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POD exercise deemed success

> By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The first exercise to be headed by the newly-formed Gray County Office of Emergency Management is being considered a success, according to County Judge Richard Peet.

"I think it went really very well," Peet said of the Saturday morning event. "We had a good turnout. I really appreciate the people who came out to participate.'

The exercise was held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion, or county bull barn, at Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

"A POD, or point of dispensing, is where members of a community go in a disease outbreak to receive pills or shots," said Rick Tull, Texas Department of State

See POD, Page 3

Ready for pancakes





Kyler Cook, left, and Ruth Andrews from St. Matthew's Pre-K show off their "Pancake Man" art projects, complete with real syrup, in honor of the Pancake Supper being held tonight from 5-8 p.m. at St. Matthew's. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon.

Contest winner



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH ReDonn Woods, advertising director for The Pampa News, presents \$100 in Pampa Bucks to Herman Vinson. He was the winner of The Pampa News Superbowl Grid contest. He picked the correct numbers for the final score, which was 17-14 in favor of the Giants.

HEALTH CARE

Odyssey provides hospice care for end of life's journey

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

Hospice is a philosophy of care providing medical, emotional and spiritual care focusing on comfort and quality of life for those who are at the end of their journey in

Odyssey HealthCare is a provider of hospice care that currently serves over 100 patients and families in the Pampa area. This company has been able to touch the lives of over 1,000 in the Texas Panhandle by providing hospice care to people residing in their own homes, nursing homes, assisted living communities, hospitals or hospice units.

Karen Anderson, community education representative from Odyssey, said that hospice is usually covered by most insurance

"Hospice is a Medicare benefit covered under Part A, in which there is no charge to the patient, and most insurance plans,

HMOs and managed care plans include hospice coverage as well," Anderson said.

Anderson explained that hospice patients and families can receive care for six months or longer, depending upon the course of the illness. The staff cares for the patients in a home environment. If necessary, Odyssey HealthCare provides a dedicated continuous crisis care staff and has an impatient unit available.

"Hospice focuses on living as fully as possible until the end of life," Anderson . said. "We aggressively manage symptoms such as pain. With hospice care, the focus changes from trying to cure the underlying disease to treating the symptoms caused by the disease, so that the patient is comfort-

"The patient's primary doctor can continue to follow and be involved in the patient's care. Hospice has physicians available to assist in the care of the patient.

See HOSPICE, Page 3

Copeland hopes to continue as Gray County Sheriff

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland wants to continue to serve the residents of the county by placing wrongdoers where they belong -

Copeland is running for re-election as sheriff on the Republican ticket. He has held the office since

"Those who would steal, rob, injure or otherwise break the law (these are a small minority) do not like what we do, and will not like what we do," Copeland said of his office, "The Gray County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to being vigilant to root out those who flaunt the law and deal with them according to the law."

One group of lawbreakers who should be concerned if Copeland is re-elected are those who are involved with illegal drugs.

"One of my goals for another term

toward those who would manufacture, sell, transport and use illegal drugs," he said. "It is no secret that illegal drugs are a blight on our soci-

national scale. Illegal drugs destroy lives, destroy families and lead to a myriad of other crim-

inal activity." Rooting out those involved in illegal drugs in Gray County is nothing new to the sheriff.

believe we've worked on these drug dealers and drug users enough to where they're tired of looking over their shoulders

at us," he said. Persons involved in illegal drugs are not the only offenders Copeland is interested in.

"One of the top priorities of the sheriff's office will continue to be the pursuit, arrest and prosecution of

is to continue to be aggressive offenders according to the law," he said. "You may not know who in your community is involved in criminal activity, but rest assured they are known to your sheriff's office, and ety, not only in Gray County but on a your sheriff's office is known to

them.' Equipment used in the sheriff's department has been upgraded

increased during Copeland's tenure as sheriff. New systems include a live-scan fingerprint system and the AFIS fingerprint-matching system.

"By careful spending practices and taking advantage of available grants for

law enforcement, this has been done without undue burden on taxpayers," Copeland said of the upgrades. The sheriff's office is responsible

for the Gray County Jail, which is subject to annual inspection by state officials. The jail has passed all inspections which have been made

during Copeland's time as sheriff. One of the most important assets of the department is the staff, Copeland said.

"I am most proud of the good staff I have here," he said. "That's what makes it go. I think I've got a good, honest, hard-working staff."

Copeland was born and raised in Shamrock and is a graduate of Shamrock High School. He earned his basic peace officer's certificate in 1969 and his peace officer license in 1981. In 1994, he received intermediate peace officer, master peace officer and advanced peace officer certifications.

He has completed over 3,000 course hours in law enforcement.

Copeland was a peace officer at Shamrock Police Department from 1963 to 1965; Wheeler County Sheriff's Office, 1967 to 1968; Texas Department of Public Safety, 1968 to 1996; and Lipscomb County Sheriff's Office, 1996.

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Friday







Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 14 and 24 early. West-northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-southwest.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. West-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 58. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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Stanton Leon Koop, 70

Stanton Leon Koop was born March 14, 1937, in Pampa, Texas, to Harry and Eula Belle Koop. He from graduated high school at High Phillips School in 1955, then from Texas Tech University in Koop 1960. There he

was a member of Sigma

Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Stanton married Nita Jo Huddleston in Big Spring, Texas, in 1959. Together they had two children, Chris wife, Nita of Lubbock; two Koop and Carrie Hill.

the banking industry for over Hill of Lubbock; seven 30 years starting in Odessa, Texas, at Odessa Savings. He then moved to Carlsbad, N.M., where he served as the President of Security Savings and Loan for 21 years.

He also served as the president of Riverside Country Club, the Jaycees, Shorthorn Little League, Campfire Girls, and United Way.

Stanton moved Lubbock in 1974 to help form West Texas Savings former governor with Preston Smith. In 1986, he moved to Dallas, Texas, where he worked at Great Western Mortgage Co., until his retirement in 1994. He moved back to Lubbock in



Stanton took pride in great Texas Tech University and was an avid Red Raider all of his life. He took the most pride, however, in being a grandfather to his seven grandchildren."Papa" was the kind of grand-

pa that would do absolutely anything for his grandkids. He had great character and a great sense of humor.

Papa is survived by his children, Chris Koop of Stanton worked hard in Canyon, Texas, and Carrie grandchildren, Kit Koop of Austin, Texas, Michael Hill of Austin, Texas, Karlee Koop of Lubbock, Texas, Matthew Hill of Lubbock, Texas, Kaitlin Koop of Canyon, Texas, Joseph Hill of Lubbock, Texas, and Kamron Koop of Canyon,

He is also survived by his mother, Eula Belle Koop of Spring, Texas, and sister Karla Koop, of Spring, Texas. Papa left to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008. A memorial service will held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Lake Ridge Chapel. The family will receive friends after the Memorial Service in fover of the chapel.

