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# Police investigate two cases involving injuries

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department is investigating two unrelated incidents in which the victims sustained injuries which required treatment at area hospitals.

The first incident was reported to police at 7:47 p.m. Wednesday, when a call was received concerning an assault. The victim was a one-yearold boy with bruises to the head and a misshapen skull.

The boy was transported to Pampa

Regional Medical Center, where he was diagnosed as having skull fractures. He was then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for further treatment.

The call concerning the incident was received from an address in the 1300 block of North Starkweather, according to police reports.

"The initial report was that he suffered the injuries accidentally," said PPD Det. Casey Ingersoll. "His injuries are non-life-threatening, and he was scheduled to be released from the hospital yesterday."

The child had been taken to PRMC Tuesday evening by private vehicle, and transported to NWTH by ambulance that same evening, Ingersoll said.

"Child protective services is

is in the custody of his parents." The case remains open and an investigation is continuing, he said. A man was stabbed in an unrelat-

involved," Ingersoll said. "The boy

ed incident at 3:25 a.m. today in the 1800 block of Hamilton.

Police responded to a report of a stabbing at the address given in the

call to find a male victim, Bryan Haire of Pampa. Haire was taken to PRMC by Guardian EMS Ambulance Service and later transferred to NWTH, where he remains as of press time today.

A suspect has been identified in the case, which remains open and under investigation, Ingersoll said. The suspect had left the scene of the stabbing by the time emergency services personnel responded to the call, he said. The victim was reportedly uncooperative with police concerning the incident.

# Court hears details of 2005 King murders in Missouri

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WAYNESVILLE, Missouri McDonald County, Mo., Deputy Mike Hall asked Levi King if there was anything else King would like to tell authorities after King described how he killed two people in Pineville, Mo., on Sept. 29, 2005. King answered, "No."

The audio taped statement, made Oct. 6, 2005, at the McDonald County Sheriff's Office, ended on that note. There was no mention of the deaths of a Gray County family in the predawn hours on Sept. 30.

the shooting deaths of Orlie McCool, 70, and his daughter-in-law Dawn McCool, 47, in Orlie McCool's rural Pineville, Mo., home. King faces murder charges in Gray County in connection with the deaths of Brian Conrad and his family, who were shot in the

early morning hours of Sept. 30, some 375 miles from Pineville.

The lanky King was arrested about 9:15 p.m., Sept. 30, 2005, in El Paso, on warrants charging him with the killings in Missouri and stealing a pickup.

During a hearing here this week, two confessions were played for the court. The first was a video taped by El Paso homicide detectives. The second was an audiotape recorded by McDonald County deputies after King was returned to Missouri.

Dep. Mike Hall recounted on the witness stand being called to the McCool King, 25, is charged in Missouri with residence about 10:30 a.m., Sept. 30, by Orlie McCool's nephew. Hall said he found the body of McCool in an upstairs office and the body of Dawn McCool in the downstairs living room of the hillside home.

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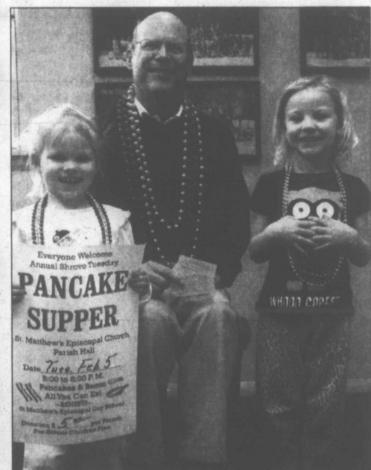
### Snowy morning



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampans awoke to a windy white morning today after snow fell in the area during the overnight hours. The National Weather Service in Amarillo recorded 2.6 inches of snowfall and average wind speeds of 28 miles per hour from the north, with peak gusts at 46 miles per hour. The snow gave a white coating to surfaces which included these evergreen bushes at a home near Central Park.

# Pancake supper



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Students from St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School get ready for the 52nd Annual Pancake Supper, which is planned from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Sierra Sutherland holds a Pancake Supper sign while Jojo Ragsdale, 3, gets her tickets from Hal Cree, ticket chairman. Tickets are \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon.

# Man stuffs drugs in mouth

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Pampa man remains in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$5,000 bond after a sheriff's deputy discovered the man had a substance believed to be cocaine in his mouth.

George Glen Eggleston, 43, was stopped by Deputy Rhett Rollins at about 4:20 p.m. Wednesday in the 1200 block of South Barnes on a reported traffic vio-

"Something he did aroused the

deputy's suspicions," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

Rollins asked for and received consent to search the vehicle. When Eggleston, the driver, got out of the vehicle, Rollins noticed something in his mouth, Hoard

said. "He told the driver to spit it out, and the driver complied," Hoard said.

The substance Eggleston had had in his mouth was suspected cocaine, Hoard

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# Burn ban, racial profiling on commissioner's agenda

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The burn ban imposed on Gray County by county commissioners at their Jan. 15 meeting will be reviewed at their 9 a.m. meeting Friday to determine whether to continue the

Commissioners will decide whether to extend the burn ban, which prohibits all outdoor burning anywhere in the county, including burning of household trash by rural residents, in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Dry weather with low humidity, dry vege-

tation and frequent high winds were cited as reasons for imposing the ban Jan. 15. Commissioners planned to have the ban included on each subsequent meeting agenda in order to review whether the need for it still exists.

A wildfire Monday during high winds burned approximately 25,000 acres on the Bowers Ranch south of Pampa. At least two structure fires Monday inside the city limits of Pampa could be traced to power lines downed during the high winds.

Pampa has had no measurable precipita-

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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 12 and 22 early. Windy, with a southsouthwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. Northnorthwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Southsouthwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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# Snowy pileup in Amarillo kills one

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A sudden Panhandle snowstorm has proved fatal for at least one motorist.

