving the crashing waves of the tsunami, governments enter the hurry-up mode to develop systems to warn of approaching calamities. Until then, perhaps the best coastal residents can do is watch the animals. In the Asian catastrophe, animal losses were few; they knew to seek higher ground before the killer waves washed ashore. Oh that they could share their secret on when to take the high road. They'd deserve more than mere degrees.

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Sobering thoughts: The 58 30-second Super Bowl television commercials will cost

# Wave

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ship long missing from Washington. The twin appointments might be only symbolic, the result of a desire to burnish an image on speaking terms with tarnish. But political symbolism can be a powerful force for good, as when it brings out the best in Americans regardless of party.

# Calendar items

• **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series** includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.

• **2CARE for Moms and Babies** is conducting free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appoint-

ment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic** will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will fea-

ture unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail swclassic@cox.net.

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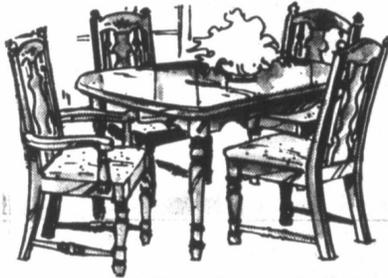


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By ANICK JESDANUN AP Internet Writer

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To release those messages in such circumstances, Yahoo said, would violate the privacy rights of the deceased and those with whom they've corresponded.

increasingly grappling with what happens to those information bits when their owners die.

Sometimes, the question involves e-mail sitting on a distant server; other times, it's about the photos or financial records stored on a password-protected computer.

This week, a Michigan man publicized his struggle to access the Yahoo e-mail account belonging to his son, Marine Lance Cpl. Justin M. Ellsworth, 20, who was killed Nov. 13 in Iraq. Though Yahoo's policies state that accounts "terminate upon your death," John

"The commitment we've made to every person who signs-up for a Yahoo! Mail account is to treat their email as a private communication and to treat the content of their messages as confidential," spokeswoman Mary Osako said in a statement. But Osako said the company was dealing with uncharted territory and was willing to continue discussions with Ellsworth. One option could involve Ellsworth getting a court order, which Yahoo would abide. Ellsworth said he preferred to avoid litigation.

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# Medical

## Researchers hope to turn snake poison into painkiller

By STAN LEHMAN  
Associated Press Writer

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — The 5-foot rattlesnake, known only as No.0148, isn't too pleased when lab technician Eladio Soares de Almeida forces its mouth open, plunges its two fangs into a cellophane-covered jar and squeezes out its deadly poison.

The rattler's venom, like that of the more than 5,000 other poisonous reptiles at the Butantan Institute, is

used to produce antivenin that saves the lives of people bitten by rattlesnakes, coral snakes and South American vipers known as the "jararaca," "surucucu" and "urutu." Antitoxins against spider and scorpion bites are also produced at the institute.

While the production of antivenins has been the institute's hallmark since its founding in 1901 by scientist Vital Brazil Mineiro da Campanha, it also is one of Latin America's leading makers of vaccines, says

Otavio Azevedo Mercadante, the institute's director.

In July, scientists at the institute announced a possible new line of work: some-day producing pain killers based on the venom of rattlesnakes.

The poison of the rattlesnake may one day lead to a painkiller more powerful than morphine — and perhaps without the addiction, the institute says, although it stresses that years of development and testing lie ahead.

"After more than five years of hard work our scientists isolated and chemically synthesized the analgesic properties of the rattlesnake's poison, which will allow us to make what could be one of the strongest painkillers ever produced," says Mercadante, whose 1,000-employee operation is part of the Sao Paulo State Health Department.

The origins of the approach date back nearly 100 years, when the institute's founder observed the

venom's analgesic properties while studying the effect of diluted rattlesnake poison on humans.

The new painkiller could one day replace morphine, which is widely used to alleviate the pain of cancer patients and other chronic pain sufferers, Mercadante says. He says that the potential painkiller is 600 times stronger than morphine and that tests done with rats indicate it is not addictive.

The drug has still not been tested on monkeys, which is

a crucial step before human testing. And even if testing goes well, the institute projects the drug wouldn't reach the market for at least 10 years.

John C. Perez, director of Texas A&M University's Natural Toxins Research Center, notes a number of hurdles: Is the drug addictive? Are there side effects? How long does the painkilling effect last? Can the drug be produced inex-

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## Olive oil may aid in heart health

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food containing olive oil can carry labels saying it may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, the government says, citing limited evidence from a dozen scientific studies about the benefits of monounsaturated fats.

As long as people don't increase the number of calories they consume daily, the Food and Drug Administration confirmed a reduction in the risk of coronary heart disease when people replace foods high in saturated fat with the monounsaturated fat in olive oil.

*'It's good news for consumers. Olive oil is a healthy product to help them fight heart disease.'*

— Bob Bauer  
NAOOA president

That means a change as simple as sauteing food in two tablespoons of olive oil instead of butter may be healthier for your heart.

"Since CHD is the No. 1 killer of both men and women in the United States, it is a public health priority to make sure that consumers have accurate and useful information on reducing their risk," Lester M. Crawford, acting FDA commissioner, said in a prepared statement.

"It's good news for consumers," said Bob Bauer, president of the North American Olive Oil Association, which sought the qualified health claim on Aug. 28, 2003. "Olive oil is a healthy product to help them fight heart disease."

Recent research has underscored the heart benefits from so-called Mediterranean diets high in unsaturated fats from vegetable oil, nuts and such fish as salmon and tuna. Mortality rates dropped by more than 50 percent among elderly Europeans who stuck to such diets and led healthy lifestyles, according to research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in September.

The North American Olive Oil Association included 88 publications to back its claim for the heart-healthy benefits of olive oil.

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### Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

## Drug helps some deal with chronic fatigue

(NAPSA) — Here's a wake-up call if you feel run-down. A new experimental treatment may help people with chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) take back their lives.

Chronic fatigue syndrome is a real ailment and it afflicts an estimated half a million Americans.

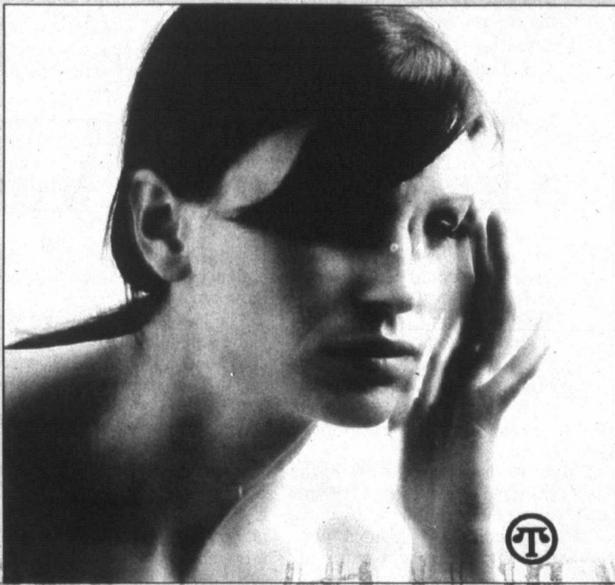
While symptoms vary from person to person, the most common, as the name suggests, is a persistent and pervasive fatigue.

This goes beyond the usual tiredness after having a busy day. Symptomatic fatigue is severe, lasts for days or even months, and often leads to significant reduction in normal activities.

Other commonly reported indicators of CFS include:

- Sudden intolerance to alcohol
- Persistent headaches that do not respond well to painkillers
- Oversleeping or sleep disruptions
- Inability to concentrate
- Short-term memory loss
- Sensitivity to sound and light
- Recurrent sore throat or swollen glands
- Nausea, abdominal pains and a constant loss of appetite
- Severe mood changes, including irritability, depression, anger and frustration.

Generally, the symptoms will fluctuate from day to day, with relapses and remissions continuing for months. The cause is unknown, but according to the U.S. Centers



Chronic fatigue syndrome may be treatable with a newly available therapy.

for Disease Control (CDC), various triggers, such as stress or a viral infection, may lead to CFS. There is no available drug treatment for this condition, and the CDC has added CFS to its top priority list of chronic diseases.

Current trials in the United States and Belgium suggest that an experimental drug developed by Hemispherx Biopharma and called

Ampligen(r) may potentially be an effective treatment for many CFS patients, particularly those with severe debilitation.

People with CFS seem to have something different about certain antiviral material in their immune systems. The medication may help correct this abnormality.

Patients affected with CFS have a compromised RNaseL pathway —

the body's antiviral defense system. Some viruses beat this defense mechanism by inactivating the RNaseL. Ampligen seems to reverse this process and modulates an overly active defense system, thus helping to restore energy levels, oxygen intake and boosting the body's immune system.

Hemispherx is publicly traded on the American Stock Exchange as HEB.

For more information, go to [www.hemispherx.net](http://www.hemispherx.net).

