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2008: YEAR IN REVIEW Rodeos and rain highlight summer



Editor's note: This is the third edition in a series that will take a look back at issues that affected our readers in 2008. Today we are focusing on the third quarter of the year. In subsequent days, we will bring you the remainder, as well as the news that made headlines in Texas and the top stories of the year from across the nation.

by David Bowser
 dbowser@thepampanews

Fourth of July celebrations abounded in the area for Independence Day.

Pampa hosted its annual fireworks display at dusk on Friday, July 4, 2008.

Earlier in the day, United Supermarket hosted its second annual Firecracker Car Show. Jimmie Clark won first place with his red Thunderbird. Lonnie Shelton placed second with his black Pontiac GTO, and Ron Knipp was third with his gray and maroon Chevy pickup.

Wheeler started the Fourth of July with their third annual benefit fun run and walk followed by a parade, water polo and games on the square and a dance and fireworks in the evening.

Canadian had not just one, but two rodeos. They held their official 120th annual rodeo and then staged a new ranch rodeo amid a parade, arts and craft show, duck race, turtle race, old-timers' barbecue and dances.

Siv Sichan, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, was on hand at the Canadian celebration. Earlier in the week he was at Hastings in Amarillo and Pampa

Pampa and the surrounding area saw several rodeos and fireworks celebrations in the summer of 2008. file photo

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Happy Statehood Day
 Texas
 December 29, 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

Four die in July crashes on area roads

compiled by Rachel Stennett

Four people lost their lives on area roads just in the month of July.

July
 Accident (July 10) Two Pampa women died in a two-vehicle accident which occurred at the intersection of Texas Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 83 in Ochiltree County.

Bethany Caviness, 18, and Diana Castillo, 19, were pronounced dead early by Ochiltree County Justice of the Peace Braden Karber after the accident happened around midnight.

Caviness' 2-year-old daughter, a third occupant in the women's vehicle,

was also injured. Caviness did not stop at the stop sign on Texas Highway 70 and entered the intersection of U.S. 83, according to DPS reports. HER car was struck by a Mack truck driven by Juan Arjona, 32, of Raymondville. Arjona was taken to Ochiltree County Hospital with injuries and is in stable condition, Hawthorne said.

"The car burst into flames after impact," Hawthorne said. "A Good Samaritan stopped and got the 2-year-old out of the car before it was engulfed in flames."

Accident (July 12) Former Pampa Christopher

Brumley, 35, was pronounced dead by Hardeman County Justice of the Peace Linda Hollenbaugh after a motorcycle accident on U.S. Highway 287, 1.2 miles west of Quanah took his life.

The 2004 AIH motorcycle Brumley was driving struck a Texas Department of Transportation truck at 12:46 p.m. The TxDOT vehicle was legally blocking the road at the time of the accident.

Brumley did not have his helmet on at the time, according to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer.

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City may join coalition to keep utility regulations

The Pampa City Commission will consider joining 78 other communities in the Texas Panhandle to battle a move to ease electric utility regulations.

The city commission will meet at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the commission chambers of City Hall.

American Electric Power, an electric holding company, is urging the Texas Public Utility Commission to consider changing ratemaking methodology. Opponents to the proposal said it would diminish review of costs and expenses of monopoly utilities like Southwestern Public Service, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy.

Pampa is part of the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities, a coalition that will be joining with two other coalition of communities in the state to hire a law firm that will file a brief with the PUC in opposition to the change in rules.

The estimated legal cost is \$60,000 to \$70,000. Each community in a coalition will pay a portion of the cost based on population.

Each of the coalitions is expected to pay about \$20,000 of the total cost.

Pampa's portion will be \$832.02.

Amarillo will pay \$8,513.28. Borger will pay \$665.26. Canadian will pay \$105.03. Lefors will pay \$26. McLean will pay \$38.61. Miami will pay \$27.35. Mobeetie will pay \$4.83. Skellytown is on the hook for \$28.37. Wheeler will pay \$64.80. White Deer will

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After a long, dry winter and spring, Pampa went from burn ban to flood warning as July storms dropped an inch of rain.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 62 Low 26	High 46 Low 29	High 56 Low 27

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 26 and 36 early. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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Search continues for soldier in Texas bay

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Searchers continued combing a South Texas bay Sunday for a soldier who authorities believe drove his car off the end of a pier the day after Christmas.

Pfc. Jamie Wagner Sengvanhpheng, 21, was home on leave from Fort Bragg, N.C. and visiting family in Rockport when he disappeared after hanging out with friends at a bar late Christmas night.

His 2004 Acura was found submerged in Copano Bay Friday, but Sengvanhpheng was not inside.

A body had not been recovered so the search

continued, a dispatcher with the Aransas County Sheriff's Office said Sunday.

Older brother James Sengvanhpheng said there were no developments and declined to say more while his brother remained missing.

Authorities first got the call about someone driving on the pier around 1:50 a.m. Friday. At daybreak they found the car in the bay and saw it was registered to Sengvanhpheng. Investigators do not believe anyone else was in the car when it entered the bay.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

Wheat.....	5.11
Milo.....	5.40
Corn.....	7.18

CITY BRIEFS

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AS OF Jan. 2, 2009, City Brief deadline for Mon. thru Fri. will be 9am.

CHRISTMAS TREES can be disposed of behind the Recycling Center in the area marked with cones. The Recycling Center is located on the East side of Hobart Street on Municipal Drive.

DANCE, NEW Years Eve Dance, McLean Dance Club. Public Welcome 8-12. "The Texas Country Band," Earl Whitt & Tiny Duncan.

LIFESTYLES & Church Page Early Deadline for notices in the Jan. 2, 3 & 4th (weekend edition), deadline is Tues. Dec. 30th, at noon for anniversary, engagement, cradle call, etc. Happy New Year from the Pampa News!

MINIATURE DACHSHUND Puppies. Mom & Dad on property. Males \$250. Females \$300. 898-0390.

NEW YEAR'S Dance, Pampa Moose Lodge, 9pm-12, Dec. 31st. R.C. & Rusty Cooper Band. Members & guests

NEW YEARS Eve St. Vincents lock in Fundraiser. Come to Cinema 4 theatre for an outside dance 10p-12a & watch movies from 12a-6a. \$15 all ages.