Paul Wayne Mathews, 85

Texas — Paul Wayne Mathews, 85, died Feb. 4, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pendwith ing Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Pampa.

Mathews Mr.

was born March 1, 1922, in Seneca, Mo. He married Arlene Burnett on June 8, 1946, in Columbus, Kan. He had been a resident of Skellytown since 1947, moving to Amarillo two years ago.

Paul worked for Skelly/Getty Oil for 36 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II where he

earned a Bronze Star. Paul was a deacon and member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown for many years. He was a charter member and committee member of Skel-Tex Credit Union.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene B. Mathews, of the home; three daughters,



Mathews

Karen Horner and husband Jimmie, Nancy Fox and husband Jimmy, and Denise Smyth and husband all of Blaine, Amarillo; two sis-Virginia Moudy Okmulgee, Okla.,

and Norma Jean Pryor Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Merle W. Mathews of Oklahoma City, Okla.; brother-in-law, Bobby Lavoe Burnett of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and 15 great-

grandchildren. **MEMORIALS:** Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105, or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, TX 79080.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

PHILLIPS, Josie Helen — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. WELSH, Chyanne Gwenith — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Harriett Faudree Dublin, 83

Harriett Faudree Dublin a dedicated phipassed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008.

Harriett was born in Pampa, Texas, on Jan. 28, 1925, to Hazel Margaret and Willis Davidson Price. She attended Pampa High School and Texas Tech University.

Harriett moved Midland in 1946 where Midland became the center of her family, philanthropic and ranching interests since that time.

Our mother lived and loved life to the fullest. She was a faithful long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland. Mother was an accomplished artist and a published author. She loved to travel the world and did so many times. She was always ready for any kind of adventure. She loved being outdoors, especially when she was watching her horses and cattle graze, both at home and at her ranches.

The sights and sounds of the birds and working in her vegetable and flower gardens were times that she cherished. Harriett was also lanthropist many organizations, locally, nationally, internationally. She was particularly proud of the volunteer work she was able to support through the establishment of the Harriett Faudree Parks Charitable Fund

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Foundation. Exploring God's creation filled her life with joy. But her greatest joy in life was her family. She cherished being with her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. She loved them totally and devoted herself to them and all their activities. We will especially miss her wonderful story telling, her priceless sense of humor and most of all her laughter.

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Mom will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her. We have been incredibly blessed by her



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Dublin of Midland, Texas; her children, Martha Parks of Fort Worth, Texas; Charlotte Kimberlin and her husband John of Dallas, Texas: Ellen Bell and her husband Larry of Midland, Texas; Matthew Faudree and his wife Kerry of Midland, Texas; Margaret Williams and her husband Ronnie of Midland, Texas; 15 grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren; sisters, Mary Patterson of Midland, Texas, Martha Smith and her husband, Vester of Higgins, Texas, Margaret Cowden of Midland, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

band,

Harriett is sur-

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vived by her hus-

Memorial services have been scheduled for 3 p.m., today, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, love of life, her devotion to at First Presbyterian Church

us; and we will with Dr. Steven J. Schorr officiating. Honorary pallhave those precious memories in bearers will be grandsons, our hearts forever. Roy Bowling, Kimberlin, Jr., Matthew She was preced-Bell, Brian Bell, Will ed in death by her Faudree, Price Williams and parents; and brother, Willis D. Price, Keegan Faudree.

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The family would like to thank the staff at Hospice of Midland; Jan Otho, owner of Kind Keepers; and a special thanks to Jessica Montoya for their loving care.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be directed to First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701; the Permian Basin Area Foundation, Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79701; Gifts of Hope, c/o Allison Cancer Center, P.O. Box 1323, Midland, TX 79702; or the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, TX 79701. To place online condolences, please www.mem.com.

Josie Helen Phillips, 89

July 15, 1918, in Josie Helen Phillips, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. Preston. She mar-3, 2008, at Pampa. Harold ried Phillips on Oct. Services will be at 2 p.m. 31, 1933, in Lark, Okla. He preceded

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of CrossPointe Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Phillips was born homemaker and enjoyed Okla.; four daughters, Laura

resident of Pampa Fellowship

since 1975. She **Phillips** was a member of



bowling for many years. Josie made lots friends

church and her TOPS Club. She was very faithful and loved studying and reading her Bible.

include one son, dren. Bill Phillips and Baptist Church. She was a wife Sandy of Kingston,

of Pampa; mater-

nal great-grand-

mother, Dorothy

Crowell; paternal

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Vandever of Mobeetie, Sue Barns and husband Jimmy of Bridgeport, Kay Barton and husband Donnie, and Elizabeth Johnson and husband Jimmy, all of Pampa; two sisters, Nettie Mae Sanders and Inez Petty, both of Borger; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and Survivors 16 great-great-grandchil-

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Chyanne Gwenith Welsh, 1 month, 26 days

Chyanne Gwenith Welsh, 1 month, 26 days, died Feb. 2, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Chyanne was born Dec. 7,

2007, in Pampa. Survivors include parents,

Daniel and Lorri Welsh, of the home: one sister. Roxanne Eva Welsh, of the home; two brothers, Alexander Mychal Welsh and Thomas Grant Welsh, both of the home; maternal grandparents,

her in death on

Josie had been a

June 21, 1998.

Richard and Donna Closser Germany, of Pampa; paternal grandmother, Gwendolyn Welsh



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great-grandmother, Anna Jane Welsh of Pa.; Gettysburg, two uncles, Micheal Closser and wife Fee of and Marshall

Welsh of Pampa; and two aunts, Cleo McDonald and

husband Mico of Fort Hood, and Courtney Chilton and husband Ronald Woodbridge, Va.

death by her grandfather, Daniel Welsh, Sr. MEMORIALS: To a

Chyanne was preceded in

favorite charity.

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Dorothy Juenger, 81

Dorothy Juenger, 81, of Georgetown, Texas, formerly of Pampa, Texas, passed away on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, in Austin, Texas.

Dorothy was born on Oct. 12, 1926, in Houston, Texas, to Clifton P. and Mary M. Kussman Martin. On Dec. 14, 1946, she married Edward Carl Juenger in Houston,

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Edward of Georgetown; son, Randall Juenger and wife, Clara of Belton, Texas; and a daughter, Deborah Bowers and husband, Greg of Greensboro, N.C.

She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Shawn Juenger of Belton, Texas, Sarah Juenger of Austin, Texas, and Brent and Matthew Bowers of Greensboro, N.C.; a brother, A.C. Martin of Houston, Texas; a sister and brother in law, Joyce and Bill Bradley of Houston, Texas; and nephew, Keith Bradley of Houston, Texas.