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## 400-year-old fragment reveals early surgery in the colonies

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A skull fragment found in a 400-year-old trash pit at Jamestown contains evidence of the earliest known surgery in the English colonies in America, researchers say.

Circular cut marks indicate someone attempted to drill two holes in the skull to relieve pressure on the brain, the researchers said. The patient, a European man, died and was apparently autopsied.

Archaeologists found the 4-inch-by-4 3/4-inch fragment this summer while digging in a bulwark trench on the site of James Fort, Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, was founded in 1607 as a business venture.

The skull piece was discarded with trash, such as pottery shards, from no later than about 1610, said Bly Straube, senior curator of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

"It was just being treated, I guess, like medical waste," she said recently.

Douglas W. Owsley, forensic osteologist at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, and Ashley H. McKeown, forensic anthropologist at the University of Montana, determined that the fragment was part of the occipital bone from the back of the skull.

Owsley thinks the man was hit in the back of the head with a stone ax and suffered a fractured skull. That would suggest the blow came from an Indian, Straube said. Straube said it is also possible the man simply tripped and fell and hit his head on a rock.

Researchers know the fragment came from a European man because of its shape and thickness and because it contained traces of lead, Straube said.

Eating and drinking from lead-glazed pottery or pewter was a common practice in Europe.

The identities of the man

and of his surgeon are not known. The rest of the skeleton has not been found.

The surgeon tried to drill two holes in the skull using a device known as a trepan tool that would remove a plug of bone, Straube said. It looks like the surgeon made two attempts at one spot and then moved to a second spot, Straube said.

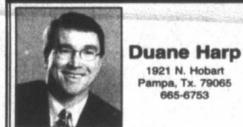
Such surgery was not unusual "but all early medical manuals talk about how tricky it is," Straube said.

In the Jamestown case, the procedure was not completed, probably because the patient died. Saw marks on the top edge of the bone indi-

cate an autopsy was performed, the researchers said.

The skull fragment and the medical objects corroborate historical documents indicating that surgeons, doctors and apothecaries were in Jamestown as early as 1607 to 1610.

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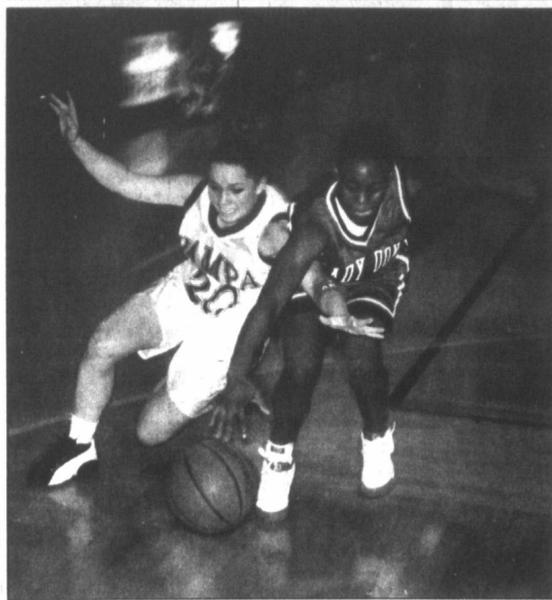


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# Sports Day



Pampa's Callie Cobb, #20, and a Palo Duro player hustle for the ball in last night's game. Cobb and her Lady Harvester teammates put up a great fight but came up short against the Lady Dons, 48-37.

## Lady Harvesters fall to Palo Duro

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters fell to Palo Duro at McNeely Field House last night, 48-37, in a District 4A opener. Pampa falls to 8-13 (0-1), while the Lady Dons improve to 14-6 (1-0).

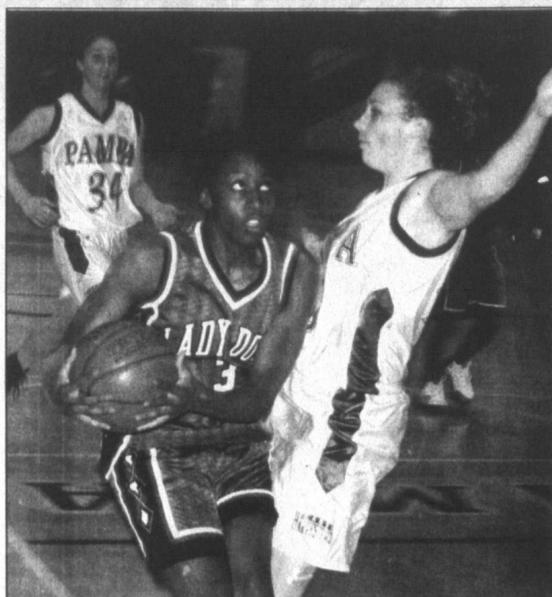
Pampa kept the scoring close in the first period (15-12), but went cold in the second. The Lady Harvesters allowed 15 points while only adding another five to their total. At the half, Pampa was down, 30-17.

The second half was a better one for the home team. Pampa added 10 points in both the third and fourth periods while holding the visitors to just 17 points for the second half (9, 8). However, Pampa was simply unable to recover from the second period deficit.

Leading scorers for the Lady Harvesters last night were Britteni Rice 13 and Jackie Gerber 9.

The junior varsity Lady Harvesters lost to Palo Duro, 57-30.

Pampa will play next in Hereford Tuesday night. The varsity team will take the floor at 7:30 p.m., following the junior varsity game at 6 p.m.



Lady Harvester McKensie East stands her ground on defense while a charging Lady Don of Palo Duro focuses on the basket.

Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

## Pampa fails to keep Dogs on leash

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa varsity basketball team traveled to Plainview last night to face a Bulldog team that Harvester Head Coach Jeff Reed had suspected would be ready for them. In fact, "Wanting a piece of us," is how Reed phrased it.

And just as it was when the two teams met in Pampa last month, this game was close and exciting.

The Harvesters jumped out to a 20-11 lead after the first period. Reed had said going in he was hoping his team

could get a fast start and hold it for the entire game. They could not.

Pampa fell cold in the second period, scoring just nine points while allowing the Bulldogs to add 14 of their own. At the break, the Harvesters held a slim 29-25 lead over Plainview.

The two teams broke even in the third with each scoring 15 points in the period.

Plainview then came to life in the fourth, holding Pampa to 12 points while ending the period with 20 points.

Leading scorers for Pampa were Clayton Hall 15, Jarett Kotara 11,

Brittin East 11.

Pampa is now 12-7. Plainview moves to 18-3.

The Harvesters do not have another game scheduled until the district opener at home against Randall next Friday night. That game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The junior varsity will take the home floor at 6 p.m.

Reed is trying to negotiate an unscheduled game against a team from Lubbock that may be played Tuesday night. Not word at press time whether this game has been secured.

## Optimist basketball draft this weekend

"We originally thought we would have plenty of coaches for Optimist Boys' Basketball," said Commissioner Huey Green Thursday. "But we have had so many third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys register that we need at least two more coaches."

"At the close of registration Thursday, 58 fifth and sixth graders had signed up and 40 more were registered in the third and fourth grade division," Green said. "We are excited to have so many boys want to play," Green continued. "It is a good problem to have more than anticipated."

The third and fourth grade division will have five teams. Russ Hughes and Scott Troxell will coach the Sixers. Bino Facio and Tad Smith will handle the Celtics. The

Blazers will be guided by Bobby Bolin and Guy Green. Kevin Hunt will head up the Spurs while Tim Davis does the same for the Lakers.

The draft for the third and fourth grade division was scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Optimist Building. The fifth and sixth grade draft is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m.

Teams have not yet been assigned in the fifth and sixth grade division. Coaches for this age group include Martin Avila, Jad McGuire, Eugene Polasek, Joe Michelay, Raymond Cox, Kent Karbo, Dr. Dan Powell, Worley Kennedy, Bill Simon and Tom McElwain.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

### PLAYING FOR KEEPS

## Player who caught ball to end title drought wasn't to keep it

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox officials took the World Series trophy throughout New England to share it with long-suffering fans. Now Doug Mientkiewicz wants them to see the ball he caught to clinch the team's first championship in 86 years.

As long as he can keep it. Boston's backup first baseman and John Henry, the team's principal owner, spoke Friday but did not decide who gets the ball, which Mientkiewicz locked in a safe deposit box.

"We didn't discuss solutions," Henry said in an e-mail Friday night to The Associated Press. "I just wanted to listen to what his feelings were with regard to all of this. I have a great deal of respect for Doug."

Mientkiewicz said he had a "nice conversation" with Henry but told WEEI-AM he wants to keep the ball.

"Of course I want Red Sox fans to see the ball," he told the radio station. "The main reason why I hung on to the darn thing is because I want people to see it."

Mientkiewicz and his father, who both live in the Miami area, did not return phone calls seeking comment. A woman who answered the door at the player's Coral Gables home said Mientkiewicz was not there.

Mike Martin coached Mientkiewicz at Florida State from 1993-95 and is convinced the player won't sell the ball for personal gain.