PAMPA NEWS will close at noon on New Year's Eve, and there will not be a newspaper New Year's Day, so that employees may spend time with their family & friends. Happy New Year from the Pampa News!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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Services tomorrow

FLOWERS, Winnie — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Winnie Flowers, 88

Winnie Flowers, 88, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 27, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Flowers was born Jan. 30, 1920, in Caney, Okla., and had been a res-

ident of Pampa since 1941.

She married J.C. Flowers on Oct. 11, 1936, in Arnett, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Winnie was a sales clerk at Dunlap's from 1956 until her retirement in 2004. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include three

daughters, Jan Aufleger, and Becky Anderson and husband Larry, all of Amarillo, and Trecia Saltzman and husband Milton of Lampasas; one son, Virgil Flowers and wife Faye of Springtown; one sister, Dorothy Gardinia of Broadalbin, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-

grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, F.C. and Nettie Young; by two sisters, Evelyn Parrish and Trecia Smith; and by a brother, Perry Young.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and calls between 7 a.m. Dec. 23 and 7 a.m. Dec. 24.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Officers conducted 14 traffic stops. A stop in the 1000 block of South Huff Road resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of six calls and/or stops concerning animals were reported.

Officers served, or attempted to serve, warrants in the 800 block of Chamberlain, the 400 block of North Frost, the 700 block of North Somerville and the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the 2400 block of Comanche Trail.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 800 block of South Somerville.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported at Bible Baptist Church, 500 E. Kingsmill, where a glass door was reported broken; and in the 1700 block of North Holly Lane.

Traffic accidents were reported at Randy Matson and Hobart streets, and in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 600 block of North Summer.

Phone harassment was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Summer.

A runaway was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of Lowry, where a person reportedly struck a vehicle with a piece of wood; and the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Alarms were reported in the 800 block of North Summer and the 600 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Officers conducted 10 traffic stops. A stop at Texas and Cuyler resulted in at least one arrest.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported at Thut and Russell streets, in the 300 block of West Thut, the 700 block of West Crawford and the 300 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Terry Road.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

by Pampa PD for failure to identify, theft under \$50 and failure to appear.

Cory Alan Stone, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated.

Tommye Michelle Abernathy, 29, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated.

Erica Arreola, 20, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for theft by check.

Cody Ray Wright, 26, of Borger was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unlawful carrying of a weapon-hand gun, unlawful carrying of a weapon-knife and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, Dec. 29
Wendy Deanne Gammage, 25, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for failure to maintain financial responsibility a n d wrong/fictitious/alters obscured registration sticker.

Karim Molinar, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for possession of dangerous drugs, driving under the influence-minor and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 26
1:04 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center via ambulance.

1:38 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a call for lifting assistance.

3:28 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1900 block of Wells on a false alarm.

Saturday, Dec. 27
9:55 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Varnon Drive on a call for medical assistance.

9:56 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

3:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of North Starkweather and cleaned up a hazardous material spill.

Sunday, Dec. 28
5:27 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Starkweather on a gas leak. A gas meter was run over.

11:20 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen on a call for lifting assistance.

9:26 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Farley on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27
9:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, Dec. 28
4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Gray and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

8:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Banks and 18th streets and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Farley and transported a patient to PRMC.

Gattis joins crowded race for Texas speaker

AUSTIN (AP) — Georgetown Rep. Dan Gattis is the 12th candidate to declare he'll seek to unseat Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick next month.

Gattis told the Austin American-Statesman on Sunday his intentions to challenge Craddick, who is seeking a fourth term as speaker after a raucous

effort to overthrow him during last year's session.

Gattis, a Republican, had been a Craddick loyalist. The 150-member chamber will elect a speaker to a two-year term when they convene on Jan. 13.

Republicans have a slim 76-74 majority in the House.

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mation officer in the Childress DPS office.

Crime (July 15) A Pampa woman was arrested and had a \$39,000 bond set after she was arrested on 15 counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

Claudia Renate Frame, 43, was arrested by Gray County sheriff's deputies at her home in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. She was released on bond from Gray County Jail, according to jail records.

The 15 forgeries occurred when checks were written to local businesses, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The checks were written on a closed account, he said, and one victim is the source of all the forged checks.

Crime (July 16) Gray County deputies returned Levi A. King, 26, to the Texas Panhandle over the weekend from a Missouri prison where he is serving two consecutive life without parole sentences after pleading guilty to the Sept. 29, 2005, murders of Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law, Laura Dawn McCool, 47, at Orlie McCool's Pineville, Mo., home.

King is accused of killing the Brian Conrad family south of Pampa in the early morning hours of Sept. 30, 2005. He was indicted on four counts of murder by a Gray County grand jury in March, 2006.

King was extradited from Missouri to Texas to stand trial for the deaths of Brian Conrad, 31; Mitchell Conrad, 35; Mitchell Conrad's 14-year-old son Zachary Doan and Mitchell Conrad's unborn child.

King pleaded guilty to the Missouri murders in a Waynesville courtroom on April 18.

Accident (July 19) A Pampa man was injured and a Longview man was killed in a two-vehicle accident which occurred at the intersection of Farm to Market Roads 293 and 2300 in Gray County.

Collin Lackey Bowers, 22, a Pampa rancher, was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he was treated and released after the crash.

Randall L. Newman, 53, of Longview was pronounced dead at the scene by Precincts 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez.

Crime (July 26) Four persons were served with papers notifying them of indictments against them for criminally negligent homicide in connection with the death of Cody Randall Best, 17, of Pampa in 2005, according to Gray County Sheriff's office records.

Best was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center on Sept. 13, 2005, while he was unconscious from a drug overdose, according to a Pampa Police Department news release at the time. He died the following day.

The four named in the indictments for criminally negligent homicide in connection with the incident involving Best were originally indicted Feb. 9, 2006, by a Gray County grand jury in 31st District Court for manslaughter, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Indicted on Feb. 9, 2006, were Matthew Wade Hopkins, then 37; Penny June Summers, then 25; Terry Glenn Honeycutt, then 37; and Kylie J'nae Winegeart, then 18. All four were

Pampa residents at the time of the incident and the manslaughter indictments. They were arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on Feb. 13, 2006, in connection with the manslaughter charges.

The manslaughter indictments stated that on Sept. 13, 2005, each of the four recklessly caused the death of Best by failing to seek medical attention for him in a timely manner.

An autopsy performed in Lubbock after Best's death showed that he had died of a lethal amount of methamphetamine.

August
Fire (Aug. 5) A structure fire at White Deer caused Highway 60 to be closed for a time due to smoke and flames, according to Darell Luster of White Deer Police Department.

