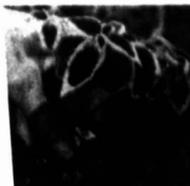


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**First responders to train with LifeStar**



**Health fair at Walmart Saturday**

BY RACHEL STENNETT  
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 A LifeStar helicopter will land in the Walmart parking lot tomorrow, but not for an emergency. The helicopter will land as a part of a training being completed by local Emergency services members.  
 About 22 emergency service officials from Lefors, Hoover, White Deer, Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, and Pampa Fire Department will train at Pampa Regional Medical Center Saturday on policies regarding the LifeStar helicopter.  
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First responders will participate in training with LifeStar crew members Saturday morning at Walmart before the start of a health fair from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
 staff photo by David Bowser

**Decision reversed on track meets**

The University Interscholastic League announced Thursday afternoon that it would reverse the decision to cancel regional track meets for the state, a decision made in the wake of the H1N1 swine flu outbreak in Texas.  
 The UIL is sticking with its decision to postpone all athletic events through May 11 except track.  
 The state track meet will be pushed back until June, giving plenty of time for the 20 regional track meets to meet between May 11 and June 5-6, the days of the state meet at the University of Texas Campus.  
 Previously, the state meet was scheduled for May 13-15. Playoffs and district competitions for other athletic teams

**H1N1:PRMC officials urge calm**

BY RACHEL STENNETT  
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 Personnel from Pampa Regional Medical Center are urging people to remain calm and treat H1N1 flu as if it were any other sickness.  
 "The World Health Organization is not calling this a pandemic," Kathy Joyce, chief nursing officer at PRMC said. "There have been no confirmed cases of this in the panhandle."  
 Joyce said there is no reason for panic. As long as people are following the recommendations, which include frequent hand washing, covering coughs, and staying home if you are sick, the virus will likely be kept at bay.  
 "We want people to understand that this like like the regular flu season as far as symptoms go, and it is treatable," Jennifer Black, director of infection control at PRMC.  
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**Hemphill grand jury indicts five**

BY RACHEL STENNETT  
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 The Hemphill County Grand Jury indicted five people on April 23 in the 31st Judicial District Court.  
 Elias Madera Santoyo, 43, was indicted for manufacture of a controlled substance, greater than four grams but less than 200 grams. Bond was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.  
 On August 25, 2008, Santoyo allegedly knowingly possessed, with intent to deliver, a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams.  
 Alfonso Levario Rivera, 40, was indicted for manufacture of a controlled substance, greater than four grams but less than 200 grams. Bond was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.  
 On August 25, 2008, Rivera allegedly knowingly possessed, with intent to deliver, a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams.  
 Juan Esteban Acevedo, 43, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$10,000.  
 On September 13, 2008, Acevedo allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place when he was intoxicated by the introduction of alcohol into the body. He was driving a vehicle with a passenger who was younger than 15 years of age.  
 Thomas Anselmo Garcia, 27, was indicted for assaulting a public servant. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$10,000.  
 On October 11, 2008, Garcia allegedly intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused bodily injury to Jeremy Dunn by striking Dunn in the face. Dunn is a Sheriff Deputy for Hemphill County. Dunn was attempting to arrest Garcia for driving while intoxicated at the time of the incident.  
 Richard Neil Hansen, 25, was indicted for aggravated assault causing bodily injury.  
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Doyle Smith, left, talks with Steve Stevens Thursday night following a meeting concerning property rights hosted by the Texas Landowners Council at Lovett Library.  
 staff photo by David Bowser

**Landowners council discusses water rights**

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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 "There are new things going on that are bothersome," Amarillo attorney Marvin "Marty" Jones told a group of about 50 landowners at Lovett Memorial Library Thursday night. "Those things are going on downstate. They're going on presently, and they're going on actively."  
 Speaking at a meeting of the Texas Landowners Council, Jones with the Amarillo law firm of Sprouse, Shrader and Smith indicated that there are those, including the State Senator that represents Pampa, who don't think landowners own the groundwater beneath their property.  
 "I would think that here in 2009," Jones said, "we would have figured out in Texas who owns the groundwater by now. That seems kind of fundamental."  
 He said that he thinks that issue has been settled for more than a century, but questions have been raised among lawmakers  
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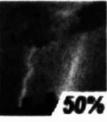
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
50%	40%	
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**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 57. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 44. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 56. North northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Monday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 71. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Ex-sheriff in jail sex scandal dies

MONTAGUE, Texas (AP) — A former North Texas sheriff accused in a sex scandal at a jail has died — apparently of natural causes.