Police say one person was killed and five others were hospitalized after blowing snow and slick spots caused a chain collision on Interstate 40 in

eastern Amarillo. Police say 24 vehicles,

crashes on I-40 eastbound about 5 miles east of downtown Amarillo. There still are no

details on how the chain of events began nor on the identities of the dead and injured. The wreckage is block-

ing the eastbound lanes of the vital east-west highway through the Panhandle. Traffic is including a fire truck, being diverted onto were involved in the frontage roads.

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# Obituaries

### Services tomorrow

GARRISON, Velma — 2 p.m., Highland Baptist Church, Pampa.

### Velma Garrison, 82

Velma Garrison, 82, of was a very active Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 29, 2008, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, at Highland Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Nachtigall officiating.

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

Mrs. Garrison was born Aug. 1, 1925, in Red River County, Texas. She married Geral Garrison on Oct. 9, 1944, in Hall County, Texas. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1985.

of Pampa since 1947. She

member Highland Baptist Church, and she enjoyed gardening. She was known by close friends and nieces and nephews as "Tom."

Survivors include one son, Garrison Jerry Garrison and

two daughters, Donna Sweet and husband Ron of Sugarland, Texas, and Judy Kidwell and husband Doug Velma had been a resident of Pampa, Texas; five grandsons, Jason Sweet of



Bedford, Texas, Shane Sweet of League City, Texas, Cory of Garrison Oklahoma City, Okla., Grant Garrison of Alva, Okla., and Ty Kidwell of Gruver, Texas; two greatgrandsons, Deven Sweet of Bedford,

wife Connie of Alva, Okla.; Texas, and Braize Seitz of Amarillo, Texas; one greatgranddaughter, Anjali Sweet ter of Bedford, Texas; three brothers, Wesley Wright of Detroit, Texas, William Wright of Fort Worth, Texas,

and Sam Wright of Deport, Texas; one sister, Wanda Howerton of Detroit, Texas; and one aunt, Helen Ballew of Memphis, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two grandsons, Tony Sweet in 1998 and Douglas Kidwell, Jr., in 2001.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008.

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### **Brian Keith Remy, 45**

telecommunications compa-Brian Keith Remy, 45, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 28, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Remy was born Sept. 16, 1962, in Pampa. He attended elementary and junior high schools in Pampa, graduating from Woodward, Okla., with honors in 1981. Brian worked for

nies as a switch engineer. He loved life, people and music. He was always the life of any gathering. Brian always could make any party a real party.

Everyone knew him to be the best dancer, singer and cook ever. Survivors include his mother,

Sandra Whitmarsh of Pampa; broth-Southwestern Bell and other er, Billy R. Finley of Pampa;

sister, Terry J. Mora and husband Johnny Dominguez of Pampa; aunt, Mary Lawler and husband J.D. of Amarillo; best friend, Sylvia Neave of Mesquite; two nieces; five nephews; one great-niece; three greatnephews; and several cousins and friends.

Brian was preceded in death by his stepfather, John ter Whitmarsh in May of 1999; a brother, Loyd D. Remy in

February of 1985; and a Charles stepbrother, Whitmarsh in April of 1997.

MEMORIALS: LifeGift Organ Donation Center of West Texas, 1200 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

The family will receive friends at 1827 Williston in Pampa.

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### Emergency Services '

### Pampa PD

reported the following inciending at 7 a.m. today.

were made. One stop in the Banks. 300 block of North Hobart resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of Charles, the 900 block of Terry Road, and from Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, and the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2100 block of Duncan, the 700 block of West Wilks, the 800 block of West Francis, the 1000 block of East Browning, the 800 block of Locust, the 2000 block of Duncan, the 400 block of North Roberta and the 900 block of Jordan.

Agency assistance was of Cuyler Street and Highway 60, the 700 block of East Frederic, and the intersection of Denver and Finley streets.

Two attempts to serve

papers were made.

Warrant service was Pampa Police Department attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one dents for the 24-hour period parrest. Sandault vilolity

A runaway was reported Twenty-eight traffic stops in the 1300 block of North

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 19th and Williston streets, the 600 block of Crawford and the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Francis. Lug nuts were removed from a front tire, resulting in an estimated \$420 damage.

Injury to a child was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather. The child was transported from Pampa Regional Medical Center to Northwest Texas Hospital with skull fractures.

Assault was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. The victim was transported to PRMC by Guardian EMS Ambulance with a stab wound.

Assault was reported in

the police department lobby. One building check was

One open door was checked. dan the anill Fraud was reported in the

900 block of East Francis. Theft was reported in the

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the intersection of 19th and Williston streets. A bag of coins was taken. Estimated amount of loss is unknown.

### Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Jan. 30 Kenneth Dwayne Yarbrough, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department on a probation violation for

evading arrest/detention

with a vehicle. Valerie Lea Bruner-Wright, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Purviance by PPD on a Hutchinson County charge of theft by check.

George Glen Eggleston, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Bradley Devon Scott, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West 19th by PPD on a capias pro fine for public intoxication.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Jan. 30

7:20 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee on a call for medical assistance. 10:37 a.m. - One unit and

three personnel responded to the 700 block of East Francis on a call for medical assistance.

1:11 p.m. - Three units and eight personnel responded to the 100 block of South Dwight on a structure fire

2:16 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the 800 block of East Brown on a firefighter training

4:14 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Harvester on a minor motor vehicle accident.

### **Ambulance**

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

Wednesday, Jan. 30 7:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 and Gray County Road 2. No transport.

10:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC. 10:36 a.m. - A mobile

ICU responded to the 700

block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC. 1:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA

Hospital in Amarillo. 3:55 p.m. -A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Harvester and transported

two patients to PRMC. 8:44 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Jan. 31 3:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes. No trans-

4:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to

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# **Drugs**

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Eggleston was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday on a charge of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, according to jail records.

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tion in 2008. Moisture totals in 2007 include .91 inch in December and .16 inch in November, according to data provided by an automated weather station near Recreation Park east of the city.

A prescription drug dis-

count card program which could be offered to county residents is on Friday's agenda, along with a racial profiling report Precincts 1 and Constable James Lewis.

A resolution supporting the 31st District Attorney's application for a grant to help fund the crime victims coordinator's position will be presented for passage. Optional insurance offered by coverage Duncan, Fraser and

is lost by the county and identity theft coverage which could be made available to county employees. Other items on Friday's agenda include payment of

Bridges Insurance to the

county will also be voted

upon. The optional insur-

ance includes coverage in

the event that tax property

bills and salaries and a road crossing request concerning County Road 11.

King

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Hall told the court how he and another deputy drove from Pineville to El Paso to return King and a stolen pickup to Pineville. Driving back along Interstate 40, the two deputies and King passed the turn off to Pampa, but King never

acknowledged it, Hall said. In the audio taped interview, King changed his story from the statement he gave El Paso police officers. In Missoui, he told Hall that he had broken into his father's gun cabinet and taken two rifles and a 9mm pistol along with ammunition about noon, Sept. 29.

Walking down the road from his father's house, King told Hall he saw the McCools drive away from their home. He said he crawled into the McCool home through an open bathroom window and spent about 30 to 45 minutes in the house where he found a .380 automatic that McCool kept on the nightstand beside his bed.

King said when he heard the McCools return, he hid in an upstairs closet. He said he heard them come and as McCool walked through his upstairs office, King stepped out of the closet and shot McCool in the head.

"I was scared," King said on the tape.

He turned and fired downstairs at Dawn McCool, who was bringing , in groceries. She fell, but King said she was moaning. "I moved halfway down the stair to the landing," he

said. "I began firing until she stopped moving." He said on the audiotape that he didn't know why he did it. McDonald County authorities fixed the time of the shootings about 2 p.m.,

Sept. 29. King said he took the keys to McCool's 1995 maroon Dodge Dakota pickup and headed south to Interstate 40 in Arkansas, then turned west.

But the focus of the tape at the hearing was not on the confession but the reading of King's rights to him. King's attorneys, Missouri Public Defenders Charles Moreland and Marshall, maintained that the warning was insufficient.

Hall testified that he had read King his rights after he took custody of the prisoner and before they left El Paso. Hall said he and the other deputy talked with King as they drove back, but they

did not talk about the Missouri murder case. They left El Paso about 11 a.m., Oct. 5, and arrived back in Pineville between 5 and 7 a.m. Oct. 6. The audiotape was made beginning at 7:50 a.m., Oct. 6.

The defense attorneys said the rights read by Hall on the tape were incomplete. The item notifying the defendant that he had a right to a lawyer and for that lawyer to be present was not included. Hall testified that he often had defendants read that item themselves and skipped over it when he read them their rights.

King sat impassively at the defense table throughout the two days of hearings, belt around his waist and wearing leg irons. Judge John Clayton denied King's lawyers' request to remove the shackles after King reportedly tried to pick the locks before court began on Monday.

King is being held at a Missouri prison south of St. Louis after trying to escape from the McDonald County jail in 2006.

Earlier in the week, King's attorneys put the Pampa prosecutor Lynn Switzer on the defensive. Switzer, 31st District Attorney, was

Waynesville to observe the hearings this week, when Moreland questioned a disc of photographs she had forwarded to the defense. He said the photos could not be read by a computer.

Switzer, however, soon had the photos available for Moreland on her laptop computer and assured him she would send another disc to the defense attorney.

The photos were of King's father's home and showed knife, sword and bow collections on the wall. They were taken by Texas Ranger Bart Bivens when he, Gray County Deputy Kelly Rushing and Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner had traveled to Pineville clad in a gray jail jumpsuit after King had been identiwith his hands cuffed to a fied as a suspect in the Conrad murders. Bivens and Pitner had taken pictures, but Pitner's camera had malfunctioned.

Judge Clayton isn't expected to rule on the admissibility of the confessions and other evidence until March. The Missouri case is scheduled to go to trial here beginning March 10.

Following the Missouri case, King is expected to be returned to Texas to stand trial in Judge Steven Emmertt's 31st District Court for the Conrad murders.

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# Viewpoints

# Who let the dogs out? Music CD spells bliss

Okay, I recently received a couple of electronic news releases here at The News that tickled my humor's fancy. Both releases trade heavily on man's best friend, and here I stress: MAN's best friend, not woman's.

Why am I so adamant that man's best friend can never really a woman's best friend make? Because neither of the two canines who share their lives with me - no, scratch that – who MOOCH off me, treat me like a best friend. In fact, if it's dark when I come through the door (after being GONE) and those two are sleeping, I

No happy wags. No woofs. Nada. Nothing.

Snores is what I get. On the other hand, if it's daytime and I run to Taylor Mart for five-minutes, they greet me like I've been gone 50-gazillion light-years instead of five or 10 minutes. Usually at those times, I return home with a big 44ounce glass of iced tea. So ... are they respectful and/or mindful of the precious elixir I'm carrying? No. They mob me at the door.

Needless to say, I frequently end up spilling tea everywhere or else yelling

get down ... which does absolutely no good. I think it's a cam-

Skyla

**Bryant** 

paign ensure that if they don't get some-News Editor thing,

don't get something never mind that they don't like iced tea.