"The building was fully engulfed in flames when the fire departments got on scene," Luster said.

The fire was reported at 10:15 a.m. and involved a building on the south side of Highway 60, west of Main Street. The building had previously been a restaurant known as The Green Punkin and had then been an antique store before being vacated, Luster said.

Crime (Aug 16) A Booker woman was sentenced to 10 years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility after being found guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Ginger Brown, 33, was found guilty of the first-degree felony in 31st District Court in Lipscomb County Courthouse. Jury selection had begun Monday morning, with a jury seated by 2 p.m., said Evelyn Rutherford, a paralegal in 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer's office.

"The offense occurred in March 2002, but was not reported and investigated until four years later," Rutherford said. The victim was 8 years old at the time of the incident.

A co-defendant, Jimmy Brown, who is Brown's husband, is already serving a sentence in a TDCJ prison after he pleaded guilty to injury to a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child. Jimmy Brown was sentenced to five years for the injury charge and 18 years for the sexual assault charge. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Police (Aug 27) Pampa Police Department was named a "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" by the Texas Police Chief Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program.

The department received the honor on Aug. 3, when it became only the sixth agency in the state to be thus recognized.

September
Accident- One McLean man was killed and two others were taken to the hospital as a result of a one-vehicle rollover accident which occurred at in Wheeler County.

Frank Saunders, 18, was pronounced dead by Wheeler County Justice of the Peace Rick Walden at the scene of the accident, according to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, Texas Department of Public Safety public information officer in the Childress DPS office.

The accident occurred at the intersection of County Road CC and the County Line Road in Wheeler County, according to the DPS accident report.

Isbell Wade, 19, was driving his 1997 Chevrolet pickup along County Road CC, with

Saunders and another occupant, Larry Lusk, 18, in the vehicle.

"As he approached the intersection of County Road CC and County Line Road, he could not negotiate the turn due to his speed," Hawthorne said.

The pickup slid sideways through a fence and overturned. Wade and Lusk were taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with unspecified injuries.

None of the three occupants of the pickup were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, Hawthorne said.

Robbery- An armed robbery in McLean netted two men approximately \$500, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office reports.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Cactus Inn Motel, located at Pine and Hindman streets in McLean, at about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday concerning a report of an armed robbery there.

"The clerk claimed that two males walked into the motel office, both wearing black clothing and gauze around their faces," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The white gauze was wrapped around their heads and faces, with only their eyes exposed, he said.

"One held the clerk at gunpoint while the other took the money out of the cash drawer," Hoard said. "They left in a newer-model light tan vehicle."

No further description was available concerning the vehicle, he said. Both men were described as being over 6 feet tall and slender.

The two men headed west on Hindman Street, or Business I-40, when they left the scene.

Drug Arrests-Sheriff's deputies discovered what appeared to be two clandestine methamphetamine labs at two locations in McLean.

The first arrest was made after deputies who were on patrol in the 300 block of East 7th Street detected a strong odor of a hazardous chemical at about 11:15 p.m., said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

"They checked the area and found it was coming from a house," Hoard said. "They kept the house under surveillance for a time and then approached it."

The occupant of the house stepped outside to meet the deputies. One of the deputies told the man they were there to investigate a chemical order.

"The owner told them he had a pistol in his pocket," Hoard said. "The deputies took the pistol and during a search of the man, they found a small container with a brown substance believed to be methamphetamine."

The search of the man

and the residence resulted in the arrest of Michael R. Bybee, 46. He was booked into Gray County Jail on charges of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession/transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Two more arrests occurred Tuesday after a deputy stopped at about 1:08 p.m. that day in the 500 block of Walnut Street to visit with a person about a complaint the person had made, Hoard said.

The deputy asked permission to search the structure, and the man, who is the owner of the property, consented, Hoard said. He unlocked the garage and the deputy entered and found what appeared to be a clandestine meth lab, according to sheriff's office reports.

"Upon investigation, he determined that it was an active meth lab," Hoard said. "He found several items."

Kenneth George Hipp, 53, and David Ray Burrow, 28, were arrested and were each charged with possession/transport of certain chemicals to manufacture a controlled substance and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Arrests- One Pampa man was pronounced dead and another was arrested on a charge of murder after an apparent stabbing which occurred on Brunow Avenue.

Pampa police officers were dispatched to 731 E. Brunow at about 4:19 p.m. concerning a victim of a stabbing, said Pampa Police Department Sgt. Donny Brown.

Upon their arrival at the house, Guardian EMS personnel who were at the scene directed officers to the east side of the residence. There, they found Luis G. Acosta, 48, of 939 Brunow, lying face down in the yard with what appeared to be several stab wounds to the upper portion of his body, Brown said.

Officers took Ronnie Gene Carter, 45, of 731 Brunow, into custody and booked him into Gray County Jail on a charge of murder.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman pronounced Acosta dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy. The victim was transported to Lubbock for the autopsy. No preliminary autopsy results had been received by Curfman as of press time.

Accident- A 15-month-old child was struck by a vehicle at a residence in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Pampa police officers, Guardian EMS and Pampa Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the Guardian

EMS office in the 1000 block of South Barnes at about 12:20 p.m. Friday concerning the accident, according to police records.

"Officers were advised that a family member had backed over the child in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, and the family had taken the child to the EMS building for medical attention," said Pampa Police Department Sgt. Donny Brown. "Unfortunately, at the time, there was no one at the building because the ambulance was out on another emergency."

Pampa PD Lt. Kenneth Hopson located the family's vehicle as it was traveling northbound in the 600 block of North Cuyler. He made contact with the family and was also met by Pampa FD and Guardian EMS personnel there, Brown said.

The child was trans-

ported by ambulance and then airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where emergency surgery was performed, Brown said.

Shooting- The victim of a shooting which occurred at a Pampa address has died of his injuries, and the charge against the alleged shooter was upgraded to murder, according to Det. Casey Ingersoll of Pampa Police Department.

Carlos A. Hernandez, 19, of 115 N. Starkweather, died at about 10 p.m. Monday as a result of the injuries sustained in the shooting, Ingersoll said in a press release. Juan D. Cano, 25, of 514 N. Warren, who was already in Gray County Jail on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the shooting, has been charged with murder. Bond on the murder charge has been set at

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pay \$49.31.

The commission in their final meeting of the 2008 calendar year will consider authorizing Interim City Manager Richard Morris to enter into an agreement with Pampa lawyer Mark Buzzard for legal services.