Montague County authorities say someone at Bill Keating's house called for an ambulance Thursday night, saying he wasn't breathing. He died en route or shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Chief Deputy J.T. Mitchell says an autopsy has been ordered, but it appears Keating died of natural causes.

Keating was indicted in February on charges of having sex with some female inmates while he was sheriff.

Keating also faced up to 10 years in federal prison for coercing a woman to do sexual favors, saying it was the only way she would avoid being jailed on drug charges. He had pleaded guilty to a federal charge and was to be sentenced in June.

## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Pries quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat.....	\$4.90
Milo.....	\$5.42
Corn.....	\$7.21

## Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-29-3-11. Bonus Ball: 17.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching four of four: 4. Prize: \$2,824.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 38. Prize: \$36.

Number matching three of four: 969. Prize: \$19.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 713. Prize: \$18.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,522. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,735. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

## Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 23-12-7-28-19

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,400

Winning ticket purchased in: Lorena

Matching four of five: 103. Prize: \$98

Matching three of five: 2,839. Prize: \$8

Matching two of five: 27,503. Prize: \$2

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

## Daily 4 results evening drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-3-5. Sum It Up: 19 (six, five, three, five. Sum It Up: nineteen)

## Pick 3 results nighttime drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-7. Sum It Up: 10 (three, zero, seven. Sum It Up: ten)

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## Emergency Services

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Today.

Thursday  
 Officers conducted eight traffic stops.

A total of eight calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2100 block of North Charles.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 2600 block of North Seminole, the intersection of Duncan and Harvester, and the lobby of the PD.

Fraud was reported in the lobby of the PD, where a life insurance check for \$69,602 was reported missing.

Lost property was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Francis and Warren streets, and the 1400 block of North Russell.

One alarm was investigated.

Narcotics violations were reported in the lobby of the PD, and the 1100 block of Prairie.

Assaults were reported in the 800 block of North Somerville, and the 700 block of North Deane.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of South Henry.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Friday  
 Officers conducted two traffic stops.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

One call concerning animals was reported.

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### AMBULANCE

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

Thursday  
 8:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Triumph Health Care.

10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Love and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700

block of Deane and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient the Veteran's Affairs hospital in Amarillo.

9:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Fir and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen. No patients were transported.

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriffs Office reported the following arrests.

Sixto Mendivil, 30, of Atwater, Calif was arrested by the GCSO on bond surrender, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Phillip Daniel Fought, 29, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for theft by check.

Jose Jaime Sanchez, 28, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department on civil warrants for theft under \$50.

Miranda Renee Ward, 38, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for civil warrants on no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no valid driver's license.

### FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Today.

Thursday

## Wanted Ga. prof's vehicle found wrecked

ATLANTA (AP) — Authorities who have searched nearly a week for a former professor suspected of killing his wife and two others found his red Jeep wrecked in a north Georgia ravine not far from his home, but there was no sign of him.

The Jeep was found overnight "well off the beaten path" in a wooded area of Bogart, a rural community next to Athens, where George Zinkhan lived and taught marketing at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business, FBI Special Agent in Charge Greg Jones said Friday.

Authorities across the nation and in Europe have been looking for the 57-year-old, who was fired after the April 25 shootings.

Zinkhan is accused of killing his wife, 47-year-old attorney Marie Bruce, and two members of her community theater group, Ben Teague, 63, and Tom Tanner, 40, in front of a theater in Athens.

Police hadn't previously revealed a motive, but Jones said Friday that interviews with friends

and family indicate the shooting likely stemmed from sort of domestic dispute between Zinkhan and Bruce. Authorities have some indication she was preparing to file for divorce, he said.

Zinkhan was last seen driving away in the Jeep after dropping his children off with a neighbor. They were in his car during the shootings but weren't hurt.

A signal emitted by one of Zinkhan's cell phones was one of the things that led authorities to the Jeep, Jones said. It looked "wrecked but not too bad" and likely had been in the ravine since shortly after the shooting, he said.