Dorothy spent her life as a homemaker and as a secretary in the insurance profession. She was always active in her church and community. She sang in church choirs

as soprano for 65 years with her husband. She served on senior council of the First United Methodist Church and was active in the Pathfinders Sunday School Class. She did volunteer work at the Georgetown Visitor's Center and the Georgetown Public Library.

She had multiple hobbies including water aerobics, studying history, reading and finding new and interesting recipes to cook. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who was an active spectator in all of her kids and grandkids activities and sports.

A celebration service memorializing her life will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown with Dr. Jim Porter, Dr. Eric McKinney and Pastor Brenda Adkins officiating.

Memorials in her name may be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 410 E. University, Georgetown, TX 78626.

Arrangements by The Gabriels Funeral Chapel, 393 N.IH 35, Georgetown, TX

Richard H. 'Dick' Crossman, 76

TUCSON, Ariz. — Richard H. "Dick" Crossman, 76, died Feb. 1, 2008, at Tucson. Memorial services are planned at a

Mr. Crossman was born July 1, 1931, at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School. He also attended Wentworth Military Academy.

Mr. Crossman retired from Sony Corporation in 1988. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and lived in Oceanside, Calif.,

from 1960 until moving to Tucson in 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Crossman in 1967; and a sister, Jan Crossman in 1939.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Crossman of the home in Oceanside; a son, Kirk Crossman of Oceanside; a daughter, Kim Colliers of Oceanside; a brother, David Crossman of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

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Emergency Services

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

Monday, Feb. 4 4:34 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Frost and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:17 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of West McCullough. No

10:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

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

Monday, Feb. 4 Paul Thomas Gerik, 50, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for forgery of a financial instrument.

Ricardo DeLeon, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Pampa Police Department for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Adriana Gutierrez, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of West Somerville by PPD for no liability insurance and three counts of no valid driver's license.

Chad A. Blackford, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Van Johnson, 54, of Pampa was arrested by resulted in arrests.

GCSO for public intoxica-

Angelita Moreno, 55, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for theft.

Lionel Ray Nash, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of West Crawford by PPD for disregarding a stop sign, no driver's license and no insurance.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Austin Doss Bruner, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Sumner by PPD for carrying a prohibited weapon -- switchblade/knuckles.

Robert A. Price, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Hobart by PPD for wrong/fictitious/altered/obscured vehicle registration or inspection, no valid driver's license and capias pro fines for no seat belt -- driver and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Ignacia J. Rojas, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft of a firearm.

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

Fifteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1000 block of West Somerville, the intersection of Barrett and Crawford streets and the 100 block of South Hobart

Traffic complaints were received from the 1700 block of Duncan, the 900 block of South Hobart and on two occasions at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with one of the two reports concerning the inter-

Duncan streets. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

section of Harvester and

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of West 30th and the 2500 block of Rosewood.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of North Rider, the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets, the 800 block of Murphy, the 1100 block of Sirroco, the 100 block of South Warren, the 300 block of Henry, the 1300 block of Garland, the 1200 block of North Russell, the 400 block of Cook and on two occasions in the 1700 block of Coffee.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

One suicide attempt was reported. Welfare checks were

made in the 1800 block of North Hobart and the 300 block of East Brown. Civil matters were report-

ed in the 1000 block of North Wells and the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Suspicious person calls

were received from the 200 block of West Brown and the 400 block of West Brown.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 100 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan, the police department lobby and the 700 block of North Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Frost and the 1000 block of North Wells. Assault was reported in

the police department lobby and the 900 block of

Assault was reported in the 900 block of Malone. No medical attention was required. The victim was hit on the back and head with a fist, but no injuries were reported.

Sexual assault was reported in the 100 block of West

Four alarms were report-

ed. One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

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Health Services program specialist Canyon. "The primary purpose of a POD is to decrease the number of individuals from within the community who may become ill."

Saturday's concerned an imagined hepatitis outbreak, Peet said. Persons acting as "patients" were interviewed to collect their medical histories and other information such as any symptoms they may have noticed.

After completing the screening, participants were offered counseling if needed. Nurse volunteers checked patients' forms for any potential problems or other notable information, and the patients were then vaccinated against hepa-

"This was a preventive exercise," Peet said. Participants represented residents who did not have hepatitis. The purpose of the exercise was to prevent further spread of the disease.

"There was a good turnout," said Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Joe B. Hoard, who is public information officer for the county emergency management office. "There was a lot of local participation. It was very well organized."

Representatives from Borger and Childress, both of whom are planning POD exercises of their own, observed Saturday's event, Peet said. Others observing the scenario included representatives of the state health department and Texas Department of Public Safety.

Approximately 150 "patients" received vaccinations. Participants included representatives of the City of Pampa's Office of Emergency Management and emergency responders from McLean and Lefors.

A variety of medical problems presented a challenge for medical personnel at the exercise, Peet said. Medical volunteers included registered

"We are conducting the post-exercise analysis right now," Peet said. "This exercise was in preparation for any emergency event, not only a pandemic event, but any kind of event."

No information was available on when the next exercise by the county office of emermanagement gency . would be held.

Hospice

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Our physicians make 'house calls' as needed to manage patient symptoms."

Anyone who has a lifelimiting illness is eligible for hospice services. People who suffer from heart disease, dementia, stroke, lung disease, liver failure and renal failure may be eligible. Anderson said that approximately fifty percent of hospice patients have illnesses other than cancer.

"Besides our most important asset, our staff, Odyssey HealthCare also medications, provides equipment, such as oxygen, and supplies related to symptom management of at www.odsyhealth.com.

the terminal illness," Anderson said. "Hospice provides support to the patient, family and caregivers up to 13 months with bereavement services.

"We sponsor Celebration of Life every year in November for the residents of Pampa to remember and celebrate the loved ones that have died. And each summer, we also sponsor Sky Camp for children ages 7-17 who have had a loved one die. Sky Camp is held at Ceta Canyon and is a weekend filled with fun as well as a time to share with others who are grieving.'

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Viewpoints

Parenting a challenge in this day and age

It must be tough being a parent these days.

Just protecting kids from unsuitable subject matter has to be a constant worry. The ratings system for movies and television shows helps, but what do you do when one of those commercials appears which deal with prescription help for intimacy-related conditions?

Not only is sexuality more widespread on television these days, but it can be found even more easily and in more abundance on the Internet. Kids are being taught at school in the use of computers, and computers can be found everywhere including the home.

ful source of information and communication. Unfortunately, deviants and predators have made use of it, too. It isn't difficult to stumble across an x-rated web site, and there are plenty of sexual predators in cyberspace who are looking for their next victim.

Kids may think they're corresponding with someone their own age and agree to a face-to-face meeting, not knowing that their newfound friend is an adult who plans to do something horrific to them.

