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The Day School will be having a Book Fair and Bake Sale.  
Tickets may be purchased at church or school office.

## Burn ban for Gray County, many others in state

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The existing burn ban for Gray County was continued by county commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting Friday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The ban prohibits all outdoor burning anywhere in the county, including burning of household trash by rural residents.

"The National Weather Service is issuing red flag warnings almost every day in most parts of the state," said Scott Hahn, county treasurer and assistant Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator, later in the meeting. A red flag warning is issued when the combination of dry fuels, such as vegetation, and weather conditions support extreme fire danger, according to the NWS web site.

All Texas Panhandle counties with the exception of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler and Collingsworth counties were under a red flag warning Friday. All Panhandle counties except Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Roberts,

Hartley and Donley counties currently have burn bans in place, according to information on the Texas Forest Service web site. These counties are among the 164 statewide with burn bans currently in place.

"The Texas Forest Service is expecting this to have a long duration, until green-up," Hahn said. Extremely dry situations are present in 152 Texas counties, he said.

A resolution which states that the county can create fire guards on private property with the permission of the property owner and a signed release from the owner was passed by commissioners. It will be at the discretion of each commissioner as to how the resolution will be implemented in their precinct.

The release form gives permission for construction of a fire guard around rural residences and provides that the county will not be held liable for damages resulting from the construction, which will be

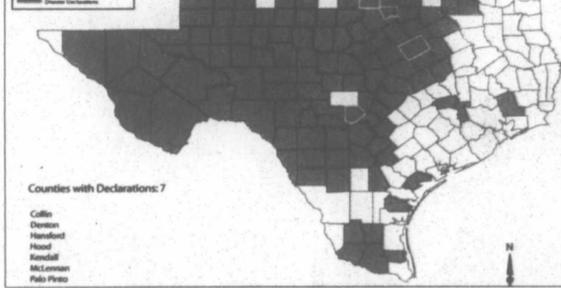
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### Outdoor Burn Bans & Local Disaster Declarations

February 1, 2008



Counties with burn bans:  
- Counties with burn bans  
- Counties with disaster declarations  
- Counties with both



Courtesy map  
The Texas counties colored in red are those with existing burn bans, as of Feb. 1. Those outlined in orange have local disaster declarations.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
From left, The Rev. Linda Kelly, of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and Day School students Jackson Bagwell, Raegan Beckham, and Rhett Hill, and Co-Chairman Jack McAndrew, take inventory of the supplies needed to feed a crowd at the 52nd Annual Pancake Supper.

## St. Matthew's 52nd pancake supper

By KERRI SMITH  
Managing Editor

Each year in preparation for the Lenten season, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sponsors the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This year, the event will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Parish Hall of St. Matthew's, 727 W. Browning.

"For centuries the Church has observed Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday-Carnival as a way of enjoying one last fling with worldly pleasures before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday," said The Rev. Linda Kelly, Rector of St. Matthew's. "Join us at St. Matthew's and help us with the task of consuming the bacon and pancakes (meat, eggs, butter) that at one time were forbidden during Lent."

"We must eat up all these foods so there

will be nothing in the pantry to tempt us during the great fast. Bring your friends and family and indulge with us. Then we invite you to return and join us in worship on Ash Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to mark the beginning of a holy Lent. There will be a 12 noon service at First Presbyterian Church."

This year will be the 52nd year the local church has been holding the pancake suppers. On Feb. 14, 1956 St. Margaret's Guild, of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, sponsored the first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall.

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon are \$5 and may be purchased at the church office, from church members  
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## Texas Tech president to step down

### Word Find

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech University President Jon Whitmore said Friday he will resign in one year or step aside if a permanent replacement is found sooner.

Whitmore, who has been president since September 2003, had said from the beginning he intended to stay five years. He said he has met every goal set when he took office, adding that the next president must grow the university to 40,000 students.

"My inaugural address reflected the Regents' goal of achieving academic excel-

lence," Whitmore wrote in his resignation letter. "Every excellence initiative set out in that speech has now been accomplished, or is underway with substantial progress made."

Whitmore said he plans to stay on at Texas Tech as a professor.

A search for a new president will begin immediately, Chancellor Kent Hance said.

"Texas Tech is grateful for Jon's many contributions to the university and we wish him the best in the years to come," Hance said.

## Boy injured at Austin school dies

AUSTIN (AP) — A 7-year-old boy who was found unconscious hanging by his shirt on a dressing room coat hook died Friday, as police investigated whether he was the victim of abuse or an accident.

The boy was found Wednesday by a teacher at the Not Your Ordinary School charter campus for children in pre-kindergarten through third grade.

Austin police refused to immediately release the boy's name out of respect for his family's wishes, police spokeswoman Helena Putnam said.

"The Austin Police Department offers its heartfelt sympathy to the family, students teachers and school administrators during this tragic time," a police statement said.

School officials did not immediately

respond to telephone and e-mail messages Friday.

The boy had been excused from an assembly to go to the bathroom. When he didn't return, staff went looking for him. They found him caught on the hook by his shirt. The shirt collar had cut off oxygen.

Police opened a criminal investigation on Thursday, citing "suspicious" circumstances on how the boy was found. Investigators interviewed students and staff.

By late afternoon, police also acknowledged that it could have been an accident. The hook was low enough for the boy to have placed himself there, although police

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Pampa News Advertising Director ReDonn Woods, left, presents \$25 in Pampa Bucks to Lois Dittmeyer. She was one of the lucky winners of the Word Find puzzles in The Pampa News recently.

**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

<b>Sunday</b>  Mostly sunny	<b>Monday</b>  Partly cloudy	<b>Tuesday</b>  Mostly sunny
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Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. en 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

**Services MONDAY**  
RAY, Loretta L. — 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Versailles, Ohio.



Smith

### Jewel Smith, 79

FORT WORTH — Jewel Smith, 79, died Tuesday, Jan. 29; 2008. Graveside services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements. Survivors include Jewel Smith Jr., Armita Smith-Garner, Samuel Smith, Charles Franklin, Sherian Hayward and Mable Jackson; and numerous grandchildren.

## Emergency Services

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests before 8 a.m. Saturday.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Mary Elizabeth Lennington, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for public intoxication, disorderly conduct-language and minor in possession of alcohol.

Austin Chase McCarthy, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on capias pro fines for public intoxication and disorderly conduct-language.

Thomas Lynn Ham, 26, homeless, was arrested by Pampa PD on a probation violation for obstruction and retaliation.

Kenneth Dale Putman, 25, of Farnsworth was arrested by GCSO and charged with failure to display driver's license.

Adrian Anthony Diaz, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on capias pro fines for public intoxication and disorderly conduct-language.

Harry Maeda, 71, of Lefors was arrested by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

### Fire

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

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
1:07 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to the 700 block of Brunow on a structure fire.

4:38 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a hazardous materials spill.

10:46 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Neel Road and McCullough on a hazardous materials spill.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
7:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Crawford and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of North Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

8:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
12:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Navajo and transported a patient to PRMC.

## VOTER CHOICE

# Pecos DA who ignored TYC report running for re-election

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL  
Associated Press Writer

PECOS, Texas (AP) — The West Texas prosecutor who received national attention for ignoring a lengthy and graphic Texas Rangers report detailing sexual abuse at a nearby state juvenile jail thinks he can win another term in office. But the scandal involving the systematic abuse of children held in Texas Youth Commission facilities won't be ignored. His only opponent is the county attorney who tried to run him out of office on grounds of misconduct and incompetence and the two have been feuding since the scandal broke last year.

Randall W. "Randy" Reynolds, a local native, decided to seek a fourth term last year after speaking with his family and close friends and colleagues.

"Close supporters caused me to run again," Reynolds said. "People whose opinions I trust told me to run and the decision was made."

Opponent Kevin Acker, the county attorney for the sparsely populated Ward County, said he's running "to give the voters of the district a choice."

Ordinarily, a race to fill the prosecutor's office in a remote three-county patch of scrub in far West Texas, including the nation's least populous county and spots of lucrative oil and gas fields, wouldn't

get much attention. But this race features the verbal brawling between the two Democratic candidates that started in the midst of last year's youth jail sex scandal.

Some of Reynolds' critics in the last year said they won't endorse Reynolds' challenger but they plan to keep any eye on March 4 primary that will decide the race because no Republican filed to run.

"I typically don't get involved in primary races and, at this time, neither candidate has sought my support," said state Sen. Carlos Uresti, a Democrat whose district includes the Pecos area. "My main concern is that the district attorney be a person who is vigilant about protecting children and diligent about prosecuting cases. Where a child lives shouldn't matter, whether a child lives at home with mom and dad or at the Pyote facility, all children should be protected from predators."

The statewide probe started last year when legislators learned that Reynolds had a detailed Texas Ranger report outlining allegations of sexual abuse at the Pyote jail for two years and hadn't acted on it. The Texas Attorney General's Office took over the case and launched a massive investigation of the juvenile justice system in Texas, upending the agency charged with jailing and rehabilitating juvenile offenders.

*'Close supporters caused me to run again. People whose opinions I trust told me to run and the decision was made.'*

— Randall W. "Randy" Reynolds  
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**Cats removed from home**

BONHAM, Texas (AP) — Complaints from neighbors prompted Bonham (BAH'-num) police to remove 209 cats and three dogs from a home apparently overrun by the animals.

The SPCA helped take custody of the animals Friday.

Officials found 40 cats in one bedroom.

Bonham Police Chief Mike Bankston says the situation apparently got well

out of hand for the couple living in the house.

Owner David Wheeler told WFAA television that they started with just 13 cats, but the animals quickly bred. Wheeler also says it's expensive to spay and neuter so many cats, plus feed them.

Bonham is 70 miles northeast of Dallas.

Information from Steve Stoler of WFAA-TV: www.wfaa.com

**SMU proposes more oversight of drinking**

DALLAS (AP) — An SMU task force created in the aftermath of three students death related to drugs or alcohol has recommended opening a campus bar and allowing parties at campus fraternity houses.

The Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force on Thursday handed over a 23-page proposal to President Gerald Turner, Dallas-Fort Worth television station KTVT reported.

The task force said its recommendations are intended to give the school

more control over social events and cut down on drunken driving.

"The overall goal is to support an environment that encourages wise decision-making and the well-being of our students," the university said in a statement.

If the recommendations are approved, fraternities would be allowed to hold on-campus parties only if they agreed to hire SMU police to check IDs and professional bartenders to serve alcohol.

"If we keep it in a place that is enclosed and we are able to watch everyone, then a lot of the issues that come with drinking and drugs can be stopped," said Greg Standerfer of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Another task force proposal would grant amnesty from being expelled or suspended for students who call 911 or campus police to report a student overdose on drugs or alcohol.

**Burn**

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done as time allows. It is a voluntary and preventive measure, said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, and does not apply to emergency measures taken when fires are present.

"We need to move into fire prevention," said Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Millican during the meeting. "We're already constructing fire guards in emergency conditions."

A prescription drug discount card program for all county residents was approved. The program will be implemented in approximately six weeks and will enable participants to receive prescription drugs at discounted prices if they are not covered for the drugs by Medicare and/or insurance.

The program is offered through the National Association of Counties, of which Gray County is a member, and CareMart. All pharmacies within the county will have the opportunity to become a provider for the program, and CareMart will absorb the costs incurred by participating pharmacies, Wright said.

More information on the program will be made available when it is set up for the county.

A racial profiling report by Precincts 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis was accepted. Lewis made 36 traffic stops in 2007, including 21 white males, 12 white females, two blacks and one Hispanic male.

Most stops were for defective equipment, with 23 concerning headlights and three involving taillights and/or trailers. Lewis performed two seat belt checks and issued three warnings for reckless driving and two

for speeding complaints.

Two warnings were issued concerning stop signs, and one stop concerning a four-wheeler.

"Most stops were made in outlying areas of town and on Highway 273 and in Lefors, on defective equipment on vehicles or equipment towing," Lewis said in the report.

A resolution supporting a grant application by the 31st District Attorney's office for a VOCA grant to be applied to the office's crime victims coordinator was approved by commissioners.

"We're requesting \$15,000 to bring the crime victims coordinator to a full-time position," said Evelyn Rutherford of the DA's office. The position, currently part-time, is funded by another grant already received by the DA's office, she said.

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Agency concerning identity theft coverage for county employees and coverage for the county in the event of interruption of receipt of tax payments from a taxpayer such as a large company were declined by commissioners. The tax coverage would have paid up to \$100,000 to the county in the event that a major taxpayer was unable to pay its taxes to the county due to a situation such as a natural disaster.

Commissioners also approved a road crossing request for a gas line across County Road 11 and payment of bills and salaries.

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The Day School Support Group will be having a Bake Sale and Scholastic Book Fair during the Supper. You will also be able to purchase chances to win a "Big Fat Pig" to be given away by the school on March 7.

**School**

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did not rule out the possibility that he might have been assaulted.

The boy's pants were down to his ankles when he was found, but investigators said Thursday they had no evidence of sexual abuse and described no external injuries.

A statement posted on the school Web site on Wednesday said, "The safety of our students is our first priority. As information regarding this incident comes to light, we will determine what, if any, campus safety issues need to be addressed."

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**PAMPA ISD EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4-9**

**PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL**

- February 4-13-Valentine Roses on Sale (Foyer)
- February 5-Basketball Sr. Night • 6:00pm
- February 7-NAEP Test
- February 9-ACT (Library) • 8:00am
- February 9-Choir Solo/Ensemble
- February 9-Valentine Dance MPAC • 8:00 am

**PAMPA JUNIOR HIGH**

- February 4-8-Scholastic Book Fair • 8:00-3:45 Library
- February 7-National Jr. Honor Society • 7:30am
- February 7-6th Grade Choir Performance at Lamar • 8:10am
- February 7-6th Grade Choir Performance at Wilson • 9:05 am
- February 7-Moms Involved -Locker Tags • 6:30pm Cafeteria
- February 8-6th Grade Choir Performance at Austin Elementary • 8:10am
- February 8-6th Grade Choir Performance at Travis Elementary • 9:05 am

**AUSTIN ELEMENTARY**

- February 5-Booster Club Meeting • 7:00pm Library
- February 8-PJH Choir will perform • 8:15am

**LAMAR ELEMENTARY**

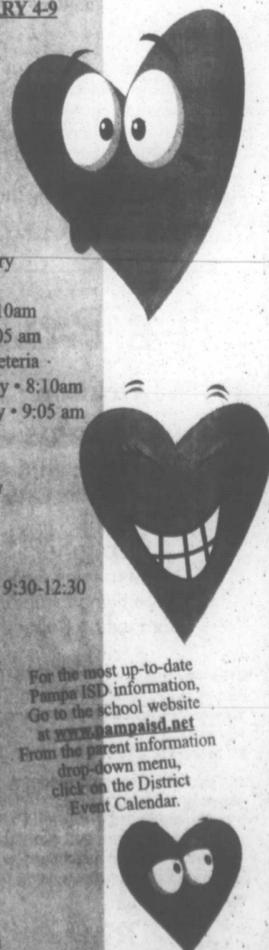
- February 5-Opera Singer "Marvin Scout" of Amarillo Opera • 9:30-12:30
- February 6-Group and Casual Pictures
- February 5 & 7-Kid's Café • 5:30-6:30 pm
- February 7-6th Grade Choir Performance • 8:10am

**TRAVIS ELEMENTARY**

- February 4-Travis Team Meeting • 6:00pm Library
- February 7-Group and Casual Individual Pictures
- February 8-PJH Choir Performance • 9:05am

**WILSON**

- February 4&6-Kids Café • 5:30-6:30 pm
- February 5-ESL • 1:30-2:30pm
- February 6-Power Hour • 2:00 pm
- February 7-6th Grade Choir Performance • 9:07am



For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at [www.pampaisd.net](http://www.pampaisd.net) From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the District Event Calendar.