"There's not a selfish bone in the guy's body," said Martin, in his 26th year as head coach of the Seminoles. "He was one of the most popular players to ever play here. He also was a guy who was a fan favorite in Minnesota. He's also very community

oriented and I'm sure that's the case in the city of Boston."

The Red Sox obtained the slick-fielding Mientkiewicz from the Twins at the July 31 trade deadline. He was a late-inning replacement in each of the four World Series games after being a starter for the previous three seasons.

*"We want it to be part of Red Sox archives or museums so it can be shared with the fans."*

— Larry Lucchino  
Team President, Boston Red Sox

Boston led 3-0 in Game 4 in St. Louis when Mientkiewicz entered in the bottom of the seventh inning. He didn't handle the ball until there were two outs in the ninth. Shortstop Edgar Renteria grounded it back to the mound. Pitcher Keith Foulke trotted toward first and underhanded the ball to Mientkiewicz.

With the ball in his grasp, Mientkiewicz raised his right index finger in triumph and rushed to the mass of celebrating players. In the locker room, he gave the ball to his wife, Jodi, who put it in her purse then brought it to Fenway Park the next day, where it was authenticated by

major league baseball officials.

On the same day that Mientkiewicz squeezed the final out in his glove, the ball Barry Bonds hit for his 700th home run brought a top bid of \$804,129 after a 10-day online auction.

Mientkiewicz was quoted in The Boston Globe on Friday as saying the ball was "my retirement fund" and said "I hope I don't have to use it for the money. It would be cool if we have kids someday to have it stay in our family for a long time."

He told WEEI that he was kidding about the possibility of making money from the souvenir.

Team president Larry Lucchino wants the team to have it.

"We want it to be part of Red Sox archives or museums so it can be shared with the fans," he told the Globe. "We would hope he would understand the historical nature of it."

Mientkiewicz, unhappy as a part-time player last season, is set to make \$3.75 million in the final year of his two-year contract. The team has an option to renew it at \$4 million for 2006 but has said it intends to trade Mientkiewicz or its other first baseman, Kevin Millar, before spring training.

Even if he leaves and takes the ball with him, Mientkiewicz wants to share it with Boston fans.

"It belongs in the stadium where we brought it home to, and if they would like to see it then I'd be more than happy to," he told WEEI. "That's part of history and I think people have waited long enough. They deserve to see it."

## Center suspended for throwing punch

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas coach Rick Barnes on Friday suspended center Jason Klotz for the Big 12 season opener because he threw a punch during the Longhorns' win over Memphis.

No. 15 Texas (11-2) plays host to Baylor (7-3) Sunday.

Although no foul was called after the punch Thursday night during Texas' 74-67 win, television cameras caught Klotz hitting Simplice Njoya in the stomach. Njoya went to his knees briefly but finished the game.

UT spokesman Scott McConnell said the one-game sus-

pension conforms with NCAA rules had Klotz been whistled for the punching foul during the game.

Klotz continued to play after the punch and scored 11 points. McConnell said Barnes did not know Klotz threw the punch until after the game.

The Big 12 said late Friday that it accepts the penalty.

"Regardless of the physical nature of a contest, such actions are not acceptable," Commissioner Kevin Weiberg said.

## Booster Club meets Tuesday

The Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will meet Tuesday night, 7 p.m. at the PHS library.

For additional information, please contact a Booster Club member, or call the PHS Athletic Office at 669-4830.

Meetings and event submission can be sent via fax, 669-2520. Please address it to the attention of the Sports Editor. Or, you can e-mail your information to sports@thepampapnews.com.

Please allow enough advance notice to allow us to best serve your event or meeting.

## Singh still the man to beat

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Vijay Singh quickly left everyone in his massive wake Friday. By the end of the second round in the season-opening Mercedes Championships, he left them a little hope.

Singh played his first seven holes in 6 under to open a large lead on the Plantation Course at Kapalua, then settled down with a series of pars to finish with an 8-under 65 for a two-shot lead over Mike Weir.

Despite the sluggish finish, the 41-year-old Fijian was halfway home to the tournament scoring record. And he made it as clear as the Pacific waters below that he's still the man to beat on the PGA Tour.

"He shows no signs of slowing down," Weir said after making up ground with a 10-under 63. "It's just a given he's going to be there."

Singh was at 15-under 131 after curling in a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th. Ernie Els, who set the 72-hole record two years ago at 31 under, played solidly from start to finish for a 65 that left him two shots out of the lead. Sergio Garcia and Jonathan Kaye were another stroke back after 67s.

Tiger Woods might be right up there with Singh if he can ever figure out his putting. Woods missed three straight birdie chances inside 8 feet on the front nine, and ended his round of 68 by three-putting for par from 35 feet on the par-5 18th. He was 10 under, five shots behind the man who replaced him at No. 1 in the world.

"I had my chances to post a good, solid round," Woods said. "And I didn't do it."

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## Parrish will skip senior season to enter the 2005 NFL draft

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Roscoe Parrish said that he'll skip his senior season at Miami and will enter the NFL draft. Parrish was Miami's top receiver this season, catching 43 passes for 693 yards. He also averaged 16.2 yards on punt returns, running two back for touchdowns — including one in the Hurricanes' 27-10 Peach Bowl victory over Florida on Dec. 31, a game where he was selected the co-MVP.

## NHL cancels next week's meetings

The NHL canceled next week's meeting with its board of governors because the league has nothing new to report in the stagnant collective bargaining process. The board of governors, representing the 30 clubs, hadn't met since September when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman imposed the

lockout that has forced the season games and the 2005 cancellation of 571 regular All-Star game.

## Lacewell retires from Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Although Larry Lacewell is about to turn 68 and has been planning to retire for months, the departure of the Dallas Cowboys' scouting director can be considered the first of many changes for the team this offseason.

And it could be another sign of the power base in the organization shifting to coach Bill Parcells.

Lacewell announced his retirement Thursday, ending a 13-season stay that spanned from the final two years of coach Jimmy Johnson to the first two under Parcells.

Aside from the personnel decisions, Lacewell's impact on the club stemmed from his close relationship to owner Jerry Jones. A fellow Arkansas native, Lacewell was a trusted adviser to Jones in areas well beyond evaluating talent. He'll remain a part-time adviser, but his absence from team headquarters likely means more influence for Parcells.

"I just felt this was the appropriate time," Lacewell said. "I'm going to continue to help Jerry and Bill in

whatever ways I can in the future, but I'm looking forward to slowing down the pace a little."

Jones said he and Lacewell have been discussing his retirement for two years, adding that Lacewell "has played an integral role" in the future of his department, though no successor was immediately named.

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— Larry Lacewell  
Scouting Director, Dallas Cowboys (Ret.)

"Larry is, and will always be, a very valued member of this organization," Jones said. "His experience and knowledge of the game are understood and respected by football people throughout the collegiate and professional ranks. We will continue to seek

his input in the months and years ahead, and we wish him continued good health and gratitude for his contributions to the Dallas Cowboys."

Lacewell spent four decades in college football before joining the Cowboys in 1992. He began helping run the team's draft the following year and had mixed results.

Coaches say it takes several years to truly judge a draft class. Well, this past season, Dallas had only one player from its 1999 draft and none from 2000. The Cowboys are likely to be without anyone from 2001 next season.

Under Lacewell's watch, Dallas also took offensive lineman Larry Allen with the 46th pick in 1994, linebacker Dexter Coakley at No. 65 in 1997 and linebacker Dat Nguyen at No. 85 in 1999.

Coakley and Nguyen slipped because of their size, but both have been starters for many seasons.

The Cowboys skidded from 10-6 to 6-10 this past season and Parcells has promised to shake things up.

## Panhandle, West Texas fishing report

### PANHANDLE

**BAYLOR:** Water lightly stained; 49 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

**GREENBELT:** Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 24.5' low. Black bass are slow on jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait along the dam. Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on minnows and worms.

**MACKENZIE:** Water lightly stained; 46 degrees; 67.5 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and striped bass are fair. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are slow on slabs tipped with minnows suspended near bottom. Catfish are slow. Winter Storm warning in effect by midweek.

**MEREDITH:** Water lightly stained; 44 degrees; 23.7' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow on chrome and black jerkbaits. Walleye are slow on slabs tipped with minnows and bottom bouncers. Channel catfish are slow. Winter Storm warning in effect by midweek.

**PALO DURO:** Water lightly stained; 42 degrees; 44' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair. Catfish are slow on prepared baits and minnows. Winter Storm warning in effect by midweek.

**OH. IVIE:** Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 22.25' low. Black bass are slow on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are slow on

in shallow water and along the vegetation line.

**BUFFALO SPRINGS:** Water lightly stained; 52 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie good on hooks baited with corn. Catfish fair near crappie house. Winter Storm warning in effect by midweek.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 52 degrees; 5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 51 degrees; 4' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 11 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are fair. Catfish are slow on chicken liver and minnows.

