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## Petco receives freshwater pumping permit

by David Bowser  
The Pampa News

WHITE DEER -- Although seven people spoke against it, including one of their own, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board members approved a pumping permit for Petco Petroleum for use in a secondary oil well recovery project.

Board members told those

who opposed the permit that there was little the district could do.

At a permit hearing Tuesday, the board said the company met all district requirements and were entitled to a permit, although neighbors surrounding the project site said they worried about the possibility of contamination of their wells by Petco's use of fresh water to

recover oil from an old field.

"They requested a three-inch well which meets our district spacing," Amy Crowell, district hydrologist, said. "They requested 1,750 barrels of water per day, which amounts to about 52 gallons a minute of water."

Petco's project is about two miles west of Pampa.

Crowell said that the district has no control over their

mineral rights, but they are concerned about the water rights.

"The provided us proof in the form of an old lease The term of the permit is 30 years; however, is another source of water becomes available that is technically and economically feasible for use in the project, the board reserves the right to review the terms of the per-

mit.

"That means that they have to look for things other than fresh water to put down into this oil producing formation," she said.

Crowell also said there may be salt water from other wells in the area that could be used in the project.

"They own 200 acres of

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Pampa News photo by Randy Drabble  
"Two hundred fifty acres of plastic" is how property owner Billy Scribner describes this field north of the Perryton Parkway.

## Pampa landowner bears the brunt of a business area littering problem

By David Bowser  
The Pampa News

Billy Scribner said he's tired of cleaning up his property east of the Pampa Medical Center and north of Wal-Mart and its associated shopping center.

"I've got 250 acres of plastic bags," he said.

Scribner said runs cattle and keeps a few horses on the property across Perryton Parkway from the hospital and recently lost a 300-pound calf out there.

"He was full of plastic," Scribner said.

That was a \$500 loss.

"I keep two tractors out there all the time," Scribner said, "and I mow that property. I mow everybody else's property whether they let me or not. I just go clean it up, and I try to keep that end of town looking nice."

He said the trash is just unbelievable.

Scribner said he's visited with Wal-Mart and the shops in the area.

"I'm not trying to pick on one business," he said. "I've visited every business from Dixie Café out."

He said they are sympathetic to his cause. Those

businesses are fighting the littering, he said.

Scribner said he appreciates the growth the town is experiencing.

"We need Wal-Mart," he said. "We need every business out there."

But the trash blowing around out there makes that part of town ugly, he said. It should be the nicest.

"I went out this last month, driving around in the evenings," Scribner said, "I see people walk out of Wal-Mart. They take their goods, whatever they've got, and they throw their sacks out the

window."

He said normally the trash trucks do a good job emptying dumpsters, but when the wind is blowing, they have a little trouble.

"Most of the time, not very much gets away from those guys," Scribner said.

He said the alleys are pretty clean.

"I've noticed several times, ladies with their babies changing diapers," he said. "They'll throw the diaper down on the ground and drive off and leave it."

Last weekend, he said tried to plow a lot of the trash on

his property under.

"I'd planned on planting a milo crop there this year," Scribner said, "but I couldn't get a combine in there if I wanted to with that kind of trash on it."

Scribner said it's not just the wind causing the problem. He said it's also people dropping their trash.

"I think there's definitely something that can be done about this," Scribner said.

He said he just wants to see the area cleaned up.

"I don't want to have to fight this anymore," Scribner said. "I'm overwhelmed."

## Blood drive set for April 7

By JULIE ANN THOMPSON  
The Pampa News

Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo will host the Pampa Community Blood Drive from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7 at Clarendon College.

"Just one unit can save up to three lives because it can be separated into three components: platelets, plasma and red blood," Marketing and Community Relations Director Suzanne Talley said.

The process takes 45 minutes to an hour. After registering, the donor will be asked a list of questions

about their medications and lifestyle in general. Then the donor undergoes a mini-physical to check blood, temperature and pulse.

"Once you get to the donor bed, that only takes five to fifteen minutes," Talley said. "Then we'll keep you a few minutes, offer juice and a little something to eat and just make sure you're okay."

To be eligible, the donor must be at least 17 years of age, 115 pounds and be in good health. After the drive, the blood is taken to Coffee Memorial Blood Center where it is processed, tested and screened for safety. Then it is stored until it is ordered

by an area hospital.

"We supply and service the entire High Plains area, 30 counties and 33 medical facilities in total. Any blood you get around here comes from our facility," Talley said.

Coffee Memorial was founded in 1949 and generate up to 30,000 units of blood per year. According to the press release, all blood types are currently needed and the need is very real. Each unit is received entirely through volunteer blood donors.

"We do three to five drives

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## Gray County Dems to gather Saturday

The Gray County Democratic Convention will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist Club, according to Janie Street, Gray County Democratic Chair.

"The public is invited to attend," Street said. "Delegates or their alternates who were elected at the precinct conventions earlier this month will be eligible to vote on delegates to the State Democratic Convention and other matters."

Topics for discussion Saturday include potential planks for the party's platform and various resolutions to be brought to the convention from the precinct conventions. At the precinct conventions, Hillary Clinton narrowly out polled Barack Obama in the Presidential race.

"That could change at the County Convention," Street explained. "It will depend on who is successful in getting more of their supporters to attend. Proxie votes are not permitted."

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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. Windy, with a north-northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68. South-southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. North-northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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**Prison board boosting pay for rookies**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas prison board is hoping higher pay can help fill the guard shortage.

The board voted Thursday in Austin to boost salaries for new corrections officers by 10 percent and to accelerate their move up

the pay scale ladder. The board's hoping to counter a significant defection of rookie officers during their first year.

The changes, effective May 1, will boost salary of a starting officer from \$23,046 to \$25,416.

In addition, the Department of Criminal Justice will be offering a recruitment bonus of \$1,500 for officers who go to work at understaffed prisons.

In the most recent year, statistics show 43 percent of officers quit in their first year. That's compared with the overall turnover rate of 24 percent in the prison system. As of the end of February, there were 3,594 officer vacancies, about a 14 percent deficit. Some 20 state prisons were considered understaffed.

In addition, the Department of Criminal Justice said it would request "more comprehensive salary adjustments" for all officers in its next state budget request.

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**Obituaries**

**Charles 'Charlie' Martinez, Sr., 75**

Charles "Charlie" Martinez, Sr., 75, of Pampa, Texas, died March 26, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Martinez was born July 19, 1932, in Rosebud. He attended schools in Travis. Charlie had been a resident of Pampa since 1964. He owned and operated Charles' Upholstery Shop for over 40 years.

He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and was a member of the Curcillita Movement.

He was a great and avid pool player.

Charlie will be deeply missed by his family, friends and customers, and especially his brother, Freddy.

Survivors include eight daughters, Teresa Rogers and husband Kenneth of Burleson, Silvia Martinez, Helen Bridwell, and Laura Martinez Gray and companion Dusty Helfer, all of Pampa, Martha Martinez of Washington, Dianna Powell



Martinez

and husband Gene of Hot Springs, Ark., Anne Martinez of Las Vegas, Nev., and Maggie Martinez of Fort Worth; four sons, Charles Martinez, Jr. and David Martinez and wife Tonya, all of Pampa, Martin Martinez

and wife Maricel of Borger, and Paul Martinez of Los Angeles, California; three brothers, Mike Martinez and wife Mary, Alfredo Martinez and wife Mary, all of Pampa,

and Jose Angel Martinez and wife Dora of Dallas; one sister, Tina Ramirez and husband Tom of Rosebud; 34 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Elvira Martinez; one son, Patrick Fransisco Martinez; and two sisters, Guadalupe Luna and Elvira Castilleja.

**MEMORIALS:** St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Thirty-three traffic stops were made.

One traffic stop in the 100 block of West 30th resulted in an arrest after a baggie containing suspected marijuana was found under a seat in the vehicle.

One traffic stop in the 400 block of Pitts resulted in two arrests after a suspected marijuana cigar was found in the ash tray of the vehicle.

One stop in the 1000 block of Huff Road resulted in two arrests for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. The PPD K-9 unit alerted on the vehicle, and a baggie containing white rocks and a crack cocaine pipe were reportedly found.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2100 block of Beech.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of North Banks, the 1300 block of South Hobart, the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 200 block of North Faulkner, the 1300 block of North Christine, the 100 block of West 30th, the 400 block of Hazel, the 1300 block of West Kentucky and the 200 block of Miami.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of North Christine, the 400 block of Graham, the 600 block of East Francis and the 800 block of South Banks.

Agency assistance was reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 1900 block of Alcock.

Runaways were reported in the 800 block of Lefors and the 1500 block of North Banks.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of Finley, the 2200 block of Lea, and

the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 700 block of South Somerville.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of North Roberta.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Montagu and Ward streets, and the 1100 block of Sierra.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of West Foster and the 400 block of North Perry.

Five alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. A debit card and wheelchair were taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. A check was forged on a closed bank account.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. A 30-pack of beer valued at \$23.99 was taken.

**Sheriff**

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

**Wednesday, March 26**

Eugene Stephon Graves, 28, of Indianapolis, Ind., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

Peter Galvez Rodriguez, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for a sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Arin Jamie Dallas, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 3500 block of Perryton Parkway by Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana.

Jason Paul Allen, 36, of Florence, Colo., was arrested by GCSO on a bench warrant for burglary of a building.

Janea Patrice Smith, 25, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for credit card or debit card abuse and no driver's license when unlicensed.

Marlon Brian Larue, 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

Jesus Abel Chavez, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Pitts by PPD on a capias pro fine for driving under the influence - minor.

Pablo Marcus Caballero, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Pitts by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Thursday, March 27**

Timothy Dewayne Fields, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road by PPD for possession of a controlled substance.

Stephen Tyler Timmons, 23, of Wheeler was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road by PPD for possession of a controlled substance.

**Fire**

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

**Wednesday, March 26**

3:18 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a grass fire on Gray County Road 3, three miles west of town.

**Ambulance**

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

**Wednesday, March 26**

7:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Gray and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

9:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Mary Ellen. No transport.

8:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Barrett and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Bailout may open way to other rescue plans**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy is listing. So it must be time to bail.

While there is little enthusiasm for government bailouts in general, voters are increasingly demanding immediate government relief as the economy ebbs.

The Fed-engineered bailout of investment banker Bear Stearns and other assistance to financial institutions has further raised expectations. To some, the \$30 billion JP Morgan-Bear Stearns deal also raised a fairness issue: Should the government bail out a prestigious investment bank while doing little to address the hardships of Americans facing foreclosures on their homes, or caught in other troubled segments of the economy, such as laid-off factory workers?

Members of Congress, particularly Democrats, will press the issue when they return from their spring break next week. Bailout proposals for homeowners abound,

including several measures to get lenders to rework home loans. There are also bills to increase federal regulation over the nation's financial system.

"The big thing about the Bear Stearns bailout — if you want to call it that — is that it kind of opens the doors for other types of bailouts like for homeowners and individuals," said federal budget expert Stanley Collender.

"If the Fed is thinking about the business community, the lending community and the credit markets, then members of Congress are tending to think about individuals," said Collender, with Qorvis Communications, a Washington consulting firm.