# Viewpoints

## Good communication always key to understanding

One thing in our society that is vital for success is communication, but many people do not partake in this activity and I don't understand why. I feel that a lot of problems and mishaps could be avoided if people would just communicate with each other and let their thoughts and feelings be known to others.

Here at the newspaper, we have many different departments contributing to one single product. If those different departments do not communicate, it makes this job very difficult to put out a quality product.

We have the advertising department that sells ads from the community. They take this information to composing, which puts the ad

together with artwork. The editorial department has different divisions that all contribute stories and pictures. Once this is all done, everything is sent to the press room, then to the inserters, next to the carriers and finally to our home.

I can tell you that if we all communicate with each other and let people know what's going on or what problems to expect, the whole process goes a lot smoother. Probably back in the old days when newspapers pasted everything on an actual piece of paper, they had to communicate because they didn't have a choice. But, now since everything is sent by computer, we do not have to talk to each other but

just send the information across the server.

I'm sure every business runs smoother if the employees, and also management, talk to each other on a regular basis. I worked at a job one time that held weekly meetings that everyone had to attend, from the top boss down to the newest employee. Most of these meetings were not very long, but it gave us a chance to stay off of the phone and put down our pencils and just tell each other what was going on. Sometimes these meetings

also included personal information as to why we were coming in late, missing days or just struggling with something in our personal lives that affected our jobs. Others could offer suggestions on how to fix a problem or it just gave them a little bit of insight as to why our job performance was suffering.



**Kerri Smith**  
Managing Editor

Communication is also extremely important in marriage. If you do not tell your spouse how you are feeling or what you expect out of the relationship, it probably won't succeed. I feel that's

one reason that my husband and I will celebrate our 20th anniversary in April - because we communicate with each other.

Recently, I had a few things that were on my mind and were bothering me, but I didn't want to burden my husband with all of the stuff. So, I did what many people do, I kept it to myself and held it in. This didn't help in any way and actually made things worse because I wasn't myself.

He questioned me one night and I told him what I was feeling and thinking and this made things a whole lot better. It gave me a chance to get this off of my chest and it gave him the chance to know exactly what I was thinking.

Always remember - spouses can't read your mind, so you have to tell them what's on your mind.

Holding in stuff only makes you feel worse and many times makes you have bad feelings toward that other person because they don't just automatically know what is going through your mind. They don't know unless you tell them.

I think it's best to find a time to communicate with each other when there are no interruptions, such as children, television or phones. Make time to just sit, look each other in the eye and tell what's on your mind and in your heart. Usually, this only helps things and strengthens your relationship.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2008. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock-'n'-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson. That same day, an American Airlines Lockheed Electra crashed into New York's East River while approaching LaGuardia Airport, killing 65 of the 73 people on board.

On this date:

In 1809, Congress passed an act establishing the Illinois Territory.

In 1908, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loewe v. Lawlor*, ruled the United Hatters Union had violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by organizing a nationwide boycott of Danbury Hatters of Connecticut.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

*'The path of civilization is paved with tin cans.'*

— Elbert Hubbard  
American author and publisher (1856-1915)

In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship *Dorchester*, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)

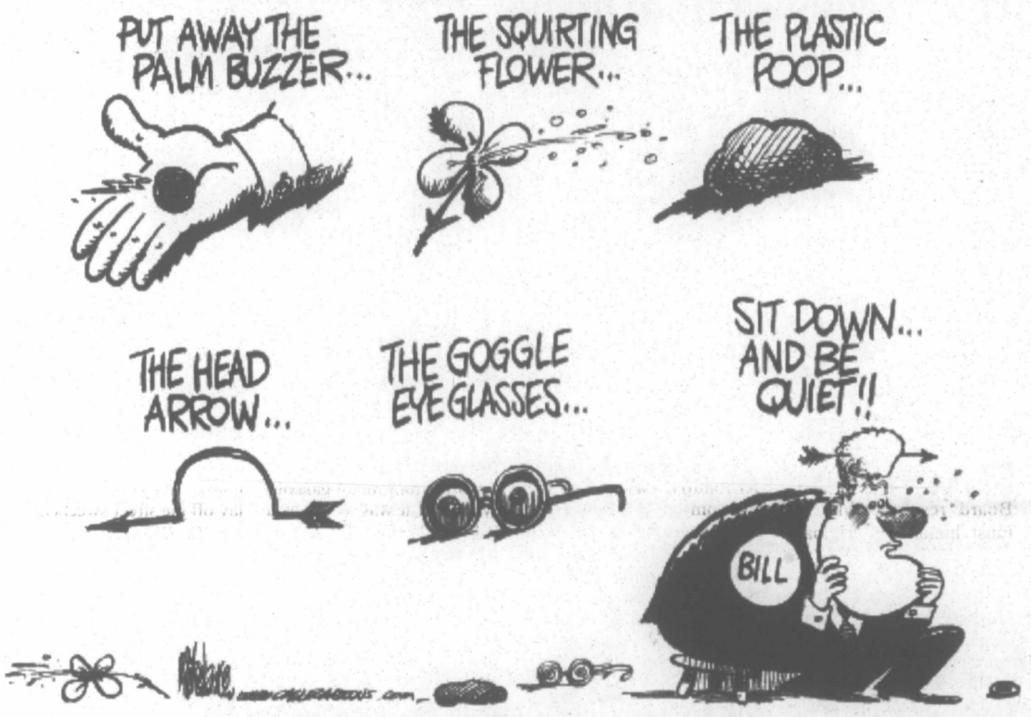
In 1966, the Soviet probe *Luna 9* became the first man-made object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1994, the space shuttle *Discovery* lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

In 1995, *Discovery* blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

Ten years ago: The state of Texas executed Karla Faye Tucker for the pickax killings of two people in 1983; she was the first woman executed in the United States since 1984. A U.S. Marine plane sliced through the cable of a ski gondola in Italy, sending the car plunging hundreds of feet, killing all 20 people inside.

Five years ago: President Bush sent lawmakers a \$2.23 trillion budget for 2004.



## The Idle American: Don't look, Ethel!

Erath County, an hour's drive southwest of Fort Worth, is known for cow-milkin' and Dr Pepper-drinkin'. Locals think that when media folks land there in numbers, they're "sniffing out" whatever the college kids at Tarleton are up to.

But, times they are a changin'. Something big, fast and mysterious streaked across the night sky there recently, and some 50 people saw it. They're ruling out just one possibility - it was NOT the cow jumping over the moon.

Whatever it was has perked up the economy a "right smart," as my old mama would say. ...

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Accounts are getting stranger and interest is growing stronger as the news ripples around the world. News items are spanning the globe from as far away as

Afghanistan - and I'm not making this up.

Dublin Rotarians, pumped by a program on tourism, invited the media and others to convene at their place for a meeting and news conference. To sweeten the deal, they offered free Dr Pepper, the "old original" version still made with sugar at the world's oldest DP plant a block away. MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) officials, earlier opting to meet at a livestock sale barn nearer Stephenville, accepted the Rotarians' invitation.

Little did they know that more than 500 people would show up, including more reporters and photographers than you could shake a stick

at if you rounded up all the sticks in the county. ...

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It could be the county's media event of the century - and an inspiration for poetry, books and songs.

If Ray Stevens hadn't already given us "The Streak" back in the 70s, he could hit an even richer payroll with this latest "streak."

You remember Stevens, don't you? "Don't look, Ethel," he yelled at his wife when they encountered a supermarket stalker - "nekked as a jaybird," as he put it - over on the tomato aisle. The song was inspired by a stalker who interrupted the Academy Awards tele-

cast. Streakers also struck numerous campuses across the land. Some college presidents at the time thought this outrage to be the worst problem ever in higher education. ...

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Visitors to Erath County are bound to increase, what with this new visibility. And there'll be media reps from ALL hemispheres.

Does this sound more impressive than merely saying BOTH hemispheres? A few days ago, a newspaper columnist mentioned former Dallas Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman's reference to "all ends of the spectrum."

We've heard of BOTH ends, but I guess the mother of all spectrums might have multiple ends. ...

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**Don Newbury**  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Jan. 28  
The Dallas Morning News on the future of the Christmas Mountains:

Here's one theory of how the Christmas Mountains got their name. Long ago, this 9,000-acre mountain tract wandered in the Far West Texas wilderness, looking for someone to take it in. There was no room at the Conservation Fund, which donated the tract to the state in 1991. The state also sought to cast it away. Finally, a shelter beckoned at nearby Big Bend National Park.

But three not-so-wise men appeared from the east, in Austin, bearing bad

tidings. The three, who comprise the School Land Board, were charged with deciding the property's fate. One not-so-wise man, General Land Office Commissioner Jerry Patterson, thus spake: No hunting, no firearms, no deal for Big Bend.

Pardon this ridiculous attempt at a parable, but it's hardly as ridiculous as the real Christmas Mountains saga. Mr. Patterson has been adamant that the tract's next owners permit guns and hunting. The requirement makes it impossible for the National Park Service to accept the land because federal law prohibits firearms in national parks.

The Virginia-based Conservation Fund now reportedly wants to buy the land back land that it donated just to

make a transfer to Big Bend possible. The group is neutral about hunting but is eager to find an owner that will honor numerous other restrictions that the land not be developed, mined or broken into parcels and sold. That's why Big Bend is so attractive.

State Sen. John Whitmire of Houston wants to broker such a deal. He agrees with us: "It's nuts that someone who donated the land has to purchase it just so they can donate it again."

Jim Suydam, spokesman for Mr. Patterson's office, says the commissioner agrees that the donor buyback proposal is ridiculous. Two private bidders also want the land and might offer a better price. Mr. Suydam says the

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Events calendar

• **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 return.

• **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, 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 Elle Wiesel, 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. To find out more or to request an application, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto [www.misstexasinternational.com](http://www.misstexasinternational.com) on the Internet.

United Way



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
Bob Curry was one of those receiving a gold award from Pampa United Way for his contribution to the organization's 2007 fund-raising campaign. Presenting the award are United Way President Denise Daves, left, and United Way Executive Director Katrina Bigham. Awards were presented at the United Way meeting and banquet recently.

Newbury

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Forgive my digression — again.

What I'm trying to say is that future coverage of the phenomenon may be stretched a bit.

It may not be like the news wafting from the Rotary hall, where media people pledged to follow Rotary's "four-way test" — the one about truth, fairness, goodwill, etc. ...

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Really, though, does it matter what the stir is about?

It's gotten people excited. They're talking to each other, old with young, serious with skeptical. Quotes in newspapers and interviews on radio and TV are providing "15 minutes of fame" for dozens of people who looked skyward at the same moment. Who cares if it was weather-related or meteoric, or if it happened to be a space ship operated by three-headed creatures from many galaxies away, or if it was as big as a Wal-Mart?

In past years, Tarleton stu-

dents donned outlandish garb for athletic contests, rodeos and Sadie Hawkins Day. (Last year, a few students chose the opposite of streaking. They dressed like Aunt Jemima clones, but this anomaly didn't last long.)

These days, T-shirt vendors are coming up with new offerings daily, and students are going the limit with funny hats, tinfoil antennas and boomerangs masquerading as flying saucers. Fads like telephone booth-stuffing are so 20th century. ...

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I particularly enjoyed seeing a TV interview with one of the witnesses who claimed that the whatzit "hoovered" (hovered?) over Stephenville.

"Hoovered?" In my youth, vacuum cleaners all seemed to be "Hoovers." Early on, some of the first to use the machines no longer "vacuumed." They "Hoovered!"

I cast my vote with those who saw something extremely rare in the dark skies. But if the "hoovering" witness is correct, they may be able to lay off the street sweeper. ...

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex.

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buyback idea, as well as the guns issue, are just a sideshow in this debate.

If we start talking about sideshows, we risk mixing metaphors with a parable about the clowns and the wandering three-ring circus. No matter how we tell it, the Christmas Mountains saga is a story of unbelievable ineptitude.

However the Land Board resolves this, it must honor the original

restrictions that the donors placed on the land. The real sideshow Mr. Patterson's meddling and unnecessary requirements sends a warning to future philanthropists that Texas can't be trusted to handle donated land properly.

We hope a Feb. 5 Land Board meeting will bring clarity and closure to this issue. Mr. Patterson should lift his hunting requirement, or his two board colleagues should overrule him and put an end to this nonsense. URL: <http://www.dallas-news.com>

Court names Altrusa Club Spears' dad conservator of her affairs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The father of Britney Spears was named her temporary conservator Friday, putting him in control of her welfare a day after she was whisked to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

While James Spears was named conservator of the troubled pop star herself, he and an attorney, Andrew Wallete, were name conservators of her estate. The singer's mother, Lynne Spears, also showed up for the unannounced hearing in Superior Court.

The court also issued a restraining order against Britney Spears' sometimes manager and friend, Sam Lutfi, and gave permission to change the locks on her estate and remove anyone who is there.

A court creates conservatorships when a person cannot care for themselves or handle their affairs. Commissioner Reva Goetz said Spears would be under conservatorship until Feb. 4, at which time another hearing will be held.

"It is in the best interests of the conservatee to have conservatorship over her person," Goetz told a packed courtroom.

The conservator will have the power to "restrict visitors," have around-the-clock security for Spears, and have access to all medical records, Goetz said.

Goetz said conservatorship over the estate was "necessary and appropriate." She gave approval for the conservator to "take all actions to secure all liquid assets including credit cards."



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Frances Isbell, left, and Ann Thrasher recently received orientation into Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa.

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## Letters to the Editor - our readers write...