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 54 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are slow.

**OAK CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 24.55' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; .02 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Winter Storm warning in effect by midweek.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water turbid in upper end; 52 degrees; 4.4 low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near rocky areas and flooded vegetation. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs suspended 12-14 feet near the derricks. White bass are fair on shallow flats 3-8 feet on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners.

Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits

prepared and live bait.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 55 degrees; 9 low. Black bass are fair at 5-10 feet. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on live shad or sunfish fished vertically.

Channel and blue catfish are good in river just above the reservoir on trotlines baited with shad.

**SPENCE:** Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 49' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are slow.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 4.4 low. Black bass are fair on live bait.

Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on slabs tipped with minnows. Catfish are fair.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 30.5 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are slow on live baits.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 18' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on live baits. Winter Storm warning in effect by midweek.

**WICHITA:** Water clearing; 52 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and Hybrid striped are fair on large minnows and Roadrunner jigs along the dam.

Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with whole shad or drift fishing using shrimp or punch bait.

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**MONDAY • JANUARY 10**

7th & 8th Grade hosts Hereford • 7th A Team/8th B Team • 5:00pm

7th B Team/8th A Team • 6:30pm

Freshmen at Caprock • 6:00pm

**FRIDAY • JANUARY 14**

Jr. Varsity hosts Randall • 6:00pm at Pampa

Varsity hosts Randall • 7:30pm

**SATURDAY • JANUARY 15**

Freshmen at Tascosa • 10:00am

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**MONDAY • JANUARY 10**

7th & 8th Grade at Hereford • 7th A Team/8th B Team • 5:00pm

7th B Team/8th A Team • 6:30pm

**TUESDAY • JANUARY 11**

Jr. Varsity at Hereford • 7:30pm

Varsity at Hereford • 6:00pm

**FRIDAY • JANUARY 14**

Jr. Varsity hosts Randall • 7:30pm

Varsity at Randall • 6:00pm

**SATURDAY • JANUARY 15**

Freshmen at Amarillo Gold • 10:00am

### WRESTLING

**TUESDAY • JANUARY 11**

Jr. Varsity & Varsity host Hereford • 7:00pm

**THURSDAY • JANUARY 13**

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# Digital

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Other service providers, including America Online Inc., EarthLink Inc. and Microsoft Corp., which runs Hotmail, have provisions for transferring accounts upon proof of death and identity as next of kin.

AOL spokesman Nicholas Graham said the company gets dozens of such requests a day and has a separate fax number, mailing address and full-time service representative devoted to fulfillment.

Nonetheless, some privacy advocates question whether that's a good approach.

"People might decide what they want family members to see or keep secret sometimes for family harmony reasons," said Peter Swire, an Ohio State University law professor who served as former President Bill Clinton's chief privacy counselor. "They may know secrets of other family members that they hold in confidence: The sister had an abortion; the father had a first marriage."

Swire said Yahoo's policies are stricter than those for medical records — and rightly so.

He said quick access to medical records is needed for emergency care, and such records are unlikely to trample other people's privacy rights, as e-mail could.

Rather than maintaining an either-or policy, perhaps service providers could ask users when they sign up whether they'd like e-mail disclosed upon death, said

Jason Catlett, president of the privacy-rights group Junkbusters Corp.

"If you put money into an IRA (individual retirement account) or a mutual fund, they will ask you for the next of kin," Catlett said.

But Graham said cell phone providers and fitness centers don't make similar requests, and doing so with Internet service "is simply a turnoff and it's not necessary. We already have a process that works quite well and quite responsibly."

For now, such disputes are rare, and most struggles for access involve family members who need to obtain financial records on a computer, said Bob Weiss, president of Password Crackers Inc., a Maryland company that recovers lost passwords. Less than 2 percent of Weiss's business involves relatives of the deceased, he said.

Still, "as more of our lives go online, hosted faraway, we will want to think carefully about the disposition of those bits," said Jonathan Zittrain, a professor at Harvard Law School's Berkman Center for Internet & Society.

Decades of laws and court decisions already guide physical possessions, especially when there is no will. What makes online assets different is the fact that they often involve some service contract with an outside company, said R. Michael Daniel, an estates attorney in Pittsburgh.

The easiest approach, Internet scholars say, is simply to leave behind a password.

# Olive

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The group wanted to make the claim for monounsaturated fats contained in just one tablespoon of olive oil per day.

Olive oil and certain food containing olive oil can now indicate that "limited and not conclusive scientific evidence suggests that eating about two tablespoons (23 grams) of olive oil daily may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease due to the monounsaturated fat in olive oil," the FDA concluded.

"I think FDA just took a more conservative view," Bauer said.

Manufacturers waited for the FDA's precise wording before revising labels. "I expect, over time, most every container of olive oil will have this," he said.

Already, American restaurants and consumers drive \$450 million in olive oil sales per year.

Supermarket sales in 2003 accounted for 132 million pounds of olive oil, up by nearly one-third over the past six years.

Bauer said he expects the label change to spur a larger uptick in sales.

According to the American Heart Association, coronary heart disease caused 502,189 deaths — or one in five deaths — in 2001, the most current statistic available.

Another 13.2 million Americans that year survived the heart attacks, chest pains and other ailments caused by coronary heart disease.

# Poison

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pensively and easily?

Mercadante says the questions can only be answered after the painkiller is tested on humans.

Others also are researching the painkilling properties of various poisons.

Perez notes Israel's Shulov Institute for Science developed the Zep-3 painkiller from viper poison.

In January, the Journal of the American Medical Association published a report on the painkilling qualities of a synthetic form of a venom from the Conus Magus cone snail, which

lives in shallow tropical saltwater. It said the venom could ease the pain in cancer and AIDS victims who get no relief from morphine or other conventional painkillers.

Painkilling properties similar to the ones found in the rattlesnake's poison have not been discovered in the venom of other snakes used by the institute to produce antivenin, Mercadante says.

"But we have found anticoagulant, anti-inflammatory and antihypertensive properties in the poison of other specimens," he says. "Research is under way."

Rattlesnake venom itself won't be needed to produce the potential painkiller because its analgesic-pro-

ducing molecules have been synthesized, but the institute still needs its snake for the poison used to produce antivenin.

A snake's venom is extracted once a month and injected into one of the hundreds of horses kept by the institute at a ranch on the outskirts of Sao Paulo.

Once the horse has produced enough antibodies, 5 percent of its blood is extracted and used to make antivenin.

Horses are used in this process because they are "stronger than most animals and their blood is ideal for the production of antivenins," Mercadante says.

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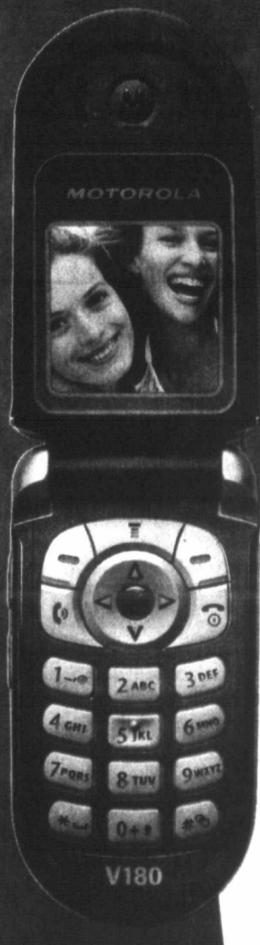
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# Lifestyle

# Eating Healthy IN 2005

## Remembering not all fats, oils bad for you key

### Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

#### CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met for a social in November at Lone Star Restaurant in Pampa with Berklee Clements presiding. Spouses and guests were present at the meeting. Door prizes were given away. Bill Stiles of Wheeler won a Beef Gift Certificate.

The next meeting was Dec. 13 at City Drug Bed and Breakfast in Wheeler with Second Vice President Julie Watkins presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Officers for 2005 are Clements, president; Watkins, first vice president; Sally Wicker, secretary; Kay Stiles, treasurer; Dianne Buckingham, treasurer; and Liz Austin, parliamentarian.

—The group approved a donation to Wheeler Livestock Boosters and discussed making contributions to other worthy causes.

—Sena Brainard reported on the Fall Foliage Festival in Canadian. Brainard managed a booth at the event. The organization offered stick-on tattoos to children and recipes and brochures to adults.

—Sandra Christner and Stiles reported on Texas CattleWomen Fall Convention in San Antonio. The main speakers at the convention were Dan Byfield, of Landgard and American Land Foundation, and Sharon Spenrath, legislative chair of Texas CattleWomen. Their topic was the proposed Trans Texas Corridor. Convention-goers also heard from Beef Ambassador Kayce Clark and ambassador finalist Amber Harris.

—Top O' Texas won a blue ribbon in the scrapbook competition due to the efforts of Kay Stiles and Melody Velasquez, while Liz Austin, another member of the local chapter, was elected fourth vice president of the state organization. Other state officers are Rosemary Brizendine, president; Rosemary Gambino, first vice president; Jane Ridenour, second vice president; Doris Koehne, third vice president; and Naida Davis, recording secretary.