Earlier this month, the commission named Buzzard city attorney. He will work on a contract-

al basis. His basic fee will be \$21,600 a month for legal advice to the city staff and commission. He may charge an hourly rate for additional services.

The commission will also consider awarding a bid to build a scale house at the landfill.

The low bid that is being recommended by the city staff was \$40,209.22, submitted by West Texas Landscape.

There were two other bids, one for \$48,000 and one for \$62,000.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 29, the 364th day of 2008. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on Dec. 29, 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

On this date:

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized, in Boston.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux

Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1978, during the Gator Bowl, Ohio State University coach Woody Hayes punched Clemson player Charlie Bauman, who'd intercepted an Ohio pass. (Hayes was fired by Ohio State the next day.)

Ten years ago: Two top Khmer Rouge leaders apologized for the deaths of as many as two million people during their regime in the 1970s, and asked Cambodians to forget the past.

Five years ago: Monsignor Michael Courtney, Pope John Paul II's ambassador in Burundi, was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen. Actor Earl Hindman, who'd played the mostly unseen neighbor Wilson on "Home Improvement," died in Stamford, Conn., at age 61.

One year ago: The New England Patriots ended their regular season with a remarkable 16-0 record following a thrilling 38-35 comeback victory over the New York Giants.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clarence Swensen ("The Wizard of Oz") is 91. Actress Inga Swenson is 76. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 74. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 71. Actor Jon Voight is 70. Country singer Ed Bruce is 69. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 67. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 62. Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. is 62. Actor Ted Danson is 61. Actor Jon Polito is 58. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 57. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 49. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 49. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 41. Actor Jude Law is 36. Actor Mekhi Phifer is 34. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 33. Actor Diego Luna is 29. Country singer Jessica Andrews is 25.

'Ours is the age of substitutes: Instead of language we have jargon; instead of principles, slogans; and instead of genuine ideas, bright suggestions'

—Eric Bentley

Educator

Panel report shows need for education improvement

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In a highly competitive global economy, the skills of the next generation of Americans will be the prime engine for our country's economic growth. Yet compared with children in other nations, U.S. students are underperforming in the vitally important fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In 2005, the National Academies released an eye-opening report called "Rising Above the Gathering Storm," which identified alarming trends in America's STEM education. Their conclusion was clear: if we want to remain the undisputed leader of the global economy, we need to improve our STEM abilities, and we need to do it urgently.

In response to "Rising Above the Gathering Storm," I charged The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas (TAMEST) with forming a panel to study ways to improve STEM education in Texas. TAMEST is the perfect organization to help lead this mission. In 2004, I co-founded TAMEST with Nobel laureates Dr. Michael Brown and the late Dr. Richard Smalley to bring together the state's top scientific minds to further position Texas as a national research leader. On December 9, the TAMEST Education Steering Committee

released its much-anticipated report, "The Next Frontier: World-Class Science and Math Education in Texas," which includes recommendations that should be read by Texas parents, teachers, principals, and especially policy makers.

In the words of Education Steering Committee Co-chair Dr. William Brinkley, who is also the Senior Vice President for Graduate Sciences and the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Science at Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, "the United States is being left behind...In China today, over 40 percent of college undergraduates earn engineering and science degrees, while in the U.S., only 5 percent of students do, and Texas is in the bottom half among the states - our students consistently score lower than the national average on math and science proficiency tests. This is simply unacceptable."

Even now, American companies have to recruit heavily from overseas to fill job positions in highly technical fields such as computer engineering and medical science. And whenever possible, U.S. companies simply move overseas to find the necessary workers. This "outsourcing" is one of the key reasons China has displaced the U.S. as the world's largest exporter of IT products (while the U.S. has become a net

importer of those products).

According to "The Next Frontier," two of the best ways to improve STEM education are to expand Advanced Placement (A.P.) programs and strengthen the quality of teachers in STEM fields.

I supported authorization of the first federal grants for A.P. programs, and since 1998, their funding has grown from \$3 million to \$43.5 million per year. In 2007, I cosponsored and helped pass the America Competes Act, which increases the number of A.P. courses in underprivileged schools and bolsters the supply of teachers for A.P. math, science, and foreign language courses.

"Great teachers are the foundation upon which we will build world-class science and math education here in Texas," observed Committee member Kurt Swogger, Executive Vice President of Investments at the Planned Innovation Institute. As other organizations have pointed out, the most consistent and powerful predictor of student achievement in STEM is the presence of teachers who are fully certified and have at least a bachelor's degree in the subjects they teach.

That's why I've been a strong advocate for Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow, a project in which colleges and universities encourage undergraduate students to



gain degrees in their STEM fields of study with teacher certification obtained through required electives. This grant program is modeled after the UTeach program at the University of Texas at Austin. The "Next Frontier" report cited the innovative UTeach program as a model for improving STEM education. Nationwide, only 50 percent of new teachers are still teaching after three years, while 80 percent of UTeach graduates are still teaching after five years. UTeach is now being replicated as a national standard for science and math teacher preparation by the National Math and Science Initiative.

Through TAMEST, our state's brightest science and math academics have created a bold plan to address one of the greatest challenges facing our country. Now it is our responsibility - as citizens and legislators - to act on their proposals and renew our commitment to a better and more prosperous future.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.



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Editorial Thoughts

San Antonio Express-News on flying shoes:

The flying shoes will go down in presidential lore.

President Bush, in the crosshairs of two leather missiles, ducked both during a recent press conference in Baghdad.

Condemned by many, both here and abroad, for his foreign policy, the president was widely applauded for his grace and agility.

The bizarre incident led to an outpouring of satirical skits on the comedy and late-night shows up and down the cable dial, but Iraqi officials saw nothing funny in the spectacle.

During a recent session in the Parliament to discuss the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, legislators interrupted the

debate to focus on the fate of the journalist who hurled the shoes at the president, Muntadhar al-Zeidi.

The session became so turbulent, the Associated Press reported, that the speaker announced his resignation.

Much of the controversy centers on reports, so far unconfirmed, that the journalist was beaten by members of the security detail assigned to Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki, who was present during the press conference.

The speaker, Mahmoud al-Mashadani, raised questions about the detention of the journalist.

"... We also must condemn the fact that he was beaten," he said, according to the New York

Times.

The incident, so comical to some Americans, is generating a furor in Iraq.

After the assault, President Bush remained calm and collected, an attitude that must now be duplicated by Iraqi officials.