### Politics

Dear Editor,  
Several Michael Reagan articles appear to indicate a paucity of knowledge about his subjects, such as his column in your Jan. 9 issue in which he seems to denigrate Huckabee while lauding McCain for his consistency and being "his own man." It's true that McCain is very consistent in his strong support of Israel, gun control, amnesty for 12 million or more illegals and Bush's policy of staying the course in Iraq if it takes decades with numerous costly bases in Iraq.

As for being his own man, that is ludicrous as some think that McCain is a shill for the few owners of our tightly controlled major media outlets. Obviously, such wealthy owners like to dictate critical policies to

our U.S. Presidents and many congressmen.  
McCain is reputed to be disliked by most senators for being both devious and mendacious. Recently, McCain shopped in a Bagdad market for an hour or so and then returned to the U.S. bragging about how safe Bagdad was due to the surge.

Later, it was revealed that his small shopping group was protected by 100 U.S. combat troops, as five helicopters or gunships circled overhead. In my humble opinion, our country controlled press and TV is going all out for Hillary to be the Democratic nominee and McCain the GOP nominee so they can dictate policy to the winner.

Richard Corbyn  
Amarillo

### Technology

Dear Editor,  
When I saw the news about all those vehicles piling up in a dense fog, I thought, "In this day of high technology, how can something like that happen? What an unnecessary waste of life and property."

We have night vision goggles, radar, sonar and who knows what else. Why can't every vehicle be equipped with a screen on the dashboard that would give the driver a clear vision of the road ahead when fog, smoke or dust is encountered? Maybe some of you who read this can get the ball rolling on this. Me? As far as technology is concerned, I still have trouble using the remote to run my TV on and off.

And when driving on ice,

why couldn't vehicles be equipped with blades like ice skates that could be lowered to take the place of front wheels or some other way?

Remember the big hassle over seat belts? We wanted our freedom and said, "If I want to get killed, it's my own business, not the governments." But, seat belts have saved thousands of lives of those who were wearing them. And every life saves is another person to pay taxes so the rest of us can be on welfare.

Human nature - most of us know what we ought to do, but we don't do it until something or someone pushes us. Remember, the life you save may be your own or that of someone you love.

Sam Godwin  
Pampa

### Justice system

Dear Editor,  
I think the scales of justice need adjustment. Reading the newspaper and watching the news over the last several years, I've begun to wonder whatever happened to our justice system.

Recently, in Amarillo, a man received a 10-year sentence for shooting and killing a 10-year-old boy. In another recent trial, a man received four 99-year terms for breaking and entering and also for theft. Why was a theft punished to such a great extent in one courtroom, while a murder of a child was punished to such a lesser extent in another courtroom? Are the scales of justice really so imbalanced?

It brought to my mind another injustice. Several years ago, a young man received a 60-year sentence without parole for riding in the vehicle of another man who was in possession of drugs. I suppose the court considered him guilty by association, regardless of whether he even realized the other man was carrying drugs.

Our District Attorney at the time even made the

statement that they were going to make an example out of this young man. However, when a drug scandal arose surrounding that same District Attorney, was he also made an example of?

Almost six years ago, a man received a 12-year sentence for manslaughter. He had a suspended license and an expired work visa. He was drunk, high on drugs and exceeding the speed limit. He was going so fast that when he hit a bus and wrecker with air brakes locked down, he pushed it six to eight feet along the highway crushing and killing the man who was working between the two vehicles.

Then, he left the scene, running up to 10 miles through dark hilly country to evade arrest, never caring that he could have injured or killed someone. And for this crime, for causing this horrible death with his complete lack of regard for anyone other than himself, he received 12 years. Twelve years for a life.

Money can be paid back, with interest even, but a life taken can never be restored.

Gwen Douthit  
Pampa

### Valentine's Day

Dear Editor,  
Before we all go flying off the handle this year buying Valentines for that significant other, I find that it is necessary to point out how crummy the Valentine's Day thing can be for those of us that have no one this year.

The holiday somewhat creeps onto you and before you know it, you are walking in the stores barely glancing at all those pretty little white and pink things you know you aren't going to receive this year. For most singles, this is a time for depressing memories of that one person that just never really worked out.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is not a time to dwell on what could have been, but this is a time to make yourself as pretty as you can and walk with your head held high and say "It's Valentine season and I look good."

This year, we don't have to worry about whether or not this is going to be the

perfect gift, there's no suspense in the curiosity of if he or she will remember this heart-shaped day on the calendar. The best therapy is to go out on that day and treat yourself to a piece of pie and know that you've earned it.

Anyone who has tried the love game finds themselves on their lonely days, but if you've ever had your heart broken then you deserve spoiling on the day people buy too many sweets.

This is a season to feel proud of the efforts made and yes even look back onto those fun times you had in the past. Don't think of bad memories, just those special fun occasions that remind you of how nice it was and how it will be again someday. How great it made you feel.

Remember: Head held high...and pie.  
Patricia Sudbury  
Pampa

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Limit letter to 350 words or less.

### National pride

Dear Editor,  
I was in Pampa recently visiting relatives. As we drove around Pampa, I noticed that nearly every U.S. and/or Texas flag flying was tattered, some beyond recognition. I was appalled by what I saw. What I saw was close to downright desecration of the American and Texas flags.

To those that fly a flag, business

or homeowner, take down that piece of trash on your pole and put up a new flag. Flags are cheap. Find a business that sells flags and get a new one. If you can't find one, contact me and I'll send you one.

The U.S. and Texas flags are symbols of our great nation and state. Don't disgrace our nation or state by keeping a tattered flag flying. Replace it or take it down alto-

gether.  
It's much better to not fly a flag at all than to fly the pieces of the red, white and blue scraps of material I saw flying. These flags are not ribbons or pennants, they are flags.  
Fly you flag with pride or not at all.  
David Kilpatrick - Amarillo

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### PETS

## City Council votes for pet law championed by Bob Barker

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Urged on by retired "The Price is Right" host Bob Barker and a throng of supporters, the Los Angeles City Council has taken steps to require spaying and neutering of most pet cats and dogs by 4 months of age.

So much applause erupted Friday when Barker stood to endorse the idea that council President Eric Garcetti urged just a quick clap because time for public comment was limited.

Barker replied: "Councilman Garcetti, that's the most beautiful sound I've heard in months since I left 'Price is Right.'"

Barker noted that for decades he closed his show by urging viewers to help control the pet population and that the audience was filled with people who had worked on the problem for years.

"Now I'd like to think that all of us working together have made a difference," he said. "But it's not enough, and the only answer is legislation. And to be more specific, the only answer is this ordinance."

Barker said 4 months is important because animals can breed at very young ages, but he noted that under the law it would only take a letter from a veterinarian to delay surgery to 5 or 6 months of age.

Other advocates said the law would have plenty of exceptions, including for licensed breeders and show animals.

Minus four members, the council voted 10-1 in favor of the ordinance. A second vote on the measure is required before it can become a city law.

## Groundhog sees his shadow

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Brace yourself for more wintry weather.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow Saturday, leading the groundhog to forecast six more weeks of winter.

The rodent was pulled from his stump by members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club Inner Circle, top-hat- and tuxedo-wearing businessmen who carry out the tradition.

Each Feb. 2, thousands of people descend on Punxsutawney, a town of about 6,100 people some 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, to celebrate what had essentially

been a German superstition.

The tradition is that if a hibernating animal sees a shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says spring will come early.

That was the forecast from Gen. Beauregard Lee, Punxsutawney Phil's counterpart in Lilburn, Ga. Beau did not see his shadow Saturday morning at the Yellow River Game Ranch.

It was the third year in a row the two groundhogs' predictions differed.

## Chrysler plastic supplier files for bankruptcy

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Chrysler LLC scrambled to maintain its inventory of plastic parts after a supplier filed for bankruptcy protection.

Plastech Engineered Products Inc. apparently failed to negotiate a bailout package with its customers, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

Dearborn-based Plastech agreed to supply Chrysler through the weekend, spokeswoman Michele Tinson said.

The bankruptcy filing had not forced Chrysler to shut down any plants, Tinson said. "But it could potentially," she said. "It could impact a number of plants."

Calls to Plastech headquarters were not answered late Friday.

Chrysler was Plastech's fourth-largest customer, The Journal said. The company has 8,000 employees at more than 30 plants in North America.

# Measure of a nation: Myth, reality potent combo in America

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the first story in "The Measure of a Nation," a yearlong series of multimedia story packages about the American presidency and the 2008 elections as seen through the prism of the culture, not the candidates.

By **TED ANTHONY**  
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AP National Writers

The president of the United States stands at the podium in the American Capitol, facing us all — Congress, the Cabinet, a television audience of millions. He struggles for the right words to restore the public's faith in his office.

A nation awaits. Will he resign? Will he implicate others? Will he act as the leader of the planet's most powerful country should?

"There are," he begins, "certain things you should expect from your president."

Since the moment in 1789 when a Revolutionary War hero named George Washington recited a 35-word oath, Americans have expected certain things from their presidents. For good reason: In a society that has mythologized itself from its earliest days, the president is the high priest of the national identity.

For 219 years, the institution has become burdened with legend, and the expectations exceed the grasp of any mortal. Americans' notions of the presidency come from cultural cues we've been conditioned to notice — from the traits of past presidents, from novels and TV and movies and spin artists who predate the telegraph and the photograph.

From ourselves.

That president standing before Congress and telling the nation about expectations is neither Richard Nixon in 1974 nor Bill Clinton in 1999. In fact, his words were dreamed up by screenwriter, not speechwriter. He is Dave Kovic, the regular-guy doppelganger who accidentally sits in for patrician President Bill Mitchell in the 1993 movie "Dave."

Kovic, played by Kevin Kline, continues: "I ought to care more about you than I do about me. I ought to care more about what's right than I do about what's popular. I ought to be willing to give up this whole thing for something I believe in. Because if I'm not, then maybe I don't belong here in the first place."

In 2008, once again, Americans must decide who belongs in the White House. It is one of the most pivotal elections of our age. But while ours is an era of unparalleled information, it is also one of deep confusion, and we see our presidents through a foggy prism of expectation and paradox.

We demand a leader who represents

our loftiest ideals but who is, or appears to be, our peer. We expect competence and smarts, but not intellectualism. We want a hardened defender of our interests who can be gentle when it comes time for us to grieve or endure. We want the impossible: lower taxes and higher benefits, tighter security without fewer liberties, success with little sacrifice. We seek cowboy and pioneer, handyman and orator, statue and loving parent — all wrapped up in the perfectly tailored suit of a CEO.

Sometimes we pick our leaders not for who they are but for who we are. Thinking about a presidential election usually means focusing upon candidates and campaigns, strategies and polls and ads. But American culture itself offers an equally compelling — and just as illuminating — window into how the people shape the next presidency.

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So before the ballot, some questions:

How did this office in this particular country become such a repository of everything we want to be? More important, how does this potent mix of myths and realities, of things existing and wished, help us elevate the next leader of the American secular faith?

If anything embodies America's soul, it is the presidency. Pull back the curtain and find pure old-time religion: It's iconic. It smacks of larger things. It's fierce and noble, unifying and divisive. Even in its basest moments, it summons larger ideals about the kind of human beings we want to be.

In it, we are offered a living symbol of sacrifice to greater causes, of empathy, honesty and moral certitude — a figure who can protect, inspire and unite, who can make

us feel better about ourselves and our persistent dream of a shining city upon a hill. Who, we believe, can save us.

You think the presidency is about politics? Sorry. It's the values. No wonder we expect so much. No wonder we create goals that our leaders can never meet. No wonder that, in the end, we're usually disappointed. "People," says historian Richard Norton Smith, "think that presidents were born on Mount Rushmore."

Dave's fictional oratory rings true — truer, really, than reality. While its details might be concocted, the mythology is an authentic reflection of what we seek and expect.

Because in America, land of big stories, the power of myths is real.

"Honest Abe is the first thing that comes to mind — he was known for his honesty." So says Rebecca Schmidt, who lives in the town where Abraham Lincoln practiced law, raised his family and ran for president. Her comment suggests something intriguing: Even in

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## DSHS advises consumers to do homework before buying toys

AUSTIN — Buyer be educated. That's the idea that product safety experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) want shoppers to keep in mind.

"Know the child; know the toy," said Alice Rogers with the DSHS environmental and consumer safety section. "Put these two pieces of information together, and buyers have a better chance of giving a gift that is both enjoyed and safe."

"Reading labels for age recommendations and learning about recalled items helps consumers make better, safer choices among the thousands of items available for children whether in retail stores or resale shops," Rogers said.

A label will tell a consumer two important things: if a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe. Toys meant for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a younger child, especially those under 3.

"Be careful at home when you have children of different ages," Rogers said. "It is important to keep toys meant for older children out of the reach of younger ones."

DSHS product safety inspectors regularly visit mega-sized retail outlets, small stores and resale shops looking for dangerous children's items and for those products that have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Inspectors also educate sellers about recall information. Many stores, including large resale shops,

now post the recall notices for the public. "Consumers have access to the same information when planning their shopping," Rogers said. People can look at a list of recalled items and sign up to receive recall information directly from the CPSC at their Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

One of the major concerns this year has been toys recalled because of lead hazards. Lead may be used in two ways during toy manufacturing — in the paint on the toys and in plastics. Toys that have been made in other countries and imported into the United States or antique toys and collectibles passed down through generations may expose children to lead.

Only a certified laboratory can accurately test a toy for lead. Though do-it-yourself kits are available, they do not indicate how much lead is present, and their reliability at detecting low levels of lead has not been determined.

"If you suspect your child has been exposed to a toy containing lead, take the toy away and call your health care provider to see if your child needs to be tested," Rogers said.

DSHS offers these additional safety tips:  
— Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interests of the child. Look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, noses, buttons and other small parts.

— Do not buy toys with small parts or items such as marbles, small balls or bal-

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### 2008 Roberts County Livestock Show

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## Seay to speak at lecture series

CANYON — A dynamic speaker from an up and coming church will be the focus of the 2008 Willson Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at West Texas A&M University.

Chris Seay, a third-generation Baptist minister and currently pastor of Ecclesia of Houston, will share his Christian perspectives in a public lecture at the WTAMU Alumni Banquet Hall. He is the author of two books — "The Gospel According to Tony Soprano" and "The Gospel Reloaded" — and considered a leader in the emerging church movement.

His church is very involved and connected to young people, using visual art, film and literature to share the story of God. He is the founding pastor of University Baptist Church in Waco, which started with just a few members and grew to more than 600 within a few weeks. Service is the foundation of his work, and Seay believes the church exists not as an end in itself but for the world in which it exists.

It's that mission that provides a new approach to 2008 Willson Lecture Series. Ministers from Amarillo and Canyon area

churches have been meeting since November to plan and organize this year's lecture with Seay. His call for service has prompted a volunteer fair to follow the lecture where people can sign up to help with local organizations. The lecture also will lead to a major service project April 5 involving all the participating ministries working together.