Add reading material, including even some billboards and signs, to the list of things to monitor, and

The Internet is a wonder- parents must feel like the sages and otherwise have than ever, kids who have all world's most overworked contact with others which

Marilyn

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Staff Writer

censors. They also have to have a way to explain the things their children see

and hear but do not understand.

There are more electronic gadgets than ever these days to help entertain us, and they all come with a price tag. Cell phones are in widespread use even among kids as young as elementary school age. And of course, these phones also provide another way to get on the Internet, exchange mesparents

may find a challenge to monitor. Personal music playelec-

tronic game systems, cell phones, computers -the cost can be staggering for families, and impossible for some families to provide. Besides, both children and adults don't need every-

That doesn't do much to alleviate peer pressure, though. These days more

thing they want, and priori-

ties must be set in any budg-

the latest technological toys are seen as having an advantage over those who do not have such goodies. It's a case of the "haves" versus the "have-nots"

It used to be that the main criteria for being a "have" versus a "have-not" was simply a matter of clothing and, for teens, a car. Those things haven't gone away. Clothes are still a major factor in a kid's self-image, along with cars for teens, if they are among those lucky enough to have their own transportation.

Appearance issues don't stop at clothes anymore. Now some feel their "look" isn't complete without body

piercings and/or tattoos.

Earlobes were once the only things pierced for cosmetic purposes. Then multiple piercings stretching upward from the lobe and along the outside edge of the ear came into vogue. These days, anything goes.

Tattoos have also become more numerous and have broken the gender barrier. It's much more common to find tattoos on females as well as males these days.

My hat's off to any parent who can successfully juggle home, career and parenting. Any one of those is a fulltime job in itself, and two or more can almost be classi-"Mission: fied as Impossible."

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2008. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

On this date:

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the

In 1811, George, Prince of Wales, was named the Prince Regent due to the insanity of his father, Britain's King George III.

> Politics in America is the binding secular religion.'

> > — Theodore H. White American political writer (1915-1986)

In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure redefining the method for determining the area of a circle, which included altering the value of pi. (The bill died in the Indiana Senate.)

In 1917, Congr passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, immigration act

severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court.

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-

In 1983, former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon, France, to stand trial. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison — he died in 1991.) In 1988, the Arizona House impeached Gov. Evan

Mecham, setting the stage for his trial in the state Senate, where he was convicted of obstructing justice and misusing Ten years ago: Democratic fund-raiser Yah Lin "Charlie"

Trie pleaded not guilty in Washington to charges he had raised illegal donations to buy influence in high places. (Trie pleaded guilty in May 1999 to a felony count and a misdemeanor and was sentenced later that year to four months of home detention and three years' probation.)

Five years ago: Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the U.N. Security Council to move against Saddam Hussein, saying Iraq had failed to disarm, was harboring terrorists and was hiding behind a "web of lies." Longtime CBS News radio reporter Larry LeSueur died in Washington at age 93.



Talk of 'stimulus package' just nonsense

Some Democratic and Republican presidential hopefuls are preaching economic doom and gloom, disappearing middle class and failing health care industry. What's their solution? The short answer is give them more control over our lives. Baltimore's political satirist, the late H.L. Mencken, explained this strategy, saying, "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed, and hence clamorous to be led to safety, by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

The imaginary hobgoblin this time is the threat of an oncoming recession, even though it is by no means clear that the U.S. economy is in a recession. To head off a recession, politicians, including President Bush, are calling for a stimulus

Before we talk about stimulus packages, let's get one question out of the way: Is there any evidence for the existence of a Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy? Most grownups would probably answer no and ask.

"Williams, this is a Walter serious Williams issue. Why are you Columnist talking about silly

things like Santas and Tooth Fairies?" The reason is quite simple.

Let's look at it. The White House proposal is to give individuals and households tax rebates ranging from \$800 to \$1,600, respectively. Congressional Democrats, in addition to tax rebates, want a stimulus package that targets the poor through increases in food stamps and greater unem-

ployment benefits. The details of different stimulus packages aren't as important as where the money is coming from. You can bet the rent money it won't come from Santa or the Tooth Fairy.

There are

three ways government can get the money for a stimulus package. It

borrow or inflate the currency by printing money. If government taxes to hand out money, one person is stimulated at the expense of another who pays the tax, who is unstimulated and has less money to spend. If government borrows the money, it's the same story. This time the unstimulated person is

the lender who has less

money to spend. If govern-

ment prints money, creditors, and then everyone else, are unstimulated. As my colleague Russell Roberts said in a NPR broadcast, "It's like taking a bucket of water from the deep end of a pool and dumping it into the shallow end. Funny thing - the water in the shallow end doesn't get any deeper."

If we are headed into a recession, these proposed stimulus packages will make little difference. Previous experiences have shown that (1) it takes a long time to enact tax law, making it too late to prevent a recession, and (2) many people save a large portion of any tax rebate. A far more important measure that Congress can take towards a healthy economy is to insure that the 2003 tax cuts don't expire in 2010 as scheduled. If not,

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n Jan. 27 Houston Chronicle on Texas' policy on needle exchange programs:

This month, three Christian activists were arrested in San Antonio as they handed out clean syringes to, according to police, a group of "known prostitutes and drug addicts" in exchange for their used drug needles. Now, for their efforts to stop the spread of AIDS and hepatitis, the activists, including an elderly man and woman, are facing a year

The incident makes a mockery of clear thinking in this state when it comes to containing infectious disease

among intravenous drug users, the people who love them and even their babies: Texas is the one state in the union in which it is illegal to run a needle exchange program of any kind, even though such programs have been shown to reduce the spread of HIV infection and hepatitis.

According to information maintained on the Web site of the Centers for Disease Control, as of 2004, about one-fifth of all HIV infection and almost all hepatitis C infection are the result of injecting drugs with used needles. These viruses are then transmitted further via unprotected sex and sharing of contaminated needles. Pregnant women can transmit these diseases to their babies at birth or by breast-feed-

Congress has for the past 20 years prohibited the use of federal funds to support sterile needle distribution programs of any kind even though the U.S. government spends billions per year on global AIDS prevention. So it is up to the states to take on this important, lifesaving work.

Texas has at least started down this road. Last year, lawmakers approved a pilot needle exchange program for Bexar County. Frustratingly, District Attorney Susan Reed is doing her best to thwart the effort. She made it plain to police and public health officials that her office will recognize no protection against criminal liability.

That stopped the pilot program cold.