Authorities on Friday searched a 200-acre area near the ravine in case Zinkhan might be there. A nearby elementary school was locked down as a precaution, said Anisa Jimenez, a spokeswoman for the Clarke County school district.

Jones said authorities were piecing together some leads from evidence in the Jeep, but declined to elaborate.

## Death of Lumberton man investigated

LUMBERTON, Texas (AP) — Federal and state authorities are investigating the death of a 35-year-old Lumberton man who died while in police custody.

Kevin LaDay was pronounced dead Thursday morning at a local hospital by a justice of the peace. Police Chief Danny Sullins said LaDay became unconscious during a struggle with police who had to use a TASER on him.

LaDay's mother, Sandra, accused Lumberton police of beating her son and causing his death. Sullins told Beaumont television station KFDM that officers did not beat LaDay or place him in a chokehold.

The FBI, Texas Rangers and Lumberton police are investigating the death.

FBI spokeswoman Shauna Dunlap said her agency has opened a full civil rights investigation to determine if any federal violation of the law has occurred.

Civil rights protests are planned Monday.

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## Water rights

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and in the courts about the ownership of water in the ground.

Among Jones' clients is Mesa Water, which has bought a lot of groundwater rights in the area.

Jones said there are those who say landowners don't own that water in the ground. They say the landowner only owns the water if he pumps it.

He said that if a landowner doesn't have a vested property right in the water in the ground, then if a groundwater district prohibits the pumping of water, they haven't damaged the landowner in their point of view and the landowner has no recourse if he is prohibited from pumping his water.

"If you do own it," Jones said, "then they have damaged you in my point of view, and that is where the fight is these days."

Jones said he doesn't disagree that a groundwater district can regulate groundwater.

"That's not the issue," he said. "The issue is whether they can regulate unreasonably, whether they can regulate arbitrarily, whether they can regulate in a discriminatory manner."

He said the question is whether one landowner gets some rights and a landowner next door gets different rights.

"If you don't have ownership of the water," Jones said, "then you don't have the right to sue a district for arbitrary regulation, and that's the crux of all this."

Jones said the issue of groundwater ownership was settled when the Republic of Texas joined the Union in 1845 and the Texas Legislature adopted English Common Law, which indicates that the landowner owns his land and everything beneath it to the center of the Earth and everything over it up to the sky.

That legal principal has been upheld in a variety of court decisions beginning with the East Case (Houston and TC Railway v. East) in 1904, he said.

But there are two cases now before the Texas Supreme Court questioning who owns the groundwater in the state.

"A lot of folks are interested in those two cases," Jones said.

But Jones said that in addition to the court cases, there are state legislators that question who owns the groundwater, among them State Sen. Robert Duncan, who represents Pampa.

In August, 2008, Jones said, Sen. Duncan dur-

ing a meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee in Amarillo said he didn't think there is a property right to groundwater, and he didn't think landowners own the water in place.

Duncan said at that meeting, Jones said, that in the future there is a lot of opportunity for central control of groundwater.

"Duncan is a great Senator," Jones said. "He's a wonderful guy, a friend of mine, a smart man, but I don't know what he's thinking when he starts talking this way."

Bob Harden, a consulting hydrologist from Austin, who also does work for Mesa, said that when legislation first passed to establish groundwater districts almost 60 years ago, the Texas Legislators indicated that the districts were to regulate aquifers and subdivisions of aquifers. He objected to the imposition of districts drawn along artificial lines, such as county lines, because they treat landowners using the same aquifer differently in different districts.

James R. Gaines, president of the Texas Landowners Council and a Dripping Springs rancher, said his organization wants groundwater districts statewide to adopt policies similar to those of the groundwater districts in the panhandle that call for water rights per acre. Under such a doctrine, a landowner would have rights to his water based on the amount of surface acres that he owns.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, for instance, allows one acre-foot of pumping per surface acre owned. Other groundwater districts in the state, Gaines said, have other standards that are inequitable.

Gaines said his organization had such bills introduced into the Texas Legislature in 2005 and 2007. The only other person to introduce such a bill was State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa.

Gaines and four others formed the Texas Landowners Council in 1990 to monitor and try to influence legislation that he said could rob landowners of their property rights. The council is based in Central Texas, but Lauren Flake, director of membership and development, said Thursday night that she hoped there would be a number of new members following their program in Pampa.