"Seay is outstanding at connecting and challenging young adults," Dr. James Hallmark, dean of graduate school and research and organizer of the lecture series, said. "I'm confident his lecture will be thought provoking."

"But I'm most excited about how the young adult and college ministries in Amarillo and Canyon have taken this opportunity to provide service to the community. It has been exciting to work with them."

The Willson Lecture Series was established in 1947 by the J.M. Willson family of Floydada. The series, sponsored by the Willson Foundation, is free and open to the public. For more information, call 806-651-2730.

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## Toys

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loons for children under 3.

— For children under 6, avoid building sets with small magnets. If magnets or magnetic pieces are swallowed, serious injury or death could occur.

— For children under 8, avoid electric toys with heating elements and toys with sharp edges and points.

— If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction cups or flexible, protective tips that stay secured when used. If your children receive arrows or darts, teach them how to play with them safely. Arrows and darts are not recommended for children under 5.

— Charging batteries should be supervised by adults. Read the warnings and instructions. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to children. Some chargers do not have any way to prevent overcharging.

— Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately, before they become deadly playthings.

More information about toy safety is available on the DSHS Web site at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/azpro/toys.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/azpro/toys.shtm).

facts are everywhere, Lincoln myths are potent.

Schmidt and friend Randi Clausen have just emerged from the house where Lincoln lived from 1844 until he left for the White House in 1861. In Springfield, capital of the state that bills itself as the Land of Lincoln, these tours and places and icons make up the economic and cultural fabric — from the tomb north of town to the recently shuttered El Presidente Burritos a few doors down from his law office.

Here, expectations rival — or even overshadow — reality. The transaction between fact and parable, between presidents and legend, blurs. “Lincoln became a legend,” artist Jay William Thomas says in a film at the city’s Disney-influenced Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. “And that’s the problem. We haven’t seen him clearly since.”

For every dispassionate debunking like “A lot of people don’t realize he didn’t go out of the log cabin and straight into the White House” (Susan Haake, curator of Lincoln’s house), there’s a counterbalance of romantic grandiosity like “Fortunately for us, his dreams were not as small as that log cabin was” (historical interpreter Jason Collins, who gives tours of the place).

Both are necessary in Springfield. And both are necessary in the myth of the presidency.

Making myths from raw material has always been part of the national character. In America, quickly and sometimes consciously, reality is retrofitted to match the values we hold dear and the people we wish to be. We took economic and capitalistic motives and shaped them into ideals that we’ve packaged, distributed and even sold. It took more than 1,000 years to spread Christ’s

gospel far and wide; the American presidency did it in 200.

Consider Lincoln. Drew Gilpin Faust, writing about the Civil War, calls the parallels between Lincoln and Christ “powerful and unavoidable.” And author David Gelernter says “Lincoln transformed ‘Americanism into a full-fledged, mature religion — not by causing America to embody its noble ideals but by teaching the nation that it ought to embody them.’”

On his own and through the words of biographers like Carl Sandburg, Lincoln taught us to expect certain things from a president. Among them: self-made gumption, grassroots folksiness, eloquence that is profound but not grandiose, an invocation of godly ideals, steely commitment in the face of unthinkable odds — and even martyrdom. Would JFK’s taut, stirring inaugural be remembered as it is had there been no Gettysburg address?

The president we envision in our mind’s eye today — that figure of limitless ability stitched together from sundry legends and truths — comes from many such myths.

From Thomas Jefferson, we get the romance of pastoral America; from James Monroe, a sense of national supremacy. Andrew Jackson embodies hardscrabble populism, and James K. Polk manifest destiny. Theodore Roosevelt made the presidency a bully pulpit. The Depression stopped with Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the buck stopped with Harry Truman. Just as Lincoln’s courting and curbing of newspapers made him the first new-media president, Ronald Reagan mastered the mix of frontier nostalgia and Ward Cleaver reassurance that made him a sound-bite natural. And Bill Clinton — well, now we demand a pres-

ident who cannot only fix our pain but feel it, too.

That doesn’t begin to describe the fictions and dramatizations sewn into the body of the Frankenstein president. Washington didn’t chop down the tree and tell the truth; a man named Mason Locke Weems made that up. Lincoln did split rails, but he also had a handler in the 1850s who realized the branding oomph of a lanky, long-legged guy with a hatchet. William Manchester’s JFK exuded youthful “vigah,” but the real Kennedy at times could barely walk from back pain.

“We want somebody that is as we see ourselves: We’re likable, people want to have us around, you’re an intellect, you make good decisions,” says John W. Matviko, editor of “The American President in Popular Culture.”

Who could possibly meet all these expectations? Only one president, and — no surprise — he’s not real. For seven seasons at the dawn of the 21st century, Martin Sheen’s Josiah Bartlet in “The West Wing” emerged as the modern one-size-fits-all president, the guy who managed to be compassionate and tough, liberal and hawkish, fatherly and progressive, educated and plain. Except for one serious ethical misstep (lying about his multiple sclerosis), he is, in a word, perfect — the supreme vessel of all American aspirations.

And that is what voters want in 2008. No matter that they’ll never find it in the real world; even in primary season, they’ve made clear that they expect perfection — with all the appealing ingredients of past chief executives mortal and mythical.

Listen to Randi Clausen, still reflecting on Lincoln and history after emerging from the tour of Honest Abe’s home. Today’s presidents, to hear her tell it, could use an infusion of those timeless traits.

“I would like to see some of the characteristics that other people had — Jefferson, Washington, Adams. But I don’t see that much,” she says. If those early leaders could see the modern American presidency in

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action, she says, “they’d be turning over in their graves.”

There’s another of Springfield’s familiar faces, a lawyer, who is pretty partial to Lincoln. He says this:

“Part of what was so powerful for me (was) to see somebody who was our greatest president but who genuinely was rooted in the humblest of circumstances,” he says. “It reaffirms a basic truth about America, which is that people can make something of themselves regardless of circumstances. ... That’s part of the mythol-

ogy, but there’s a strong element of truth to it, and it’s part of what makes this country such a special place.”

That’s Barack Obama, who you may have heard is running for president.

The Illinois senator deploys the Lincoln mythology as a foundation of his campaign. He mentions the 16th president in almost every speech; when critics charge that Obama is raw and overly ambitious, he notes that both he and Lincoln were inexperienced, little-known Illinois politicians when they set sights upon the White House.

Obama’s hardly the only candidate sifting through the presidency’s DNA for the myths of 2008. Name most any presidential gene, and odds are it’s already being cloned (though Chester A. Arthur’s pool probably remains unplundered).

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John McCain is a latter-day Teddy Roosevelt, a swaggering, barrel-chested reformer in an era of societal transformation and cynicism toward public institutions. Mitt Romney, tall and handsome with a movie star’s smile, likes to bask in Ronald Reagan’s aura. Andy Jackson might appreciate Mike Huckabee’s economic populism. At the same time, some mythologies might need a rest: As an unpopular Bush hobbles off into the sunset, no candidate this year is playing the cowboy.

Even as they burnish their images with old mythologies, the candidates today

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# Painting raises specter of family's Nazi history

By RAY HENRY  
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The oil portrait "Girl from the Sabine Mountains" shows a peasant woman reclining, closing her eyes and stretching her billowing white sleeves behind her dark hair.

The serenity of the figure belies the pain the portrait has witnessed — sold by its "non-Aryan" owner under Nazi orders as the Holocaust began and decades later the subject of a bitter court fight.

It's believed to be the work of Franz Xaver Winterhalter, a 19th-century artist famous for painting Queen Victoria, the czar of Russia and other European nobles. One of his works fetched almost \$2 million at a Christie's auction.

Appraisers have estimated that "Girl from the Sabine Mountains" was worth \$67,000 to \$94,000, according to court records. In discussions about settling the case, a lawyer for the woman who inherited the painting said it was worth about \$150,000.

The woman, 84-year-old German baroness Maria-Luise Bissonnette, says the stakes go beyond money.

In her dimly lit dining room surveyed by another portrait, this one depicting her stepfather, Dr. Karl Heinrich Christian Wilharm, she thumped her hand on one of the documents overflowing from manila folders on a

table, documents describing him as a Nazi sympathizer, a doctor complicit with thieves.

"There's nothing that's true," Bissonnette fumed, nearly in tears.

The man she remembers was completely different: He rescued her and her mother

from poverty in the dark days after the humiliating German defeat in World War I, and even now, a lifetime later, much of the beauty in her life, from china and fine furnishings to artwork, is his legacy.

Which brings her story back to "Girl from the

Sabine Mountains." The battle over whether Wilharm obtained it illegally and whether it must be surrendered is also, to his aging stepdaughter, a fight about restoring his reputation.

"I have the receipt. My father paid for it," she says, standing under Wilharm's

unsmiling gaze. "I'm understanding when someone steals something, he comes to your house and takes it. That is stealing."

The documents spread across her table show the dispute over the painting is not so clear-cut or simple.

A century after Winterhalter supposedly created "Girl from the Sabine Mountains," it turned up at an art gallery in Dusseldorf, Germany, founded by Julius Stern, a former textile mill owner who specialized in Dutch, Flemish and German painters. In 1934, Max Stern inherited the business from his father.

The enterprise was short-lived. Stern was a Jew and his native country was turning against him.

Adolf Hitler had seized power a year earlier, and the Nazi leader, a failed painter, established the Reich Chamber of Culture to purge Jews, political dissidents and others from the art world. One of its subsidiaries, the Reich Chamber of Fine Arts, sent Stern a letter in August 1935 warning that he had four weeks to regroup or dissolve the family business.

A bureaucrat forwarded a copy of the letter to the police, warning, "The person in question is non-Aryan."

Stern resisted until March 1937, when he sold the buildings housing his family home and art gallery. Six months later, Nazi authorities rejected Stern's proposal to transfer his business to a professor.

"This decree is final," a Nazi official warned in another letter. It includes an ominous note to the Gestapo. "Stern is a Jew and holds German citizenship."

Forced to liquidate his holdings, Stern consigned more than 200 paintings to an auction house in Cologne. Item 181 in the auction catalog is "Girl from the Sabine Mountains," which merited a full-page catalog illustration and appeared on promotional fliers.

A receipt kept by Bissonnette shows that her stepfather, Karl Wilharm, bought No. 181 for 4,140 Reichmarks, about \$24,000 today, either attending the auction himself or by sending a proxy, as he sometimes did.

The painting went on Wilharm's wall. Stern fled Germany, but lost most of his art auction proceeds when Nazi German authorities decided he must pay extra taxes before securing exit papers for his mother.

"I was blackmailed," Stern wrote in an affidavit years later. The taxes "were totally unjustified and came out of thin air."

After landing in a succession of Allied internment camps, Stern migrated to Canada and tried to recover his missing artwork after the war. He advertised the losses in art publications, hired German lawyers to press claims and traveled to Europe to reclaim some items himself.

Stern did not dwell in the past. He married, purchased the Dominion Gallery in Montreal, backed emerging Canadian artists and amassed a fortune before dying in 1987. He left most of his estate to three universities.

"It was only upon his death and the organization of his archives that we realized he had kept all this correspondence" related to his postwar search, said Clarence Epstein, who works at Concordia University and heads the restitution effort for Stern's estate. "He had never let go of the Gallery Stern archives."

Using those documents, Stern's estate registered his missing works with the London-based Art Loss Register, an Internet database of missing or stolen artwork.

In 2005, when Bissonnette tried to sell "Girl from the Sabine Mountains," which she inherited from her parents, a prospective buyer consulted the database, which alerted Stern's estate.

Before long, Bissonnette received a letter from the Holocaust Claims Processing Office in New York, where a lawyer tried to lead negotiations between Stern's lawyers and Bissonnette.

"The art market does not look favorably at items with a potentially tainted past," an HCPO intermediary told Bissonnette in a letter. "I am sure that you will also agree that there are moral considerations in this case."

Stern's estate said the Nazi government illegally forced Stern to auction his belongings. Since the auction was illegal, any sales that followed were void, regardless of whether the buyer paid.

Bissonnette's attorneys said a German restitution court reimbursed Stern for his Nazi-era losses, and that his estate waited too long to bring its claims. Lawyers for Stern's estate argued the compensation does not block his inheritors from pursuing the paintings and that Stern looked for the missing artwork as best he could in difficult circumstances.

The estate sued in U.S. District Court in Rhode Island, where Bissonnette now lives.

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## GOT CARROTS?

# Vegetables may have bone to pick as calcium providers

By KATHLEEN PHILLIPS  
Extension News

COLLEGE STATION — A specially developed carrot has been produced to help people absorb more calcium. Researchers at Texas A&M AgriLife's Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center studied the calcium intake of humans who ate the carrot and found a net increase in calcium absorption. The research, which was done in collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine, means adding this carrot to the diet can help prevent such diseases as osteoporosis.

"If you eat a serving of the modified carrot, you'd absorb 41 percent more calcium than from a regular carrot," said Dr. Jay Morris, lead author on the paper, a post-doctorate researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The finding will be reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences online edition Jan. 14.

"The primary goal was to increase the calcium in fruit and vegetables to benefit human health and nutrition," Morris said. "Fruit and vegetables are good for you for many reasons, but they have not been a good source of calcium in the past."

Morris, who worked on the study while earning a doctorate at Texas A&M University, said fruits and vegetables play a role in good bone health for other reasons.

"We believe that if this technology is applied to a large number of different fruits and vegetables, that would have an

even greater impact on preventing osteoporosis," he said.

For this study, the researchers provided the carrots to a group of 15 men and 15 women. The people were fed either the modified carrots, called sCAX1, or regular carrots in the week one. On a second visit two weeks later, they were fed the other type of carrot.

Urine samples were collected 24 hours after each feeding study to determine the amount of specially marked calcium absorbed, Morris explained.

The study group also was evaluated for their normal absorption rate to compare with the rate of absorption from the calcium-enhanced carrots, he said.

He said both men and women absorbed higher amounts of calcium from the modified carrots. But the technology needs to be available in a wide range of fruits and vegetables so that people can get the calcium benefit.

"The daily requirement for calcium is 1,000 milligrams, and a 100 gram serving of these carrots provides only 60 milligrams, about 42 percent of which is absorbable," he noted. "A person could not eat enough of them to get the daily requirement."

But if vegetables and fruits could be bred to contain more calcium, then a diet that includes a variety of these produce might come closer to providing necessary calcium, Morris said.

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AMARILLO — An in-depth look at opportunities and challenges Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas wheat producers may face in the next century will be the focus of a seminar on Feb. 21 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

The wheat research, marketing, crop protection and variety update seminar is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Research, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, AgriPro Wheat and the Texas Seed Trade Association.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will end around 4 p.m., said Leon Church, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Potter County. Lunch will be provided.