The controversy has polarized the Parliament, with some members supporting the journalist and others pushing for harsh

punishment.

What seemed comical before has suddenly become serious, and the fledgling democracy will face a crucial test that it must handle with a deft hand, exercising its legal authority without overstepping it.

The last thing the Parliament needs is to turn the journalist into an even more potent symbol than he already is.

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- All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address and telephone number with the letter for verification. Only your name and city will be published.
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2008: YEAR IN REVIEW

Year

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to sign his new book, "Golden Bones," his autobiography of how he fled Cambodia for the U.S. and ended up working in George W. Bush's White House.

There was no shortage of other authors throughout the summer in the panhandle.

Pampa native Jerry Heasley, who came out last year with a coffee table book on Corvettes, came out this year with another on Mustangs.

Pam Martin Kanaly, who grew up in Pampa, is the author of a Christian book titled "Will the Real Me Please Stand Up."

T.R. Oatman, who works at Pantex and lives in Pampa, had a book signing at Hastings on July 5, for the release of his second book, "River Rose."

By August, Bud Wyatt would have a publisher's contract in hand for his novel, "Lee's Valley," the story of a frontiersman journey through the Texas Panhandle and Rocky Mountains.

At the county level, Gray County Clerk Susan Winbourne's office began accepting debit and credit cards in payment for birth and marriage certificates.

The Gray County Commissioner's Court began looking at combining voting precinct three with voting precinct seven. When Elections Administrator Linda Lewis presented the slate of election judges, alternates and workers to the commission at their July 1 meeting, no one was listed for voting precinct three. Lewis said that the precinct had not had election officers for the last five elections. In the most recent election, May 10, only vote had been cast at the Grandview-Hopkins School, the precinct's polling place.

The Pampa Regional Medical Center established a scholarship honoring Dr. Vijay K. Mohan, who has practiced medicine in Pampa since 1978. The first scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2009.

Former Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, who had been named interim city manager with the retirement of John Horst in April, was officially appointed city manager in July.

Pitner told the commission that there was a growing need to expand the city's infrastructure and added expense in maintaining the long ignored existing infrastructure.

The good news, he said, is that Pampa's economy in July was good. The bad news was that it was good and getting better.

The potential growth of Pampa would require more streets, water lines and sewer hookups and expansion of the landfill, and the existing water and sewer lines, many of them 50 years old or more, needed attention.

As Pitner assumed the duties of city manager, his assistant police chief,

The City of Pampa contracted with the engineering firm of Parkhill Smith and Cooper for new prison water wells east of town. Parkhill Smith and Cooper is also working with the Pampa Independent School District on facilities expansion and renovation.

During a city commis-

sion update on Pampa Economic Development Corporation activities, Pampa City Commissioner Bill Allison wanted to know if the EDC was bringing any retail businesses to the city.

EDC President Ken May told him that in discussions with national retail outlets, Pampa doesn't have the draw to justify coming to town.

City Commissioner Bob Dixon said he was impressed by May's presentation and was excited about the possibility of a new theater coming to town, but he said he hasn't seen any progress from the EDC as far as new jobs coming to Pampa.

By the end of the month, the city commission wasn't so nice.

As Dwight Fiveash, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, presented a proposed \$440,000 EDC budget to the city commission, the commission bounced it back. Allison said he wanted the salaries broken out. Dixon said he thought the budget was inflated.

After a long, dry winter and spring, Pampa went from burn ban to flood warning as July storms dropped an inch of rain.

Still, Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal



Samuel Doores, left, Ben Ziakin and Cameron Snyder jam at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on South Cuyler before heading for Woody Fest in Guthrie's hometown of Okemah, Okla.

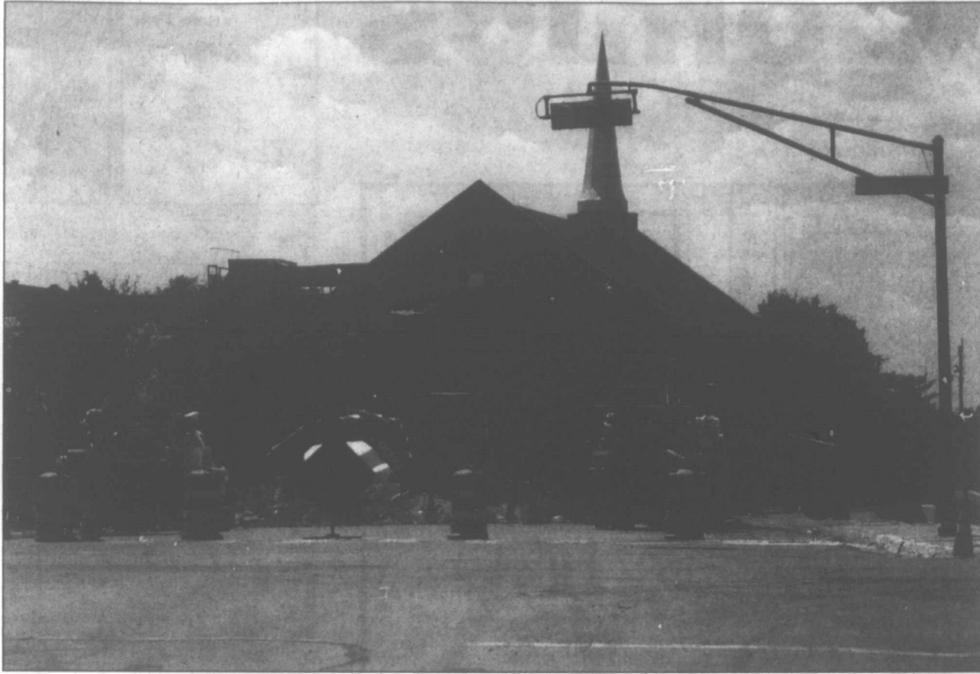
Authority that provides water for Pampa and 10 other member cities, noted at the water authority's quarterly meeting in July that Lake Meredith, the water authority's surface water reservoir, had just set a record low of 45.25 feet.

Despite some relief from July rains, Satterwhite took his message of concern over the lake to a hearing of the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee in Amarillo in August.

July was so wet in Pampa that a pelican stopped by Recreation Park for a week. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist Jeff Bonner said he was probably on his way to Canada.

Clarendon College announced in July that they would offer a new cosmetology program in the fall.