Those present at the second meeting included Austin, Amy Brainard, Sena Brainard, Carolyn Buckingham, Dianne Buckingham, Christner, Christine Marcu, Mary Mitchell, Stiles, Wicker and Beatrice Williams.

The next meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 10, at Lone Star Restaurant.

(FAMILY FEATURES) — The start of the new year can signal many changes in your kitchen — whether it's a resolution to add a healthy flair to your cooking style or simply to maintain your ideal weight for bathing suit season. With the wide range of healthy cooking options out there, most people don't know that something as simple as using the right oil can bring them a step toward good health.

It's a common misconception that all fats and oils are bad for you, when in actuality the right fats and oils provide an effective energy source for the body, as well as enhance the texture, taste and aroma of many foods. The key to a healthy diet is to stay away from foods and oils with high levels of trans and saturated fats, such as processed foods and vegetable oils, and use products with high levels of monounsaturated fats that may have positive health benefits, such as avocados, olive oil and canola oil.

The large number of cooking and salad oils in the market can make your head spin, so which are the healthiest ones to choose? Canola and olive oils have long been held as the gold standard in cooking and salad categories. Canola oil has an ideal balance of omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acids, which are essential for a healthy cardiovascular system and have been noted as having specific health benefits.

However, food companies are now looking into new types of functional cooking oils that will serve as healthier alternatives to conventional oil. After more than a decade of research and huge popularity in the Japanese market, a diacylglycerol (DAG) oil is arriving in the U.S. market. Clinical studies have indicated that higher concentrations of diacylglycerols (DAGs) help maintain a healthy lifestyle when used as part of a sensible diet. Enova brand oil (www.enovaoil.com), a diacylglycerol oil that is clinically shown to store less as fat in the body, is now widely available.

"Enova oil is made from all natural soy and canola oil, and since it is not a fat substitute, digestive disturbances are not expected," said Mary Lee Chin, MS, RD. "More importantly, the oil has a light, mild taste and can be substituted for conventional cooking or salad oil in any cooking routine."

Even though these oils are healthier alternatives, they are still comprised of fat, and it is important to not overdo the amount used in your recipes. In fact, one to two tablespoons can be optimal for your daily allowance.

"An important thing to remember is that you don't have to sacrifice your favorite foods in order to maintain a successful New Year's regime," says chef Kathleen Daelemans, best-



City Fried Chicken

selling author and host of the Food Network's "Cooking Thin." "The journey to good health can be as simple as how you prepare your food by using healthy products like Enova oil."

#### HEALTHY OIL COOKING TIPS

- Choose oil with the greatest health benefits, such as the new diacylglycerol oil and canola or olive oil. These oils are versatile and can be used for all types of recipes. Use them instead of butter or shortening for your recipes.

- A little oil goes a long way, and for most recipes, one teaspoon per person is adequate. A mister also can effectively distribute the oil used in a recipe.

#### City Fried Chicken

A healthy and tasty alternative to deep-fried chicken.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Kathleen Daelemans, best-selling author and host of the Food Network's "Cooking Thin."

4 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 pound bone-in chicken pieces or boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into eight pieces and lightly pounded
- Coarse-grained salt and cracked black pepper

- 2 egg whites, beaten
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons Enova oil
- 1 lemon, cut into eight wedges

Directions: Season chicken generously with salt and pepper on both sides. Place egg whites in shallow dish or plate. Whisk in cheese and parsley. Dredge each chicken piece through egg mixture and set in plate containing flour. Shake plate so chicken pieces get coated, turn chicken over and repeat. Lay on cookie sheet lined with parchment and set next to stove.

Heat oil in a 12-inch non-stick pan over medium-high heat. When hot but not smoking, add chicken and cook, turning once, until golden and cooked through, about 2 minutes per side or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear. Serve with lemon wedges.

#### Balsamic Orange Vinaigrette

A delicious, light-tasting and easy-to-make vinaigrette to brighten your salads.

16 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon-pepper seasoning
- 2/3 cup orange juice
- 1 1/4 cups Enova oil

Directions: Combine vinegar, seasoning and juice in medium bowl. Whisk until seasoning is well-blended. Gradually add oil while vigorously mixing with whisk. Chill well before serving.

#### Delicious Green Beans

A healthy way to spice up a common side dish.

4 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons Enova oil
- 1 cup diced onion

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Balsamic Orange Vinaigrette

## Cooking

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1 teaspoon minced garlic  
4 cups frozen green beans  
2 tablespoons water  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon fresh grated lemon zest  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup slivered almonds

Add garlic, green beans, water and salt. Cover and cook 3 to 5 minutes or until almost tender. Remove cover and cook another minute to evaporate liquid. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and lemon zest. Place in serving dish and top with slivered almonds.

Directions: Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté until crisp-tender.

All materials courtesy of Enova Cooking Oil.

## Couple unite in Vegas wedding

On Dec. 20, 2004, Juneva Anderson of Guymon, Okla., and Dr. Luis J. Morton of Borger exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony at Rio Hotel Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev., with Francene Wunderink, pastor of Grace Valley Church in Las Vegas, presiding.

The maid of honor was Rogena Tunder of Phoenix, Ariz.

The best man was Major General (retired) Stewart C. Meyer, father of the groom of Killeen.

Serving as ushers were Dr. Jerry Butler, Professor Mike McNair and Parker Meyer.

Percilla Butler registered the guests.

A reception was held following the service in Rio Casino.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and June Tunder of Woodward, Okla. She graduated from Hooker High School at Hooker, Okla., from Frank Phillips College

in Borger and from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She has been employed with Panhandle Telephone Company Inc., for 16 years.

The groom is the son of Maj. Gen. Stewart and Mari Meyer of Killeen. He graduated from Killeen High School in 1976, Central Texas College in 1978 with an associate degree in general studies, American Technological University in 1979 and 1980 with bachelor of science and master of science degrees, respectively, and from East Texas State University in 1984 and 1992 with a master in education degree and a doctorate degree, respectively.

Dr. Morton is currently director of Extended Education at FPC, from 2004 to the present, and was formerly executive director for Panhandle Shar-Ed Video Network from 1992-2003.



Dr. Luis J. Morton and Juneva Anderson

The newlyweds honeymooned at Gold Coast Casino in Las Vegas and intend to make their home in Borger.

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## Bella Stanza site of wedding reception



Kristi Lee Carter

Kristi Lee Carter and Clinton James Weil, both of Arlington, were wed Dec. 18, 2004, in First Christian Church at Arlington with the Rev. C. Fester Prose, of Fort Worth, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Lee and Sharon Carter of Pampa and is the granddaughter of James and Ruby McCarley of Canadian and LaVaughn Back and the late Wayne Back of Amarillo.

The maid of honor was Stacie Carter, sister of the bride of Lubbock. The bridal attendants were Nicole McCarley of Lubbock, JoLynn Behringer of North Richland Hills, Jenn Demick of Arlington and Aaron Sams of Canyon.

The groom is the son of Freddie and Lydia Weil of Mansfield and is the grandson of Jim Behringer and the late Ramey Behringer of Arlington and Leo and Dorothy Weil of Hale Center. His brother Casey Weil, of Stephenville, was best man.

The groomsmen were Cleat Bell of Arlington, Lane Kilgore of Mansfield, Blake Behringer of North Richland Hills and Brock Huggins of Rhome.

The ushers were Josh Mathis of Lubbock and Ray Mullikan and Nathan Brigmon, both of Mansfield.

Rachel Lowery of Arlington registered the guests.

Music was provided by organist John Williams of Arlington and vocalist Kristi Smith of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Bella Stanza in Arlington. The reception attendants were Jacquie Brigmon and Hether Mullikan, both of Mansfield.

The bride graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and received a degree in habilitation of the deaf from Texas Christian University in 2001. She is currently employed as a member of the City of Arlington's police force.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Mansfield High School and received a criminal justice degree from Texas Wesleyan University in 2000. He also is currently employed as a member of the City of Arlington's police force.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii and intend to make their home in Burleson.

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## Menus

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**Pampa Schools MONDAY**  
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**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Toast.  
Lunch: cheeseburger pockets or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, English peas, pears, gelatin.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Mini-pancakes.  
Lunch: Chicken and noodles or pizza, green beans, potatoes, fruit, rolls.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Bacon/cheese stravaganza, flour tortillas.  
Lunch: Chef salad or beef/cheese nachos, Western beans, corn, peach cups, rolls.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.  
Lunch: Flauta or hot dogs, pinto beans, salad, fruit, Spanish rice.