All three major presidential candidates gave what their campaigns billed as major speeches on the economy this week.

Democratic Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama both called for direct federal intervention to help

burdened homeowners. Sen. John McCain, the certain GOP presidential nominee, has called for caution.

Clinton wants a \$30 billion fund for states and communities to assist those at risk of foreclosure. Obama on Thursday proposed \$30 billion in new economic stimulus for Americans on top of the \$152 billion stimulus package passed last month by

Congress. His plan includes a \$10 billion package to help homeowners avoid foreclosure and a simplification of the tax code to allow more families to claim a mortgage income tax deduction.

"Over two million households are at risk of foreclosure and millions more have seen their home values plunge," Obama said in a speech in New York.

**Stocks**

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VLO	50.41	+1.45
HAL	39.69	+0.72

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# Permit

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water rights," Crowell said, "but they only requested 82 acre-feet per year production."

Under district guidelines, water right holders are entitled to up to one acre-foot per year per acre of water rights so long as they meet other hydrological requirements.

Jun Maul, Onis Price, Jimmy Gatlin, Johnny Taylor and Durward Dunlap, each of whom own property near the project, spoke at the hearing in opposition to the project.

"I hate to see good water pumped down for oil recovery," Price said.

He said there was a disposal well on the west side of the section, but Crowell said the only active disposal wells show to be five miles away.

Gatlin said he was concerned about his two live-stock wells and domestic well being sucked dry or contaminated.

"I don't like it," said Taylor.

Dunlap said that earlier recovery efforts in the area where Petco wants to drill have not worked well. He, too, said he wanted Petco to

use other water. He said the fresh water in the area should be protected.

Charles Bowers, PGCD board member and former president of the board, also spoke in opposition to the project.

Bowers said that using fresh water was not economically feasible when salt water was available.

"This is going to be a real problem," Bowers said.

Janet Guthrie, general manager of the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, told the board that her district had developed a water quality monitoring program for disposal wells and offered to share it with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

"It's given us a lot of good benchmarks," she said.

Guthrie admitted that they had not faced secondary recovery wells yet in Hemphill County.

The key to the decision, district officials said, was that Petco owned the water rights on the property.

Board member Tom Cambridge said those who opposed the project needed to make their feelings known to the Railroad Commission.

"The Railroad Commission is a joke," Gatlin said.

Gatlin accused the Railroad Commission of protecting oil producers over landowners.

Cambridge said all the district could do would be to control the amount of water Petco pumped.

"We have to grant the permit," Cambridge said. "That's the only thing we can do."

"Our hands are pretty much tied," added C.E. Williams, general manager of the district.

Williams noted, however, that Petco had drilled an illegal water well in the southern part of the county last year.

"It's now locked up," he said.

The board amended the permit to include a provision for a meter and a tap for testing water quality.

While the district has little control over water quality problems, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality could become involved if there are contamination problems.

# Drive

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a day," Talley said. "There's just no substitute for blood."

Potential donors will meet in the lobby of Clarendon College and classroom 203. Every eligible donor will

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# El Progreso Study Club disbands

The former members of the El Progreso Study Club recently disbanded after 85 years. The Club originally established a library in a donated room in the basement of City Hall in 1923 which set the foundation for what is now Lovett Memorial Library.

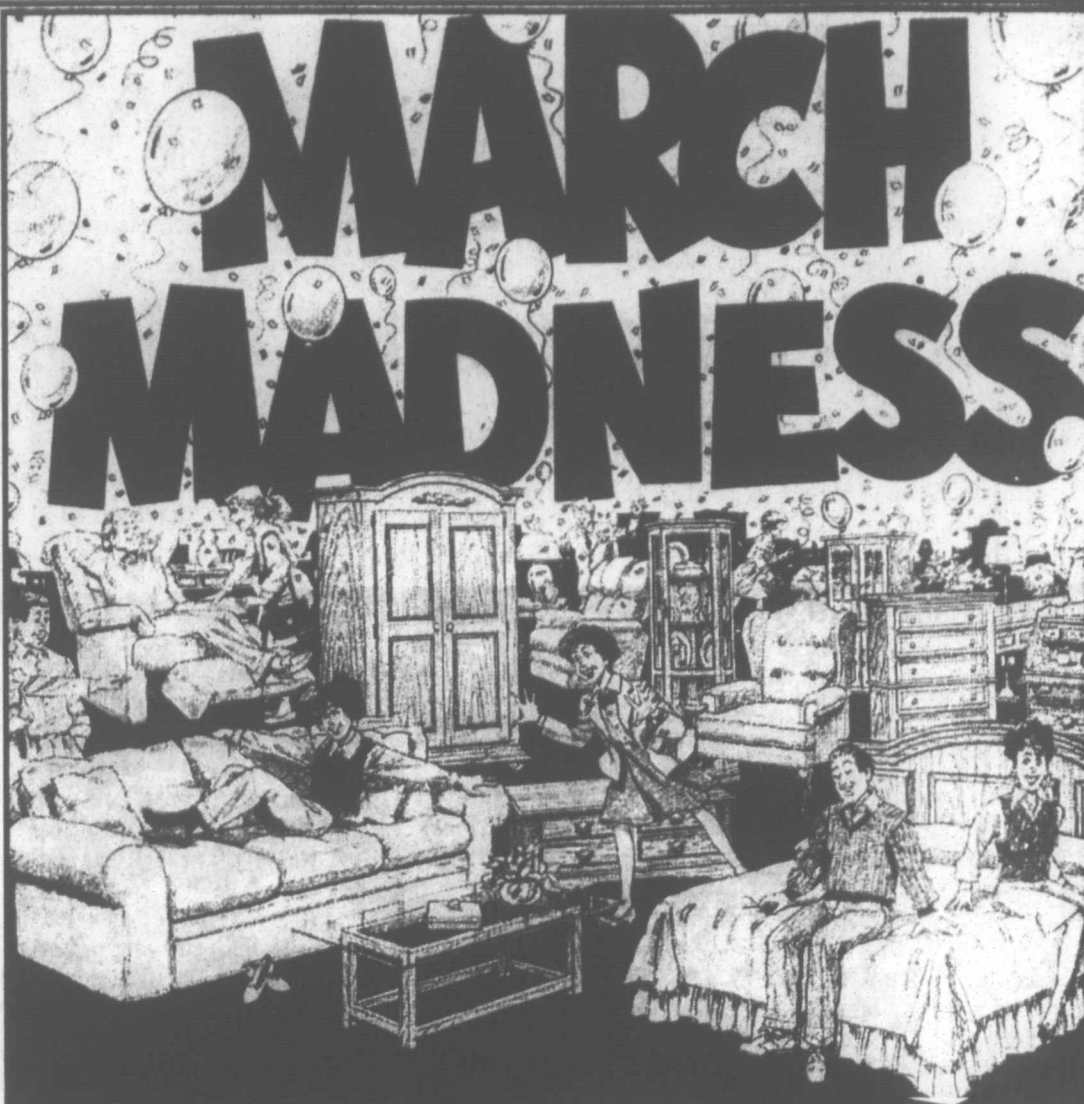
"Members took turns serving as librarian," former member Ruth Riehart said.

The Club generally met two times a month with a set program to study. After choosing a topic, each member would research their subject and then lead a presentation of their research at the meeting. However, with the increasing number of working women today, the group found it hard to maintain their numbers.

"When I was young things

were just so different," Riehart said. "Every house on the block used to have a stay-at-home mother."

Aside from studying, the Club also gave history books as prizes to the top three students in history at Pampa Junior High. Upon disbanding, the club presented their remaining treasury funds to Lovett Memorial Library.



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# Viewpoints

## American calendar celebrates all peoples, all things

The last full week in April is Administrative Professionals Week ... which proves that on the American calendar there exists a week or a day to celebrate all peoples and all things. Well, practically. ... Not that I'm complaining.

What I want to know is: When are couch potatoes going to be recognized with their own special date? Because I truly feel that couch potatoes (among whom I count myself) are sorely unrecognized as a group — except, of course, by the health police. Critical fingers are always pointed at us, accusing us of not getting enough exercise. We NEVER receive any praise. We are never singled out, for

instance, for minding our own business. Huh.

Um, well, I digress. According to a recent poll sponsored by OfficeTeam, a nationwide staffing service, the balance of executives say "administrative assistants" are being taxed with greater and greater responsibilities and duties. I'm just trying to figure out if "administrative assistant" is the equivalent of "secretary" or if the term means something else.

These new-fangled titles really throw me.

The poll, a news release from OfficeTeam states, "was conducted by an independent research firm and based on telephone interviews with 150 randomly

selected senior executives at the nation's 1,000 largest companies."

Twenty-three percent of participants polled said responsibilities for administrative assistants had "increased significantly" versus 50 percent who said the rate of responsibility had "increased somewhat."

"Efficiencies created by technological advancements have allowed," said Dave Willmer, executive director of OfficeTeam, "administrative assistants to take on a wider range of tasks, including managing budgets,

**Skyla Bryant**  
News Editor



sounds like a secretary to me.

OfficeTeam urges managers across the board to show their appreciation of administrative assistants in the following ways:

—Give thanks. Express gratitude for your assistant's contributions and achievements in person or with a handwritten note.

—Do lunch. In addition to thanking your assistant, take time to discuss his or her professional goals and

potential career paths.

—Host a party. Plan a companywide event to recognize all administrative staff.

—Encourage networking opportunities. Offer to pay for your assistant's membership in relevant trade and professional associations.

—Provide ongoing educational opportunities. Encourage and, if feasible, pay for your administrative personnel to attend professional development seminars and conferences. Support your staff in pursuing industry certifications and relevant coursework.

I must say, I really like suggestions two and three. Of course, I'm assuming

said managers are supposed to treat their employees to a FREE lunch. Yeah. That's a very good idea. Er, I wonder if my position could be construed as "administrative?"

And the party thing. Wow. Super. May I make a recommendation? Be sure to include even MORE free food. Oh, and e-mail us here at The News, so I can crash your party, er, so that I can come and take some pictures of your FREE food. I mean, what are press-passes for anyway?

As for all you administrative assistants, a hearty "thank you." The captains of industry in this nation — nay, in the world — would no doubt be lost without you.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 27, the 87th day of 2008. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted present-day Florida.

In 1625, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.

In 1794, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed ships.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio.

In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that German defenses on the Western Front had been broken.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a powerful earthquake and tsunamis that killed about 130 people.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the earth, died in a plane crash.

## Our readers write

### Paramedic not always needed, says writer ...

I read your article titled "Group seeks improved area EMS services," and I think you need to check the facts some more.

I like the fact that someone wants to help the rural EMS services, but I take issue with Dr. Jim Hall stating that a person is not likely to get the same level of initial care as they would in larger areas.