In addition to the faculty from the sponsoring agen-

cies, there will be speakers from the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas A&M University and Kansas State University.

Morning session topics cover the wheat seed certification process, quality-based wheat marketing and grazing issues. The afternoon session will address new wheat varieties, the future of wheat breeding, paying royalties on certified wheat seed and patents and intellectual property protection systems.

Three continuing education units will be offered for licensed pesticide applicators and certified crop advisors, Church said.

For further information, contact an AgriLife Extension agent or Rob Borchardt at AgriPro Wheat, 940-552-8881.

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# Prominent educators in Pampa's past ...

The cars of C.L. Thomas and S.S. Thomas (see Museum Mementos for Nov. 18, 2007) were the second and third cars in Pampa. Purchased at Higgins in 1906, they were special attractions at Pampa's first Fourth of July celebration in 1907 when more than 500 citizens had an automobile ride for the first time.

Dr. V.E. von Brunow, who came in 1903, had Pampa's first car, a red Velie. Each of Thomas' cars was a black five-passenger Knox. In 1908, T.D. Hobart ordered Pampa's fourth car for White Deer Lands. It was a Model F touring car in wine color with a glass folding front.

In those days, no license was required for the registration of automobiles. All that was needed was to report ownership of an automobile at the courthouse, pay a fine of 50-cents and receive a number to be displayed in a conspicuous place on the automobile.

In the summer of 1905, T.D. Hobart wrote to ask if John V.

**Eloise Lane**  
White Deer Land Museum, Pampa

The two men met and agreed that all of the public money would be used for teachers' salaries and that White Deer Lands would furnish buildings as they were needed. Thomas' salary for the eight-month session of 1905-06 was \$75 a month.

Two weeks before school was to begin, Thomas found only six pupils of school age. He persuaded three coverage children to enroll and found mothers who were willing to send three underage children. The 1905-06 school year opened on the first Monday in 1905 with 12 pupils. (For a geography project that fall, Freddie Hobart counted 52 people living in Pampa.)

Outside the one-room school building (about 503 N. Starkweather), 10,000



Photos courtesy of WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM  
**Josephine Thomas, principal of Horace Mann Elementary School from 1928-1952, was the second of the first two women principals in the Pampa school system. Annie Baker Daniels at Woodrow Wilson was the first.**

cattle belonging to Swift and Co. grazed on the prairie in sight of the school. Occasionally mountain lions came near and caused quite a commotion.

At noon one day in 1905, the Panhandle wind was blowing so hard that Thomas thought that the light 16' x

20' box school building might overturn. He arranged seats on the north side of the room and kept the pupils inside the play games in that part of the room. The pupils, not realizing that they were serving as ballast, greatly enjoyed the games.

During the school session of 1905-06, cattle ranches were breaking up and people began coming to Pampa on trains, wagons and horseback. In the last month of the eight-month session, the school enrollment increased so much that Mrs. Thomas was employed to help her husband with the younger children.

In the summer of 1906, Hobart had two rooms added to the original one-room building to make an inverted T-shape building. The 1906-07 school session

began with 150 pupils and a third teacher, Miss Tat Worthington.

When school closed in the spring of 1907, Thomas resigned and moved to a farm near White Deer, but he returned later to the teaching profession. He was at Auburn, Ga., in 1938 when he sent information to Zenobia McFarlin (Mrs. J.R. Holloway) for her master's thesis, "The History of Education in Gray County."

Beryl Wynne Vicars and Kate Lard Heiskell later told of the years when John V. Thomas was principal. Beryl said of him, "A better teacher never taught. He was always strict but always just."

She was impressed with the Biblical inscription on purple cards that he gave for good behavior: "Let us not weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Josephine Virginia Thomas, a sister to John V., Sam and Charlie, was born Dec. 2, 1886, in Tazewell County, Virginia. Ten years later, she moved with most of her family to western Oklahoma, eventually settling in what has become Roger Mills County.

After she completed the eighth grade, she took a county examination and



**Pampa School in 1906-07. Pictured in the back row are teachers John V. Thomas and Miss Tat Worthington. The white building at the far left is the original one-room school house**

began her career as a teacher. She boarded with a family who lived 10 miles from her school and paid \$7 each month for room and board. Her salary was \$45 a month.

After teaching three years in Roger Mills County, she taught in Cheyenne, Okla. From 1914 to 1918, she taught in Pampa in the red brick building at 309 N. Cuyler. She went back to Oklahoma to teach at Weatherford and Shattuck.

She left teaching long enough to receive a bachelor of science degree from the University of Oklahoma. In 1928, she came back to Pampa where she became the first principal of the newly constructed Horace Mann (West Ward) School.

She was the second of the first two women school principals in Pampa — Annie Baker Daniels at Woodrow

Wilson (East Ward) School was the first.

Josephine was the principal of Horace Mann from 1928 until she retired in 1952. During that time, she received a master of arts degree at Columbia University and attended several colleges during summer vacations.

Before her retirement from the Pampa system, she had thought that she would go into some other line of work, but, after looking around, she decided that nothing was more interesting than teaching. She taught at Alanreed for two years and at Paradise, Mich., for two years before she came back to Pampa where she died on April 29, 1962.

Soon after her retirement from the Pampa school system, a group of her friends and associates wrote her biography. One interviewer

wrote, "You (Josephine) may leave the scene of your present activity, but a personality such as yours will continue to be active in the lives of those you taught and with those with whom you associated for many years."

During the oil boom days, Elbert Thomas was a partner in Kees and Thomas Gent's Furnishing (111 N. Cuyler), and his wife, Pat, taught in the Pampa school system. In 1934, Elbert wrote a brief history of the Thomas clan.

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## Nazi

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In her fight over the painting, Bissonnette speaks of little else but clearing her parents' names.

Her divorced mother married Wilharm, a bachelor in his 50s, in 1930. Six-year-old Maria-Luise moved into his home.

"He gave me everything, and I was able to get a good education," she said in an interview. "He treated me actually as his own daughter."

As tranquility reigned at home, however, turmoil swept her country.

The German democracy born after World War I had entered its death throes. The Weimar Republic was led by a senile president unable to consolidate power. A deep economic depression left millions unemployed.

In this turmoil, Hitler's Nazi party with its fascist and anti-Semitic politics rapidly gained members.

One of them was Wilharm.

Captured Nazi records and postwar documents collected by Stern's estate and reviewed by The Associated Press offer a glimpse into Wilharm's life under Hitler's rule.

Wilharm joined the Nazi party on Aug. 1, 1932, about six months before Hitler was appointed German chancellor. His wife, Lilli, joined a Nazi women's organization days after Hitler became chancellor.

Not merely a party member, Wilharm joined the Sturmabteilung, or SA, a Nazi paramilitary force used to destabilize the democratic government, break up the rallies of Nazi opponents and terrify the population into submission.

In Hofgeismar, Wilharm rented a dilapidated button factory on his property to the SA. He also became an SA *Santitaets*-Sturmabfuhrer, or a medical officer.

After the war, German prosecutors argued Wilharm's early entry into the Nazi party and his SA rank were strong proof of guilt. They also accused the doctor of refusing to treat Nazi victims.

"He was anything but a young, confused man who thought the Nazis could help him out finding a job or something," said Willi Korte, a researcher working for Stern's estate.

Wilharm called his SA rank a meaningless honorific for a town doctor. He told postwar courts he continued to care for all people, even Nazi victims and foreign prisoners. He said he tried to keep a Jewish dentist from being kicked off a local medical board and wanted to quit the SA.

His name comes up in documents detailing a brutal campaign on March 25, 1933, when gun-toting men spread throughout town, captured people they considered enemies and took them to Wilharm's factory.

Erika Hakesberg, a member of a Jewish family, told

postwar investigators that Wilharm was in her home treating her terminally ill brother when men with revolvers came to their door. Wilharm "allowed the men to haul our father from the house," she said.

He was taken to the factory and beaten beyond recognition, Hakesberg said.

Arrested after the war, Wilharm was held in a detention camp for 16 months. In the end, a German appeals court decided Wilharm was a low-level offender, fined him and sentenced him to a day's service in the postwar reconstruction effort.

Then as now, Wilharm's stepdaughter defended him — though as a teenager during the war she largely claims ignorance about his activities.

Bissonnette, who inherited the title of baroness from her mother, said she believes her first husband, a U.S. Army soldier in the Counter Intelligence Corps, helped secure Wilharm's release from an internment camp.

When the Stern estate made its claims, she ignored her first lawyer who warned she'd never win. She's dismissed settlement offers and canceled court-ordered negotiation sessions. She sent the disputed painting to Germany for safekeeping and filed a counterlawsuit there.

"I would like to think that my parents' name would be cleared," she said.

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## Lions Club sweetheart



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Valerie Jyl Rushing, daughter of Kelly and Gimmye Rushing, was named Pampa Lions Club's 2007 December Sweetheart of the Month. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include freshman volleyball; Who's Who Among American High School Students; United States Achievement Academy; Pampa High School Student Council (four years); PHS 2007 Homecoming parade chair; and PHS 2007-08 Student Body president. She belongs to Central Baptist Church. Her future plans are to pursue a major in Web design at Texas State Technical College in Waco.

### DOG ATTACK

## Pit bulls attack miniature horses

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A miniature horse used for therapeutic healing was killed and four others were injured Thursday after an attack by two pit bull terriers.

The horses, who each weigh between 100 and 150 pounds, suffered bites to their legs, bodies and faces, said Kevin Overstreet, Animal Services director. Oreo was killed. Honor was taken to a veterinary hospital in Wolforth where the horse was in stable condition. Sparkles, Pepper Jack and Jolly were taken to a veterinary hospital in Littlefield for treatment.

The owners of the pit bulls have signed the animals over to Lubbock Animal Services. The dogs will be euthanized, Overstreet told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for its Thursday online editions.

Kim Sparks and her sister-in-law own the horses and help run Hearts and Hooves of Lubbock, a nonprofit organization that brings miniature horses indoors to people who need therapeutic healing.

Sparks said the organization has had to cancel several upcoming appointments to focus on getting the four surviving horses back on their feet.

She said a passer-by knocked on her door Thursday morning to let her know that two pit bulls had broken into their stable. By the time Sparks and her family got to there, the dogs had gone.

"I've just never seen anything like that before," she said.

A member of the Sparks family found the dogs wandering through the neighborhood and put them in a kennel before Animal Services officers took them to the Lubbock Animal Shelter. The pit bulls weigh about 60 pounds each.

The dogs' owners, who live a few blocks away from the Sparks family, were identified through a microchip found on one of the dogs, Overstreet said.

Animal Services officials are investigating and the Lubbock County District Attorney will decide if any charges will be filed against the dogs' owners.

## Double dipping could be harmful

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Keep an eye on the salsa this Super Bowl Sunday: A researcher inspired by a famous "Seinfeld" episode has concluded that double dipping is just plain gross.

"That's like putting your whole mouth right in the dip!" George Costanza was admonished on the show after he dipped a chip twice at a wake. That's not too far off, said Clemson University professor Paul L. Dawson.

Last year the food microbiologist's undergraduate students examined the effects of double dipping using volunteers, wheat crackers and several sample dips. They found that three to six double dips transferred about 10,000 bacteria from an eater's mouth to the

remaining dip sample.

"I was very surprised by the results," Dawson said in a telephone interview Thursday. "I thought there would be very minimal transfer. I didn't think we would be able to detect it."

The professor said the students' research didn't get into the risk behind such a bacteria transfer, but they got the idea.

"I like to say it's like kissing everybody at the party — if you're double dipping, you're putting some of your bacteria in that dip," Dawson said.

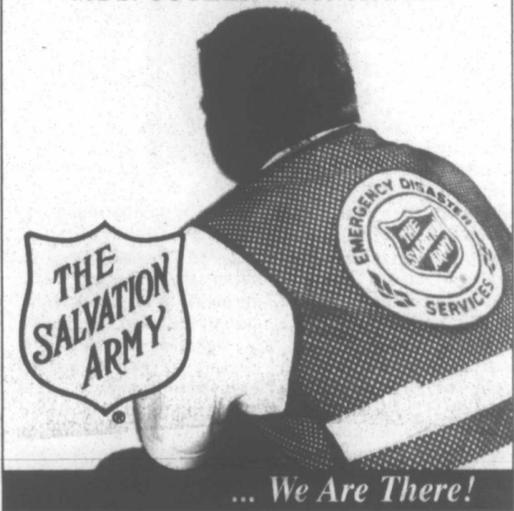
The results of the research are scheduled to be published in the journal Food Safety within the next six months, he said.

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## Nazi

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If keeping "Girl from the Sabine Mountains" is part of that, she recently suffered a setback.

Just after Christmas, a

federal judge in Rhode Island ruled in favor of Stern's estate and said Bissonnette must give up the painting that has seen so much pain.

Bissonnette's representatives in Germany have handed it over to Stern's

estate, which wants to display it. She has decided to appeal the court's decision.

Nothing has shaken her belief in her father's innocence, even decades after his death. Not his arrest. Not captured German documents. Not his trial. Not

even Bissonnette's most recent legal loss.

"My father was not a Nazi," she said. "Please understand my position."

AP National Writer Allen G. Breed contributed to this report.

## Magnesium sulfate may reduce risk of cerebral palsy in infants

NEW YORK (AP) — Doctors can cut the risk of cerebral palsy in half for very premature babies by giving their mothers magnesium sulfate just before they give birth, new research shows.

The mineral compound, also known as Epsom salts, is already used to treat pregnancy-related high blood pressure and to stop early labor. Doctors should consider giving it to women about to deliver an extremely preterm infant, said one of the researchers, Dr. John Thorp of the University of North Carolina.

"It's cheap. It's readily available. It doesn't harm anybody. I think it will be widely adopted," said Thorp.

The research was led by Dr. Dwight Rouse at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and was presented recently at a meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in Dallas.

Cerebral palsy is a serious

complication of premature birth. It's caused by damage to the part of the brain that controls movement and results in poor muscle control and coordination.

Thorp said it isn't clear how magnesium sulfate works, but it is thought to open up blood vessels in the newborn's brain.

In the government-funded study, researchers gave an infusion of magnesium sulfate to women about to give birth to a premature baby to see if it would reduce the risk of cerebral palsy. Enrolled in the study were 2,241 women who were 24 to 31 weeks pregnant. Infants born before 37 weeks are considered premature.

Most of the women were in early labor because their water broke. They were given either the compound or a fake solution. The infants were examined for signs of cerebral palsy at birth and over the next two years.

Of the babies who survived, moderate or severe cerebral palsy occurred in about 2 percent of those in the treatment group compared to about 4 percent of those whose mothers didn't get the compound.

The number of infants who died was about the same in both groups.

"Cerebral palsy is not a terribly common outcome in preterm infants but when it does happen, it's devastating," said Dr. Judy Aschner, chief of neonatology at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, who was not involved in the study.