**Lefors Schools MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Ravioli or pigs-in-a-blanket, peas, fried okra,

applesauce, salad bar.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast bar, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Taco salad or chicken fajitas, refried beans, rice, salad bar, oranges.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken/noodles or barbecue, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, fruit.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Lasagna or chicken nuggets, corn, salad garlic toast, baked apples, salad bar.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue sandwiches, French fries, all the fixen's, potato salad, pears, salad bar.

**Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY**  
Goulash, corn, garlic bread, fruit.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Hot dogs/chili, chips, pork and beans, cookies.

**Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY**  
Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, pineapple.

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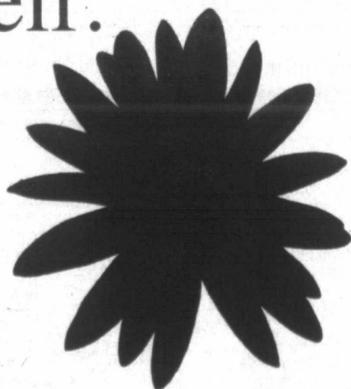
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: How does one deal with a nosy neighbor? "Miss Nosy" looks through my mail, and I caught her red-handed with a former neighbor's mail, which she had opened, read and apparently hoarded. I didn't confront her because I had just moved next door and didn't want to start a feud.

Miss Nosy claims she goes into my mailbox to make sure our postman hasn't accidentally put something for her in there. Doesn't she know that if he did, I'd give it to her?

If someone comes to my door, Miss Nosy calls and demands to know who it is and as much about his or her life history as I'm willing to share. She also asks me questions that are far too personal. She is elderly, but I don't think that's a valid excuse for her behavior.

Renting a P.O. box would be inconvenient. I'm considering replacing my mailbox with one that locks so that only I can get my mail out. Miss Nosy may pout about it, but surely she would get the hint. Any suggestions? -- INVADED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR INVADED: What your neighbor is doing is called mail tampering, and it's a felony. A locked mailbox is the surest, safest solution to your problem. You would be doing your neighbors a tremendous favor if you called the local postal inspector's office and reported what the woman is doing. They may not haul Miss Nosy off to the pokey, but she'll be sent a letter saying that what she's doing is a felony, and if a check should go missing, she'll be blamed for it.

P.S. Suggest to the woman that since she doesn't seem to have enough to occupy her, she should start a Neighborhood Watch program. It wouldn't take up much more of her time than she's already devoting, and would be a more constructive use of it.

DEAR ABBY: How do you get a child to stop biting? My sister's

little boy, "Alan," is 1 1/2. My son, "Lee," is 2. Every time they are together, Alan bites Lee out of anger. Sometimes the bite remains for days -- and once it stayed a whole week.

Lee does not bite his cousin back. Since we are a close family, the children are together almost every day. My sister is ashamed of her son's bullying. Do you have any solutions? -- FRUSTRATED IN LOUISIANA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: For the next month or so, you and your sister should make a point of watching the children closely. When Alan becomes aggressive and starts to bite, his mother should make eye contact with him and say, "Stop it! We don't do that! If you're going to bite, you can't play with Lee." Then the child should be separated from his cousin for a 15- to 30-minute time-out. Once Alan understands there are consequences for his actions, the biting should stop. \*\*\*\*\*

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Brad," and I have a beautiful daughter, "Annie," who was born after a difficult labor and an emergency C-section in April 2001.

We're now expecting our second child, who is due next April just a few days after Annie's birthday. (This birth will also be Caesarean.) Brad thinks it would be great to have the baby on Annie's birthday, but I'm not so sure. Do you think it's best for each child to have their own birthday, or would it form a special bond between siblings to share a birthday? Please respond. I need you to sway the vote. -- UNDECIDED MAMA IN OHIO

DEAR UNDECIDED MAMA: I'm pleased to oblige. Children are individuals, and each child should have one day to be the sole center of attention. Although it might be more convenient to celebrate both birthdays together, I recommend against it.

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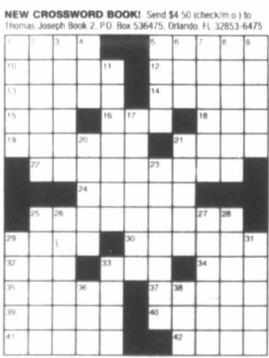
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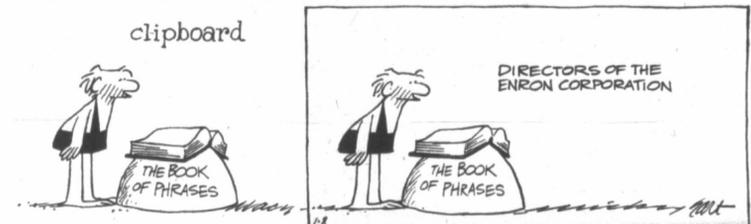
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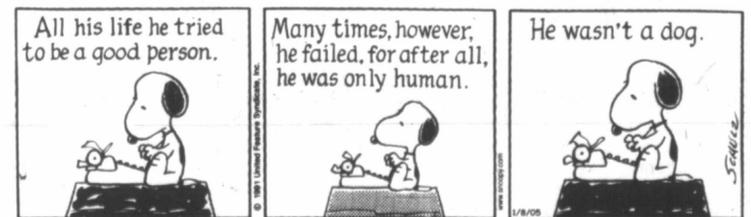
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# Make the year 2005 the best ever

## ■ Ten tips with the potential to alter your existence ...

by Dr. Kathleen Hall  
North American Press Syndicate

(NAPSA) — Are you overworked, overbooked and overwhelmed? Don't panic, with a few simple changes you can make a huge difference in your life.

Here are ten tips that will not only reduce stress but will allow you to find the extraordinary meaning in everyday activities.

1. Stress reduction in a minute. Studies show that during the day, as little as five minutes of meditation, deep breathing and yoga can lower blood pressure, release healing hormones, increase creativity and production and help your ability to handle stressful situations.

2. Exercise at least 30 minutes every other day. Walk at lunch, set a treadmill up in your television room. Take up Pilates. Exercise lowers your risk of stroke, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, heart disease and osteoporosis.

3. Laugh as often as possible. Laughter releases endorphins, the body's natural pain killers. Laughter lowers blood pressure, reduces stress hormones and boosts your immune function.

4. Play. Playfulness increases creativity and increases disease-fighting immune cells.

5. Pay attention. Become aware of emotions (stressors and calming forces) and how these affect your choices, relationships, home

life and work.

6. Eat breakfast. People who eat breakfast consume less fat and have a higher intake of essential vitamins and minerals, resulting in lower serum cholesterol and a lower heart attack risk.

7. Get a pet. Studies show that owning a pet can help reduce blood pressure. Emotional life savers, pets help people experience intimacy and deal with changes in their lives.

8. You need a friend. Friendship is not a luxury, but is essential to work-life balance and your health. Studies show isolation decreases immune functioning.

9. Maintain an attitude of gratitude. It's impossible to be grateful and experience stress

at the same time. Studies tell us daily gratitude exercises result in higher levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, optimism and energy.

10. Altruism and philanthropy. Altruism neutralizes negative emotions and makes people feel stronger and more energetic. It counters the harmful effects of stress.

Dr. Kathleen Hall is an author, motivational speaker and stress management expert. Her book, "Alter Your Life," offers solutions for reducing stress and creating balance in busy lives. More information can be found at [www.drkathleenhall.com](http://www.drkathleenhall.com) or [www.alteryourlife.com](http://www.alteryourlife.com).

## The next time you give, try it from the heart of your kitchen

(NAPSA) — The next time you want to present a present, you can make it a tasteful one that can be enjoyed today, tomorrow, or even a month from now. Create a beautiful package full of everything needed to make delicious Homemade Pear and Blueberry Muffins. This is an easy and creative gift that can brighten any kitchen.

### GIFT SUPPLIES:

- 1 blank recipe card
- 1 basket or mixing bowl, 12 to 16 inches in diameter
- 1 pretty cloth napkin
- 1 package (18 1/2 ounces) blueberry muffin mix
- 1 can (15 ounces) Bartlett pear halves or slices
- 2 half-dozen muffin tins
- 1 package paper muffin cups
- 1 wooden mixing spoon

Fill out blank recipe card with Homemade Pear Blueberry Muffin recipe (following). Remove muffin mix packet from box and cut the baking instructions from the box.

Wrap packet and baking instructions in gift paper or a gift bag. Line basket or mixing bowl with cloth napkin.

Arrange recipe card, wrapped package of dry muffin mix, can of Bartlett pears, muffin tins, paper muffin cups and mixing spoon into basket or mixing bowl. Wrap entire gift and tie with ribbon.

- pear halves or slices
- 1 package blueberry muffin mix

Drain pears; cut into 1/4-inch pieces and set aside. Prepare muffin mix according to package directions. Fold pears into batter.

Place paper muffin cups into muffin tins. Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling 3/4 full. Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Makes 12 muffins.