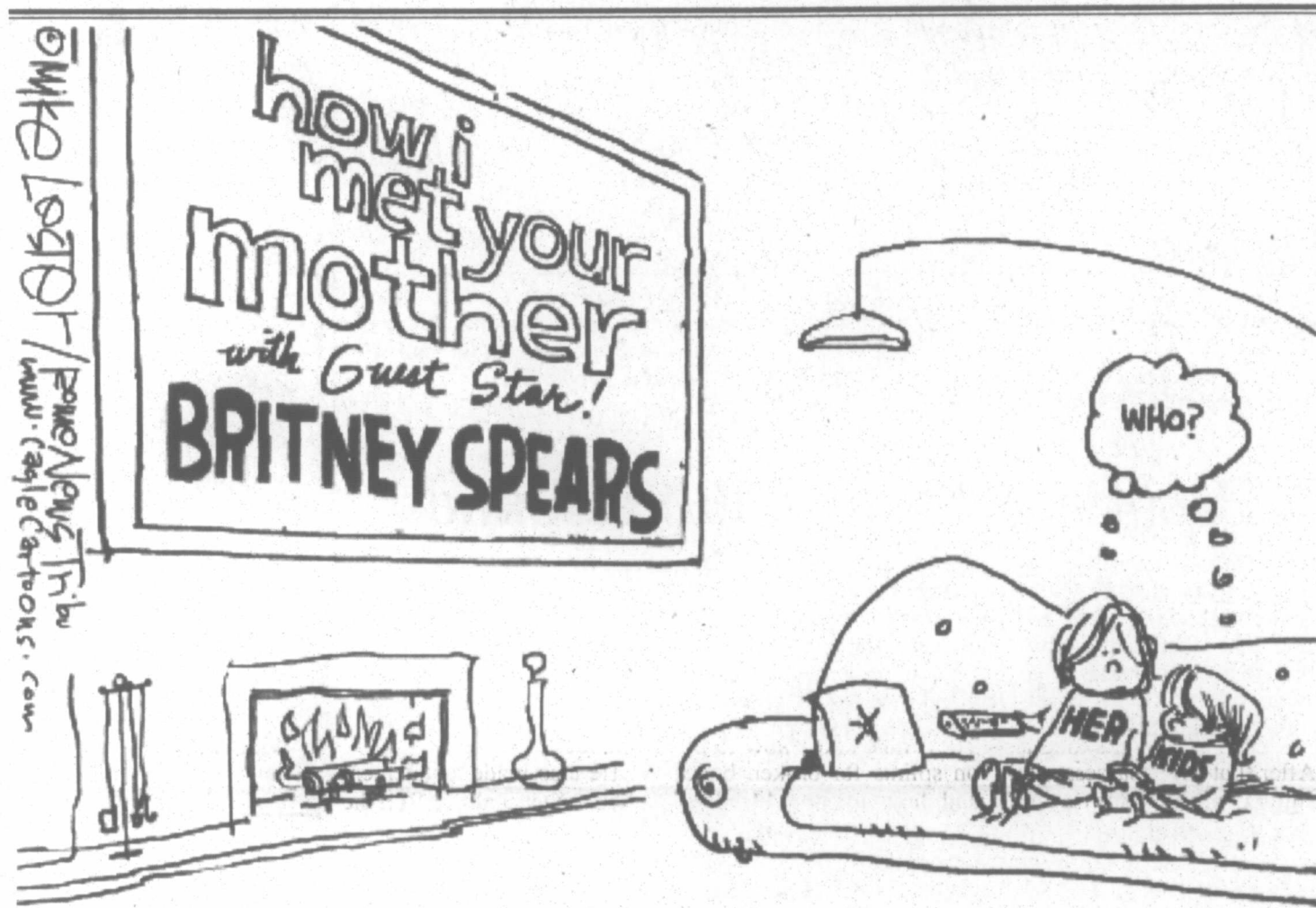
All across the Panhandle, we have great EMS personnel from basics on up. A basic, intermediate and a paramedic who work as volunteers are trained and tested and must pass exactly the same classes as any basic

intermediate or paramedic who works for any paid service.

Dr. Hall stated "often an ambulance with two basics (attendants) answers an emergency call in many areas of the Panhandle. All they can do is package and transport them. They can't even take vital signs." That is not true. Basics CAN take vital signs and much more. Since Dr. Hall mentioned that a person having a heart attack is not likely to receive that same level of help, I will tell what that basic can do.

(Editor's note: A correc-

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## Misunderstood topics involving the Net

A lot of confusion exists on the Web. Two of the most misunderstood topics are Internet cookies and pop-up ads. To many people, just mentioning these words conjures up thoughts of privacy invasion and information theft. However, these two Internet "objects" do have a place in the online world. Read on ...

**Cookies**  
Based on my stack of e-mail, one of the most common questions I get is "What is an Internet cookie?" Let me answer by giving an example: Chances are, you've heard of Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>). They are one of the largest e-commerce sites on the planet. If you've ever purchased something from them, you've dealt with cookies. During the "check out" process, Amazon asks you for some personal informa-

tion: name, address, credit card, e-mail address, etc. It stores that information on its system and assigns you a customer ID number. Here's where the cookies come in. A copy of that customer ID number is then stored on YOUR computer, in the form of a tiny little file called a "cookie." The cookie is stored in your Temporary Internet files and can only be accessed by Amazon.

The next time you visit the Amazon Web site, their server reads the cookie on your system, cross-references your ID number, and changes the content to reflect your personal tastes. The most obvious difference will be the "Welcome back,

Eric Spellmann!" message you see at the top.

Cookies are innocuous and pose no danger or threat. A company can only access its OWN cookies. The only information ANY online company has about you is what YOU tell them. The cookie simply allows them to "recognize" you the next time you visit.

If, however, you are truly paranoid and don't like the idea of servers placing small files on your computer, you can delete cookies at any time. In Internet Explorer, drop down the "Tools" menu and choose "Internet Options." Under the "General" tab, you will see a button labeled, "Delete Cookies."

### Pop-Up Ads

How many of you have been surfing a site only to be surprised when an ad pops up? You know what I mean. For no apparent reason, a new window pops up with some advertising in it. In order to get rid of it, you have to use your mouse to close it. And to make matters worse, some ads refuse to close. When you click on the Close button, another ad just pops up. Talk about frustrating.

You might also see what we call "pop-under ads." Used most prominently by X10 (<http://www.x10.com>), the "spy camera" store, these ads are created UNDER your current Web browser. You don't see them until you start closing windows. Pretty sneaky, eh?

Is there a way to get rid of

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ March 13  
San Antonio Express-News on immigration reform and budget woes:

Illegal immigration is a complex issue, and officials must take that complexity into account when it comes to any meaningful reform.

A sound legislative package must address both enforcement and a path to citizenship, but politicians have focused on enforcement, including the measure to build a fence between the U.S. and Mexico.

In his recent budget proposal, President Bush continued this one-sided approach, emphasizing enforce-

ment at the expense of creating a more orderly and efficient process for legalization.

While the president asked Congress for \$100 million to expand a program to help employers determine whether they are hiring undocumented workers, he requested no additional funding to reduce the backlog of legal immigrants wishing to become citizens, the Associated Press reported.

With no increase in funding, the Citizenship and Immigration Service must rely on \$468 million in application fees to cut the backlog.

It is a curious approach, considering that the government is telling immigrants to "head to the back of the line" while doing nothing to shorten that line.

And it serves as further incentive for other immigrants to cross illegally, a route that seems preferable to the bureaucrat backlog faced by their legal counterparts.

"People always argue, well, you ought to fund this, you ought to fund that," Michael Chertoff, the director of Homeland Security, told the news service. "That's great, but the pie is only as big as it is, and no one ever comes up with this slice they want to give back in return for this."

Perhaps, but focusing on workplace enforcement will do nothing to stem the flood of undocumented workers into this country. An estimated 12 million undocumented workers are already

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*Teacher award*

Courtesy photo

Cheryl Wisdom was recently voted "Teacher of the Year" at Pampa Junior High School. Wisdom is department head for Special Ed/Inclusion.

## Rapper T.I. arrested

By ERRIN HAINES and HARRY R. WEBER  
Associated Press Writers

A change-of-plea hearing was scheduled at 1:30 p.m. at the federal courthouse.

ATLANTA (AP) — Rapper T.I. was expected to plead guilty Thursday to federal weapons charges and will face prison time, according to two people familiar with his case.

The 27-year-old singer, whose real name is Clifford Harris, was expected to be sentenced to 1,500 hours of community service talking to youth groups around the country, followed by about 12 months in prison, according to two people familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plea deal had not been finalized yet Thursday morning.

U.S. District Judge Charles Pannell must approve the deal.

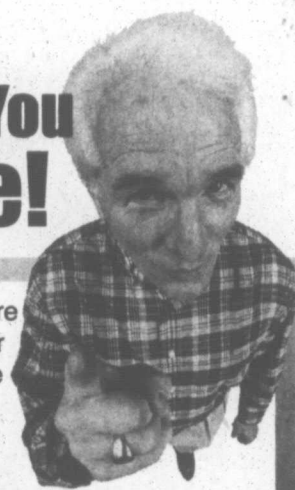
Harris was arrested Oct. 13, just blocks away and hours before he was to headline the BET Hip-Hop Awards in Atlanta.

He was charged with possession of unregistered machine guns and silencers, as well as possession of firearms by a convicted felon. He faced a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count.

Harris was allegedly trying to buy unregistered machine guns and silencers. He initially pleaded not guilty, and has been under house arrest since he was released on \$3 million bond Oct. 26.

He is co-CEO of Grand Hustle Records.

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tion in Tuesday's issue noted that basics can take vital signs.)

The basic will first assess the patient for airway breathing and circulation, which includes taking vital signs, then give oxygen. If the systolic blood pressure is greater than 100, that basic can then administer a Nitrospray under the tongue. After that they reassess vital signs and symptoms, and they do that every five minutes en route to the hospital. If that patient is still in distress and the signs and symptoms warrant it, the basic can give 160-325 mg chewable aspirin and additional Nitrospray up to a maximum of three. That basic must also get the histo-

ry of the patient and find out any medications the patient is on and deal with family and friends who may be there. As you can see, a basic can do quite a lot for a heart attack patient. They may not be able to do everything a paramedic can do, but they can do more than just "package and transport."

A basic must also know how to assess a patient, package a patient and how to lift that patient onto the stretcher after packaging. They must know how to put on splints for broken bones and how to stop bleeding. They must know how to put on a cervical collar and put a patient on a long spine board to stabilize any injuries from an accident.

Dr. Hall also stated that, "None of the ambulances in the 24 rural counties are equipped to transmit EKG readings. None of the emer-

gency rooms can receive them." From the paramedics I talked to, the services can transmit with a few upgrades but the phone service in the Panhandle is of such quality that it isn't possible at this time to transmit.

He also stated, "Right now we have only one helicopter in the Panhandle." Did he not watch the news where Northwest Texas Hospital is adding another one and BSA is getting one also and what about Lubbock?

He also made a statement about when calling 911, he wants you to get "a qualified paramedic, short response times and proper treatment and transport to the proper hospital." EMS has qualified people who I feel give proper treatment and transport. I don't know about the other services, but I know McLean EMS has a very short

response time for all of our in-town runs, usually two minutes or less and about 10 minutes for the farthest part of our response area.