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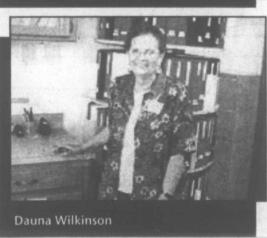
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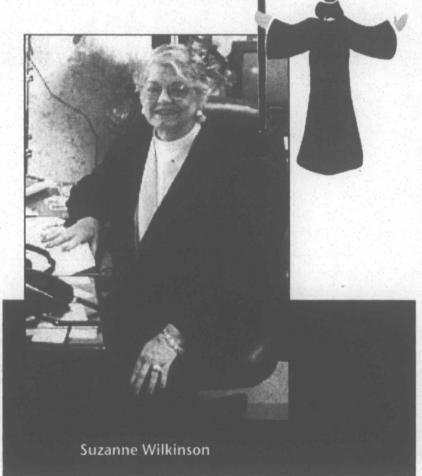
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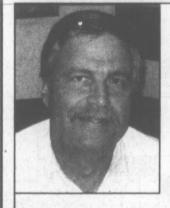
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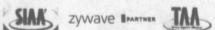
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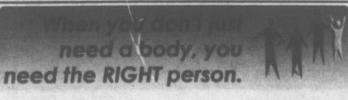
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: In late October, I printed a letter from "Tab in Swansea, Ill.," who asked what I perceive to be the main problem in society today. I responded that, as my column reflects, there is more than one. Then I asked what you, my readers, think is society's greatest problem -- and the roof fell in! Your response was enormous, and I wish I could share all of it, but space does not permit. Today and tomorrow I'll print a sample:

DEAR ABBY: The main problem in our society today is lack of personal responsibility -- from the deadbeat dad to the CEOs of major companies manipulating financial statements for personal benefit. Our society will prosper only if we all take responsibility for our actions. - MARK IN WEST ALLIS, WIS.

DEAR ABBY: It's greed! The unwillingness to consider how our behavior affects others. We have become so obsessed with material things and a "what's in it for me" mentality that we have forgotten to live by the Golden Rule. -- JUDY IN WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR ABBY: Society's greatest problem is intolerance. It breeds all the other problems. We're intolerant of other people's views, religions, looks, sexual orientation, languages, mode of dress, career choice, whether to parent -- or not. We're in the business of NOT minding our own business. - MARILYN IN THE GARDEN STATE

DEAR ABBY: It's apathy ... but, who cares? - MALCOLM IN MIAMI

DEAR ABBY: It's the breakdown of the nuclear family and lack of good parenting. I didn't even know divorce existed when I was growing up. I now work in a high school and see dozens of kids in trouble DEAR READERS: Hang on ... there's each day because they don't have proper more tomorrow. role models at home. We see girls pregnant

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beginning at age 14, and the parents just shrug it off. Rude, violent kids were the exception when I was young. Kids today are not loved and watched over. If parents were like they used to be, this would be a safer, saner place. - MARY IN LAS **VEGAS**

DEAR ABBY: Technology has outstripped our growth as human beings. People's basic nature hasn't changed much in the last few thousand years -- what we want, need, fear and hate are pretty much the same as they have always been. But in the last 100 years or so, we have gained global abilities. We've created the technology to destroy our planet but have not developed the corresponding maturity -- either as individuals or societies -- to handle the abilities we've developed. -- NAOMI IN BERGEN-FIELD, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: It's the personal isolation of people today. Business people will not answer their telephones and speak directly with customers. Individuals won't answer their phones at home, but do respond to email and text messages. A generation has been schooled to keep a cell phone glued to their ears at all times instead of communicating face-to-face. If Darwin was right, future generations will no longer require a tongue because we will no longer converse. Instead, we'll grow extra fingers with which to type and text. - RON C., SOULSBYVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: The answer to your question is fairly simple. There's no respect, no discipline, no courtesy and no consideration for others. Is my opinion politically correct? No. Am I right on the money? Yes! Thank you, Dr. Spock. (PC is not my strong suit.) - GARY IN ROCKWALL, TEXAS

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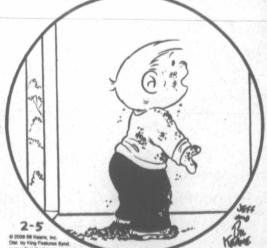
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"He's repeating himself. That's the same argument he used yesterday."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Sports

Pampa welcomes Randall tonight, senior Harvesters to be recognized

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Pampa Lady Harvesters will play their last game of the district season tonight as they host the Randall Lady Raiders at McNeely Fieldhouse in

Pampa.

Randall, who most recently claimed a 68-31 victory over the Dumas Demonettes, boasts a district record of 7-2 and an overall record of 20-

Pampa suffered a 52-48 loss at Hereford to the Lady Whitefaces to bring their record to 3-24, and 1-8 in

In the two teams' previous match-up nearly three weeks ago, the Lady Harvesters were defeated 54-16 on Randall's home court, but tonight they are playing in Pampa.

The Harvesters hope to pick up a win over Randall tonight to improve their district record to 3-5, and 12-16 overall.

The Raiders defeated Dumas 79-25 on Friday to improve their record to 6-1 in district, 24-4 overall.

In the middle of a recent losing skid, the Harvesters were defeated 82-44 by the Raiders, but with two recent wins and a much-needed morale boost, the Harvesters could improve the outcome of tonight's game.

As tonight will be one of the last nights for the Lady Harvesters and Harvesters to play together this season, the senior players will be recognized between the girls and boys games as a part of 'Senior Night.'

For many of these seniors, some of whom have been involved with the basketball program for years, this will be their last game to play at McNeely Fieldhouse.

All parents and fans are encouraged to attend both games tonight.

The Lady Harvesters will play first at 6 p.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa, and the Hustlin' Harvesters will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The JV boys will play at 6 p.m. in the MPAC gymnasium, and the JV girls will follow at 7:30 p.m.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Sophomore Alex Clendening is fouled by a Hereford defender while shooting during Friday night's game. Also pictured here is junior Alex

Bob Knight resigns midseason; son, Pat, takes over Tech team

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Bob Knight promised that when he finally decided to call it quits at Texas Tech it would be hard to find him.

The Hall of Fame coach stayed true to his word Monday.

After telling his sons, his bosses and his team of his resignation, Knight spoke only to one local newspaper about his shocking departure in the middle of his seventh season in West Texas.

On Tuesday morning, Bob Knight also told Minneapolis Star Tribune sports columnist Sid Hartman on radio station WCCO-AM that it was just time to go. The remaining 10 games would also give his son and successor, Pat Knight, a chance to work with many of the returning players.

"It really wasn't a very tough one, Sid," he said. "And so with that in mind, I just thought it was time for me to step down here and let him take over this coaching job here."

Bob Knight also said he's ready to quit battling with the officials.

"Well, I won't have to see any more bad calls, that'll be one thing," he said. "I mean, we had some horrendous officiating in games this year. And I think that really, to me, has never been a part of the game, but this year it just seemed to bother me more than at any other time."