## Continental cutting Mexico flights

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines Inc. said Friday it will temporarily cut the number of U.S. departures to Mexico and use smaller planes as fewer passengers book flights there.

Many travelers have become increasingly concerned about going to Mexico because of the recent swine flu outbreak. There are 300 confirmed cases in Mexico and 12 dead, health authorities

said Thursday. "We were already experiencing soft market conditions due to the economy, and now our Mexico routes in particular have extra weakness," Chairman and Chief Executive Larry Kellner said in a statement.

Continental will cut capacity to Mexico by 50 percent starting Monday, with about 40 percent fewer departures. The reductions are about 2 percent of Continental's avail-

able seat miles for May. The Houston-based carrier also extended its waiver policy, allowing customers with trips booked for Mexico to change their itineraries without penalty by the end of the month.

The airline said it will still run return flights to the U.S. from Mexico, but that schedules and routes might change.

Continental ran an aver-

age of 450 flights a week to 29 destinations in Mexico before the announcement.

Continental and Fort Worth-based AMR Corp.'s American Airlines had the most scheduled U.S. flights to Mexico on Wednesday. The two airlines, along with US Airways Group Inc., are the biggest U.S. carriers to Mexico.

## H1N1 flu

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Black and Joyce both said that there is no need to become overexcited about the H1N1 flu, as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has not confirmed any cases in the Panhandle. It takes roughly 7 days from the time of testing to receive a diagnosis about the virus. There was no influenza Type A diagnosed in the PRMC Emergency Room for the month of April.

If the virus was confirmed in the Panhandle, Joyce said that the hospital and the Emergency Preparedness team has measures in effect to handle the potential situation.

Some of those measures include the use of POD (points of dispensing) sites throughout the city, where people with a potential virus are evaluated in a triage form. People seen as having symptoms and a high probability of illness go one direction so they are separated from people who are not sick.

Black said that the use of the POD system is not likely or necessary in this scenario, especially as there are no cases of the virus in Pampa.

"We really just need people who are sick to stay home. If it's not something you would normally go to the doctor for, just stay home," Black explained of the virus.

At this time, PRMC has not ordered any extra flu treatments like TamaFlu. "We are not at that level," Joyce said of ordering treatments. Any extra flu treatments are being kept available to the areas that need them right now.

There is no way to know at this point if the H1N1 virus is coming to the Panhandle, Joyce said. Health workers may never see those people who are infected, especially if those who are possibly sick stay at home and get over the virus.

If anyone is seeking more information about the H1N1 virus, it can be found through the PRMC

website at [www.prmctx.com](http://www.prmctx.com), which has a link to the CDC site.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch said that school personnel are doing everything possible to take preventative measures against the flu epidemic being spread in Pampa.

Materials have been prepared for parents that feature good hygiene practices, and encourage parents to keep their children home if they are running fevers.

Haenisch said that one document being sent to parents covers general information, and a second document from the Red Cross offers more specific information on what parents can be doing to ensure good health for their kids.

Haenisch said that he had not been informed of any swine flu cases reported in Pampa. If a case is reported from a student enrolled in a Pampa ISD school, the campus will be closed.

"We are to close that campus for some period of time," Haenisch said. All though the amount of time for a possible closure is unclear, Haenisch said that the campus would be closed for, "enough time for the thing to clear itself up."

In the event of an outbreak in Pampa, which is considered two students or more at two separate campuses with confirmed cases of the swine flu, Haenisch said he has been instructed to close all Pampa ISD schools.

"Those recommendations are coming from the Health Department," Haenisch said of the possible closures.

"Custodians are taking a little bit of extra care each day to make sure the children are protected," Haenisch said explaining the preventative measures PISD is taking.

"One of the protocols we use any time we are in flu season is to clean every desk and all the water fountains after school. We are doing that now."

## Health fair

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Personnel will learn how to create landing zones for the medical helicopter, both at the hospital and in remote areas, like the Walmart parking lot. Officials will also learn how to approach the helicopter, and load and unload passengers during emergency situations.

The class will start at 9 a.m. and last for about an hour. Once the class is over, officials will head towards the health fair being held at Walmart Saturday.

Captain Robert Griffin of the Pampa Fire Department organized the training and simulation after he attended a similar training course in Amarillo. Griffin said he felt the training would have an impact on local emergency services if held in Pampa.