Have I mentioned they are BIG dogs? It's enough to make me

want to send the dog-catcher after them. Only we all know - and when I say we, I mean THEM - that I'm a certifi-

get nothing. No greetings. myself hoarse telling them to able sucker, a marshmallow Laurel Canyon Animal Co." of the marshiest sort.

I wouldn't, for example,



though "we" seldom go anywhere, and I definitely wouldn't put it past me to purchase a doggy test kit to determine their canine intelligence.

According to the e-news release from Skip Haynes and Dana Walden of "The out of L.A., "Songs to Make Dogs Happy" is a music CD that can foster pure bliss in your dog. The news release claims the CD is "the music to play traveling with your dog(s)"; that it "helps ease separation anxiety on the road"; that it is "used by vets

to help dogs in recovery";

and that it is "used by cross-

country rescue organiza-

tions.'

And if that's not music to your ears, the folks at PoochIQ.com in Beverly Hills have created an IQ test for dogs. PoochIQ provides a Dog Intelligence Kit to test

the "genius" of your dog. I'm serious. According to the e-news release, the kit "tests a dog's memory, persistence, problem solving and reasoning skills."

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"After completing 15 funto-perform exercises," the release says, "dogs are given an intelligence score between 55-150 on the PoochIQ scale, which is similar to the human IQ scale."

But, hey, listen, I already know my two mutts are smarter than I am, so if I give them this IQ test will THEY really be testing ME?

# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2008. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 31, 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna, Austria.

'Mystics always hope that science will some day overtake them."

> — Booth **Tarkington** American author-dramatist (1869-1946)

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named General-in-Chief of all Confederate the armies.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt devalued the dollar in relation to gold.

In 1944, during World War II. U.S.

forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands. In 1945, Private Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S.

soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France. In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard Jr., Edgar Mitchell and

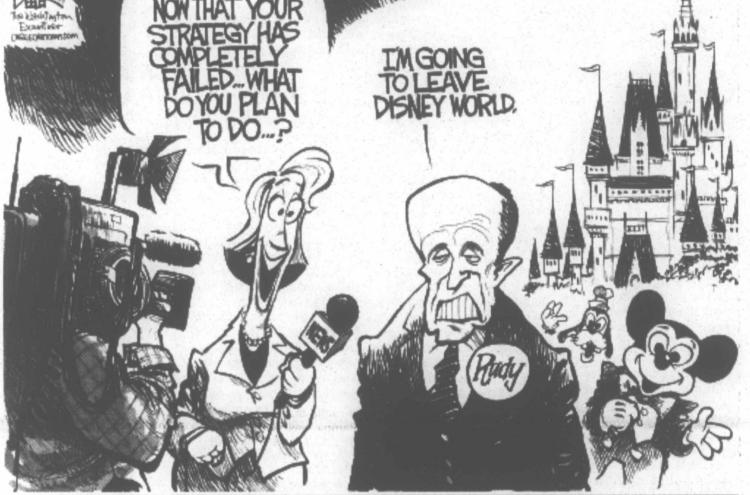
Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific

Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard.

In 2006, Coretta Scott King, the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, at age 78. Ten years ago: Astronaut David Wolf returned to Earth aboard space shuttle Endeavour after four months on the

Russian space station Mir. Five years ago: President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair met at the White House; Bush said he would welcome a second U.N. resolution on Iraq but only if it led to the prompt disarming of Saddam Hussein. Pushing for a new resolution, Blair called confronting Iraq "a test of the international community."

One year ago: President Bush, visiting Wall Street, delivered his "State of the Economy" speech in which he took aim at lavish salaries and bonuses for corporate executives. Delaware Sen. Joe Biden formally launched his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Nine blinking electronic devices planted around Boston threw a scare into the city in what turned out to be a marketing campaign for a latenight cable cartoon. Best-selling author and columnist Molly Ivins died in Austin, Texas, at age 62.



## The evolution of CDs, from ROM to ROW

If you've been reading my columns lately, you've noticed how hard I have been coming down on floppy disks and their associated drives. Small, slow, and prone to data loss, "floppy disks" are better for drink coasters than data storage. I can't tell you how many important files I've lost on

When the Zip drives came out, I thought I was saved. After all, the \$200 (now \$28) drive was able to use 100megabyte disks (a lot more than the 1.44mb floppies I had been using). However, as with all new technologies, I ran into problems. First, I could easily store information on my Zip drive, but if I gave the resulting disk to a friend, they would have to own a Zip drive to access it. Second, the price of Zip disks was a little high (\$10/disk).

There had to be a better way. That's when I discovered the CD-RW drive. Now, before I get too much into

the technology here, let's get and CD-ROM's is the type some of the terminology out of the way. "CD" is short for "Compact Disk." Information is stored on

these disks in a long spiraling track of "pits" on a metal surface. Low wattage lasers interpret the pits into data based on the differing reflective properties of the pits. Clear

mud, right? In the old Eric days, we Spellmann only had Columnist one type of CD: CD-DA

(although most people just called them CD's). The "DA" was short for "Digital Audio." That's right, all music CD's are technically called CD-DA's. Anyway, some bright engineer soon discovered that a person could store data on a CD just as easily as music. Enter, the CD-ROM. "ROM" is short for "Read Only Media." The main difference between CD-DA's

of information stored (music vs. data). The format was basically the same. That's why you can put a music CD in your computer just as easily as a CD-ROM. Note: Don't put a CD-ROM into your stereo unless you like hearing the sounds of tortured cats.

Since

CD-ROM's

could store

upwards of

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megabytes,

software

manufacturers started to use them in droves. Of course, their overall cost of production (less than 20 cents per disk) also made it more economical than copying 15 floppy diskettes. Every computer started coming with a CD-ROM reader which furthered the acceptance of this new media.