Knight left during his 42nd year as a head coach with more wins than any Division I men's coach. Pat Knight inherited a team that is struggling at 12-8 and has 10 games remaining.

"This is my team, that's what he told me. He's done," Pat Knight said on his radio show. "He's got a lot of life left to enjoy.'

Almost a decade after he was fired by Indiana, the school he led to three national championships — one an undefeated season not since matched — Knight walked away from college basket-

Roger Clemens arrives to speak to congressional lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens arrived to give private, sworn testimony Tuesday to congressional lawyers about whether he used performance-enhancing drugs, pausing briefly to look around the House hearing room where he is to testify next week.

Wearing a pinstriped gray suit the House Oversight and

instead of a pinstriped New York Yankees uniform, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner was accompanied by two attorneys.

Clemens declined to take questions from reporters on his way in, saying only, "Good morning," before heading into the offices of Government Reform Committee.

The 45-year-old pitcher ranks eighth in major league history with 354 career wins. He put off retirement yet again in 2007, returning to the Yankees in June and going 6-6 with a 4.18 ERA.

His appearance on Capitol Hill came one day after his Yankees

teammate and workout partner, Andy Pettitte, gave a deposition to committee staff for 2 1/2 hours.

Both players' private interviews are part of preparation for a Feb. 13 hearing, a public session expected to focus on allegations made in the Mitchell Report by trainer Brian McNamee that he injected Clemens of the local and votation of the second

more than a dozen times with human growth hormone and steroids. Clemens has chosen various ways to strongly deny that, including a taped TV interview, a live news conference and, repeatedly, through his lawyers.

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The Kid Scoop Puzzler Pond Pals These two tadpoles are pals. They are alike in many ways. But, they have some differences, too. Can you find 5 or more differences? Double Find the words in the puzzle, **TADPOLE** then in this week's Kid Scoop

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their meanings.

Look in the classifieds and circle all the abbreviations. There are lots! Make a list

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Standards Link: Word Analysis/Spelling: Identify common

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> causes it to release the frog. ndards Link: Reading Comprehensionerstand the meaning of words from Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

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This week's word: GILLS

The noun gills means the organs used for breathing by fish and other animals that live in the water.

Fish and tadpoles both breathe with gills. Try to use the word gills in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



Pampa senior Nick Day plays some defense in Saturday's game against

Harvester soccer to prepare for district play this weekend

The Pampa boys soccer team went 1-1-1 over a four day stretch this last weekend. On Friday, Tascosa, Rusty Snider scored on a direct kick, and assisted

senior Tanner Dyson in a 2-2 Senior Carpenter and the defensive 2-1 victory. unit held off the Rebel attack

well in the second half of the Lubbock High game on Saturday afternoon at the Harvester Soccer Complex. Snyder and senior Victor Quezada each scored unan-Brenden swered goals to deliver the

The Harvesters responded

In a rare non-district until late in the match when matchup vs. Palo Duro,

Marrufo and scored off a Tanner Dyson pass, but the Harvesters came up short to the Dons, 3-2.

The soccer team will begin preparing for their first district game against Caprock on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

The team finished the Snyder assisted Cesar non-district schedule 1-9-1.

JV girls defeated at Hereford

The Pampa JV girls basketball team suffered a 45-26 loss to the Hereford Lady Whiteface JV team Friday in Hereford.

Pampa trailed 22-6 at halftime and continued to struggle with their shooting from hte field going just 9 for 46 from the field.

Ashley Facio led the Pampa girls with seven points in the game, and seven girls on the roster led with three rebounds each.

Pampa records the loss to bring their over-

all record to 12-12 and 3-6 in district 3-4A.

The JV girls will play their final game of the season tonight as they face Randall at 7:30 p.m. at the MPAC gymnasium in

Nine of the PHS basketball girls will go straight into softball and will have a doubleheader in Childress Saturday as they face Burkburnett and Vernon.

Super Bowl MVP wants title game vs big brother

- Eli Manning wants another Super Bowl, one against big brother, Peyton. Next year wouldn't be too soon.

"It would be fun to be back to the Super Bowl, Eli said Monday. "That's the way I look at it. If it happens to be against the Colts, then that would be a fun game to be a part of. Again, it would be fun to be back and have a shot to do this again."

Manning made the most of his first shot Sunday, leading the New York Giants on a late game-winning, 83yard touchdown drive in a stunning 17-14 win over the previously unbeaten New England Patriots in one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history.

The performance earned Eli an MVP award, just a year after Peyton got the same award for leading the Colts to a title over the Chicago Bears.

"It doesn't change my attitude, my personality, or even my goals for next season," Manning said. "It's still the same. I'm happy today, I'm

.CHANDLER, Ariz. (AP) fired up and I'm going to enjoy this moment.

"You still want to do it again. You still want to have this feeling again," Eli added. "It's hard to say that now because you're still enjoying it now, but you have to have the same commitment to playing football. I've got to become a better quarterback."

That can wait until after the Giants ticker-tape parade Tuesday in New York.

"Everybody's looking forward to it," Manning said. "I'm sure New York will throw a pretty good parade for us.'

Giants coach Tom Coughlin, who appeared with Manning at the MVP press conference on Monday in Phoenix, said the fourthyear quarterback has come a long way since that first year when teams like Baltimore made him look foolish with blitzes.

His Super-Bowl-winning 13-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress came on a Patriots' blitz.

"(They) had been playing

zone, keeping two safeties back and just playing a little conservative through that whole drive," said Manning, who completed 19 of 34 for 255, two touchdowns and an interception. "Finally, I knew they'd come after us. They came out with a blitz and had one-on-one with Plaxico Burress. That's a matchup we're going to take every time."

The touchdown not only spoiled the Patriots' perfect season and made the Giants a Super Bowl champion for the third time, it also vindicated former general manager Ernie Accorsi's decision to acquire Manning on draft day in 2004.

Despite being encouraged by the Manning family to pass on Eli, San Diego drafted him No. 1. The Giants then acquired him from the Chargers for the rights to quarterback Philip Rivers the No. 4 pick overall - and a couple of draft picks, one of which turned out to be All-Pro linebacker Shawne Merriman.

McGrady's 26 lead Houston Rockets past Timberwolves 92-86

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tracy he returned from his latest injury, McGrady hasn't been able to take and they've now won eight straight Houston further than a couple of first-round exits from the playoffs, about his toughness.

road games.

McGrady had 26 points, six and he's faced annual questions rebounds, seven assists and two huge late shots, and Houston held This much is unarguable, on for a 92-86 victory over the though: The Rockets are 8-1 since Minnesota Timberwolves on high seven turnovers, he swished whole second half tonight and you

Monday night.