The health fair will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Many local organizations will participate in the health care. Booths will be set up outside the Walmart building, and inside on the alley between the cash registers and shopping items.

Health care participants include Kid Prints with the Pampa Police Department. Kid Prints fingerprints children so that parents may

have a copy of the prints in the case of an emergency situation. The Pampa PD will also be giving bicycle awareness information to the public. Patches and Pumper from the Pampa Fire Department will also be at the health fair.

Other participants include employees from the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, who will be collecting blood for anyone that wishes to donate. Employees from Shepherd's Crook home health care will be giving free blood sugar, blood pressure, and blood oxygen tests. Employees from the Trailee Crisis Center will be giving out information about their organization to the public.

The First Bank of Convenience, located inside Walmart, will have a drawing. Walmart will also hold two drawings for meals at The Plaza and Verona's Italian Restaurant. Free vision screenings will also be offered to the public inside Walmart.

Griffin said this year's Health Fair will be more in-depth than those of the past because of an increased amount of participation and activities being offered for community members.

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## Shield law for Texas journalists heads to gov

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A proposed shield law for journalists is headed to Gov. Rick Perry's desk after final approval in the Texas House.

The Free Flow of Information Act was unanimously approved Thursday, with the House accepting minor Senate changes and ending years of debate in both chambers. Similar proposals were shot down in 2005 and 2007.

The bill gives reporters

limited protections from revealing confidential sources, notes and tapes in court. Journalists say it will encourage whistle-blowers to come forward.

Perry has not taken a firm position on the latest version of the bill. He could sign it, veto it or allow it to become law without his signature.

There is some form of a shield law for journalists in 36 states and the District of Columbia.

## Five indicted

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injury. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$20,000.

On December 7, 2008, Hansen allegedly inten-

tionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused serious bodily injury to Belinda Kaye Watts by biting the right side of her face.

## Tom Hicks selling Mesquite Rodeo

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Stars and Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks has sold a small part of his sports holdings — the Mesquite Championship Rodeo.

Dallas-based Camelot Sports and Entertainment announced Friday that it has purchased the rodeo, which has been in operation more than 50 years and owned by Hicks for 10.

The rodeo was a minor segment of Hicks Sports Group. Hicks recently stopped making interest payments on \$525 million in loans related to the Rangers and Stars as he renegotiates with lenders.

The company announcement did not specify a price. The Dallas Morning News, which first reported the sale in Friday's editions, quoted one of the buyers, Mike McCall, as saying the sale price was less than \$10 million.

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# Viewpoints

## Tax refund spending mission completed

by Betsy Phillips  
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Ahhh, Saturday morning. My first totally free Saturday since November.

I had goals.

Shopping goals. I had a tax refund burning a hole in my pocket and it is my duty as an American to revitalize the economy.

I wanted to see how much lawn mowers cost. (I haven't owned one since the early '90s, so I had no idea) and I needed a small computer desk, or library table that would fit behind my couch so I can work on my laptop and watch TV at the same time.

I also wanted to explore the shopping in Pampa that I had not yet experienced, because usually by the time I leave work, they've gone home too.

A latte in my cup holder, I started out, determined to shop local and find wonderful things.

I began at the hardware store.

I have to say that a lawn mower is not even on the list of things I want. I have lived where water is not to be wasted on something as silly as grass and haven't had a lawn in about 15 years.

You have to mow it and buy lots of chemicals to kill the weeds and spend a lot on water so it will grow and then you have to cut it again. It's a never ending cycle. I don't want to spend my precious time off as a summer slave to grass.

However, since there are no condos, townhouses, casitas for rent here I have a house — on a corner lot.

I had hoped some enterprising high school lad would knock on my door and ask if I would like my yard mowed.

No such luck, so I decide to shop. I do love shopping.

At the hardware store I discovered a quality lawn mower is a fairly expensive item. Not the way I really want to spend my tax refund. But I love hardware stores and found several things I didn't know I wanted when I walked in.

I moved on to the desk. I began at a couple of furniture stores. One did not have anything, the other was out of my price range.

Undaunted, I attacked resale shops and decided as long as I was shopping, to check out the stores downtown.

Most were not open. Zero shopping luck.

I wasn't really being that picky. Color didn't really matter, just no shelves on the bottom, so I could use it for a small desk.