I hope that anyone who needs an ambulance will still call 911 to get the treatment and transport they need no matter who may be on that ambulance, be it a basic, an intermediate or a paramedic. You don't always need a paramedic.

Pam Skipper  
Intermediate 570  
McLean EMS

## Spell

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them? You bet. A great FREE program, the Google Toolbar (http://toolbar.google.com), allows you to block most ads. This program looks at the size of an ad graphic and skips downloading it if you

want. If you are on a slow Internet connection, this can really speed things up. Not all ads conform to size standards, though, so Google can't catch them all.

Another great program to consider is Ad Killer by Softcows (http://www.softcows.com/ad\_killer.htm). This small program monitors sites while you surf, squashing any pop-up windows and banner ads that attempt to display. You can try it free for 30 days. If you like it, though, they want \$19.95, which includes free updates.

These programs are great at what they do, but keep in

mind one very important fact: If everyone starts blocking Internet ads, Web sites will generate less revenue from them, thereby hurting the "free information" concept that makes the Web so popular. In other words, advertising keeps most Web sites in business.

Also, I wouldn't go around talking about sites with many pop-up ads. The majority of these locations are adult-oriented and people might start to wonder about your surfing habits ...

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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here, with more coming every day. A key part of a reasonable solution is to create a path to citizenship for these workers.

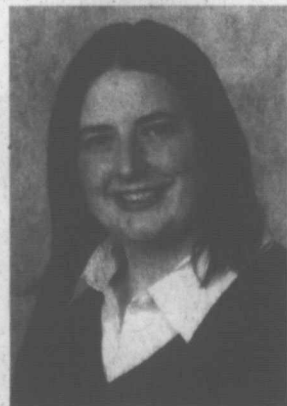
Even with such reforms, the flood of workers may continue, but only until the jobs they seek are filled. Once that happens, the U.S. will cease to be the magnet it once was. The marketplace will take care of the problem.

That seems simple enough perhaps too simple. But only because officials have complicated the problem by focusing on only one aspect of it.

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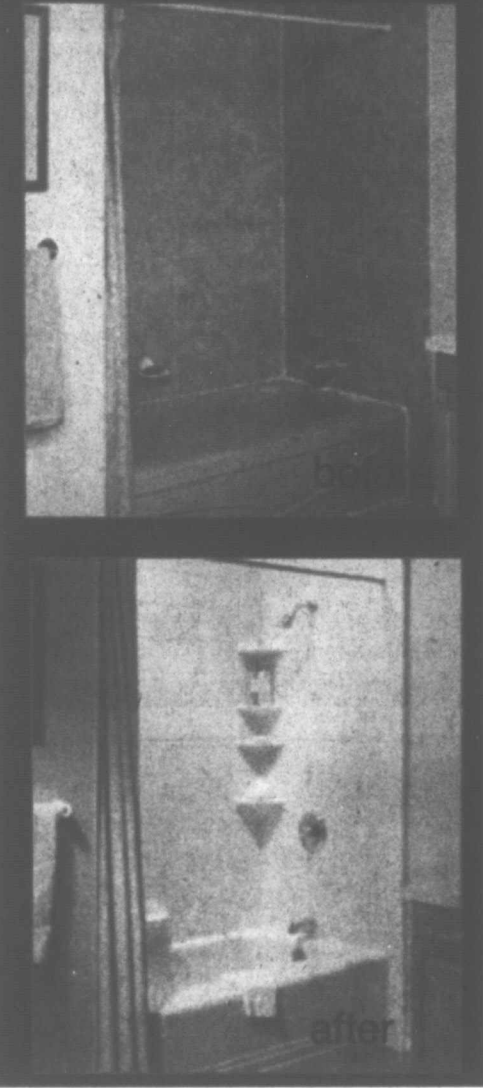
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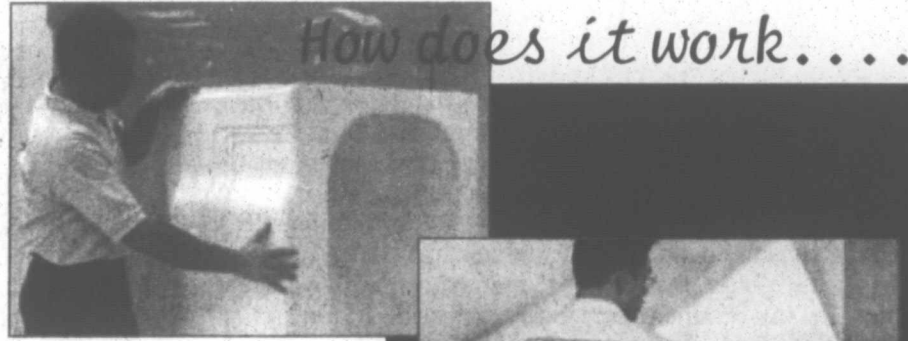
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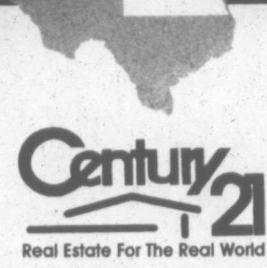
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# Amish man's new miracle idea helps home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to launch the new invention that slashes heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of winter rush impose household limit of 2

**Saves money: uses about the same energy as a coffee maker, so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again**

By MARK WOODS  
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, brand new HEAT SURGE™ miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next two days starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48 hour deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantles. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heaters absolutely free.

This is all happening to launch the new HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow™ Amish Fireplace that actually rolls from room to room so you can take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

For the first time ever, portable Amish fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These miracle fireplaces have what's being called the 'Fireless Flame' technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame looks so real it fools everybody but it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, the soft spoken Amish craftsmen who hand make the mantles are imposing a strict household limit of 2 during the strain of the winter rush.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. Now that it's really cold outside, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time to save a lot of money," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the only way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert to the rich and famous.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm through the dead of winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses about the same energy as a coffee maker the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with winter demands. For now, we have to turn away dealers in order to let readers of today's newspaper have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who really want to save a lot on their heating bills are surprising the whole family by getting two. So when lines are busy keep trying or log onto



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine-real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-242-6155 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

amishfireplaces.com. We promise to get to every call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Amish made Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Milton said.

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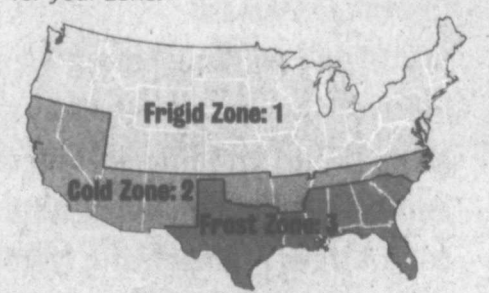
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## How to get 2 free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48 hour order deadline to cover the Amish made Fireplace Mantles and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heaters free.

They have imposed a strict limit of 2 per household. Since some home woodworkers want to build their own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just \$249. Or, with the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

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Kelly Vigil, from left, Rhonda Frels and Cheryl Free recently dressed up in the style of the 1950s. All are teachers at Pampa Junior High School.

## Comcast to treat all data equally

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Comcast Corp., an Internet service provider under investigation for hampering online file-sharing by its subscribers, announced Thursday an about-face in its stance and said it will treat all types of Internet traffic equally.

Since user reports of interference with file-sharing traffic were confirmed by an Associated Press investigation in October, Comcast has been vigorously defending its practices, most recently at a hearing of the Federal Communications Commission in February.

Consumer and "Net Neutrality" advocates have been equally vigorous in their attacks on the company, saying that by secretly blocking some connections between file-sharing computers, Comcast made itself a judge and gatekeeper for the Internet.

They also accused Comcast of stifling delivery of Internet video, an emerging competitor to the cable company's core business.

Comcast has said that its practices were necessary to keep file-sharing traffic from overwhelming local cable lines, where

neighbors share capacity with one another. On Thursday, Comcast said that by the end of the year, it will move to a system that manages capacity without favoring one type of traffic over another.

"This means that we will have to rapidly reconfigure our network management systems, but the outcome will be a traffic management technique that is more appropriate for today's emerging Internet trends," Tony Werner, Comcast's chief technology officer, said in a statement.

The company initially veiled its traffic-management system in secrecy, saying openness would allow users to circumvent it. But on Thursday, Werner said the company would "publish" the new technique and take into account feedback from the Internet community.

Comcast has been hampering the BitTorrent file-sharing protocol, which together with the eDonkey protocol, accounts for about a third of all Internet traffic, according to figures from Arbor Networks.

## SHEPARD'S CROOK NURSING AGENCY

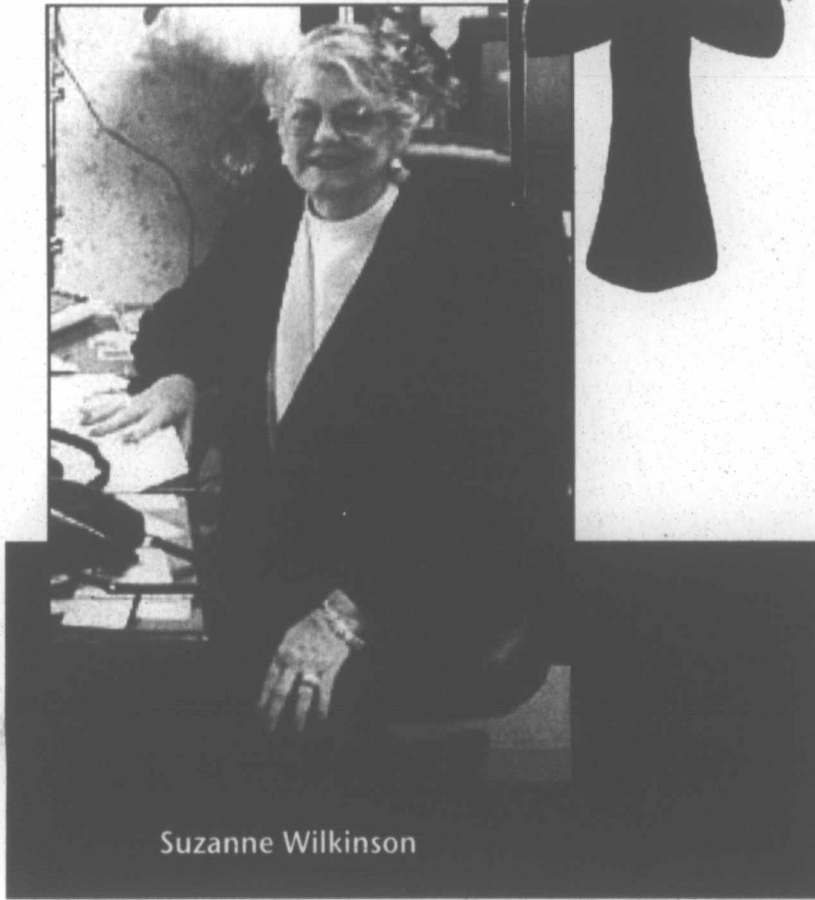
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Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 19 years. They are members and ministers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Suzie and Ernie have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

The agency currently employs 75 skilled workers including licensed RNs and LVNs, a Licensed Physical Therapist, a Physical Therapy Assistant, and a number of Texas Certified Home Health Aides.