She said doctors will want to see the details on side effects when the study is published before making any changes in the care of mothers in preterm labor. Magnesium sulfate acts like a sedative and can make moms and infants groggy and sleepy, she said.

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# Sports

## Harvesters suffer disappointing loss at Hereford

By **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Sports Editor  
The Pampa Harvesters were defeated by the

Hereford Whitefaces in the second-round district match-up Friday at Hereford. Pampa took their second-

straight loss to bring their record to 11-16 overall and 2-5 in district. The Whitefaces started off

with a strong first quarter, moving in leaps and bounds by the minute, improving from a 4-2 lead to a 9-2 lead in the third minute of game-play.

With the help of six points by Alex Clendening, the Harvesters made their way back up, trailing by only three at 11-14 in the last minute, but a three-point shot at the buzzer put Hereford ahead 17-11 going into the second quarter.

Clendening got the ball rolling again for Pampa in the second quarter, but a three-point shot by Hayden Skinner at the 6:35 marker put Pampa within three points of Hereford again at 19-16.

Nine successful free throws in the final five minutes of the first half, six of which were tossed in by Alex Torres, helped put the Harvesters ahead 25-22 with less than a minute remaining.

With 15 seconds remaining, Hereford made a three-

point play to tie the game at 25-25 going into halftime.

Halfway into the third quarter, the Whitefaces gained six points while Pampa was stuck on 25.

At the 3:18 marker Torres made Pampa's first goal for two points, and two more goals from Clendening and Skinner kept Pampa alive as they trailed Hereford 33-31 going into the final period.

Clendening scored another six points in the fourth quarter, but the Harvesters' efforts were not enough to push them over the top as Hereford managed to keep them a few points back through the remainder of the game.

With the score at 47-44 with less than 25 seconds remaining, Pampa needed a three-point shot to stay in the game, but were unable to toss one in as the clock ran down.

Hereford claimed their second victory over the Harvesters this district season, this time by a larger margin at 47-44.

Sophomore Alex Clendening led the Harvesters with 17 points Friday. Alex Torres had 11 points, Hayden Skinner had eight points and Josh Humphrey, Matt Smith and Cobran Harris had two points each.

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Pampa News photo by **JORDAN REAGAN**  
After being cornered, Pampa junior Hayden Skinner (30) passes the ball over the head of a Hereford defender to teammate Wayne Parker (15).

## Pampa girls fall behind by four

By **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Sports Editor

In their second-to-last district match-up, the Pampa Lady Harvesters were defeated by the Hereford Lady Whitefaces Friday at Hereford.

The Lady Harvesters, who were defeated by Hereford the first time the teams faced off, record the loss to stand at 1-8 in district, 3-24 overall.

Pampa started off slightly behind the Lady Whitefaces as they were outscored 12-10 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Lady Harvesters came back to outscore Hereford 15-9 to take a commanding 25-21 halftime lead.

Krishna Henderson lit up the scoreboard first for the Lady Harvesters in the second half, sinking two free throws 30 seconds into the third quarter.

With 48 seconds remaining in the quarter, Shelbie Watson hit a three-point shot to put the Lady Harvesters four points ahead, 36-32.

Hereford made up for Watson's three-pointer with another three points to put them only one point behind, but Watson hit one last three-pointer at the buzzer to put the Lady Harvesters four points ahead again, 39-35 going into the final period.

Watson came into the fourth quarter with more where that came from as she sank another three-point shot 30 seconds in, and tossed in four free throws in the final three minutes of the game.

With one minute remaining, Hereford made their way back into the game as they tied the score at 48-48.

With just over 30 seconds remaining, Pampa turned over the ball to the Lady Whitefaces, which was tossed in for a three-pointer

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Pampa News photo by **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Pampa's Jessica Miner attempts to drive the ball under the goal past a Hereford defender during Friday night's game.

### Fans in the stands



Pampa News photo by **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Fellow PHS students and athletes, these fans made their way to Hereford to cheer on the Pampa Harvesters Friday. Pictured here are: (L-R) Chris Brown, Rene "Chile" Cazenave, Taylor Busse, Jeremy Martinez, Andy Parker, Ryne Malone and Payton Reagan.



## Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

### BASKETBALL

#### MONDAY • FEBRUARY 4

Lady Harvester Freshmen vs Randall • 6pm at Randall  
Harvester Freshmen vs Randall • 6pm at Randall

#### TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 5

Lady Harvesters vs Randall • 6 & 7:30pm at Pampa  
Harvesters vs Randall • 6 & 7:30pm at Pampa

#### FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 8

Harvesters vs Dumas • 6 & 7:30pm at Dumas

#### SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 9

Harvester Freshmen vs Dumas • 10am at Pampa

### WRESTLING

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 8-9

Harvesters at Region I Tournament • TBA at Amarillo

### SOCCER

#### TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 5

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#### SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 9

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Alex Torres



#### Basketball

This week, junior Alex Torres proved to be incredibly valuable at the free throw line, shooting at 85 percent in the first half of Friday's game against Hereford. Along with six free throws, Torres had 11 points in Friday's game.

### Rebecca Taylor



#### Swimming

For the second year in a row, sophomore Rebecca Taylor has been recognized and honored as district 3-4A's Swimmer and Diver of the Year. Last year, the honor helped build momentum to send her to state. She has to get through regionals first this year, which takes place next week in Lubbock.

# UIL realignment shuffles deck in West Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment created a massive 10-team West Texas football district in Class 5A, finishing off the breakup of one of the state's most traditional leagues.

In the realignment for the 2008-09 and '09-10 academic school years released Friday, Class 5A District 2 was expanded from six teams to 10 covering much of West Texas from Amarillo to San Angelo.

The move was prompted by Abilene Cooper's move down from 5A to 4A, creating a domino effect of changes. For scheduling purposes, the UIL wants districts with at least six teams.

Abilene High was put into

5A District 3, which stretches east into Fort Worth, while former district mates Midland, Midland Lee, Odessa, Odessa Permian were pushed westward into the new 10-team lineup in District 2.

"Cooper going down created issues for us," said UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt.

Noted for its success and stability, the old 5A District 4 suffered its first setback 10 years ago when San Angelo Central was forced to leapfrog Odessa, Midland and Abilene to play in a football district with the 5A schools in Lubbock and Amarillo. This time, Central rejoins its rivals and the Abilene schools get scattered.

The UIL adjusts its districts, regions and classes for about 1,200 schools every two years based on enrollment figures collected from the Texas Education Agency.

The changes can have a major impact in a state where high school sports, and the local team's ability to contend for a championship, remain important to communities. Changing districts or classifications can spark or sink state championship hopes as traditional powers move up and down in size.

Rockwall, the defending Class 5A girls basketball champion, will move to Class 4A next season. And Canyon, winner of four girls 3A titles in the past five years, will move up to 4A,

putting it in a district with neighboring perennial power Plainview.

"You always have this in realignment when traditional powerhouses meet, (but) you can't avoid that," Breithaupt said.

Success and rivalries are not factors in deciding class and district, Breithaupt said.

In football, Class 2A Division I champion Farmersville moves up to 3A. So does Tatum, which won a 3A title in '05, won another championship in 2A in '06, then lost to Farmersville in the 2A Division I title game in December.

In Class 5A, the dominion of the biggest schools, minimum enrollment is now at 2,085, an increase of 100

students. But even among the largest schools, enrollment disparity can be huge.

The biggest school in the state is Plano East with 5,852 students, making it nearly four times the size of Fort Bend Willowridge, the smallest 5A school with 1,515.

Willowridge, which would normally fall in the 4A enrollment range, was allowed to remain in the biggest class to compete against the other nine Fort Bend schools in 5A.

Breithaupt said UIL officials try to draw districts and classes based on enrollment and travel. Officials try to avoid long trips for teams and fans to reduce costs.

With the continuing population boom along Interstate

35 and in Houston and dwindling numbers in West Texas, Class 5A now has just two West Texas districts. That means teams out west can't avoid some long travel.

In 5A District 2, teams from Amarillo will have to make the 320-mile trip to San Angelo. Class 4A District 4, Abilene Cooper's new home, stretches 310 miles from San Angelo to Hereford.

"You never get used to that kind of travel," Breithaupt said.

Schools that don't like their new position have until Feb. 14 to file an appeal with the UIL, which will conduct hearings in Austin on Feb. 21.

## Despite dour image, Patriots coach Belichick rocks — and even jokes

PHOENIX (AP) — With his mumbled, one-word answers and stern demeanor, Bill Belichick often seems as gray as the hooded sweatshirt he wears on the sideline, as prickly as the cactuses seen everywhere at the site of this year's Super Bowl.

So it was surprising — shocking to some — that the New England Patriots' coach would even crack a joke at a media session this week. Or curl his mouth into a smile upon hearing that Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers would be the halftime entertainment.

"I wish I could stand out there and listen to it," he said.

Belichick rocks? Who'd have guessed?

And how about that quip at the expense of the Mexican TV reporter who came to Media Day in a wedding dress and suggested to him that she was more attractive than model Gisele Bundchen, Tom Brady's girlfriend.

"I wouldn't go that far," Belichick said.

Even the Boston Globe asked, "Who kidnapped Bill Belichick? Who invaded his body?"

Of course, he still won't acknowledge that the New England Patriots are on the verge of becoming the first NFL

team to go 19-0. The "U" word, for "unbeaten," has not crossed his lips at any point during the first 18 victories, so why should he say it now?

The 55-year-old Belichick is on his way to becoming one of the most successful coaches in NFL history — perhaps THE most successful.

If the Patriots beat the New York Giants — and they are favored by nearly two touchdowns — they will have won their fourth Super Bowl in seven seasons, the most successful run in nearly 30 years in a league that legislates parity among its teams.

## O.J. Simpson seeks dismissal of 6 of 12 charges in his case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson wants a judge to bar any mention of the former football star's 1995 acquittal in the slayings of his former wife and her friend when he stands trial on kidnapping and armed robbery charges, his attorney said Friday.

"We don't want the state

to be able to bring that up at all," attorney Gabriel Grasso said. "That's not part of this case."

Grasso also filed court papers seeking the dismissal of half the 12 charges against Simpson, saying prosecutors in Nevada failed to meet legal standards to prosecute him.

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9-year-old Ally Roberson, daughter of Steve and Missi Roberson, shot her first deer (8-point) on New Year's Eve at Kellerville.

## Goodell defends destroying evidence

PHOENIX (AP) — In the face of congressional pressure over destroying evidence from the Spygate scandal, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell defended his actions Friday.

Goodell also said he'd be willing to meet with Sen. Arlen Specter, who sent a letter to the commissioner the previous day asking why tapes shot by the New England Patriots in the cheating scandal were destroyed.

"The reason I destroyed the tapes is they were totally consistent with what the team told me," Goodell said during his State of the NFL speech. "It was the appropriate thing to do and I think it sent a message."

"The actual effectiveness of taping and taking of signals from opponents — it is something done widely in many sports. I think it probably had limited, if any effect, on the outcome of games."

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## Ladies

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to give Hereford a three point lead.

With four seconds remaining, a backcourt turnover on Pampa gave the Lady Whitefaces one more chance to be fouled and make one free throw to secure their victory.

The Lady Harvesters were defeated 52-48.

Watson led Pampa with 14 points on the game, and Jasmine Moore had 10 points.

The Pampa JV girls were also defeated by Hereford, 45-26.

The Lady Harvesters will play again Tuesday as they welcome the Randall Lady Raiders to McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa in their last district game.

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

## Harvesters

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The Pampa JV boys were defeated by Hereford 70-47.

The Harvesters will play again Monday as they wel-

come the Randall Raiders to McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

The JV boys will play at 6 p.m. in the MPAC gymnasium and the Hustlin' Harvesters will play at 7:30 p.m. at McNeely.

# Menus

## Week of February 4-8

**Pampa Schools**

**MONDAY**  
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.  
 Lunch: Chicken fried steak or pizza, mashed potatoes, English peas, pineapple, rolls.

**TUESDAY**  
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.  
 Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets or chicken nuggets, western beans, salad, pears, chocolate pudding.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Breakfast: Waffle sticks.  
 Lunch: Ravioli or chef salad, corn, broccoli, applesauce, garlic toast.

**THURSDAY**  
 Breakfast: Donuts, sausage.  
 Lunch: Corn dogs or cheese cups/chips, green beans, carrot sticks, peaches.

**FRIDAY**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.  
 Lunch: Fish strips or breaded chicken patties on a bun, fries, vegetarian beans, fruit, cornbread muffins.

**Kid's Cafe-Wilson**

**MONDAY**  
 Chicken fritters, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, bread, dessert.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Chicken fajitas, rice pilaf, green beans, dessert.

**Kid's Cafe-Lamar**

**TUESDAY**  
 Chicken fajitas, corn, salad, dessert.

**THURSDAY**  
 Soft tacos, beans, salad, dessert.

**Kid's Cafe-Briarwood**

**FRIDAY**  
 Macaroni cheese, barbecue weiners, English peas, dessert.

**Senior Citizens**

**MONDAY**  
 Chicken fried steak or Chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, butter pecan cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
 Pork roast/dressing, gravy, or chicken fajita breast, Potatoes O'Brien, Italian green beans, fried squash, beans, chocolate chip cake or blueberry cream pie slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, California blend, beans, black forest cake or vanilla pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
 Chicken strips or mushroom smothered steak, mashed potatoes, cream corn, turnip greens, beans, pineapple upsidown cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
 Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, Hershey Kiss brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels**

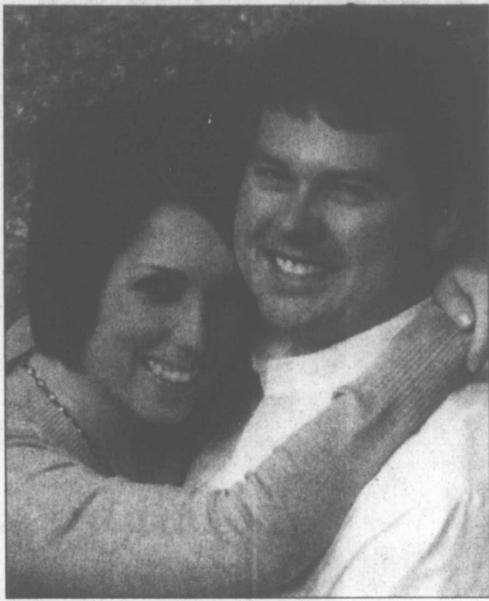
**MONDAY**  
 Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, peas, pineapple.

**TUESDAY**  
 Sausage/rice casserole, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Soft tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peaches.