Nothing.

I was driving down Hobart, on my mission when I saw a sign that said "Big red barn sale." Aha! New hope.

Even though I wasn't really sure that at the end of my journey I would not indeed find a big red barn for sale, I followed the signs. It turned out to be a cute little resale shop, with a charming owner. A good find for another day, but no desk/table.

I headed to Walmart.

As I looked at all the power tools associated with lawn care, my brain just kind of glazed over. There's machine oil and dangerous looking electric and hedge trimmers and weed-eaters. "What are you thinking," I asked myself. The only power tool I own is a screw driver. I am a notorious klutz. I would hurt myself.

I moved on to the furniture department, but again my hopes were dashed.

This was not turning out to be a good shopping day at all.

I wandered aimlessly through housewares and toward the back of the store. I was sort of looking at the televisions, although mine still works — and there found what I had secretly been lusting for.

Small and white, clean and bright — and sort of rare in rural Walmarts — the elusive Wii.

I love Wii games. My grandchildren turned me on the joy of having your own Mii and I have played games with them for hours at a time, although I don't really approve of kids playing most video games.

I've missed the competition.

I made that Wii mine, blowing my lawn mower funds without hesitation.

You have to go to the special desk at Walmart to pay for a Wii — "Ohhh, the cashier said, we don't get many of these."

Feeling totally special and fulfilled, I took it home and set it up.

It is perfect. And my original objectives have been met as well.

I moved my old "Taos" workbench from the kitchen to behind my couch and now my cat can lie on the back of the couch and watch me work, which makes him very happy.

And tucked away in my wallet is the number of a lawn care company given to me by a very nice lady in the hardware store.



## An estimated two million Texans struggle with speech, language or hearing disorders

By Judith Keller,  
President of the Texas  
Speech-Language-  
Hearing Association

For more than 75 years, May has been recognized as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" by the dedicated professionals who work to provide critical, life-changing help for the 49 million Americans of all ages and from all walks of life who struggle with some type of speech, language, or hearing disorder.

In Texas alone, it's an estimated two million people.

Although our professions are difficult to define, the speech-language pathology and audiology scopes of practice cover a wide spectrum of communication disorders. We as professionals treat hearing loss, stuttering, social disorders, literacy problems, swallowing disorders, stroke recovery, dementia, brain injury, laryngectomy recovery, Parkinson's disease, autism, balance disorders, auditory processing disorders, speech/sound problems ("R, L, S") — and much, much more.

Among our challenges is reaching out to these two million Texans, their families, and their communities to build awareness about our profession and our valuable services. We strive to equip them with the resources to prevent or overcome these often physically and socially disabling communication disorders.

The Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association — nearly 5,000 members strong — proudly serves as the state's recognized resource for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and citizens of Texas with communication disorders. We use evidence-based therapeutic methods and tools to improve communication for children and adults in schools, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, and private practices. On behalf of our members, the professions, and consumers, we are committed to advocacy, research, member communication and professional development.

There are several pieces of legislation currently being considered by the Texas Legislature that could have a dramatic and positive impact on our current patients, our potential patients, and our

professions. In short, they include:

- The requirement of a preseason cognitive-communicative assessment (primarily related to concussions) of all high school athletes engaged in contact sports, in order to help save lives and avoid brain injuries. This is based on the same model which requires all athletes to have physicals before they are cleared to play.

- The elimination of disparity and limitations with private health insurance that children and families experience when accessing speech, language, and hearing services — mandating that insurance benefits should cover all conditions regardless of cause and should not be left to the interpretation of insurance companies.

- Loan repayment for graduate education of speech-language pathologists and audiologists employed in public schools, and doctoral faculty who teach in Texas college/university communication sciences and disorders (CSD) programs. This will encourage employment in Texas schools and subsequently help alleviate critical shortages.

- Pay increases and benefits equal to those given teachers for speech-language pathologists and audiologists employed in the public schools.

- Liability exemption for licensed speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and assistants who voluntarily provide health care services.

In every community across the state of Texas, there are poignant stories — particularly about children — who have made great strides due to speech-language pathologists and/or audiologists who have identified communication problems and worked to help these individuals conquer their disorders. It should be noted that nearly one out of ten children has a noticeable speech disorder by the first grade.

Yet we are hopeful on many fronts.