The creation of CD-ROMs was not easy. Software

would first "burn" a perfect master and then "press" all of the copies from it. This process was extremely costprohibitive for home use ... Until the advent of CD-R. "R" stands for The "Recordable." Using a special CD-R drive, a person could "burn" their own CD-R's for a little bit of money. The only downside to this new technology was the "no second chance" limitation. If you made a mistake while burning the CD-R, you had to throw it away and start again. In other words, CD-R's could only be "written to" once.

Finally, a Japanese scientist developed the first CD-RW disk. "RW" stands for "ReWritable." The disk used a special alloy that would, change from an amorphous, state to a crystalline state, under an intense laser beam. Using different laser illumination, the crystalline alloy, could then be returned to its

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### Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n Jan. 21 El Paso Times on U.S. policy changes:

Finally, someone in the Bush administration has decided to speak out on what's really happening with North

Jay Lefkowitz, who is President Bush's representative concerning human rights in North Korea, said Thursday that the Communist state isn't serious about disarming and that "We should consider a new approach to North Korea."

That rhetoric is at odds with the coddling language the official Washington

is using to soft-pedal the fragmenting six-nation nuclear disarmament talks. Finally there's someone in the administration with enough courage to tell it as

North Korea is using the disarmament talks as a means to leverage concessions, particularly from the United States. North Korea, a desperately poor country in dire need of basics such as food and fuel, is dangling disarmament promises before the six nations. Lefkowitz correctly characterized the country when he compared the North to 'an inherently fragile regime desperately clinging to power" and said that the North creates "enemies abroad to justify their authoritarian rule at

It is apparent that, at least under cur-

rent circumstances, the North has no intention of keeping its promises. It is, therefore, an exercise in futility to try to continue disarmament talks when the North is dissembling.

Lefkowitz is suggesting a new; approach that would tie human rights. and security concerns. North Korean officials are well-known for keeping; the military fat and happy while starying much of the civilian population. As Lefkowitz said, the way the North treats its people is "inhumane and, therefore, deeply offensive to us."

The current U.S. approach to North Korea clearly isn't working. And finally, people with some stature in government are speaking out about it.

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# Sports

# Blonde ambition: Freshman girls go for 18

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

The Pampa freshman girls basketball team defeated the Palo Duro Lady Dons Monday to improve to 17-4 on the season.

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Pampa led at the end of the first quarter 16-11, and led at halftime, 30-26.

The Pampa girls picked up a bigger lead in the third quarter at 43-34, and in an effort to take back the game, the Lady Dons outscored Pampa 16-13 in the fourth quarter, but were ultimately defeated 56-50.

Overall, the team shot 19 for 30 from the free throw

Shaylie Thompson led the Lady Harvesters with 22 points, Kayla Hughes had 14 points and Kylee Wyatt had 10 points.

Also, Kay Kirkham had had three, Cori Cook had two and Cali Gibson had

The Pampa freshman girls coach, Gene Valentine, told his team early in the



Courtesy photo

four points, Liz Hoelting Pictured here is Pampa freshman girls coach Gene Valentine and the 17-4 freshman girls basketball team.

> season that if they celebratbeat last season's record of freshman girls have a

17, he would bleach his hair. chance to pick up their 18th

At 10 a.m. Saturday at when they play Hereford, ed 18 wins this season, to McNeely Fieldhouse, the whom they have defeated twice already this season.

# boys drop PD, girls defeated

**By JORDAN REAGAN** Sports Editor

The Pampa JV boys defeated Palo Duro Tuesday in their second match-up with the Dons at the MPAC gymnasium in Pampa.

Pampa trailed 17-14 after the first quarter of play, but gained a lead over Palo Duro by halftime to lead by two, 33-31.

After the half, 10 points by Braden Hunt, seven points by Ryan Jimenez and five points each by Nathan Webb and Luke Watson prothe third quarter, sending Pampa to the fourth quarter with a 62-47 lead.

Aggressive play by Palo Duro brought the Dons back to within five points of Pampa, but key three-pointers by Hunt and Uriel Diaz and clutch free throws by John Luke Covalt, Ryan Funderburg and Jimenez JV Girls helped Pampa hold on for a 78-72 win.

Ryan Funderburg led the Pampa Harvesters with with 16 points. Braden Hunt had 15, Nathan Webb had 14, pelled the Harvesters to Ryan Jimenez had 11, Travis half, 21-17, and trailed 34outscore Palo Duro 29-16 in Hagerman had 10, Luke 32 with four minutes

Watson and Uriel Diaz had remaining, but was unable five points each, and John Luke Covalt had two.

In the first round of district play, Hagerman led all scorers with 22 points as the Pampa JV never trailed to come away with a 71-60 win at the Palo Duro gym.

Palo Duro defeated Pampa JV girls 44-32 Tuesday in the teams' second-round district game.

Pampa was behind at the

to score through the remainder of the game.

Ashley Facio and Aubrei Dowdy led the Lady Harvesters with eight points each and Taryn Eubanks had five rebounds.

The Pampa JV girls shot well from the free throw line again, 13 for 16, but encountered some difficulties shooting from the field, 10 for 43.

Pampa recorded the loss to make their record 12-11 on the season and 3-5 in district with two games remaining.

### **Hidden Hills results**

Seniors Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course Jan. 30, 2008

1st Place (62) Roy Don Stephens Jerry South Harvey Malone Gerrel Owens

**2nd Place** (65) D.D. Lofton Roger Davenport Carl Johnson Bill Hardwood

3rd Place (66) Bill Hammer Joe Mabry Johnny Gilbert Oscar Sargent

4th Place (66) Harley Knutson Jim Bridges Carroll Pettit Bob Lyle

Cloest to the Pin Roy Don Stephens (#6) Bob Lyle (#15)

### Charges are dropped after judge says 'Pacman' Jones has been punished enough

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — A Tennessee judge dismissed misdemeanor charges against suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones on Thursday, agreeing with a prosecutor that the Titans cornerback has been punished enough with his legal trouble over the past year.