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Shepard's Crook currently serves all counties in the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon and Shamrock.

Dedicated to meeting the needs of their individual clients, the Wilkinsons believe a successful business should give back to the community.

Don't trust your in-home health care to just any agency. Give Shepard's Crook a try. The number for the Pampa office is 806-665-0356.

## Events calendar

• **Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center** is currently seeking memorabilia from the Dust Bowl Days for a special commemoration of this particular period in history April 10-13 at the center. For more information, e-mail [lmmb777@hotmail.com](mailto:lmmb777@hotmail.com).

• **The deadline to register** for a free Watershed Workshop is March 28. The workshop will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 2 in the Pilot's Lounge at Curtis Field in Brady. Continuing education units will be awarded in soil and water management to certified crop advisors, to certified science teachers and to general Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide license holders. A meal will be provided. To register or for more information, call (979) 862-8072 or e-mail [jlpeterson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlpeterson@ag.tamu.edu).

• **Special Olympics** will hold its 13th annual "Ragin' Cajun" fund-raiser from 4-10 p.m. March 29 in the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo. The fund-raiser will include live music, Cajun food, and live and silent auctions. Tickets will be available at the door for \$35 per adult and \$15 for children between the ages of 6 and 12. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Randy's Music Mart, at Nationwide Insurance and at Special Olympics office, 203 W. 8th, Suite 400, all in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 374-7171.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" will present "Saxophobia"

March 31 and "Tribute to the Beatles" May 6 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Saxophobia will feature Rob Verdi of the Side Street Strutters and his unusual collection of saxophones. Tribute to the Beatles will feature a four-man group of Beatles impersonators. For ticket information, show times and additional details, call 665-3362.

• **April 1 is the deadline** for the Youth Writing Contest sponsored by Panhandle Professional Writers. The competition is open to all students between third grade and high school. Contest rules are available through the organization's Web site, [www.panhandleprowriters.org](http://www.panhandleprowriters.org). For more information, e-mail [bcollins16@suddenlink.net](mailto:bcollins16@suddenlink.net).

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-5:30 p.m., April 2 and 9:30-11:30 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., April 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

## FBI identifies remains of 2 more U.S. contractors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities identified the remains of two more U.S. contractors kidnapped in Iraq and are awaiting forensic testing on remains of a third body, the FBI said Thursday.

FBI spokesman Richard Kolko identified the two men as Paul Johnson-Reuben of Minneapolis and Joshua Munns of Redding, Calif. They were among six Western contractors kidnapped in Iraq more than a year ago.

The case received attention earlier this month when the severed fingers of five of the men were sent to the U.S. military in Iraq.

Several relatives had taken the discovery of the fingers as a hopeful sign that the men were still alive, but on Monday the FBI said the remains of Ronald Withrow of Roaring Springs, Texas, and John Roy Young of Kansas City, Mo., had been identified.

"We had held onto hope for 16 months, but now are deeply saddened by the news of Paul's death," Patrick S. Reuben said in a statement Thursday that

remembered his twin brother as an "adventurous, fun-loving" former Marine who touched many lives with his big heart and constant smile.

"The waiting has been the most difficult part and we truly appreciate all of the kindness, love and support offered by his many childhood friends, Marine Corps family, distant relatives and acquaintances who have come forward," said Reuben, a Minneapolis police officer.

The other men still missing are Jonathon Cote, of Getzville, N.Y. and Bert Nussbaumer of Vienna, Austria.

Cote's family said on its blog Wednesday night that the body awaiting identification is not Jonathon's.

"The third body has not been identified yet but officials have ruled out that it is NOT Jonathon Cote," the posting said. "We really feel the need to ask for continued prayers. Please remember to pray for Jon's safety and the loss of the other hostages and their families."



AG NEWS

# Heat stress model helps keep cows cool ...

By LAURA MCGINNIS  
ARS News

It's hard to relax if your cattle are stressed, so the ability to predict and avoid potential stressors is essential.

Fortunately, an online model developed by scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) provides information to help cattle — and producers — keep their cool when temperatures rise.

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.

For years, producers relied on the National Weather Service for livestock weather warnings. When that service was discontinued in the mid-1990s, many producers turned to university Web sites. The university warnings, like those they'd replaced, were based on temperature and humidity predictions, but did not account for other influential factors.

Elevated temperature is obviously the driving force behind dangerous heat levels, but other parameters — such as humidity, sun intensity and wind speed — are influential as well. The ARS model, developed by Tami M. Brown-Brandl and Roger Eigenberg at the agency's Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb., considers all four parameters in its calculations.

The model, which is updated twice daily, makes predictions for South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, western Colorado and northern Texas. It analyzes weather forecast information, assesses the danger of incurring heat stress and displays that information as a color-coded map, which can be viewed at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=16750>.

Ranchers and other cattle managers can consult the map to gauge the heat threat level in their region. More than 200 visitors used this site during the critical heat stress months of July and August in 2007.



Photo by Scott Bauer

Dryland grazing on the Great Plains in Colorado. Each cow on a pasture can emit about 350 liters (230 grams) of methane per day.

## Ultimate fighting expands to include children as young as 6

By MARCUS KABEL  
Associated Press Writer

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP) — Ultimate fighting was once the sole domain of burly men who beat each other bloody in anything-goes brawls on pay-per-view TV.

But the sport often derided as "human cockfighting" is branching out.

The bare-knuckle fights are now attracting competitors as young as 6 whose parents treat the sport as casually as wrestling, Little League or soccer.

The changes were evident on a recent evening in southwest Missouri, where a team of several young boys and one girl grappled on gym mats in a converted garage.

Two members of the group called the "Garage Boys Fight Crew" touched their thin martial-arts gloves in a flash of sportsmanship before beginning a relentless exchange of sucker punches, body blows and swift kicks.

No blood was shed. And both competitors wore protective gear. But the bout reflected the decidedly younger face of ultimate fighting. The trend alarms medical experts and sports officials who worry that young bodies can't withstand the pounding.

Tommy Bloomer, father of two of the "Garage Boys," doesn't understand the fuss.

"We're not training them for dog fighting," said Bloomer, a 34-year-old construction contractor. "As a parent, I'd much rather have my kids here learning how to defend themselves and getting positive reinforcement than out on the streets."

Bloomer said the sport has evolved since the no-holds-barred days by adding weight classes to better match opponents and banning moves such as strikes to the back of the neck and head, groin kicking and head butting.

Missouri appears to be the only state in the nation that explicitly allows the youth fights. In many states, it is a misdemeanor for children to participate. A few states have no regulations.

Supporters of the sport acknowledge that

allowing fights between kids sounds brutal at first. But they insist the competitions have plenty of safety rules.

"It looks violent until you realize this teaches discipline. One of the first rules they learn is that this is not for aggressive behavior outside (the ring)," said Larry Swinehart, a Joplin police officer and father of two boys and the lone girl in the garage group.

The sport, which is also known as mixed martial arts or cage fighting, has already spread far beyond cable television. Last month, CBS became the first of the Big Four television networks to announce a deal to broadcast primetime fights. The fights have attracted such a wide audience, they are threatening to surpass boxing as the nation's most popular pugilistic sport.

Hand-to-hand combat is also popping up on the big screen. The film "Never Back Down," described as "The Karate Kid" for the YouTube generation, has taken in almost \$17 million in two weeks at the box office. Another current mixed martial arts movie, "Flash Point," an import from Hong Kong, is in limited release.

Bloomer said the fights are no more dangerous or violent than youth wrestling. He watched as his sons, 11-year-old Skyler and 8-year-old Gage, locked arms and legs and wrestled to the ground with other kids in the garage in Carthage, about 135 miles south of Kansas City.

The 11 boys and one girl on the team range from 6 to 14 years old and are trained by Rudy Lindsey, a youth wrestling coach and a professional mixed martial arts heavyweight.

"The kids learn respect and how to defend themselves. It's no more dangerous than any other sport and probably less so than some," Lindsey said.

Lindsey said the children wear protective headgear, shin guards, groin protection and martial-arts gloves. They fight quick, two-minute bouts. Rules also prohibit any elbow blows and blows to the head when an opponent is on the ground.

"If they get in trouble or get bad grades,

I'll hear about it and they can't come to training," he added.

In most states, mixed martial arts is overseen by boxing commissions. In Missouri, the Office of Athletics regulates the professional fights but not the amateur events, which include the youth bouts. For amateurs, the regulation is done by sanctioning bodies that have to register with the athletics office.

### PNC



Courtesy photo

Joshua Fuller, 6, and Bryson Fuller, 11, recently participated in an Easter egg hunt at Pampa Nursing Center.

## Clinton campaign looks to locals to challenge Obama delegates

By KELLEY SHANNON  
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Spurned by the Texas Democratic Party in its effort to stall this weekend's county conventions, Hillary Clinton's campaign said Wednesday it is mobilizing caucus supporters and helping those who want to challenge the legitimacy of some Barack Obama delegates.

The Clinton campaign itself won't challenge Obama's delegates at the approximately 280 county and state Senate district conventions Saturday, said Clinton state chairman Garry Mauro.

"I have always known the grass roots to generate credentials questions," he said. "There's no systematic approach that we're taking

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— Garry Mauro  
Clinton state chairman

to challenge anybody at any level."

But the campaign is using a behind-the-scenes strategy. It is giving legal advice to some voters who are mounting challenges and is having volunteer lawyers closely watch the proceedings, Mauro said.

"Are there going to be corrections in mathematical errors? Yes," he said, describing hypothetical examples of how a local del-

egate count might be changed.

Obama's campaign also has people looking closely at delegate counts and individual counties, said spokesman Josh Earnest.

"Our people are there to ensure that the process goes well and not to try to obstruct the process, and hopefully that's what their people will be doing as well," Earnest said.

Both campaigns have

staffers in Texas to round up supporters and hold training sessions before Saturday's convention caucuses.

Hundreds of thousands of people attended Texas Democratic precinct caucuses after the party's primary concluded March 4. Those caucuses began the selection of 67 pledged delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The next step is the county conventions this weekend, which will pick

delegates to the state convention in June.

The candidate with the most supporters signing in at each convention level will benefit in the awarding of caucus delegates.

Last week, the state Democratic Party refused a request from Clinton's campaign to postpone county conventions and take extra steps to verify the signatures of election night caucusgoers.

State party Chairman Boyd Richie said the party will not "set up an unnecessary, ad hoc verification process" and said county and Senate district conventions already have credentials rules in place to address complaints and problems.

Clinton's campaign said it still wanted more time to

review March 4 caucus signing sheets and locate and verify voters, but that it would work with the time allowed.

The campaign has said it received more than 2,000 complaints of violations following the huge Texas turnout. Among the problems cited were caucuses starting before precinct polling places closed and results being taken from head or hand counts instead of a written roll.

In an unofficial and incomplete caucus tally, the state Democratic Party reported Obama was ahead of Clinton 56 percent to 44 percent after 41 percent of precinct caucuses reported.

Clinton narrowly won the primary stage of the contest, which allocated 126 delegates.