We are hopeful that high school administrators, athletic directors, coaches and parents will recognize the risks involved with contact sports and will support our proposed preventive testing — for the sake of

the health and lives of our young athletes.

We are hopeful that families will receive more private insurance assistance, equipping them with the funds and tools for children, parents and grandparents to have access to the treatment that can enormously improve their quality of life.

We are hopeful that our state will assist communication sciences and disorders graduate students with loan repayments — a frequent obstacle for budding practitioners.

We are hopeful that public schools will attract and secure more speech-language pathologists and audiologists by offering salaries and benefits equal to those of teachers.

We are hopeful that with increased awareness of our professions, the number of untreated Texans will quickly decrease.

And as a whole, we are hopeful that dozens, hundreds, thousands more children and adults across the state will face and conquer their disorders with the help of Texas' passionate, dedicated speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

*Judith Keller is assistant professor at Texas Tech University's Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Services and President of TSHA, a professional membership organization that is the recognized resource in Texas for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and the citizens of Texas with communication disorders. For more information on TSHA or the current legislation, go to [www.tsha.org](http://www.tsha.org) or call 888-SAY-TSHA.*

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# Dallas man executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Derrick Lamone Johnson quietly accepted his punishment as he was put to death for the rape-slaying of a Dallas woman abducted a decade ago after she stopped to make a call at a pay phone.

"It's my situation," Johnson said, telling his mother to not cry as she sobbed while walking in the Texas death chamber to watch his lethal injection Thursday evening. "Hold tight. It's going to shine on the golden child."

Nine minutes later, he was pronounced dead, making him the 14th Texas prisoner executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state.

Johnson, 28, never acknowledged relatives of his victim, LaTausha Curry, including the woman's father and two sisters. They watched from an adjacent room and declined to speak with reporters following the execution.

Curry, 25, was robbed of less than \$10, was driven away in her car, raped, beaten with a two-by-four and suffocated with her own blouse during what authorities determined was part of a two-week crime spree in January 1999 involving Johnson and a companion. During the binge, numerous women were robbed or raped from Dallas to south of Waco, some 100 miles away.

Lawyers for Johnson tried to block the punishment in the courts, contending he was mentally disabled and ineligible for execution under U.S. Supreme Court guidelines. His appeal reached the Supreme Court on Thursday and was turned down about an hour

before he was taken to the Huntsville death chamber.

The American Civil Liberties Union also had urged Gov. Rick Perry, who could issue a one-time 30-day reprieve, to stop the execution, contending Johnson never had a full and fair hearing on his mental impairment claim. Perry did not step in.

Greg Davis, a former Dallas County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Johnson for capital murder, said he remembered the grief of Curry's mother, who died not long after Johnson's November 1999 trial.

"I remember her mother coming in and saying how she lost more than a daughter," Davis said. "She said, 'I lost my best friend.' It did break the mother's heart. I think this case ultimately killed her as well."

Several women who survived attacks from Johnson and a partner, Marcus Maxwell, then 15, testified at Johnson's trial.

Maxwell, who was certified for trial as an adult, took a plea deal and is serving 40 years in prison.

Johnson said he was wrongly convicted and complained about his court-appointed defense attorneys on a Web site devoted to death row inmates.

"The system is corrupt and there is no 'Justice' if you are of the low class," Johnson wrote. "It is sad that if you are a poor man in the system there is no justice for you."

In a confession to police, Johnson said he and Maxwell raped and killed Curry, who worked as a security guard and had a 4-year-old child. He told officers where to find her

body in an overgrown part of a park in Dallas' Oak Cliff area. His fingerprints were in her car and DNA tied him to her rape.

After they killed Curry, records show the pair robbed a woman at a gas station. Later, driving Curry's car, they rammed into another woman's car in a carjacking attempt. That woman called police but Johnson and Maxwell ran off.

Johnson was arrested four days later at his mother's apartment. Police found cocaine inside a hollowed-out pager he was carrying. Records showed Johnson

was arrested two years earlier for robbery, pleaded guilty and received 10 years probation that included a stint in a boot camp. He was released from the camp after 65 days for good behavior.