"We had some hard times without Tracy this year, and I think those guys learned from that experience and improved so much," said Yao Ming, who had 16 points.

two long jumpers in the final 70 saw how he finished," coach Rick seconds after Al Jefferson's tip-in gave Minnesota a one-point lead with 1:38 left.

not in the greatest of shape missing clamped down the post and helped Though McGrady had a season- all that time, but he played the them muscle their way back in the

Adelman said.

The Wolves fell behind 75-65 with less than 7 1/2 minutes left, "Tracy is getting better. He's still but Jefferson and Craig Smith

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Thrilling Giants-Patriots game makes Super Bowl the second most-watched TV show ever

97.5 million viewers who saw the New York Giants' last-minute win over the New England Patriots made it the most-watched Super Bowl ever and second biggest event in American television history.

Only the "MASH" series finale in 1983, with 106 million viewers, was seen by more people, Nielsen Media Research said Monday. Sunday's game eclipsed the 17-14. Throughout the game,

of 94.08 million, set when Dallas defeated Pittsburgh in

This year's game had almost all the ingredients Fox could have hoped for: a tight contest with a thrilling finish involving a team that was attempting to make history as the NFL's first unbeaten team since 1972.

But the Giants ended New England's bid for perfection,

NEW YORK (AP) — The previous Super Bowl record the teams were never separated by more than a touchdown.

> equation going in, but you still need some breaks going your way," said Ed Goren, Fox sports president. The closeness of the game probably added a couple million viewers to the telecast's average; the audience peaked at 105.7 million p.m. EST — during the

Giants quarterback Eli Manning won bragging "You might like your rights over his brother: Last year's win by Peyton Indianapolis Manning's Colts was seen by 93.2 million people, now the third most popular Super Bowl. Manning was set to appear on David Letterman's "Late Show" on Monday, but travel delays in Arizona pushed viewers between 9:30 and 10 his appearance back to

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, motion and consider what you might Feb. 6, 2008

This year could be far more significant than you realize. You are likely to either make major changes to your professional status and personal life, or there could be transformations that might be unanticipated. Nevertheless, you cannot fight city hall. Learn to relax, as what is happening is going to lead to a much more dynamic and creative life in the next few years. Remain confident. If you are single, if you desire to change your status, you probably could meet someone quite significant in the next year. Don't jump on the first person who comes' along. Check out each potential suitor with care. If you are attached, if you would like to re-cereate the old romance that used to be between you, spend more quality time together. AQUARIUS might understand you too well.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ A lot of tension surrounds goals. communication and life in general. One would be well advised to back off some and not push. The ensuing explosion simply might not be worth it. Tonight: Watch the eclipse with a friend. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* You mean well, and no matter which way you push or what you try to accomplish, you'll hit a blockage. Let go and don't worry. Get into a project just for you where interference might be less likely. Consider a change involving someone in charge. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Look beyond the present com-

want to do. If you are thinking about travel or perhaps signing up for a seminar in the near future, hold back for several days, if not longer. Tonight: Get into a fun mind game

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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★★★ Examine possibilities in the near future. You might be much more happy if you relax and honor a partner's ideas. Sometimes you might not agree, but letting this person play out could be important. Tonight: Make togetherness the

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Sometimes you feel overwhelmed or like you cannot get different. elements under control. You can and you will, but perhaps not today! Stay even and open while others could be reactive. You don't want moods of today to mar interactions of tomorrow! Tonight: Work on your listening skills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You could be taken aback by what someone shares. If you have a lot on your mind, write it down rather than demand an audience. Reactions could be off for the next few days. Time is your ally; remember that. Tonight: If you're tired, take a nap or call it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Everyone seems to be acting out or a little strange. Lie back and relax. Use your sense of humor in viewing present events, and you will be far happier as a result. Avoid personalizing any comments. Tonight: Let your hair down. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Remain contained, and don't push any buttons just yet. You could be overwhelmed by news from a family member. On the other hand, someone's reaction could feel off. Communication is not strong today. Tonight: Turn on a favorite

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** How you deal with a changing situation marks others' minds. Today Murphy's law rules. You might be delighted and surprised by what occurs. Still, hold back a touch, as much might not be revealed. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Don't take any financial agreement or decision for granted. Don't formalize any new ideas for several days. What might not be obvious now could become evident soon. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. Tonight: Watch the eclipse, if you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Today's eclipse in your sign could spell changes in the near future, especially if you are born within a few days either way of this date. Though you might have more than your share of energy, still try not to upset the apple cart. Tonight: Be creative but not too wild.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** If you can take a day off, do. You need not push so hard or insist on sticking to your plans. Lie back if you can, as today's eclipse might deplete your energy. Don't push anything. Opt not to trigger as well. Tonight: Curl up with a good

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Mavs break losing streak with 107-98 win over Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Coming stronger team." off their worst performance of the season, the Dallas Mavericks got some extra practice in before playing the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

It paid off with a 107-98 win in which Dallas led from tip to buzzer. "We didn't want to leave anything in

the gym tonight," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "That's why I brought them to the gym at the last minute for a quick shootaround."

Josh Howard scored 28 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and nine rebounds and Jason Terry finished with 20 points for the Mavericks.

Dallas overcame Hedo Turkoglu's first career triple-double — 13 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds — and 28 points from Dwight Howard. But Howard, the NBA's rebounding leader averaging 15, had only seven, and Orlando was outrebounded 47-34.

The Mavericks led by 13 at the end of the first quarter, and by as many as 19 in the first half.

"We have to learn from this as a young group, coming to the last 25, 30 games before the playoffs," Turkoglu

said. "Hopefully we'll try and be a

Orlando cut it to 83-80 on Rashard Lewis' 3-pointer with 7:15 left, but the Magic went scoreless almost 5 minutes after that. Dallas rang off a 10-0 run to put the game away.

The loss snaps a four-game winning streak for Orlando. The Mavericks, which had lost two straight, closed a four-game Eastern Conference road trip 2-2.

"We did not want to go home 0-3," Josh Howard said.

Dallas led comfortably until the third quarter, when Orlando finally drew within single digits. Maurice Evans had nine of his 16 points in the period, all in an 18-8 Magic run over 8 minutes to close to 69-64.

Keyon Dooling scored 14 for Orlando, and Rashard Lewis added 13

Josh Howard came up with several key jumpers, including an off-balance 19-footer in the fourth quarter that slowed Orlando's momentum. He also managed to hit a running 26-footer with 31 seconds left before halftime. putting the Mavericks up 55-39.

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Events calendar

 AARP will offer tax preparation for seniors and taxpayers with limited income between now 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.

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

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

Feb. 18 at the church and "The King's Singers," a cappella ensemble, will perform Feb. 19.