**THURSDAY**  
 Swedish meatballs/noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce.

**FRIDAY**  
 Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.



## Shannon/Belcher

Megan Shannon and Christopher Belcher plan to wed June 13 at Occidental Grand Cozumel Resort in Cozumel, Mexico. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mike and Beth Shannon of Pampa. She is a 2003 graduate of Pampa High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Texas Tech University in 2006. She is currently a second-year medical student at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth and will earn a medical degree in May 2010. The future groom is the son of Ronnie and Laurie Belcher of Henderson. He is a 2002 graduate of Chickasha High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from TTU in 2006. He is currently employed as a lab scientist at Baker Oil Tools in Houston.

## 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., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

—Members voted on "the girl of the month."  
 —For the program, Brogdin showed the movie "Calendar Girls."  
 The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Brogdin's residence.

**Preceptor Theta Iota**  
 Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa met Jan. 28 at the home of hostess Nancy Brogdin with President Carolyn Smith presiding.  
 The following business was conducted and announcements made:  
 —Brogdin, chapter secretary, delivered the treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Barbara Benyshek.  
 —Smith updated members on the Sweetheart Banquet slated for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at Pampa Country Club.  
 —Janice Hubbard, social chair, announced that, due to illness, the couple's social set for Jan. 25 was postponed. A Valentine social will be Feb. 11 at Brogdin's home. The event will include a Secret Sister gift exchange.

## NEWSMAKERS

**LUBBOCK** — Meredith Coutts was recently named to the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources Dean's List for the 2007 fall semester at Texas Tech University.

**LUBBOCK** — Russell Anglin of Pampa was recently named to the President's List at Texas Tech University. He earned a 4.0 grade point average for the 2007 fall semester.  
 Anglin, a junior journalism major at TTU, is the

son of Thad and Rhonda Patterson of McLean. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2006.

**ROANOKE, Va.** — Emily Christine Elliott was recently named an Honor Student for the 2007 fall semester at Hollins University.  
 To qualify for this honor, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester.  
 Elliott, a sophomore at the university, is the daughter of Brad and Judy Elliott, formerly of Pampa.

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## Church offers reward for crown

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Greek Orthodox church leaders are offering a \$5,000 reward for the return of a stolen bishop's crown.

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"I don't foresee that you can walk into a pawn shop and be able to get rid of it," said the Rev. Christopher Constantinides of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas.

The crown, made in Greece, symbolizes Bishop status in the church. The crown is threaded with gold and silver and inlaid with semiprecious stones.

The crown belongs to Bishop Metropolitan Isaiah, who was visiting from Denver to meet with area parishes. The thieves also took the bishop's Bible, veil, cell phone and Marine Corps bag from the car, police said.

The bishop was having dinner at an Arlington restaurant when the theft occurred, police said.

## Blind woman makes second bid for acupuncture license

AUSTIN (AP) — A blind student of acupuncture is making a second request for a state license to practice the trade after being rejected last year because of her lack of vision.

The licensure committee of the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners was set to rehear Juliana Cumbo's request for a license on Friday. She would be the first blind person to be issued a state license, board members said.

"I wanted to be more involved in health care ... and I thought it was a perfect profession for a blind person," Cumbo said of her decision to pursue acupuncture, a method of diagnosing, treating and preventing illness by placing thin needles along specific points on the body.

The 31-year-old practices as a graduate intern in the student clinic of the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin. She has earned a master's degree in acupuncture and Oriental medicine and passed the national board exams.

"Juliana is an exemplary practitioner ... and she is extremely talented," said Will Morris, president of the Austin academy. "I am proud to sign her diploma."

Meng-sheng Lin, the licensure committee chairwoman, said she's inclined to repeat her vote against Cumbo's application. She said Cumbo's case was the first time she had encountered the issue.

"I'm just trying to fulfill my duty to protect the public," said Lin, an acupuncturist in Dallas. "Would you go to a blind acupuncturist?"

Lin said acupuncture can lead to bleeding, which could be a problem if it went unno-

ticed and created a situation where the acupuncturist or patient could become contaminated.

Hoang Ho, a member of the acupuncture committee who also voted against Cumbo's license, said licensing Cumbo would be a liability for the board if something were to go wrong.

"You have to know exactly the point" to insert the needle, said Ho, who practices acupuncture in Kerrville and San Antonio. "There are a lot of blood vessels, and there can be injuries."

Cumbo, who said she also has a bachelor's degree in classical guitar, completed 3,218 hours of training in acupuncture. About a third of that was clinical experience in which she worked on 592 patients without any formal safety complaints, said Xiaotian Shen, the director of the Austin clinic and one of Cumbo's teachers.

Cumbo received extra hands-on training, and now she is better at finding acupuncture points than many students who can see, Morris said.

Shen said Cumbo was tested on a live model to pass the national boards.

Dr. Terry Rascoe, the acupuncture board's presiding officer, said the committee could approve Cumbo's request, reject it or ask the full board to consider it. The case could also go before a state administrative judge.

Cumbo's lawyer, David Cohen of Austin, said denying Cumbo a license "on the basis of her blindness alone" would violate the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bob Simpson, general counsel to the board, said there are no state laws prohibiting the licensing of a blind person.

## How to feel your best after 50

(NAPSA) — Young baby boomers are feeling younger than ever. Despite their advancing age, boomers continue to feel mentally fit, but physically, they are starting to feel the aches and pains of aging. By taking the right steps before pain slows them down, boomers can maintain their active lifestyle long into their senior years.

The Pain Poll, sponsored by the makers of **TYLENOL(r)** (acetaminophen) and supported by the Arthritis Foundation, found that more than three-quarters of baby boomers think that "50 is the new 40." But eight in 10 said that their bodies could not do the things they used to do.

Overall, the Pain Poll found that 92 percent of 50-somethings have experienced aches and pains, and 52 percent said they experience aches and pains on a daily basis.

In reaction, health expert Dr. Rosa Solorio offers advice about the importance of staying physically active: "Remaining active and exercising may be harder for 50-somethings because of increased joint and early osteoarthritis pain, but at this age it is important to keep exercising because this will strengthen muscles and help to reduce stress on the joints that they support."

What can young boomers do to maintain or regain their active lifestyle? The Keep Moving Web site ([www.just-keepmoving.com](http://www.just-keepmoving.com)) has an easy-to-follow program to get boomers moving. It is recommended that a doctor be consulted before beginning or revising an exercise program. Once you're cleared to do so, following some simple tips can help boomers keep moving as they keep aging:

•A Little Goes a Long



**Boomers and others need to remember that for every 11 pounds you lose, you may be reducing your risk of joint pain and stiffness by as much as 50 percent.**

•Weigh. If you are overweight, losing just five to 10 pounds can lessen the stress on your knees and hips and help reduce arthritis pain. For every 11 pounds you lose, you may be reducing your risk of joint pain and stiffness by as much as 50 percent, and for every pound you lose, the pressure on your knees is reduced by four times.

•Cut Calories to Lose Pounds. Cutting even 250 calories a day means losing a half pound a week. Look for small ways to cut calories out of your everyday diet. For example, drop the fries from your fast-food order and cut out 300 calories or more. Drink water instead of soda or fruit juices; switch to no-fat or low-fat dairy products; use noncaloric sweetener instead of sugar; replace higher-calorie ingredients like cheese and meats in omelets, sandwiches and sauces with vegetables and commit to fruit as a snack

instead of chips, candy and other high-calorie treats.

•Get Stronger, Move Better. Muscles are the "shock absorbers" for your joints. If muscles are weak, they are less able to protect the joints. Muscle-strengthening exercises can help muscles absorb more shock and prevent that problem.

•Learn To Bend. Joint stiffness is a symptom of arthritis that gets worse if you don't exercise. Flexibility exercises can help your joints be less stiff and can make them move more easily.

•Slow and Steady. For most healthy adults, their exercise goal might be working out most days of the week, for about 30 minutes each time. For people with arthritis, a good starting goal might be exercising three days a week, 10 to 15 minutes each time.

•Have Heart. Most healthy adults should aim for

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married five years. My husband's stepdad died two years ago. After the funeral we offered to have his mother come live with us until she got back on her feet. Well, it has been two years, and she's still here. She doesn't help out with the expenses, although she is able to, and has made no plans to move. We have raised the subject, but she says that she's in the midst of writing a book and wants to see if it will sell before she decides what to do. She's constantly in the house and goes nowhere on her own. My husband and I are her only form of entertainment. On top of that, we're expecting our first child. I wanted my husband and I and our baby to bond as a family before anyone else was in the picture, but that's not going to happen now. Am I selfish to want to be alone with my husband and baby? How can we make her see that she has overstayed her welcome? Fear of being alone is what's stopping her from leaving. But she can't expect to live here indefinitely. This has put a strain on our marriage. My husband agrees with me, but we see no way out of this situation. We want his mom to be OK, so we don't have the heart to kick her out. But isn't it time for her to stand on her own? Our marriage is being destroyed because of this, and we're desperate for guidance. — **HOPELESS DOWN SOUTH**

**DEAR HOPELESS:** If you and your husband want your lives back, the two of you are going to have to stage an "intervention" with his mother. Script it ahead of time if necessary. Although the conversation may not be pleasant, nothing will change unless you have it. Your mother-in-law may need psychological and spiritual guidance to work her way through the period of mourning that she has postponed by moving in

with you. If she's ever to have a life of her own, she must move out and cultivate relationships instead of relying so heavily on you. Begin by investigating retirement communities in your area, and set a firm deadline for her to move. You have been more than generous, so please do not feel guilty about it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 18 and a high school graduate. I decided to attend an online university and have come to realize that this was a huge mistake. Now I am under extreme pressure from my family to correct the mistake by either getting into a different school or getting a job. The problem is, I do not wish to attend a university in the U.S.A. I would like to study abroad. Whenever I mention this to my family, they laugh in my face. My family crushed every dream I've had for as long as I can remember, and I'm asking for advice on how to avoid it this time and find the strength within myself to go against what they want. — **BROKEN DREAMER, SPRINGFIELD, TENN.**

**DEAR BROKEN DREAMER:** Your next step should be to visit your nearest public library and ask the librarian to help you research scholastic scholarships at universities that offer study programs abroad. Perhaps when your family sees how serious you are about it, they will then take you more seriously. Assuming that you have the grades to qualify, you may not need your family's financial help to pursue your dream.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



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## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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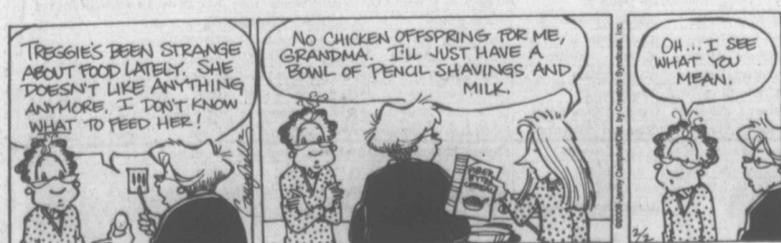
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KACV	Business	WealthTrk	Great Performances at the Met "L'Esprit d'Amore"	Encore	Tony Bennett	Time Goes	My Hero	Monarch of the Glen	Nature (DVS)	Masterpiece "Miss Austen Regrets"	Queen	Third Wrd										
KAMR	Triathlon	NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Montreal Canadiens	Bull Riding PBR Tour (Taped)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Biggest Loser: Couples	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
KCTI	Rings	Tough Guys	Super Bowl Sunday Pregame Show From University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. (Live)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
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KVII	Sports	Paid Prog.	NBA Court	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Detroit Pistons (Live)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
A&E	(11:00) "Die Hard With a Vengeance"	Cold Case	Cold Case Files	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
AMC	(11:00) "Death Wish"	Movie "Death Wish II" (1982) Charles Bronson.	Movie "Death Wish 3" (1985) Charles Bronson.	Movie "Death Wish 4: The Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish V: The Face of Death"	Movie "Death Wish VI: The Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 7: New Blood"	Movie "Death Wish 8: Resurrection"	Movie "Death Wish 9: Enter the Dragon"	Movie "Death Wish 10: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 11: No Turn Back"	Movie "Death Wish 12: Hell House"	Movie "Death Wish 13: The Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 14: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 15: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 16: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 17: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 18: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 19: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 20: Crackdown"	Movie "Death Wish 21: Crackdown"	
ANPL	Dog Show: AKC/Eukanuba Champ.	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	Puppy Bowl IV Frisky, frolicking puppies in Animal Planet Stadium. (N)	
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ESPN	Sunday NFL Countdown	PBA Bowling Exempt Doubles Classic.	Bull Riding	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy.	
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FAM	(11:00) Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire"	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (N)	
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FX	Movie "Garfield" (2004) Breckin Meyer.	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	Movie "Ice Age" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Ray Romano. (N)	
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LIFE	Movie "Love Lessons" (2000) Patty Duke.	Movie "Griffin and Phoenix" (2008, Romance) (N)	Movie "Forever Love" (1998) Reba McEntire.	Movie "Too Young to Be a Dad" (2002) (DVS)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	Movie "Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (N)	
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TCM	"The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	(15) Movie "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1958) Jane Powell, Howard Keel.	Movie "Gig" (1958) Leslie Caron.	Movie "An American in Paris" (1951) Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	Movie "The Band Wagon" (1953) Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly.	
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WTBS	"Save"	Movie "What Women Want" (2000) Mel Gibson. (N)	Movie "Fools Rush In" (1997) Matthew Perry.	Movie "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004) Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	Movie "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Perry. (N)	
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United Way



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**Leadership Award winners at Pampa United Way's annual meeting were National Oilwell Varco and National Oilwell Varco employees, and Celanese Chemicals Division Corporation and Celanese Chemicals Division employees. Representing NOV is Janet Tedford, left. Representing Celanese are Ken May and Jennie Hon. Leadership and other awards were presented to 2007 campaign contributors at the banquet recently.**

Microsoft offers \$42B for Yahoo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Unable to topple Google Inc. on its own, Microsoft Corp. is trying to force crippled rival Yahoo Inc. into a shotgun marriage, with a wager worth nearly \$42 billion that the two companies together will have a better chance of tackling the Internet search leader.

Microsoft's audacious attempt to buy Yahoo, spelled out in an unsolicited offer announced Friday, shows just how much Google threatens the world's largest software maker's grip on how people interact with computers.

For Yahoo, the bid represents another painful reminder of how missed opportunities and mismanagement combined to open the door for Google to supplant it as the Internet's main gateway, decimating its stock price in the process.

Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft is trying to avoid a

similar fate at Google's hands as more people access services and computer programs online instead of relying on packaged software applications.

Although Microsoft remains the world's most valuable technology company, its position will become more precarious unless it can cultivate a more loyal Internet audience and generate more online ad revenue to subsidize the free services taken for granted on the Internet.