Jones knows his behavior outside a Murfreesboro nightclub on the night of his August 2006 arrest was inappropriate, District Attorney General William Whitesell said at a hearing to reconsider a previous plea deal on the charges.

The cornerback was charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct after police said he got into an argument with a woman, refused to leave the suburban Nashville club and shouted profanities at officers. He could have faced a \$100 fine for both charges.

"It's cost him a lot more money than what the court would fine him," Whitesell said of Jones' yearlong suspension from the NFL, following a series of arrests. "Mr. Jones hopefully has learned something and been punished enough."

General Sessions Judge David Loughry ordered Jones on Thursday to apologize to the court. He has already written a letter of apology to the arresting officer.

Jones said he has learned a lot about how to deal with other people and how to conduct himself since the arrest. "It won't happen again," he said.

The judge approved a deal in January 2007 that would have dismissed the charges if Jones stayed out of trouble for six months. But Las Vegas police named Jones as the person who incited a fight inside a strip club on Feb. 19, 2007, that led to a triple shooting that left one man paralyzed.

# PHS swimmers sink district competition

Courtesy photos

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Diver and Swimmer of

▼ PHS' girls swim team

members who compet-

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

The Pampa High School boys and girls swim teams, under their new coach, Samantha Agnew, both claimed the district title at this past weekend's district swim meet in Lubbock.

Last year's state-level competitor from Pampa, Rebecca Taylor, claimed the title of Diver and Swimmer of the Year in district 3-4A for the second year in a row.

Along with setting several new records in district 3-4A, the several swim team members will advance to the regional meet, which will also take place in Lubbock on Feb. 8-9.

Competitors at the district level this year included Addy, Rachel Ethan Andorfer, Lindsay Cole, Covil, Colby Brittany Dennis, Jessica Gutierrez, Cole Guyer, Christina Hart, Christian Hinkle, Mattie Holland, Cody Hudson, Tonya Kiper, Dustin Neff, Brittany Patterson, Jaden Payne, Lindsey Phillips, Zack Robles, Anna Saucedo, Kelly Stoffle, Colton Sweatt, Rebecca Taylor and Abby West.



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Pictured here are the members of the PHS boys swim team who competed at district this past weekend in Lubbock.

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## Spell

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amorphous state. (You have my permission to use the previous two sentences to impress people at parties.)

Using a CD-RW drive, a person could write and re-write data to CD-RW disks up to 1,000 times. Welcome to the "present." Today, CD-RW drives are dropping in price faster than person-

Most new computers now have CD-RW drives as standard equipment. If you are buying a new system, verify it has a CD-RW drive. You'll be glad you did. Remember, a CD-RW drive can read all CD-ROM's (just like your old "reader"), create CD-RW disks (duh), burn CD-R disks, and even create CD-DA disks

CD-RW drives are ranked by three speed factors: Recording Speed, Rewritability Speed and Reading Speed. For instance, a 52 x 32 x 52 drive could record (burn a CD-R) at 52x speed, rewrite (create a CD-RW) at 32x speed, and read standard CD-ROM's at 52x speed.

Obviously, the higher the number, the faster the drive, the more expensive it would be. As a gauge, recording a full CD-R or CD-RW disk at 2x speed would take around 45 minutes. Recording at 4x speed would take roughly half that amount of time.

Should you buy one? Definitely! I use mine all the time for system backups and large data archival. Best of all, disks I CREATE can be read on most CD-ROM readers in other PC's. (Older, slower CD-ROM readers have trouble reading CD-RW and CD-R disks.)

See you in Cyberspace!

### Events calendar

• "Meet Leon Church: Potter County Extension Agent" will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Feb. 2 at Amarillo Botanical Gardens in Amarillo. Admission to the event is free. Church will discuss what the Extension agency can

 AARP will offer tax preparation for seniors and taxpayers with limited income between Feb. 4 and April 15 at three locations in Amarillo - at Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1220 Polk, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; at Amarillo Northeast Library, 1504 NE 24th, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays; and at Amarillo Southwest Library, 6801 W. 45th, from 12-4 p.m., Wednesdays. Participants must bring their W-2s or 1099s, Social Security cards, picture ID and copy of last year's tax

• The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa will meet for coffee at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at Braum's and has scheduled a regular meeting at 11 a.m. Feb. 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916,

# **Policy**

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As reported by the Press, Associated Lefkowitz said, "The key is to make the link between human rights and

other issues explicit and non-severable, so that it cannot be discarded in any future rush to get to 'yes' in an agreement."

A change in U.S. policy toward North Korea not only wouldn't hurt, it's necessary. URL: http://www.elpasotimes.c 669-9297 or 669-3580.

 Pampa Book Club will review the following books in the coming months: "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark, Feb. 13; "Night" by Elie Wiesell, March 12; 'A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

· Friends of Aeolian-Skinner will present two concerts St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1601 S. Georgia, in Amarillo on Feb. 18 and 19. Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Organist Gerre Hancock will perform Feb. 18 at the church and "The King's Singers," a cappella ensemble, will perform Feb. 19.

· Miss Texas International Pageant System is currently seeking entrants for the Miss Pampa International 2008 Pageant. The deadline for applications is March 1. Contestants will compete in personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown. To find out more or to request an application, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto www.misstexasinternational.com on the Internet.