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

 Tickets are currently available now through March 14 for the Area Friends of the NRA banquet set to kick-off at 5:30 p.m. March 15 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Prime rib with all the trimmings will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for participants 18 and under or \$50 per couple if purchased in advance. The deadline for advance ticket sales is the day prior to the banquet. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact Connie at (806) 683-9079 or Bill at (806) 231-0771.

AGRICULTURE

Discovering better year-round forage

By ANN PERRY USDA/ARS News Service

A herd of hungry cattle isn't a pretty sight. So scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are developing forage grasses that provide nutritious forage to livestock in the southern Great Plains throughout the year.

A key goal of this work is producing both warmseason and cool-season forage grasses that can live for long periods on highly erodible lands. Candidates need to be able to withstand major challenges from extended dry spells, insect pests and plant diseases.

Phillip Sims, agronomist Tim Springer and plant geneticist Jason Goldman work at the ARS Southern Plains Range Research Station (SPRRS), Woodward, Okla. Research at Woodward revolves around three grasses native

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to the southern Plains Texas bluegrass (Poa arachnifera), eastern gamagrass (Tripsacum dactyloides) and sand bluestem (Andropogon hallii). In 2005, the Woodward

station released an important new eastern gamagrass called "Verl." It was the first gamagrass release that had been selected from a hybrid breeding program. In field trials, Verl equaled or surpassed standards set by "Pete," a highly productive gamagrass released in

Springer was a driving force behind a new sand bluestem variety, called "Chet." This grass has a forage dry matter yield almost 9 percent greater than that of "Woodward," a key sand bluestem variety developed during the 1950s.

Hardy Texas bluegrass has survived heat and drought for centuries. But it is susceptible to diseases

Photo by JASON GOLDMAN Technician Dana Smith (left) and geneticist

Jason Goldman evaluate new bluegrass hybrid seedlings at Woodward.

is difficult to harvest and

Goldman and Sims are developing useful forage hybrids for the southern Plains by cross-breeding Texas bluegrass with other grass species and with bluegrasses from other regions. They have produced more than 80 hybrid types, many of which are complex hybrids of three ic research agency.

like leaf rust, and the seed different species. Although these species are not released yet, they offer great promise as feed for cattle in U.S. Southern Plains.

> Read more about this research in the January 2008 issue of "Agricultural Research" magazine.

> ARS is the U.S. Department Agriculture's chief scientif-

Needles

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Now the county is awaiting an opinion on the matter from Texas Attorney

General Greg Abbott.

Meanwhile, Bill Day, 73, Mary Casey, 67, and Melissa Lujan, 39, members of the nonprofit group Bexar Area Harm Reduction Coalition, first faced possession of drug paraphernalia charges, a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 after their Jan. 5 arrest. Reed now says she'll prosecute them for distribution of paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and fines

That's an abusive use of her prosecutorial office. Reed might not care for needle exchange programs and all the good they can do in a community to reduce the spread of infectious disease. But overzealous prosecution of three people who clearly had no intention of profiting from the sale of drug paraphernalia is a gross misapplication of the law.

"These are enormously decent, charitable people, and what's happening with them smacks of persecution," Neel Lane, an attorney with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, told the San Antonio Express-News. The prestigious law firm is defending the group at no cost.

Studies show that needle exchange programs are effective at controlling the spread of HIV and other blood-borne illnesses. And the programs provide intravenous drug users with access to HIV/AIDS counseling services and testing, substance abuse treatment and screening for tuberculosis, hepatitis and other infections.

The research also shows that, contrary to public perception, clean needle programs do not encourage drug use or trafficking. They save tax dollars that would otherwise go to treat people who become infected through sharing dirty needles.

Texas lawmakers should revisit this issue in the next legislative session. Texas needs a fully funded, statewide needle exchange program run by local public health officials. While they are at it, legislators should include in the bill clear language that protects clean needle providers from overly aggressive prosecutors. URL: http://www.chron.com

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there are 15 separate taxes scheduled to rise in 2010, costing Americans \$200 billion a year in increased taxes.

Adding to the economic effects of that tax increase are the disincentive effects of the measures that Americans will take between now

and then in anticipation of those tax increases. According to economists Tracy Foertsch and Ralph Rector, making the 2003 tax cuts permanent will annually add \$76 billion to the GDP, create 709,000 jobs and add \$200 billion to personal income.

The call for stimulus packages represents the triumph of political arrogance over common sense. The U.S. is a massive \$14 trillion economy. The size of proposed stimulus packages range from \$150 to \$200 billion.

which is about 1 to 2 percent of our GDP. Economy-wide, that's a drop in the bucket likely to have little or no effect. Congress ought to focus on measures that create greater longterm productive incentives such as reducing corporate taxes, estate taxes and personal income taxes as well as economic deregulation.

-Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason

Dems questioning Bush's budget priorities

White House Budget

Director Jim Nussle

urged congressional

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debated in the Senate.

 Democrats, already looking WASHINGTON (AP) ahead to the next White House occupant, quickly relegated President Bush's final budget to the ash bin of history, saying his proposals to rein in spending on programs are untenable

and won't happen. Even the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, invoked a note of reality. "Let's face it. This budget is done with the understanding that nobody's going to be taking a long, hard look at it.'

Nonetheless, Bush dispatched his budget director and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to defend the first-ever \$3 trillion federal budget proposal he unveiled a day earlier.

White House Budget Director Jim Nussle urged congressional Democrats to adopt the same cooperative spirit that produced a quick House agreement on a \$160 billion economic stimulus package of tax rebates and business tax cuts now being debated in the Senate.

Democrats, who now control both the House and Senate, were emphatic that the Bush plan won't be the model as they put together their own budget proposals over the coming

"We will be going our way and they will be going their way and we won't likely converge," House Budget

Committee Chairman John Spratt, D-S.C., said.

"The only real significance of the president's budget is to serve as a legacy of his disastrous fiscal management over the last seven years," said Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, one of two Senate Democrats competing for their party's presidential nomination this year.

Bush's budget for fiscal year 2009 beginning Oct. 1 proposes spending just below \$3.1 trillion. Last year, he proposed \$2.9 trillion for the current budget year, but he now estimates that spending in fiscal 2008 will also exceed \$3 trillion once all the costs of the continuing war in Iraq are included.

Excluding the war, Bush is proposing an 8 percent increase in the Pentagon's base budget, to \$515.4 billion, next year. Overall defense spending would decline from \$670.5 billion this year to \$588.3 billion in Bush's 2009 budget. The request includes just \$70 billion in initial war

costs, a figure certain to be exceeded when Bush leaves office.

Bush also wants to boost homeland security spending by almost \$4 billion, with big increases devoted to cybersecurity, tightening borders, detecting nuclear materials arriving in port and improving airport passenger and cargo screening.



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