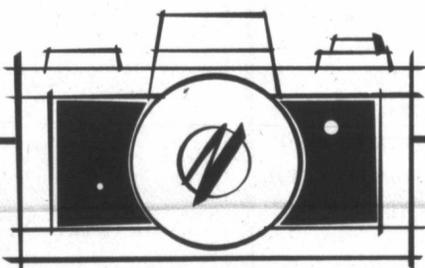
Nutritional Information (Per serving 1 muffin): Calories 218, Protein 4g, Carbohydrate 33g, Fiber 0g, Fat 8g, Cholesterol 36mg, Sodium 221mg

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**Homemade Pear Blueberry Muffins**  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005:

Creativity marks your year. Keep a notebook or tape recorder with you to save your ideas. Others seek you out, as you are verbal, thoughtful, imaginative and find solutions easily. Curb a tendency to be too me-oriented, as your dynamic personality emerges this year. Give others a chance. Your intuition plays a large role in success, especially professionally. If you are single, make no commitments during this year of choice. Explore. From November forward, you will make new friends. Many will meet their sweetie late fall 2005. If you are attached, make an effort not to steal the stage. Remember to honor your significant other's feelings and opinions. It is all or nothing with a fellow CAPRICORN.

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)

★★★ Others need and want your attention. Fulfill expectations. A closeness and rapport develops as a result. Others admire how you handle yourself. Accept compliments. Your desirability and wit mix. Many receive kudos from loved ones. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ An overview helps you understand recent events. Detach. Go to the movies, join a friend for a delectable meal or take a drive. Consider expressing more of your feelings. Thinking about a getaway? Start brainstorming. Tonight: Dreams play a role.

This Week: Don't hesitate to assume leadership. Responsibility flatters you, and the results are great.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You cannot avoid a close encounter or discussion. The end result will be much more trust and a caring relationship. Allow lightness and romance into your life. A child delights in spending one-on-one time with you. Tonight: Be a duo.

This Week: Confirm information. Additional research might be necessary, which will keep you busy. Take

a stand on Thursday.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Kick back and allow others to find you. You have your choice of invitations, people and happenings. Did you really think you could have a quiet day lounging at home? Flow and go with the moment.

Tonight: Opt for calls rather than being out.

This Week: Money plays a big role when dealing with others. Detach and think through a decision. Do your homework.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Buckle down and take care of demanding work, errands and calls. You feel uplifted and clear as a result. Schedule private time just for yourself. Exercise, get a massage or indulge in a hot bath. You deserve to indulge. Tonight: Organize yourself for the workweek.

This Week: Count on others doing an excellent job of distracting you. You might not be able to buckle down.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Even you need to let your hair down sometimes. Choose to let go. Several people hop on your bandwagon, as you rarely kick back. Family, children and/or a roommate needs to be included or at least invited. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live for now.

This Week: Nothing stops your focus until Thursday. Use this period well.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Play it low-key and easy. Your personality and magnetism come out no matter what you do or how tired you are. Your personal and domestic life takes precedence. Consider a new item for your home, which might make communications easier. Tonight: Get extra rest.

This Week: You twinkle, even at work. Someone might be developing quite a crush; you'll find out who soon enough.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Avoid isolating yourself. You might not need to go far. Whether shopping, visiting or hanging out, a good time is had by all, but especially by you. Add that special light touch. Hold back your opinions for now. Observe and listen more.

Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot. This Week: You might wish you could take off. Why not? A winter break might be just what the doctor

ordered.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Slow the whirlwind. Gather bills and pay them. Control your budget by assuming responsibility. Muster up your conservative side; you of all signs are lucky with money. Go to a game; join friends later. Tonight: OK, order in or treat a friend to dinner.

This Week: Network, catch up on paperwork and schedule meetings through Thursday. Others will respond.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You feel your Wheaties. Squeeze in a visit to a parent or relative. You do the right thing at the right time. Trust your judgment. Venus and Mercury enter into your sign, adding to your verbal skills and magnetism. Tonight: Others go along with your choices.

This Week: Get a grasp on your finances before making any plans. Act only when you have all the information you need.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ You need time to regroup, rest and center. Play ostrich, but explain what's up to close loved ones. Note a tendency to be overly sensitive, which emerges in the next few days. Explore a friendship carefully, especially if you meet this person in the next few weeks. Tonight: Avoid calls.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Hook up with friends. Celebrate your weekend in style. Relationships warm up from today on. Zero in on a key associate. Broaden your horizons and meet new people. Be more aware of your public appearance. Tonight: Don't think about work.

This Week: Know that you are walking on eggshells until Thursday. Avoid major decisions and actions Monday through Wednesday.

### BORN TODAY

Singer Joan Baez (1941), singer Crystal Gayle (1951), author Simone de Beauvoir (1908)

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 10, 2005:

Accept the role of being a manifestor. Your creativity surges. Add in your innate magnetism, and you'll become a delightful and resourceful force. Whatever you touch has a magical quality. Your career and personal life reflect this newfound energy.

Sometimes you are challenged by people and events. The whirlwinds surrounding you often reflect others' jealousy and imagination. Learn not to play into negativity. Answer challenges diplomatically. Be sensitive to those you love and allow them to establish their views. If you are single, you will attract many to you. Decide what type of relationship you want. Choose this person with your goal in mind. Remember, the world doesn't revolve around you, though one would think so this year. If you are attached, share with your sweetie. Give him or her as much say-so as you have. CAPRICORN understands you too well at times.

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### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Complain if you wish. Others recognize your leadership and professional skills. No wonder so many responsibilities drop on you. Decide to organize and prioritize work. Establish a new beginning if you want. Tonight: Burn the candle on both ends.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Work on developing better resources and skills. A seminar or workshop could be helpful. Research and finding experts help point you in the right direction. Matters dealing with those at a distance get a new beginning. Tonight: Weigh your options.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Individuals provide unusual resources. Tap into the many options present at this moment. Listen to one person at a time. Try to avoid groups if you can. A new beginning becomes possible in a relationship. Tonight: Start working on your taxes.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to continue to defer to others. Make a long-overdue resolution as to how you plan to approach others. A key partnership might be involved with decisions. Let others display their colors. Tonight: Go with others' plans.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Ultimately, you will be happier if you don't fuss and you get into your work or daily life. You can and will accomplish a lot if you buckle down and concentrate. Schedule any necessary checkups, even with the dentist! Tonight: Make it OK to be tired.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You finally get a new beginning with a relationship. Footloose and fancy free? You might ask yourself if you are pushing potential suitors away. Any decisions made in a creative venture can happen. Tonight: Don't worry about your friends' judgment.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might know intuitively that you need to stay close to home. You also could feel as if others are making way too many demands, especially bosses, parents and anyone you have to answer to. Close the door at work if you can. Tonight: Cocoon.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ How you say what you think makes a big difference. Are you getting responses and reactions that you don't like? Hold up a mirror and decide to change a tendency toward sarcasm.

Tonight: Stay close to home.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Make a decision to correct your handling of your funds or to budget in a way that will prove helpful to you. Some might even be getting ready to get their taxes done. Why not get that monkey off your back? Tonight: Pay bills.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ The New Moon today in your sign signals a new beginning and a period of unusual creativity. If someone responds negatively today, understand where he or she is coming from. You can afford to be generous of spirit. Tonight: Do what you want, not what others want you to do.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Consider assuming a low profile for the moment. Do what you can quietly. Take a walk or sign up for a yoga class -- just work on eliminating stress in your life, not only today but in the long run. Tonight: Understand that you might be saddled with too much to do.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Set goals, keeping in mind what you want to achieve. Use the New Moon for a new start concerning a goal or friendship. Don't get discouraged by another's reaction. He or she could be out of sorts. Keep more to yourself right now. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

### BORN TODAY

Singer Pat Benatar (1953) singer Rod Stewart (1945), actress Janet Jones (1961)

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# Pharmaceutical industry to offer greater transparency on drug trials

NEW YORK (AP) — The embattled pharmaceutical industry announced its intention last week to publish more data about clinical drug trials, despite skepticism about whether the initiative will really increase transparency and improve drug safety.

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations, along with three other industry associations covering Europe, the United States and Japan, said they will disclose a free, detailed registry of current and completed drug trials on the Internet. The decision comes amid revelations that the industry muzzled negative data about some of its products and growing questions about drug safety.

"The industry recognizes that there are important public health benefits associated with making clinical trial information more widely available to health care practitioners, patients and others," said Dr. Harvey E. Bale, director general of the international organization in a statement.

The industry said that by mid-2005 it will publish the results of completed trials as well as details about studies that are being initiated on publicly accessible databases. The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America is recommending that its members post studies on an existing government-run web site ([www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)) starting on July 1. Drug companies are legally required to post trials dealing with serious or life-threatening

diseases to that site.

The new initiative is voluntary and while companies have expressed support, it is unclear if they will comply to the degree deemed necessary by industry critics eager to improve transparency.