 Tickets are currently available now through March 14 for the Area Friends of the NRA banquet set to kick-off at 5:30 p.m. March 15 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Prime rib with all the trimmings will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for participants 18 and under or \$50 per couple if purchased in advance. The deadline for advance ticket sales is the day prior to the banquet. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are available in Amarillo at Pro Shooters, Panhandle Gunslingers and A&K Shooters Supply. For more information, contact Connie at (806) 683-9079 or Bill at (806)

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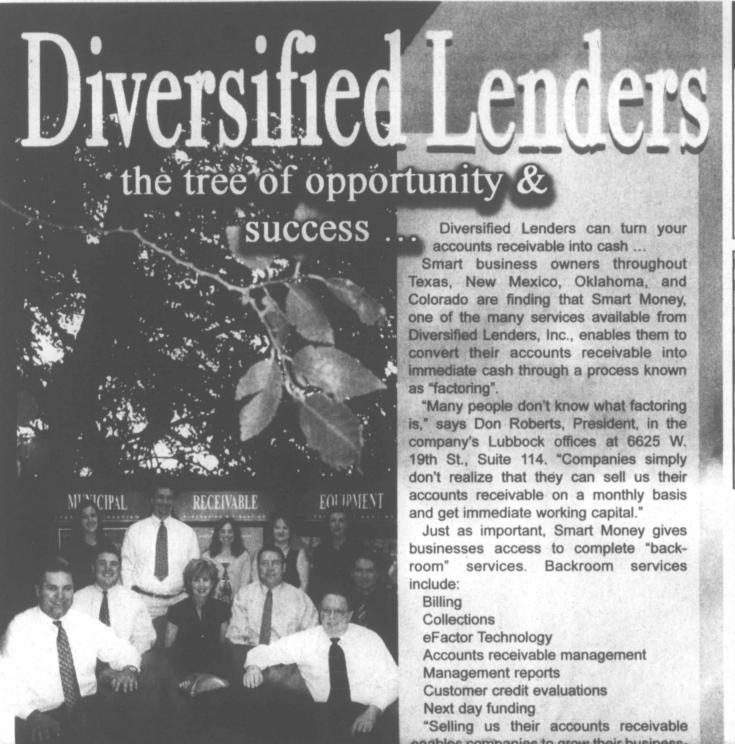
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" eFactor allows our clients to bring our Œbackroom, into their office," says Vice President of Operations, Glendon Paulk. "Clients can log on and access their accounts anytime, anywhere."

Diversified Lenders also receives client referrals from many banks throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

"We work hand-in-hand with the banks," Don explains. "Our factoring services enable us to consider a company's accounts receivable and fund based on that." If you've been turned down by a bank, Diversified Lenders encourages you to call them for more

"We get a lot of referrals from banks when additional funding is needed, or they are not able to service a client," he explains.

Smart Money from Diversified Lenders, Inc. is obviously much more than just another business loan program. It's a way to grow the business in ways previously unavailable to many businesses. When coupled with the factoring division's complete "backroom" services menu, Diversified Lenders, Inc. provides complete cash flow management.

"We provide people with peace-of-mind," Don says. "Many small business owners find that with us, they can eliminate the need to work the business by day and handle invoicing, billing, collections, etc.

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Jeff Horn, Vice President, Equipment Leasing Division says, "If a company is looking to make an equipment purchase, give us a call and we, ll structure leasing terms that fit your company's needs." In its 21st year in business, Diversified Lenders has the management skill, financial resources, industry expertise and product knowledge to serve the needs of their clients. Whether a business,

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "On Foot in Orlando" (Nov. 23) wrote about being nearly run down by bicycles going too fast, especially when they don't warn that they're approaching. When I'm on my bike, I always slow down and call out "On your left!" to warn the walker that I'm passing. On the other hand, while I'm riding, I frequently encounter walkers three or four abreast, or pedestrians walking dead center aid." Hearing aids help, but they are not a or meandering zigzag down a path. In those cases, I ring my bell, say, "On your left," and slow almost to a complete stop -- only to be totally ignored, leaving me with no alternative but to ride on the grass. Sometimes the three-abreast walkers are coming straight at me and clearly see me, but still won't move over and give me TEXAS enough space to pass them (something that also happens when I'm walking). The obvious solution is for walkers and riders to be considerate of one another, recognizing that we share a common road through life. -- CELIA IN MISSOULA, MONT.

**DEAR CELIA:** I agree with you on that. Good manners can-smooth many potentially abrasive situations. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Where I live, there are no bike lanes separate from the walking lanes on the shared path. We are allowed to ride bikes on sidewalks, except on Main Street. I only wish bikers here had bicycle bells, but they don't seem to have ever heard of them, nor do they say "coming through" or "on your left" -- they just come whizzing by. I'm hoping some of them will read this and take pity on walkers. - WALKER AND BIKER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR ABBY: I am neither a biker nor a walker on a path. A cyclist ringing his bell signaling me to move would do no good,

so I guess I'd be one of those ending up with "great bodily harm," as you put it. You see, I'm hard-of-hearing and could not hear that dinging bell behind me. What if the person ahead of you is deaf? People can't see deafness as a handicap the way they can if somebody has a cane, etc. And, yes, I do wear hearing aids, in case some of your readers are thinking, "Get a hearing cure-all. (And many elderly people don't hear well either.) So, bikers, do not totally rely on your bell to signal people to move. If there are pedestrians where you're riding, I urge you to use caution in case somebody might have a hearing impairment. --HARD-OF-HEARING IN

DEAR ABBY: When bicyclists, rollerbladers, joggers, walkers and tricycle riders all share the same path, the general rule is that the slowest person keeps to the right. This allows the roller-bladers and cyclists to pass without causing alarm. Conflict usually arises when a group of people is walking together, taking up most of the walkway and making it impossible for others to pass, or when someone is wearing headphones and is oblivious to other users. Unfortunately, when people don't observe basic courtesies on shared pathways, everyone becomes frustrated. - ANN IN BRANFORD, CONN.