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I couldn't help but be touched by the letter from Steve W. in Phoenix (Jan. 12), the retired Vietnam vet who wanted to give his wife of 40 years the "full-blown wedding she deserved."

My husband and I are retired and recently celebrated our 30th with a "renewal of vows" ceremony. It doesn't have to break the bank. We planned a year in advance and saved money just for that occasion. I wore a secondhand wedding gown. My daughter and I shopped for decorations (instead of flowers) at the dollar store. It was beautiful. Since I am retired military, I was able to use the chapel and the club on base, which was quite reasonable. But there are all kinds of other relatively inexpensive options for a reception -- local fire hall, church basement or, in the summer, a public park. My grown children are musicians, and they "gifted" us with their music at the chapel. We hired a DJ -- which didn't cost much -- and friends took photos and videos for us. Abby, our first wedding was nice, but it was mostly for others. Our second wedding was for me and my husband -- and it was everything we hoped it would be. -- **BOBBIE IN NORRISTOWN, PA.**

**DEAR BOBBIE:** Congratulations on your 30th anniversary, and thank you for sharing your experience with me and my readers. Read on for several excellent comments and suggestions from others:

**DEAR ABBY:** You don't have to spend a lot of money for a renewal of vows. If you belong to a church, it will usually donate use of its social hall or sanctuary. The church surely will have some talented members who can help with decorations. Food shouldn't be a problem -- you can do punch/coffee/cake for less than \$50. The entire event could be handled for under \$300. To Steve W.'s "children": Think of your parents. You don't know how long you'll have them. Chip in (yes, use some of YOUR money) and make this a memorable

occasion for them. -- **BECKI IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.**

**DEAR ABBY:** We asked our new priest if he would give us a special blessing on our 45th. To our surprise, we were called up to the altar after Mass, and he renewed our vows in front of the entire congregation. Since then, the priest has done this for other couples. Some dress up and wear corsages. Pews are reserved for family and friends. What a beautiful tradition he has started. The congregation is happy to be included in this wonderful event. There is no cost involved. Afterward couples can have a small reception in their homes. -- **BOB AND KAREN IN EAST MOLINE, ILL.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have survived a lot in our marriage, and are each other's best friend and soul mate. When we decided to renew our vows, we found a good deal on a three-day trip to Las Vegas last April, and had the ceremony at an Elvis chapel there. Please tell Steve that if his wife liked Elvis, having an impersonator officiate the ceremony, then sing and escort your "bride" is an awesome way to do it. Our four kids still laugh and dance to our DVD copy almost a year later. Airlines and hotels always have deals for going to Vegas, and since you are married already, no license or minister is necessary. Silly as it sounds, it's a great time your wife will never forget. -- **LORIANN IN WASHINGTON STATE**

**DEAR ABBY:** For their 50th anniversary, my siblings and I decided to give our parents the big wedding they never had. Their sacrifice, love and spiritual guidance have shown us how to live wonderful lives. We gave them the party we could afford. The happiness on their faces that day will warm our hearts forever. Dad still asks, "How much did it cost?" to which I kiddingly respond, "That's none of your business!" -- **HAPPY IN TEXAS**

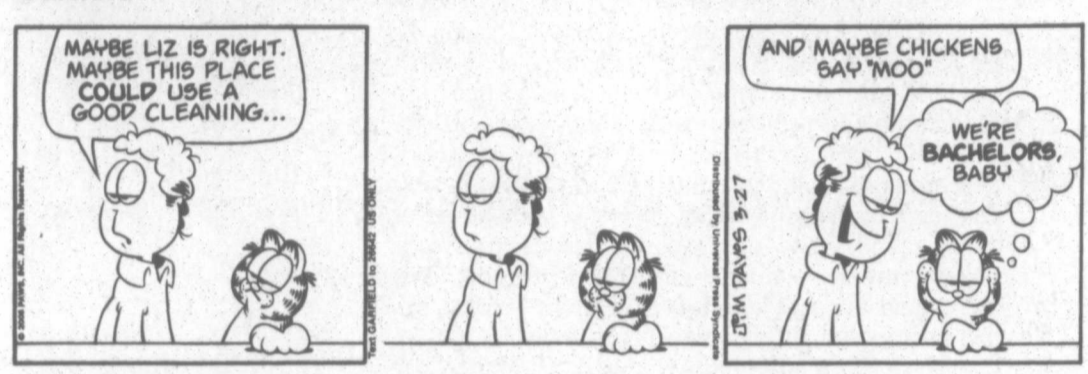
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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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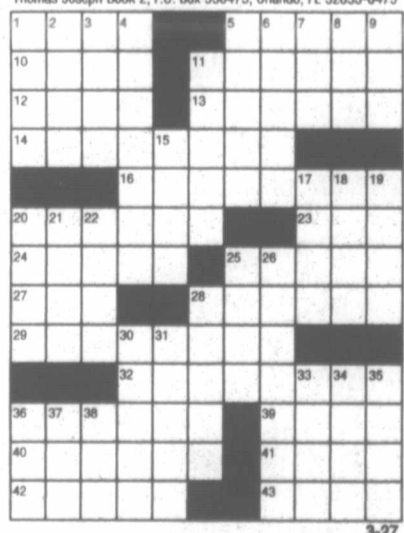
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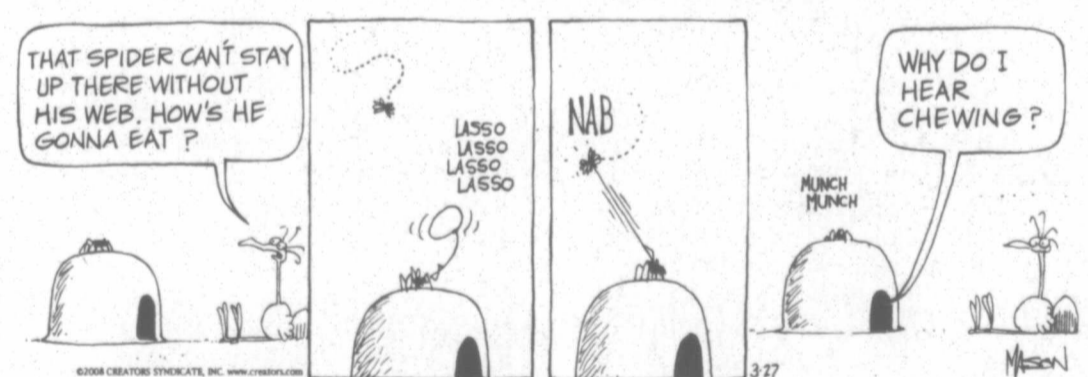
"With inflation and recession, your doghouse doesn't get painted this year."

## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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# Sports

## Young becomes face of Rangers

**SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)** — When last season was over, Michael Young had 200 hits again and had been to another All-Star game.

Another routine year for the Texas Rangers shortstop, the kind of performance his team has come to expect.

"There's no doubt he has great ability," Rangers hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo said. "Really to me, he doesn't get enough credit. This kid's a superstar in my mind."

But that kind of status and repeated standout seasons weren't really what the Rangers expected when Young was still a minor leaguer and the secondary player they got with pitcher Darwin Cubillan in a 2000 trade that sent right-hander Esteban Loaiza to Toronto.

"He's a better player than we thought," said Milwaukee general manager Doug Melvin, the Rangers GM at the time. "There were a lot of the intangibles that we didn't know about."

Since Alex Rodriguez was traded four years ago, Young has become a clubhouse leader and the face of the Texas franchise. Young is signed through 2013 after getting an \$80 million contract extension last spring.

Young has been to four All-Star games since switching from second base after A-Rod's departure. Young also has five consecutive 200-hit seasons, a streak surpassed only by the seven in a row by Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki and Hall of Famer Wade Boggs. He led the AL with a .331 average in 2005 and has a .302 career average.

Texas had two minor league infielders to choose from in that 2000 deal, and took Young because he could play both middle infield spots. The other was Brent Abernathy, who was back in the minors the past two years after 232 games for three major league teams from 2001-05.

Young started 102 games as a rookie second baseman after being called up in May 2001. But Melvin was fired

after that season, and then-manager Jerry Narron had to fight to keep Young on the roster and in the lineup because some front-office personnel weren't so sure about the young infielder.

"Just seeing him in '01, how he went about his business, and how hard he worked and the talent he has," Narron said, explaining what drew him to Young. "Even if he doesn't hit, you can win with what else he's going to bring to the ballpark every day."

Narron, fired after the 2002 season, returned to the Rangers this spring as a consultant. Lucky for them that Narron got his way then, though he downplays his role in Young's development.

"It's safe to say I wouldn't be in this locker room if it

One that Young, who could have been eligible for free agency after this season, accepts without reservation.

"A lot of guys get a big deal and they kind of just sit back," Frank Catalanotto said. "But Mike's going to work even harder just to kind of prove that he deserves that contract."

Catalanotto returned to Texas last year after four seasons with the Blue Jays. While Young became one of the AL's best players during that span, Catalanotto said "Mike the person" hasn't changed since they were first teammates in 2001 and 2002.

"The only thing that has changed is really his numbers and his status," Catalanotto said. "His work ethic is second to none, and always has been. His ego hasn't gotten big."

Young's extension last spring was the second-largest contract in Rangers history, behind the \$252 million, 10-year deal Rodriguez got in December 2000.

After signing the deal, Young started last season in a miserable slump. He was hitting only .192 through 28 games after going through an 0-for-13 series against the New York Yankees the first week of May.

But Young was up to .257 by the end of May, and was hitting .291 after June when he was selected for another All-Star game. His average kept climbing and finished at .315, the second-best in his career.

"It was the most gratifying as a coach watching him do what he did early and the outcome. It was awesome," said Jaramillo, who has also coached Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez.

"It was tough, but sometimes you get off to a slow start," Young said. "Granted, I'd like to get off to a quick start and make it easier on myself, but looking back, that was probably the season I was most proud of mentally."

*'Every player loves to be in position where they can just focus on the game.'*

— Michael Young  
Rangers' Shortstop

wasn't for Jerry," Young said. "I wouldn't be in this uniform right now."

Instead, Young is the longest-tenured player on the Rangers' 25-man roster, and has played at least 156 games in each of the past seven seasons. The only other player signed as long is second baseman Ian Kinsler, who last month got a \$22 million, five-year contract that includes a \$10 million team option for 2013.

Young was glad to get his contract settled last spring, though it hasn't changed the way he plays — or made things easier.

"Every player loves to be able to be in position where they can just focus on the game," Young said. "It's harder. Now you have a huge responsibility."

## Wild turn tables on Oilers in 3-1 win

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)** — Edmonton's high-flying offense was grounded at the worst possible time for the on-the-bubble Oilers.

The Minnesota Wild put the clamps on the hard-charging Oilers, avenging an embarrassing loss two nights earlier with a 3-1 victory Wednesday night to put Edmonton's playoff hopes in serious trouble.

After being pulled from the game in the first period of a 5-3 loss to the Oilers two nights earlier, Niklas Backstrom made 32 saves and Mikko Koivu had three assists to help the Wild leapfrog Calgary into first place in the Northwest Division.