Microsoft is acutely aware of the upheaval that can be caused by a pivotal shift in technology, having been the biggest beneficiary during the 1980s and 1990s of a transition from mainframe computers to personal computers that knocked IBM Corp. off its pedestal.

"Microsoft has to do this deal. It's a battle that Microsoft needs to win," said AMR Research analyst Jonathan Yarmis.

But there's no guarantee that Yahoo will be willing to

sell to Microsoft — or that the deal will win the necessary approvals from antitrust regulators in the United States and Europe if Yahoo capitulates.

Sunnyvale-based Yahoo had little to say Friday beyond a terse statement assuring its shareholders that its board will "carefully and promptly" study the bid.

In a conference call Friday, Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer indicated he won't take no for an answer after Yahoo rebuffed takeover overtures a year ago.

"This is a decision we have — and I have — thought long and hard about," Ballmer said. "We are confident it's the right path for Microsoft and Yahoo."

Yahoo will likely face intense pressure to accept, given its steadily sliding profits and a murky 2008 outlook that caused its stock price to drop to a four-year low earlier this week.

Cable TV customer billed for tornado damaged equipment

WHEATLAND, Wis. (AP) — Having a tornado demolish her home was bad enough. But weeks later when Ann Beam received a \$2,000 cable bill for destroyed equipment, she was floored.

"I just couldn't believe it," Beam said. "I was like, 'What are they thinking?'"

Time Warner Cable billed a number of Wheatland residents for equipment damaged in the Jan. 7 twister. Beam's bill covered five cable boxes and five remote controls.

She immediately called the cable company, but a man who identified himself as a manager said there was nothing the company could do.

"They said I would have to take the bill and turn it in to my insurance company," Beam told the Kenosha

News for a story on the paper's Web site Thursday.

But her cable equipment was nine years old, and the insurance company would pay only a depreciated value, she said.

Beam's case was simply a misunderstanding, Time Warner Cable spokeswoman Celeste Flynn said. Some customers were charged for unreturned equipment, but only because they canceled or transferred their service without mentioning the tornado, she said.

"We understand this is an unusual situation," Flynn said. "All they will need to do is call, and we will take the equipment off their account."

The rare winter tornadoes destroyed more than two dozen homes and damaged nearly 80 others in Kenosha County.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
**Tiffany House of Xcel Energy accepts gold awards from Pampa United Way Executive Director Katrina Bigham at the organization's meeting and banquet recently held at Pampa Community Building. Xcel earned both corporate and employee awards for its contributions to the 2007 United Way fund-raising campaign.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008:

You might want and need more private time this year than in the past. You are ending a life cycle this year. Be honest with yourself about what does and doesn't work in your life. Let go of what you feel is unredeemable in order to enter a new cycle with possibilities in 2009. Your opinions transform, and sometimes you might even shock yourself with your new perspectives. If you are single, check out someone you meet with great care. This person might not be all that he or she seems. If you are attached, the relationship will benefit from some get-aways! CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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)  
 ★★★ You must take a step or action, whether you like it or not. You certainly are seeing changes around those in authority or those who want more. Make that effort; work with another. A nurturing attitude goes much further. Tonight: Don't worry about tomorrow. Out late! This Week: With diligence, you'll achieve and succeed.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Take an overview. News that heads in your direction could still change or evolve into a different situation from what you anticipated. A loved one or child depends on your affection. Indulge this person. Tonight: Get into a favorite game: Scrabble, solitaire — you pick! This Week: Speaking your mind makes a difference.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ A partner demands all your attention. This person might be looking at some important issues, which could involve you. Accept your role and be a good sounding board, but also be willing to state that a situation has gone too far. Tonight: Togetherness works. This Week: Easy does it. Let others take responsibility a little more often.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Defer to others. You might be surprised by what happens when you release a need to control. Others seem to change right in front of your very eyes. Speak your mind, and others will listen, if you honor others' feelings. Tonight: Sort through your opinions.

This Week: Trust yourself. You will naturally respond appropriately.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★ Slow down and relax. You can only do so much or make so much of an effort. Someone might encourage you to take up a new hobby or interest. Open up to new knowledge and interests. Don't feel as if you need to treat someone. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: Emphasize completion. Much goes on to distract you.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Are you overly serious or tense? Use today to revamp your attitude. Discuss your feelings and perceptions. Don't be surprised when someone else has a different set of ideas. By understanding, you'll remove a mental block and open up possibilities. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

This Week: Let your imagination funnel into your daily life. You'll like what happens.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Pressure builds on the home front. You could be encouraged to approach a difficult situation far differently. Remember, you don't need to reveal every one of your ideas or thoughts. Discussion is important. Tonight: Snuggle in.

This Week: You move slowly but take off quickly after Monday.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Speak your mind and don't hold back any longer. A friend often is more severe or less available than you might like. Look at your expectations and be willing to open up to a different type of thinking. Anything is possible. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

This Week: Speak your mind. Express your feelings. Others will listen.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You make waves where others hit snafus. Investigate your understanding of finances by taking a mini tutorial from someone who seems to know far more than you. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

This Week: Ask, and you will receive, for the most part. Clear out messages.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ Act like the Force is with you. It is. You make waves, and others express their admiration. Know when you have had enough and say so. By supporting yourself, you also will be giving others permission to do the same. Tonight: Lie back.

This Week: You quickly move into high gear.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★ Pressure builds slowly but surely. You might want to go in a new direction, but feel as if someone is stopping you. Stop and take a timeout. You will see life from a new perspective in a little while. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

This Week: From Tuesday on, you are a force to be dealt with.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and you might be delighted by what comes up. The quality of a friendship might be changing, from your perspective. Evaluate recent goals more carefully. Someone simply is testy, and it might have nothing to do with you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

This Week: Zero in on what you want Monday. Choose a low profile from Tuesday on.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Comedian Shelley Berman (1926), writer Gertrude Stein (1874), artist Norman Rockwell (1894)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 4, 2008:

Express dynamic and powerful thinking this year. Not everything is as you wish, and events often set you back a few paces. Make that less of a big deal, as often you might be overly sure of yourself. You are ending an 11-year cycle, about to enter a brand-new one in 2009. Recognize that letting go of what doesn't work might be necessary, especially if you want a happier and more rewarding life. If you are single, you might want to use extra care with new people; not everyone is authentic. Whether eyeing a friendship or love relationship, get to know new acquaintances better. If you are attached, look to greater understanding through a closer bond. Schedule more special times together. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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)  
 ★★★★★ Enjoy an easy Monday where what you decide to execute most likely, will be completed. You feel as if a problem or hassle has vanished. Use the moment and work with your energy. Tonight: Out or working late. "No rest for the weary."  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ What seemed obscured will no longer be, as you'll soon find out. Someone wasn't withholding something as much as you were having difficulty grasping the big picture. Now you can. Relax with the moment. Tonight: See new people and open doors.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Work with others on an indi-

vidual level. Listen to news. You could exhibit a tendency to overdo it and push too hard. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Be open to a partner's suggestion. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Others seek you out on a major level. The unexpected occurs, which opens your eyes to new possibilities. Extremes hit you left and right. Your sensitivity sometimes causes a problem in how you relate. Tonight: Say yes to living by accepting an invitation.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★ Put your feet up and relax. Enjoy yourself and go with the moment. How you deal with work and your routine defines much of your life and reflects who you are. You might be on overload. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Creativity emerges everywhere and anywhere right now. Whether in a fun situation or asking for more out of sometimes-tense situations, you are a fountain of ideas. Solutions arrive far more easily with this mind-set. Tonight: Act as if it is Friday night.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★ If you want a home-based business, start taking the necessary actions. Talk is cheap; action will be what counts. Find others who might have taken this step. Unexpected and exciting news heads into your daily life. Tonight: Easy does it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Reach out for others. Discussions prove to be lively. The unexpected heads in your direction. Listen to your instincts with a child or loved one. Use your ideas to add more dynamic opportunities. Extremes earmark your

day. Tonight: Ask questions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Rethink expenditures. Extreme spending needs to be moderated, though it might be difficult. Curb a sweet tooth, if need be. The unexpected evolves around your home life. Expenses go overboard. A domestic matter could be changing. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. You might want to follow your sixth sense. Communication fills your mind with new insights. Your ability to adjust opens new doors. Listen to answers. Tonight: Easy does it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★ If events don't add up or you see an unsettling trend, close your eyes and rethink things. A new beginning will evolve if you are ready to relax. Listen to your sixth sense with a money matter. What you imagine could happen might have very little to do with reality. Tonight: You move slowly but surely.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Rethink your priorities. Discuss your expectations. Groups and meetings prove to be unusually successful and dynamic. Go with the conventional thought for the moment. Changes will be possible later. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Singer Alice Cooper (1948), actress Ida Lupino (1918), boxer Oscar de la Hoya (1973)

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE MOST DIFFICULT SECRET FOR A MAN TO KEEP IS HIS OWN OPINION OF HIMSELF. — MARCEL PAGNOL

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# PAMPA NEWS CLASSIFIEDS

### 1 Public Notice

The City of Lefors is currently accepting bids for an estimate on repair of the roof on the Lefors City Hall / Civic Center building. The City Council will review the bids at its February 11, 2008 regular meeting. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any bid received. Bids may be dropped off at Lefors City Hall, 101 N. Court, Lefors, TX or mailed to P.O. Box 383, Lefors, TX 79054. All bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 11th. For more information contact Linda Forsyth, City Secretary at 806-835-2200. A-19 Feb. 1, 3, 10, 2008

The City of Lefors is currently accepting sealed bids on the following vehicle:  
(1) 1993 Ford Crown Victoria.  
The City Council will open the bids at its February 11, 2008 regular meeting. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any bid received. Vehicle will be sold as is, no warranty expressed or implied. Bids may be dropped off at Lefors City Hall, 101 N. Court, Lefors, TX or mailed to P.O. Box 383, Lefors, TX 79054. All bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 11th. For more information contact Linda Forsyth, City Secretary at 806-835-2200. A-18 Feb. 1, 3, 10, 2008

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# Adopt a manatee: Win some hearts this Valentine's

MAITLAND, Fla. — During 2006's Christmas vacation in Florida, 8-year-old Shane Beranek from rural Minnesota fell in love with manatees.

"It was love at first sight," says his mother, Krista Daniels. "Shane's Grammy took him to see the manatees at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, and he hasn't stopped talking about them since."

A couple of months later back home up north, Krista decided to adopt a manatee for her son for Valentine's Day. She chose Chessie from the 32 manatees featured in Save the Manatee Club's three Florida adoption programs.

"I picked Chessie because Shane found a book in his school's library about a traveling manatee named Chessie. It told the story about a manatee who wandered up the East coast and became famous for it. Shane thought it was cool that it was a true story," explains Krista.

Manatee adoptions have become increasingly popular as Valentine's Day gift alternatives. Chocolates and long-stemmed roses don't



Courtesy photo of KRISTA DANIELS  
Shane Beranek

remain in the United States today, and they are listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the World Conservation Union.

"Manatee deaths from boat strikes and the destruction of the manatee's habitat from rampant growth must be brought under control," explains Patrick Rose, Executive Director for Save the Manatee Club. "According to state researchers, 50 percent of the statewide manatee population could be lost in the next 45 years from rising threats to the manatees' long-term survival."

Manatee fans like young Shane are more than a little concerned about what is happening to Florida's manatees.

"Whenever Shane sees a picture of a manatee with scars on his back, he gets very sad and upset," says his mom. "Save the Manatee Club is vital to the manatees, and we're just glad the Club is here to help them!"

The Club's Adopt-A-Manatee program helps to fund education and public awareness endeavors; research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release projects;

and advocacy and legal efforts to help protect manatees and their habitat. Save the Manatee Club, a national, nonprofit advocacy organization, has been working to protect manatees and their habitat for over 26 years.

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## Legally blind man scores hole-in-one

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Leo Fiyalko couldn't see it, but his golf buddies did — a hole-in-one on the fifth hole at the Cove Cay Country Club.

Fiyalko is 92 and has macular degeneration. He's been golfing for 60 years, but his 110-yard shot with a five iron on Jan. 10 was his first hole-in-one.

"I was just trying to put the ball on the green," Fiyalko said.

Fiyalko tees off every Thursday with a group of golfers ranging in age from 70 to 90-plus. He used to have a seven handicap, but now he needs help lining up his shots and finding his golf balls because he only has peripheral vision in his right eye.

Jean Gehring was playing in his foursome and watched Fiyalko's swing.

"I could tell it went on the green, (but) when we got up there I didn't see it. I looked in the hole and there it was," Gehring said.

Gehring said Fiyalko brushed off the feat, and had to be prodded to tell his wife about it at the end of the round.

Fiyalko's friends at the country club presented him with a plaque last week to commemorate the feat.

## Ex-deputy sheriff from Amarillo cleared on claim of personal gain

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A former chief deputy sheriff in West Texas has been cleared on charges that he illegally used county inmates and property for work on his land.

Ken Farren, former chief deputy in the Potter County Sheriff's Office, was found not guilty Thursday on two

misdemeanor counts of abuse of official capacity. He was accused of forcing inmates to remove debris and a tree trunk from a creek on his property, and making a county employee and inmate work on a ranch gate.

Intending to run for sheriff, Farren resigned in June, four months before he was indicted. The defense argued the case was motivated by politics. Farren is among five Republicans heading into a March primary.

"I still think it's political. Somebody doesn't want me to be sheriff," Farren said. "Now we're going to let the voters decide, not attorneys in Austin or people behind the scenes."

Defense attorneys also argued that the creek was the property of the state, and

attorney Bill Kelly said jurors told him they didn't think Farren would order someone to break the law when he knew he was planning to run for sheriff.

Prosecutor Harry White said Farren knew he was breaking the law.

"No way on earth we could pretend this didn't benefit Ken Farren," White said in closing arguments. "Was he stupid? Probably. Did he break the law? Yes."

Potter County Sheriff Mike Shumate faces trial in June in a separate case. He is accused of accepting bribes from Mid-America Services Inc., a food service company contracted to supply the Potter County Detention Center, and improperly reporting campaign contributions.

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With hormone therapy, Ellis discusses the controversies, risks, and benefits. "At Texas Plains Women's Center our focus is on preventative health care- to be active in good health care," he says. "I encourage women to be diligent in having a yearly exam."

Beginning at 21, Ellis recommends the annual clinical breast exam. At age 40, women should have their annual mammogram, which can detect breast cancer or other ailments.

He is also a big advocate in helping women overcome emotional issues when dealing with the effects of pre-menopause, peri-menopause, and menopause.

"I do treat simple depression, but I like to refer some patients to professional counseling because it's a healthy intervention," he says. "I try to remove the stigma of depression because many of the physical changes in a woman's body can effect her emotional well being."

In his spare time Ellis enjoys being outdoors- whether it be snow skiing, hunting, traveling, or spending quality time with his family.

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