DEAR READERS: That's Obviously, the rule should be to use caution on shared pathways, whether you are walking or riding -- and instead of taking for granted that you have the right of way, show consideration for others and practice good manners.

### For Better Or For Worse









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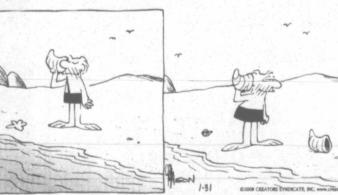
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By Bil Keane



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want and need. Be willing to back off

and approach a situation in a different

style. How you deal with a negative per-

son or problem determines the end

\*\*\* Even you, Moon Child, have lim-

itations. Sometimes you could wonder if

all the effort you make is worth it! Don't.

Just stay centered and direct. Investigate

possibilities that might streamline prob-

\*\*\* Creativity floats up out of the

blue. You know what needs to be

resolved, yet you might focus on fun and

games. You might not be able to disci-

pline yourself. Whatever you do, it

appears you have a good time. Know

\*\* Recognize your limits with a per-

sonal or domestic matter. You could be

slightly more rigid than you realize. Take

a stand; don't allow others to pressure

you. Opt for some self-indulgence.

\*\*\* You cannot seem to avoid a

sense of negativity. Get past this attitude,

and you'll become empowered.

Optimism is contagious and dynamic.

Your efforts pay off because you are will-

ing to make a gesture or start a conversa-

\*\*\* Deal with your finances. If you

want to make an expenditure, postpone it

for now. You need more information and

facts; find an expert or two. Decide to

sleuth through a situation. Success is not

impossible, but endurance is a must!

tion. Tonight: Chitchat the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

when to say no. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Tonight: Anchor in.

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quite insignificant or not valued. Work

with others. You are establishing a new

basis of understanding. Be careful, as

there might be a tendency to go over-

board. Indulgence keeps emerging.

Nevertheless, you will land OK, with a

modicum of self-discipline. If you are

single, friendship will play a strong role

in a new relationship. You could meet

this person through a pal. In any case, a

friendship will need to be at the base of

this relationship. SAGITTARIUS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

★★★ Profuse changes and a great deal

of overindulgence play into today's sce-

nario. Certainly, if you can take off, you

should. Creativity and the unexpected

earmark your decisions and actions. If

you opt for the wayward path, you could hit a problem. Tonight: Take in the big

\*\*\* Examine alternatives carefully

with an eye to positive change. Excesses

earmark your interactions with a partner.

The two of you could go off and make a

major expenditure. You have a sense that

there is no tomorrow (right now!).

\*\*\* Others hop in your direction,

5-Dynamic;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Work as individuals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4-Positive;

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Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Your energy and optimism

help surmount any problem. An older

person cannot seem to open up to your

ideas. Don't keep running into a brick

wall. Understand your limits, and suc-

\*\*\* Knowing when not to make an

effort is also important. Realize your

long-term wishes through careful

thought and reflection. You don't need to

have answers just yet. Someone might

not be giving you the whole story.

\*\*\*\* Zero in on what you want. A

partner might not be as open as you

would like. Friends want to pitch in,

helping you feel better. Your instincts

might be off, but they lead you down a

new, dynamic path. Your efforts draw

strong results. Tonight: Enjoy the

\*\*\* You might look up to someone,

and this person to you. Establish limits.

Your knowledge and understanding point

to another direction. A partner seems dif-

ficult. Give this person understanding

rather than criticism. Tonight: Fun times

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Tonight: Reach out for another person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

moment.

are ahead.

Gable (1901)

cess is yours. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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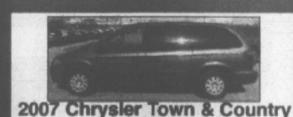
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Kehler's topic will be "Living a P.H.A.S.T. Life," a life of persistence, health/humor, attitude, self-respect and tenacity.

A U.S. Marine and Vietnam veteran, now engaged in his third career.

Homer "Peck" Kehler, a humorist and Kehler has tried a variety of careers motivational speaker, will be the featured including electrical engineer (with a degree from Purdue), vice

president in the marketing and sales for Arco, and company consultant.

Kehler holds a MBA in international marketing from Georgia State University and is currently working on a degree in professional financial planning at the universi-

He and Meg, his wife of 39 years, have two children and three grandchildren.

They currently reside in Atlanta. He is

### **Judge rebukes Corps of Engineers**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saying his hands were tied by law, a federal judge dismissed a class-action lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over levee breaches after Hurricane Katrina, but rebuked the agency for failing to protect

the city. U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval ruled Wednesday that the Corps should be held immune over failures in drainage canals that caused much of the flooding of New Orleans in August 2005. He cited the Flood Control Act of 1928, which protects the federal government from lawsuits when flood control projects like levees break.

The lawsuit led to about 489,000 claims by businesses, government entities and residents, seeking trillions of dollars in damages against the Corps.

The fate of many of those claims was pinned to the suit and a similar one filed over flooding from a navigation channel in St. Bernard Parish. It was unclear how many claims could still move for-

The judge issued a stinging condemnation of the Corps, saying the agency "cast a blind eye" in protecting New Orleans and "squandered millions of dollars in building a levee system ... which was known to be inadequate by the Corps'own calculations."

Kathy Gibbs, a Corps spokeswoman, said "the

Corps agrees with the dismissal of the case" but declined further comment because other lawsuits over Katrina damage are pending.

Plaintiffs lawyers said they would appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but conceded that overturning Duval's ruling would be dif-

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But, Duval said, "it is not within the Court's power to address the wrongs committed. It is hopefully within the citizens of the United States' power to address the failures of our laws and agencies."

Breaches at both the 17th Street and London Avenue canals allowed floodwaters to inundate large areas of the



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