The Oilers came into Xcel Energy Center having won 12 of their last 15 games to vault back into the playoff race. They had 21 goals in their last four games, but went 0-for-6 on the power

play and hit the post five times in the final two periods in a game they had to have.

"It's obviously frustrating to lose this game and know we've only got four games left," defenseman Tom Gilbert said. "We're still probably going to be three points behind. But it's not like we can control what other teams do. We've still got a shot."

The Oilers trail Vancouver by three points for the final spot in the West and rolled into St. Paul with plenty of confidence after scoring three goals on their first four shots against Backstrom on Monday night.

But the Wild bounced back from one of their worst first periods of the season with one of their best, scoring twice on their own first four shots to give Backstrom a cushion.

"It was nice for us to bounce back tonight,"

Rolston said. "They didn't have the energy tonight that they had in Edmonton and I thought we had the energy. That was the difference in the game and we got some quick ones early."

In other NHL games, it was: Columbus 4, Chicago 0; Colorado 6, Vancouver 3; and Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 1 in a shootout.

Sean Hill, Branko Radivojevic and Rolston scored for the Wild, who started a four-game homestand with a victory and are preparing for a white-knuckle finish in the jam-packed Northwest.



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Shelby Watson stands on second base during Tuesday's softball game. The JV team defeated Palo Duro, 16-3, while the Varsity team defeated Palo Duro, 10-0.

## Baylor defeats Texas A&M-CC, 11-8

**WACO, Texas (AP)** — Brooks Kimmey and Aaron Miller each had three RBIs Wednesday night to help lead Baylor an 11-8 victory over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Miller hit a two-run single in the first and added an RBI double in the third. Kimmey singled in Miller in the third and hit a two-run double in the fourth.

Shaver Hansen, Landis

Ware and Kimmey each had three hits for Baylor. Hansen had two RBIs and scored two runs.

The Bears (15-7) led 10-2 after seven innings.

The Islanders (5-18) scored two runs in the top of the eighth and four in the ninth. They had the bases loaded when Justin Greiner lined into a double-play to end the game.

Trey Hernandez went 5-for-5 with one RBI and Chase Wheaton went 3-for-4 with an RBI for the Islanders. Chase Williams went 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Mace Thurman (2-0) got the win, giving up no runs on five hits and striking out six in 4 1-3 innings. Andrew Longoria (0-1) took the loss, allowing two runs on three hits in 1-3 inning.

## Astros sloppy in 7-6 loss to Indians

**KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP)** — A day after Cecil Cooper ripped his team for bad throws, the Houston Astros had three errors and a costly base-running mistake in a 7-6 loss to the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday.

Four of the five runs allowed by ace Roy Oswalt were unearned in a rough 3 2-3-inning outing. Oswalt had one of the errors.

"We've got to get better at fundamental plays," said Cooper, whose team has 36 errors this spring. "Today, we had a couple easy ones early on and we didn't execute them, and it turned out to be a key in our big man throwing a lot of pitches in the first inning."

The Indians didn't have an error, and reigning Cy Young Award winner C.C. Sabathia was efficient. He had no walks and six strikeouts in seven innings, the longest outing of the spring for a Cleveland pitcher. The left-hander improved to 3-0, allowing seven hits and three runs.

"He threw the ball well today," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "He did everything you like to see him do with his tempo, the fastball, breaking ball, changeup."

Oswalt (1-2) allowed nine hits and didn't have a strikeout, but he said he was encouraged after throwing 61 strikes in 91 pitches, the only numbers he considered important in his final spring outing. He will be Houston's opening day starter for a franchise-record sixth time

at San Diego on Monday.

"The last two starts I've had a bit of dead arm, but as far as recovery, I've been feeling pretty good," says Oswalt, who won 14 games last year, his lowest total since 2003.

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### Ross scores 23 as TCU beats Tech

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Adrienne Ross scored 23 points and Lori Butler-Rayford had a double-double as TCU defeated Texas Tech 81-74 in the third round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament Wednesday night.

Butler-Rayford had 15 points and 15 rebounds for her fifth double-double of

the season. Helena Sverrisdottir scored 16 for the Horned Frogs (23-11).

Keisha Walker led Texas Tech (17-16) with 16 points. Jordan Murphree added 14 and Stanecia Graham came off the bench to score 11.

Tech led 46-42 at the half. TCU took the lead for good with a jumper by Ross with 5:36 left.

#### Ferguson agrees to contract with Texans

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Free agent safety Nick Ferguson has agreed to a one-year contract with the Houston Texans, his agent says.

Agent Jack Reale told Houston television station KRIV that a contract agreement was in place that would bring Ferguson to the Texans

from the Denver Broncos, where he played the last five seasons.

"Nick is excited to be in Houston and to be with (head coach) Gary Kubiak and (general manager) Rick Smith again," Reale said.

He played for Kubiak and Smith in Denver.

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## Abrams on target with 3-pointers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — If A.J. Abrams were an old-time gunfighter, Texas' sharp-shooting guard would be the fastest draw in the west.

His catch-and-release can produce a 3-pointer in the blink of an eye, and when his shots are falling — like they were in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament — the Longhorns pile up points about that quickly.

Texas' career leader in 3-pointers with 277, Abrams connected on 12 and averaged 26 points as No. 2 seed Texas beat Austin Peay and Miami in the first two rounds of the South regional. The Longhorns (30-6) play No. 3 Stanford (28-7) Friday night in Houston.

A wispy 5-foot-11 and 155 pounds, Abrams' job is to constantly be on the move, bobbing and weaving his way through defenses to find the open space or cut behind screens. When he catches the ball, defenders have almost no time to recover before it's on the way to the basket.

"He's so clever, so evasive, when he starts moving ... He doesn't need much separation," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "A.J. is as smart as any player we've ever coached."

The quick release is born of necessity and long hours spent training with his father Andy, who at 6-foot-4 was a bodyguard for former Texas governors George W. Bush and Ann Richards.

An undersized player in a sport that demands height, he needed the quick release to prevent bigger players from blocking his shot. The soft arc it takes to the basket is the result of hours of shooting over a cardboard box his father attached to a broom handle to block his view of the rim.

"I'm usually guarded by bigger guys," Abrams said.

Abrams set a Big 12 record with 120 3-pointers last season and has connected on 111 so far this season. Miami coach Frank Haith, who recruited Abrams when he was a Texas assistant,

watched Abrams befuddle his Hurricanes in the second round.

"He's got a tremendous motor. He keeps coming off screens, he keeps working, and he's got a great release," Haith said. "He gets his body aligned with the rim very quickly even though he's a little guy."

Already a weapon from the outside, Abrams was determined to develop a scoring touch closer to the basket. He's tried to model his game after Allen Iverson — like A.I., he wears the No. 3 and a sleeve on his shooting arm — and has shown flashes of it with drives to the basket and a soft mid-range floater.

The 3-pointer remains his specialty, however, and more than half of his 208 field goals this season come from beyond the arc.

But like all pure shooters, there are games when the shots don't fall. They key is maintaining a shooter's confidence and to keep launching shots.



The JV softball team walks onto the field in Tuesday's game against Palo Duro.

Emily Troxell runs from third to home in Tuesday's game against Palo Duro. The Lady Harvesters won their game, 10-0, while the JV team won their game, 16-3.

## Libby Trickett set world record

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Libby Trickett set a world record in the 100-meter freestyle at the Australian swim championships, finishing in 52.88 seconds Thursday.

Trickett, formerly Libby Lenton and competing for the first time under her married name, beat the 53.30 mark set by Germany's Britta Steffen in Budapest, Hungary, on Aug. 2, 2006.

It was actually the second time Trickett broke the 53-second barrier, but her previous time of 52.99 at the Duel in the Pool in Sydney last year was not ratified by swimming's governing body because she was swimming against American Michael Phelps.

"I cannot say how much I wanted to do that," Trickett said. "Ever since Duel in the Pool last year ... I've just wanted it so badly and to see it officially up there is just amazing."



## Spurs pick up fifth straight win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Every game is important now for the San Antonio Spurs, who are in a tight playoff race in the Western Conference.

The Los Angeles Clippers also played with a sense of urgency Wednesday night, even though they won't be in the postseason.

The Spurs withstood a late Clippers rally before they racked up their fifth straight win with a 97-88 victory.

"It was just great focus," said guard Tony Parker, who scored 15 points. "Even when we were down five it was like, 'Come on.' We knew that, the standings, we can't afford to lose the game."

The win gave San Antonio a 1 1/2-game lead over the sixth-place Phoenix Suns in the West, where the standings change nearly every night.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 26 points and 12 rebounds to close out the last of six back-to-backs the team played this month. They went 4-2 on the second night of the back-to-backs.

"I'm real proud of the effort they put out and the focus they showed at the end of the game tonight," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Now we'll take a well-deserved day off."

Corey Maggette scored 22 points for Los Angeles, which has lost nine in a row and is out of playoff contention. Al Thornton added 21 points and nine rebounds and Chris Kaman, back after a nine-game absence with a sore lower back, scored 16.

"We just wanted to play well," Clippers coach Mike

Dunleavy said. "And we've been playing a lot of good games. But we play a lot of guys a lot of minutes because we've been short-handed. It catches up to you a little bit. Tonight our guys were tired. We had good, open looks. We just didn't finish."

The return of Kaman, who had been relatively quiet for the first three quarters and played limited minutes, proved crucial to the Clippers in the fourth quarter. He and Maggette keyed an 11-0 run by the Clippers, and his basket with 7:23 to play gave them their first lead — 80-79 — since they were up 3-2 early.

The Clippers went up by five before the Spurs answered with a 10-0 run — highlighted by a 3 from the team's resident sparkplug, Manu Ginobili — that put them up 89-84 with 1:43 to play. At the same time, the Clippers didn't post any points for more than 4 1/2 minutes and didn't hit a field goal for the last 5:58.

"We took the lead there and just couldn't capitalize. They got a bunch of stops in a row. We just fell apart on offense," Kaman said. "I think we panicked a little bit. ... We were up five points but we couldn't finish the game, which has been a consistent problem for us all year."

The surge gave San Antonio the lead for good, though Ginobili didn't stop and scored another basket, followed by a 3 from Michael Finley to make it 94-86 with 37 seconds to play and put the game out of reach for the Clippers.

"We missed some easy

shots that were dead-on. You want to give yourself a chance in the fourth quarter, especially against a really good team. And we gave it a battle," said Cuttino Mobley, who scored 10 points for Los Angeles.

Finley added 16 points for the Spurs, and Ginobili scored 13.

The Spurs jumped out to a 27-18 lead after the opening quarter and led by as many as 13 in the first half, but eight straight Clippers points from Thornton to close the half brought Los Angeles to within 48-44.

In the third quarter, the Clippers crept close to the Spurs before finally tying it at 69 with 1:04 to play off Thornton's jumper, but they never took the lead. It was tied again at 71 before Bruce Bowen's 3-pointer, from his sweet spot in the corner, gave the Spurs a 74-71 lead with one quarter to play.

### WEDNESDAY'S SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)** — California underachieved in the eyes of its players, its athletic director and its fans.

The school fired basketball coach Ben Braun following another disappointing season in which the Golden Bears missed the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years.