The Magic City Cowboys gave their last performance at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival in July. John Mann, the founder of the Western



file photo

The good news is that Pampa's economy was good. The good and bad news is that it was good and getting better. The potential growth of Pampa will require more streets, water lines and sewer hookups and expansion of the landfill.

Swing group and former Pampa district attorney, died of cancer in the fall.

At the end of July, White Deer celebrated 50 years of their rodeo, as the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association in Pampa was putting the finishing touches on their plans for their rodeo, junior rodeo and kid pony show in August.

The Pampa Independent School District approved a budget of almost \$29 million

lier, Dwight Fiveash has resigned as board president to take the job of executive director of the PEDC.

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce decided not to sponsor the citywide garage sale in 2008, so The Pampa News stepped in.

"It is too good an idea and too much fun for the community to let it slip away," Publisher Randy Pribble said. The Pampa News Citywide Garage

gy plan during August.

Ron Harris, a consultant for Mesa Power Pampa LLC, told the Pampa Chamber of Commerce in August that the right of way leases Mesa was seeking had been reduced from 250 feet wide to 150 wide, the necessary width for power lines from the wind farms to established transmission grids.

It had been partially in anticipation of the Mesa and other wind programs

The Pampa Harvester cheerleaders hosted a "Cheer Camp" for younger girls. The junior cheerleaders performed at the first home football game on Sept. 5.

It was September when a Vietnam era fighter landed at the Freedom Museum USA.

The museum raised almost \$60,000 to move the F4E Phantom jet bomber-fighter from Ruidoso, N.M., to Pampa.

Andy Epps, president of the museum's board, said the citizens of Pampa came through with donations to pay for the trip. The last \$1,600 was raised by Epps' father, Lewis Epps, who donated \$100 and issued a challenge to his fellow citizens to do the same.

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center board of directors named Pampa native Josh Paulson the center's new executive director.

Due to increased costs, the Pampa City Commission in September raised rates for the landfill, trash collection, water and sewage fees.

The commission, however, lowered ad valorem tax rates when they adopted their new budget for their 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The Pampa City Commission adopted a \$12.1 million budget in September and set the tax rate at 66.5 cents per \$100 valuation, about two cents less than last year.

The city commission also recognized Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell for completing a four-year federal government training program.

Pampa Police Sgt. Donny Brown was named Police Officer of the Year by the Pampa Kiwanis Club. The club named Jerry Brock Firefighter of the Year.

The Gray County Commission also lowered their tax rate from 0.47326 cents per \$100 valuation in fiscal 2008 to 0.44673 for fiscal year 2009. They also passed an \$11,849,299 budget for 2009. The 2008 fiscal year budget was \$11,004,455.

While tax rates were lowered in both Pampa and Gray County, rising real estate values and increased valuations in most instances increased property taxes.

for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Pampa Harvester soccer camp started in mid-July at Pampa High School and Travis Elementary Schools. The Harvester football camp for grades three through nine, beginning July 28, followed the soccer camp.

Two-a-day workouts started for the team on Aug. 4.

AUGUST

The JCV Teens, the Junior CASA Volunteers, collected \$1,738 in a two-day garage sale Aug. 1 and 2. CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, are volunteers who act as advocates for children who have been removed from abusive or neglectful homes.

As August began, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation accepted Kathy Cota's resignation as treasurer and board member and hired her at administrative assistant for the PEDC. A year ear-

Sale was held Saturday, Aug. 9.

Five-year-old Caden Ensey won first place in the stick horse race Aug. 9, at the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show. Kirstie Kasch, Katey Kasch and Katherine Martin won All-Around Cowgirls. All-Around Cowboys were Aaron McKee, Gatlin Duncan and Hayden Duncan.

A week later, the Top O' Texas Rodeo was met by a pouring rain, but spirits didn't seem to be dampened even if the horses and riders were.

The rains continued through the next week prompting flash flood watches in Gray County. From Aug. 13 to 19, Pampa received almost four inches of rain, bringing the total for the year at that time to 15.39 inches. That made the rain to date above average, even with the dry conditions of the first half of the year.

T. Boone Pickens' plan to sell water from Roberts County to thirsty urban areas downstate took a backseat to his wind ener-

and because of high oil prices that Chuck Morgan and a group of investors began building new homes in Pampa.

At the end of August, Morgan said he was getting four to five calls a day from people interested in housing in Pampa. He estimated that about a third of the calls were from people moving into the city.

He was building a dozen houses on Crane Street with a price tag of about \$160,000.

SEPTEMBER

September kicked off on Saturday with Pampa's 27th annual Chautauqua celebration, including a 5k run, pancake breakfast and Woody Guthrie tribute.

Pampa Independent School District started the year with a new reading intervention project called the "Read 180" program. It's designed to increase the reading proficiency of students who are reading two or more grades below their grade level.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

QGNVWMGE: AGMGQ LV EV
UAKLSXAD CSXZS X NSVOWE
JG UIQUXE LV EV XI XL CGQG
LSG WUNL SVOQ VI TK WXIG.

— **HVAULSUA GECUQEN**
Saturday's Cryptoquote: RESULTS! WHY, MAN, I HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF RESULTS. I KNOW SEVERAL THOUSAND THINGS THAT WON'T WORK. — THOMAS EDISON

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, a couple built a home on the lot next to ours. From the time they moved in, we have been concerned about their 11-year-old son's antisocial behavior. It began with him trying to coax our dog into his yard when we were trying to call her in. Then he started coming into our yard, playing roughly with our three small children and using vulgar language around our 8-year-old daughter. He is no longer allowed in our yard and has been kicked out of three other homes in the neighborhood. The most recent incident occurred a few days ago, when he yelled a profanity at our daughter. I called his mother, and she told me her son would "never behave that way"! Abby, this boy is creepy. I don't trust him. He stands in his yard staring at us whenever we are outside. I'm worried his behavior will get worse. Other neigh-

bors have seen him abuse his dog and other animals. His parents never watch him. What do we do? I'm worried about my children's safety. -- **AFRAID IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR AFRAID: You have described a child who is emotionally disturbed and parents who are in denial. Because the neighbors have seen him abuse animals, a report should be made to the police and the department of animal welfare in your community. This boy has no empathy for others and needs professional help. Until he gets it, you are wise to be concerned about your children. Keep a watchful eye.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my father a few months ago after his long battle with cancer. We were very close, and I miss him terribly. My ex-husband and I are not on good terms, despite the fact

that we have children together. He asked our kids -- not me -- if it was OK if he attended the funeral. I told them I didn't want him there. I just wanted to grieve in peace. A few minutes after Dad's funeral service began, my ex walked in the back door. My sister knew he had been asked not to attend, so she asked him to please leave. I am so disgusted. My former in-laws, whom I didn't get along with either, sent flowers. I would have preferred they keep their flowers -- but at least they didn't show up. My children are now mad at me because their father was asked to leave. I just wanted to be left alone. I don't understand why this was so hard for everyone to understand. It was my father, not his, and I just wanted to grieve in peace. -- **MOURNING FOR MY DAD IN MISSOURI**

Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father. Your children may have wanted their father there because they were grieving the loss of their grandfather. According to Emily Post: "If there was ill feeling between the ex-spouse and the deceased," and I assume your father felt about your ex as you do, "the ex should not attend the funeral; instead, he (or she) sends flowers and a sympathy note." However, your wishes should not have been ignored. The new year has begun, and the less baggage you carry into it, the better off you will be. Please try to forgive your ex for his insensitivity and get on with your life. If you can manage that, it will be less painful for you and your children. If you can't, then counseling may help you to let go of some of your anger, and I recommend it.

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1239 Willston	\$62,500	3/2/2 - 1418 SF/GCAD	
1510 Willston	\$59,900	4/1/1 - 1404 SF/GCAD	
1344 Garland	\$23,000	2/1/1 - 888 SF/GCAD	

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT		South West	
1141 S Christy	\$35,000	3/1/1 - 1520 SF/GCAD	

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1133 Willow	\$98,000	3/2/2 - 1570 SF/GCAD	
1605 N Sumner	\$85,900	3/1.75/2 - 1277 SF/GCAD	
2137 N Faulkner	\$82,000	3/1.75/1 - 1475 SF/GCAD	
2900 Rosewood Ln	\$64,500	3/1.5/0 - 1537 SF/GCAD	
1928 N Bonita	\$65,000	3/2/2 - 1378 SF/GCAD	
1445 Geneva Ln	\$65,000	3/1/0 - 1378 SF/GCAD	

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT		South East	
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1408 Browning	\$57,000	2/1.75/1 - 1416 SF/GCAD	
1001 E Foster	\$49,000	3/1/0 - 1220 SF/GCAD	
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10 Lost/Found
REWARD. Lost male off-white Terrier type dog Dec. 20th. Neutered. Hard of hearing. "Sparky." 1800 bl. of Coffee. 440-1010.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dean Ray Winkompleck, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 2008, in Cause No. 9584, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: Ellen Marie Gray. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Ellen Marie Gray c/o: Scott Sherwood Attorney at Law P.O. Box 947 Panhandle, TX 79068 DATED the 17th day of December, 2008

Scott Sherwood Attorney for Ellen Marie Gray State Bar No.: 18255250 P.O. Box 947 Panhandle, TX 79068 Telephone: (806)537-3591 Facsimile: (806)537-3592 Dec. 29, 2008

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008: This year more than any year, how you deal with key people reflects how secure you are within. Sometimes you might have a sense that you are giving everything away, but in reality that isn't so. You simply feel that way. You have a certain Capricorn essence that simply cannot do that -- don't worry! Your focus on gaining this year might feel quite apropos. If you are single, you might want to conjure up someone who likes you for who you are, not what you first seem like or what you have. Give up the show, and the results could be great. If you are attached, the two of you have some earnest goals that you will manifest together. Don't get into a "this is mine or this is yours" type of thinking. Relax, and the results could be grand. AQUARIUS opens up new doors.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Work? What? You might want to take off several days so you can properly christen the New Year. Know that you cannot avoid some responsibilities. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You need to step up to the plate. Others might be dependent on your energy or sense of responsibility. Express a long-term desire. Others seem to be sensitive to the possibilities. Excitement surrounds you. Tonight: Others gravitate toward you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Reach out for those at a distance. What you say and do could make all the difference. Listen to news with your mind open to more dynamic thinking. Have you been restricting yourself in some way? Tonight: The sky is the limit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Deal directly on an individual level. Others appreciate your attention, especially a key person. Don't stand on ceremony if possible. You can step back. Think before opening your mouth. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others simply know how to create a haze around your thinking. Make it OK to wear rose-colored glasses today. After all, life might be a lot better that way. When someone changes radically and you wonder why, look at your glasses. Tonight: Defer and see what others come up with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** You have a way of mellowing out and getting past a problem. If you really want to try a different approach or a new idea, do so. Then finally you will know what could happen. Think positively. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You could be up for more fun. Investigate and understand what motivates the many people in your life, especially those who seem happy most of the time. Join the crowd. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Easy might be the best approach. You certainly cannot fit a round peg into a square hole, though you might try! Realize and establish your limits. Security and family are linked,

not all is financial. Remember, there is emotional acceptance too. Tonight: Just ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** No one can deny that you have a way with words, though some might not appreciate it if you use that skill. Sometimes you can be very blunt. Understand where someone close is coming from. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Be aware of your options. You don't need to head in one direction, even with New Year's planning that is uncomfortable for you. Be willing to say no. Be willing to choose what works for you. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your imagination leads you, though you might define your actions logically. Use care with others, as they cannot be as easygoing. Friendship is always a high ideal. Honor it. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Understanding your limits might be far more important than you think. You don't need to push someone too hard; this person is likely to come to his or her senses if left alone. Letting go works. Tonight: Play it low-key.

BORN TODAY
TV co-host Matt Lauer (1957), TV co-host Meredith Vieira (1953), golfer Tiger Woods (1975)

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2008, game over: sports year in chapter and verse

By FRED LIEF
 AP Sports Writer
 Don't look at the clock,
 we know that it's late,
 And sometimes it's
 hard to keep it all
 straight.
 A game back in May?
 A blown double steal?
 A lawsuit in August
 now on appeal?
 Here in the fading days
 this December
 Clemens well knows
 we can "misremember."
 We'll start at the top,
 the least we can do:
 It's your night Les
 Miles, and yours LSU.
 Nearly New England's,
 nearly perfection,
 Undone by a Giant
 insurrection.