Critics say companies must register trials either before they begin or soon after so they can't squelch negative results. The issue gained prominence last year when New York State attorney general Eliot Spitzer sued GlaxoSmithKline PLC for suppressing negative clinical studies on their antidepressants. He also asked Forest Laboratories for information about studies of its antidepressants. Settlements were reached but the issue lingers.

Trial lawyers have accused Merck & Co. of hiding negative information about Vioxx, the pain killer drug it pulled last year because it doubled patients risk of heart attack and strokes.

Last year, the 11 members of the International Committee of Medical Journal

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Editors said they would not publish any studies that are not registered in a database as they are launched. The editors say trials that subject people to intervention to determine the cause and effect relationship between a medical treatment and out-

come must be registered.

The American pharmaceutical association recommends registering mid-to-late stage trials.

It is unclear if the ideas are compatible, but the American association says it is open to discussion. Editor reaction was mixed.

"When you put the fox in charge of the hen house there is a problem," said Dr. Catherine D. DeAngelis, editor in chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association. "I'm a doubting Thomas."

Not all companies have completely embraced the idea.

AstraZeneca PLC spokeswoman Rachel Bloom Baglin said they would list "as appropriate." She said the company doesn't want to post any information that might

reveal proprietary information. After Thursday's announcement Merck & Co., which has only been listing its late stage trials on the web-site, resolved to list its mid stage trials as well.

New England Journal of Medicine editor-in-chief Dr. Jeffrey Drazen said he thought Merck's action's would meet the group's proposal.

"I think the industry is taking a step in the right direction," said Drazen.

DeAngelis said it is "hogwash" to say the registry would reveal any competitive information. She notes that drugs will have been in development for years before they needed to be listed on a trial registry so a competitor couldn't quickly match a study or idea.

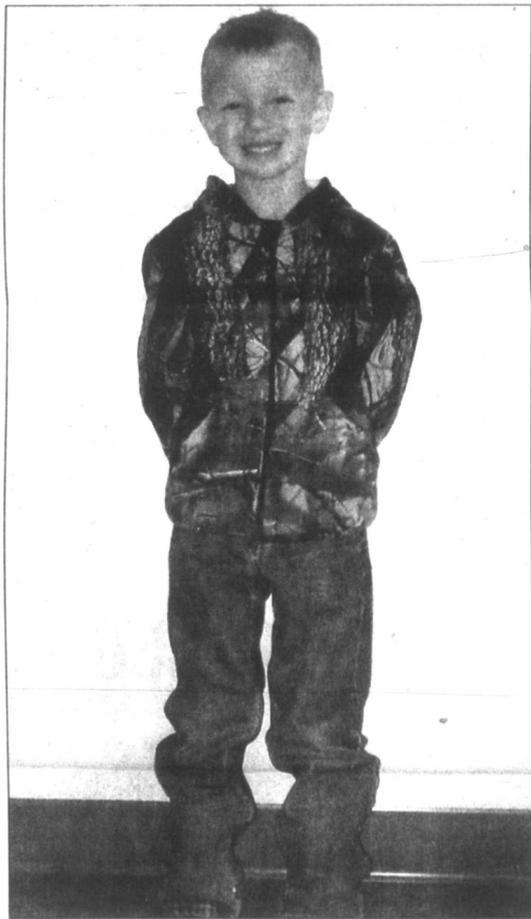
Christopher Milne, associate director of the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, said a registry could pose some competitive challenges. For example, if two companies are developing a medicine in the same class and one announces it is studying the product for a different use, the other firm may get a new idea.

Still, Milne said he didn't see the registry as a major competitive issue and that drug companies have to continue to do trials to survive.

"They live or die by their innovations," said Milne.

British Medical Journal acting editor-in-chief Cameron Abbasi criticized the lack of a single Internet location for the registry.

## Stocking winner



Braden Clay, 4 1/2, recently won a 6-foot stocking filled with toys and games from National Bank of Commerce. The give-away has become an annual Christmas event for the bank. Braden is the son of Brad Clay and is the grandson of Claude and Helen Clay.

## Registration for spring continues at West Texas A&M University

CANYON — Students interested in pursuing course work at West Texas A&M University are running short of time to register for the upcoming spring semester.

The semester's first class day is Wednesday, Jan. 12. Late registration continues through Tuesday, Jan. 18, giving prospective students additional leeway in choosing from among 61 undergraduate degree plans, 43 master's degree plans and a doctoral degree plan in agriculture.

Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management, said WT continues to be one of the best education values in Texas.

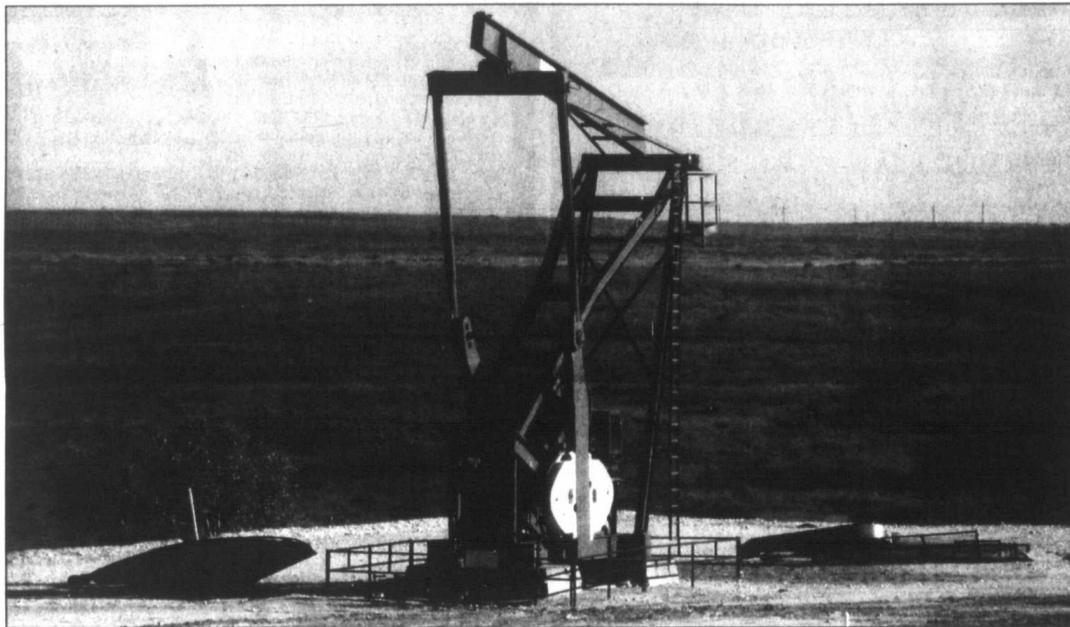
"We've held the line on costs and tuition," Johnson said. "Couple that with an

excellent doctoral faculty, a selective admissions process and small classes, and you can see why our enrollment continues to climb."

Last fall semester, WT enjoyed its largest student population in more than 30 years when preliminary 12th-class-day enrollment reached 7,314, the university's largest tally since the fall of 1971.

Spring enrollment in 2004 showed a 4.8 increase from the previous year, according to a university press release. Advance registrations for spring 2005 are up 16 percent from 2004.

For more information about classes at WT, contact the Office of Admissions at (806) 651-2020 or visit [www.wtaum.edu/admissions](http://www.wtaum.edu/admissions) on-line.



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## Pump jack

A new pump jack in Hemphill County tops one of the large number of wells being drilled in the Granite Wash geological zone in recent months. Drilling for oil and gas has led to a record concentration of activity in an area along the border between Hemphill and Wheeler counties as a result of a new rule allowing closer spacing of wells.

## Senator: Sage grouse not granted federal protection

PHOENIX (AP) — The federal government has decided not to list the sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act, a Colorado senator announced last week.

The yearslong battle over whether to declare the large game bird endangered has pitted development and related interests against conservationists. Listing the bird under the act would have meant restrictions on grazing, oil and gas leasing, and hunting across 150 million acres of sagebrush habitat in 11 Western states.

"This is great news for everyone across the West, highlighting this administration's willingness to listen to the ideas and perspectives of the scientific community, as well as local and tribal governments and those most impacted by such a listing," U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., said in a statement.

Messages left at Allard's office, at the Interior Department and at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were not immediately returned Thursday night.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton has said that extending federal protections to the sage grouse would have a signifi-

cant impact on development.

Restrictions would have particularly impinged Bush administration plans to produce more energy from public lands. The bird's habitat sits atop some of the nation's richest natural gas fields in Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

Loss of habitat — from urban sprawl, increased traffic and other reasons — is seen as the biggest threat to the sage grouse, which weighs up to eight pounds, and has a long, pointed tail and a mustard-colored pouch on its throat.

Environmentalists say not listing the bird means that damaging activities will continue in much of the bird's habitat, to the detriment of the grouse and scores of other species.

As many as 16 million of the ground-dwelling, chicken-like birds may have inhabited the Western United States and Canada at one time, the government estimates, but their number declined to as few as 142,000.

On the Net: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: <http://www.fws.gov>

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