Braun spent 12 years at Cal and made the tournament five times. But the Bears only went to the NCAA tournament once over his final five seasons, leading to the decision by athletic director Sandy Barbour.

She met Wednesday morning with Braun, who then met with eight players from the team in the locker room afterward with the news. Barbour, too, talked to as many players as she could considering some had already left town for spring break. She said her decision was made this week after evaluating the program over the course of the season.

Cal finished ninth in the Pac-10 this season, going 17-16 overall and just 6-12 in the conference despite having a talented roster that included likely future NBA players in Ryan Anderson, De'Von Hardin and Patrick

Christopher. Anderson, the team's leading scorer and rebounder this season as a sophomore, is likely to declare himself eligible for the NBA draft without hiring an agent so he can still return to school.

**TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)** — Kevin O'Neill said he expects to return to Lute Olson's Arizona staff and succeed the Hall of Famer when he retires.

O'Neill became interim coach Nov. 4 after Olson took a leave of absence for undisclosed personal reasons. When Olson recently announced that he would resume coaching next season — he is signed through 2011 — speculation arose that O'Neill might depart instead of returning to his job as an assistant.

O'Neill said he plans to fulfill the commitment he made when he came to Tucson a year ago.

**DAVIDSON, N.C. (AP)** — One of Davidson College's famous perks is the free laundry service for students. Now the school is adding another freebie: watching the Wildcats play in the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

The school's board of trustees set up a fund to pay for any student wishing to travel to Detroit to see Davidson play Wisconsin in

the Midwest Regional semifinals. Students will get free bus transportation, two nights lodging and a ticket to Friday's game.

Behind sophomore sensation Stephen Curry, Davidson upset Gonzaga and Georgetown last week for the school's first NCAA tournament wins in 39 years.

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Chris Webber announced his retirement from the NBA, bowing to a knee injury that cut short his comeback attempt with the Golden State Warriors.

Webber played only nine games with the Warriors before being sidelined by a bum left knee that's hampered him in recent years. He has not played since March 2 and had not been around the team of late.

The Warriors are in eighth-place in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of Denver for the final playoff spot. Even if Webber had been healthy enough to return, it would have been unlikely there would have been enough time for him to work his way back into the rotation.

Webber was the most prominent member of the Fab Five at Michigan and played for Golden State, Washington, Sacramento,

Philadelphia and Detroit in his NBA career.

#### CYCLING

**MANCHESTER, England (AP)** — Cycling runs in Taylor Phinney's family.

Just six months after making his track debut, the 17-year-old prodigy from an American cycling dynasty is likely off to the Beijing Olympics.

The son of American road star Davis Phinney and 1984 Olympic gold medalist Connie Carpenter-Phinney was quick to express his disappointment after clocking 4:22.358 in the individual pursuit at the world track championships.

Still, that time would be good enough to get Phinney into the Olympics — if USA Cycling, as expected, officially secures a starting spot in the pursuit. Even after he finished eighth, USA Cycling officials believe Phinney's ranking in the world standings will be good enough to get him into the Beijing field.

Especially considering that Phinney would only have been found on a soccer pitch two years ago.

That changed with an inspirational trip in 2005 to the Tour de France, where his father became the first American to win a stage in 1986.

## Peavy has 5 Ks and homer

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — In his final tuneup before the season opener, Jake Peavy's swing looked better than his sinker.

The San Diego Padres ace and reigning NL Cy Young Award winner allowed four runs on four hits over three innings in a 12-7 loss to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday. He struck out five and walked one. He hit a solo homer in the third inning.

Peavy said the 50-pitch outing was his best of the spring. He's scheduled to start against the Houston Astros at Petco Park on Monday night.

"I felt real good," Peavy

said. "It was definitely the best I've thrown all spring command-wise. My body felt good and my arm felt good. I'm ready to go and excited."

Peavy went 19-7 with a 2.54 ERA and 240 strikeouts in unanimously winning the Cy Young last year.

San Diego's Brian Giles hit a 430-foot homer and singled, and Kevin Kouzmanoff and Khalil Greene each had two hits.

Michael Young was 3-for-5 with three RBIs for Texas and Josh Hamilton, who's hitting .455 this spring, homered and doubled. Hank Blalock also had two hits.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

\*\*\*\*\* If you feel pressured, stop. You need to consider your options very carefully. You might not be on top of your game. Work with a situation, understanding limits. Your ability to weave through obstacles emerges. Tonight: Welcome to the late-night crew!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

\*\*\*\*\* Work with others, striving to find solutions. Listen to news and absorb facts. Feedback comes in your direction. The unexpected appears. Eye news from many perspectives, and you will be content. Tonight: Take off spontaneously.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

\*\*\*\*\* You are able to accomplish a lot just by thinking, organizing and moving forward. Know when you need to back off. News could change plans if you're not thinking. Regroup and confirm facts and information. Tonight: Nap and then decide. You don't need to be alone, you know.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Open up to new ideas, even if it is easier to head in another direction or do something differently. A work situation or an issue involving your daily life will force you to integrate new information and perhaps walk down a new path. Say yes. Tonight: Slow down to first gear.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Though you might take action slowly if left alone, you could feel as if someone is pushing you down a very different path. At least acknowledge that there is a different route. Creativity, if you choose to tap into that gift, will help incorporate ideas that seem to be opposing or inharmonious. Tonight: Time for fun!

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

\*\*\* Reach out for the powers that be, especially if you're faced with a new situation. Your ability to absorb different ideas and host a brainstorming session emerges. Using those skills proves to be helpful. Tonight: Wind down. Has it been a wild week?

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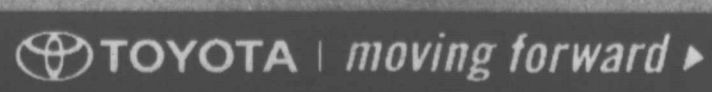
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**1 Public Notice**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-CHILD THE STATE OF TEXAS IN THE INTEREST OF COURTNEY BRIANA STANHOPE, A CHILD CAUSE #35060 IN THE 223RD DISTRICT COURT OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: HEATHER (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), Respondent, GREETING: NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you

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were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The 1st Amended Petition For Grandparent Possession Or Access / Notice of Hearing of the Petitioners, Roy Harris and Sarah E. Harris, was filed in the 223rd DISTRICT COURT in Gray County, Texas on 13th day of March, 2008, against the Respondent Mother HEATHER (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), in the above entitled cause: The suit requests GRANDPARENT POSSESSION OR ACCESS as is more fully shown by the 1st Amended Petition on file in this suit. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: CHILD COURTNEY BRIANA

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STANHOPE DATE OF BIRTH 03/05/2001 PLACE OF BIRTH PAMPA, TEXAS

"The court has the authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, AT MY OFFICE IN PAMPA, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008. ATTORNEY OF RECORD: JEFFREY JONES P.O. BOX 1221 PAMPA, TX. 79066-1221

**5 Special Notices**

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

**7 Auction**

LAND AUCTION. Apr. 4th, 10:00 am. 419 Ac Farm. 3 yr Mineral Lease. Ele substation for wind energy. 7 miles sw of Spearman-Open House 2-5. Mar. 30th. Apr 5th 10:00 Am. Solar Earth Home. 1-12 lots Bushland-Open House, Sat. & Sun. 15. Mar. 30th. Brokers: LandandCattle.LLC. com 679-6787.

**10 Lost/Found**

LOST: Lrg. Black Cat with white mustache and paws. Lives at 410 Buckler. Please call 669-1412

MISSING Black Male Standard Poodle. Reward. 662-5253.

FOUND Blonde Short Hair Male Chihuahua. Purple collar & Gold flea collar. 808-227-7596.

**13 Bus. Opp.** GREAT investment opp. Pampa motel. Retired couple or individual. 665-1875, 806-383-1985.

**14d Carpentry** Carpentry, Roofing, Replacement Windows, steel siding & trim. Continuous gutters. Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

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SQUARE 1 Roofing & Remod. Sheet Rock. Mud and Tape. Texture. Painting. 664-0968, 664-4259

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**19 Situations**

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MAINTENANCE Man needed, remodeling exp. for various properties. Painting, drywall & plumbing a must!! Must have own tools & trans. 665-1875, 665-4274.

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Avg. Pay \$20 / hr. or \$57K yr. incl. Federal benefits and OT. Offered by Exam Services, not aff. w/ USPS who hires. 1-866-483-6490.

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TEXAS Rose Steakhouse is now hiring Servers. Apply in person! No Phone Calls.

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MISSION PETROLEUM CARRIERS is looking for a Great Mechanic. If you have heavy truck exp., a CDL (w/Hazmat a plus), have your own tools and want Great Benefits incl. Medical / 401K / Uniforms and a great shop to work in, You Need To Call Us! 806-922-3047.

Local Transport Drivers Needed

\*1 yr. driving exp. pref. \*Class A CDL w/ HazMat & Tanker \*DOT Drug Screen & Physical

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McLEAN CARE CENTER has openings for the following positions: \*Nurse Aides Come by 605 W. 7th or call 806-779-2469 to apply or for more info.

NOW HIRING BORGER COUNTRY CLUB Full & Part-Time Cooks. Exp. preferred. \$8-\$12 / hr. d.o.e. Apply 599 Broadway or call 273-5603

Unarmed Security Officers needed for local post. Must pass: FBI background check, Texas DPS fingerprint check & drug test. Apply in person at

National Oilwell Guard Shack Hwy. 60, Pampa

CDL Driver needed, pulling Belly Dumps. Drug test required. Call 662-5005 or 663-0528.

MAKE UP TO \$900 A WEEK Work for a local Well Service Company \*Must have a good driving record \*Must have a good background \*Must have at least a GED \*Must be at least 21 yrs. of age Please contact SOS STAFFING SERVICES 806-648-2633

TOP O Texas Oilfield needs Kill Truck Driver. Exp. a MUST. Must have Class A CDL. Drug test, competitive pay & insurance. 408 S. Price Rd.

Outreach Health Services needs Providers in Pampa. Please call 1-806-354-6815 or 1-800-800-0697. EOE.

CITY OF PANHANDLE Water / Wastewater Operator (1 position) Requires: Minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent; on year related exp. preferred, Class "D" certification in Water Treatment and Class D Wastewater certification within one year of employment (upon expiration of the Class "D", a Class "C" must be obtained); Operates heavy equipment such as a backhoe, or light or heavy truck and assisting the maintenance crew with repairs and new construction projects. Class "B" CDL with air brakes within agreed time frame. Position requires successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen. Open until filled. First review of applications will be in early April. Salary: DOE. Benefits package available. Contact Shawn Watson P.O. Box 129 Panhandle, TX. 79068 Phone: 806-537-3517 Fax: 806-537-5049 Email: publicworks@cablone.net

WAL-MART COME GROW WITH US! Wal-Mart is looking to hire 20 Cashiers

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SUBWAY Sandwiches is now hiring for both stores. Apply in person 2141 N. Hobart, or the Subway in Walmart.

LOADER-OPERATOR needed. Experience required. Pay \$10-\$20 per hour depending on experience. Call 918-431-5545

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