Yes, Eli's coming and
 what did we see?
 The outstretched arms
 of one David Tyree.
 On Capitol Hill, an
 unseemly sight:
 Clemens and
 McNamee throw high
 and tight.
 Surrounded by lawyers
 both work the room,
 Arguing who has done
 what and to whom.
 While gasoline prices
 soared at the pump
 Congress grilled Roger
 on shots to his rump.
 Soon opening day, but
 who could exalt?
 The talk is of drugs and
 Bonds in default.
 Come April, it's

Kansas, good as it gets:
 Over the rainbow and
 cutting the nets.
 Big hopes in May of a
 rare Triple Crown,
 Mint juleps and bour-
 bon mixed with Big
 Brown.
 But this proved a day
 of sober farewells,
 There on the track lay
 the filly Eight Belles.
 Red Wings and Celtics:
 a time to anoint.
 Marion Jones: doing
 time in the joint.
 Tiger is dazzling, on
 fairway and tee,
 Closing the Open on
 one wounded knee.
 Federer's back on his
 Wimbledon lawn,

But there stands Nadal,
 all muscle and brawn.
 The hot summer nights
 find love in the air:
 A-Rod, Madonna, the
 darlinest pair.
 They whisper sweet
 words, study kaballah
 (Yet no sign of him
 slicing a challah).
 Then out from the mist
 of the Irish Sea
 Comes an aging Shark,
 but it's not to be.
 Harrington's win gives
 him two claret jugs.
 Tour de France riders
 'Ai we're shocked! 'Ai
 turn to drugs.
 Across the Pacific, it's
 Beijing's show,
 A clatter of drums in

the Bird's Nest glow.
 Phelps spins his magic,
 a sight to behold:
 — A man who turns water
 into pure gold.
 On land, in the swelter
 of August heat,
 Bolt runs to the pulse
 of a reggae beat
 While Chinese gym-
 nasts go prancing on
 beams,
 Baby-teeth dolls with
 their lullaby dreams.
 These games, Rogge
 boasts, we must not for-
 get.
 (Just don't raise a ban-
 ner praising Tibet.)
 In the shadow of
 bailouts, banks and bills,
 October belongs to the

Rays and Phils.
 Favre as a Jet still
 seems slightly bizarre,
 Not Jimmie Johnson,
 the nation's car czar.
 Burrell goes clubbing,
 like any old jock,
 With his wallet, keys
 and a loaded Glock.
 Paterno limps and a
 season closes;
 Still all is good, Joe's
 coming up roses,
 As are Bode Miller and
 Lindsey Vonn,
 And before we know it,
 it's all gone, gone.
 So we'll call a timeout
 for auld lang syne,
 Then get back in the
 game: 2009.

Texas leads the nation in officer deaths

By The Associated Press
 A state-by-state break-
 down of the 140 law-
 enforcement officers
 killed in 35 states in the
 line of duty in 2008, as
 released by two police
 support groups.
 State Fatalities
 Ala. 4
 Ariz. 4
 Ark. 2
 Calif. 12

Colo. 2
 Conn. 1
 Fla. 8
 Ga. 7
 Ill. 5
 Ind. 2
 Ky. 2
 La. 5
 Md. 4
 Mass. 1
 Mich. 2
 Miss. 1
 Mo. 6
 Mont. 1

Neb. 1
 Nev. 1
 N.J. 3
 N.M. 1
 N.Y. 4
 N.C. 4
 Ohio 5
 Okla. 4
 Ore. 2
 Pa. 8
 S.C. 3
 Tenn. 2
 Texas 14
 Utah 2

Va. 4
 Wash. 1
 Wis. 1
 Federal 8
 Territorial 3

Source: National Law
 Enforcement Officers
 Memorial Fund and
 Concerns of Police
 Survivors.

Plane accidentally starts with girl, 6, inside

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — Federal investigators will look into an accident involving a small plane at an East Texas airfield that injured a 6-year-old girl.

Palestine fire officials say the girl was alone in the 1966 Cessna 150 when her 81-year-old grandfather, Virgil Fielden of Fairfield, manually started the engine of the two-seat plane about 4:15 p.m. Sunday.

Palestine fire Capt. Kyle Betterton says the plane began rolling unexpectedly and crashed into some nearby woods, but never left the grounds of Palestine Municipal Airport. Betterton says the girl wasn't seriously injured but airlifted to Children's Medical Center at Dallas as a precaution.

Fielden was treated for minor injuries at a Palestine hospital and discharged. Palestine is about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

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 limit - you'll be under
 arrest.**

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

7	3	8	2	6	9	1	5	4
1	5	2	4	8	3	9	7	6
9	6	4	5	7	1	8	3	2
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5	9	7	1	3	6	4	2	8
8	2	6	7	4	5	3	9	1
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6	7	1	3	2	8	5	4	9

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Level: Beginner



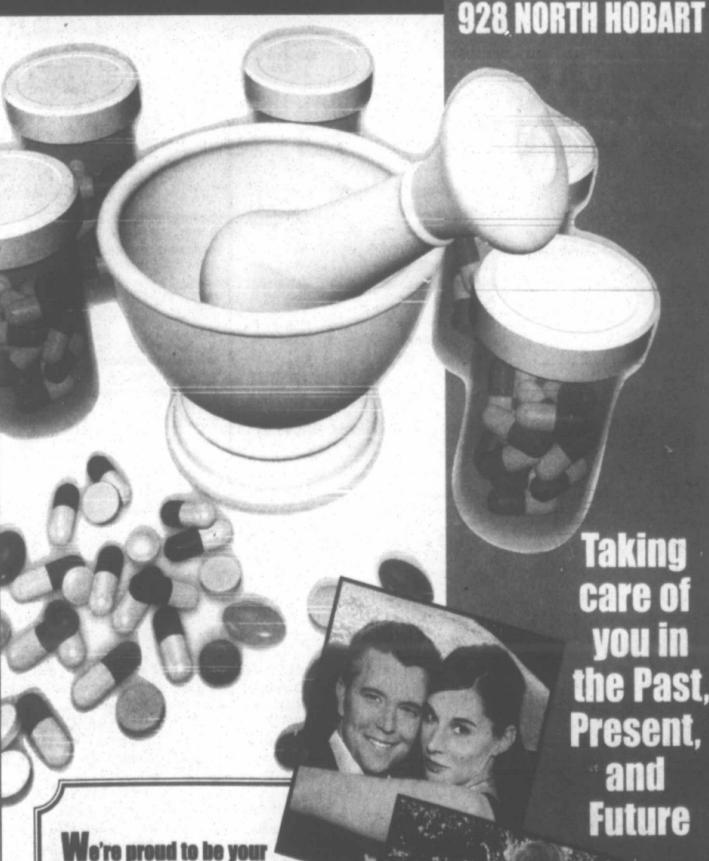
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