At least five other Texas inmates have with execution dates extending into the summer. Scheduled to die next, on May 19, is Michael Lynn Riley, 50, condemned for the slaying of Winona Harris, who was stabbed more than 23 years ago during the robbery of a convenience store in Quitman, about 80 miles east of Dallas.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice -- fast! My daughter, "Julie," is being married in July to a wonderful young man I'll call "Denny," who is also an only child. Julie and Denny planned a small, intimate wedding with close friends and family to be held in our prize-winning flower garden. The guest list was limited to 50, so my sister is catering the happy day.

Now, suddenly, Denny's mother bought another 200 invitations and mailed them out! At last count, we have 180 guests! I thought the guest list was up to the bride and groom. Not only is there not enough room in our garden, but no parking! We live in a small, gated community, and our covenants do not allow for that many cars. Must we find another venue for the wedding or can we tell mom-in-law-to-be she was out of line? -- FUTURE MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR FUTURE M.I.L.: What Denny's mother did was extremely presumptuous. However, this is not your problem, so please don't make it so.

Inform Denny's mother that entertaining more than 50 wedding guests on your property is forbidden by the codes, covenants and restrictions in your community and that she must now call every one of the guests she invited and rescind the invitation. Then alert the security personnel that only those on the original guest list are to be admitted.

Please understand that you and your daughter have my deepest sympathy, because this is only the opening salvo in the power struggle that's to come with this nervy woman -- so be prepared.

DEAR ABBY: I am 26 years old and, aside from my wedding day, I have never worn makeup. Several people have told me that "every woman needs makeup." I have pretty good skin, so I just brush them off and continue going without.

Lately, however, I have noticed that my cheeks and forehead are a bit more red than the rest of my face, and I would like to try some foundation or something to help even out my complexion. I'm not looking to go from zero to 60; I just want to start with the basics. I'm just not sure where to start.

I am wary of beauty consultants who will try to sell me overpriced stuff that I don't need. Also, I am afraid my husband, who has been fine with my "au naturel" appearance, will wonder why I'm all of a sudden interested in makeup. We have a great marriage, but he has mentioned in the past how glad he is that I don't wear makeup because it is messy and time-consuming. Can you give me some advice? -- MAKEUP-CHALLENGED IN TEXAS

DEAR MAKEUP-CHALLENGED: I'll gladly share some important beauty advice with you. It's something I learned in my 20s.

When it comes to your skin, your best friend is a good dermatologist. He or she can determine whether this change in your complexion is "cosmetic" or a symptom of an underlying medical problem. It could be something as simple as an allergy to the soap you are using, but you need to find out what is causing the irritation rather than trying to cover it up.

DEAR ABBY: You once published a beautiful short poem having to do with the value of reading to children. Encore, encore! -- MOMMY IN TACOMA

DEAR MOMMY: With pleasure. It is from a poem titled "The Reading Mother" and was written by Strickland Gillilan.

"You may have tangible wealth untold; "Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.

"Richer than I you can never be -- "I had a mother who read to me."

## H1N1 Texas case count

Case Count: CDC is reporting 28 confirmed human cases of H1N1 flu this year in Texas. This total includes a child from Mexico City who recently died in a Houston-area hospital.

Counties with confirmed cases are: Cameron (1), Comal (1), Dallas (6), Denton (1) Fort Bend (1), Guadalupe (9), Harris (1), Starr (2) and Tarrant (5).

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## Dewhurst forms blind trust; review nears end

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, subject of a probe into whether he has revealed enough information about his vast wealth, has put some of his holdings into a blind trust while finally disclosing his stake in a Houston investment company, records filed Thursday show.

The fresh disclosure filings come as prosecutors near completion of a months-long review of Dewhurst's previous personal financial disclosures. Dewhurst publicly revealed creation of the blind trust at the Texas Ethics Commission on Thursday afternoon, about an hour before the deadline for elected officials to turn in 2009 personal financial statements.

Travis County Attorney David Escamilla, a Democrat who investigates allegations of misdemeanor offenses by public officials, is still reviewing a formal complaint lodged against Dewhurst — about past disclosure filings — by Texans for Public Justice, a liberal watchdog group.

"My office received a complaint regarding the lieutenant governor's (disclosure) filings for 2007 and 2008," Escamilla said. "We have been reviewing that complaint and we hope to complete that review very shortly."

Dewhurst spokesman Rich Parsons said Dewhurst had carefully followed his lawyer's advice.

"The only change is the removal of one asset from the trust which was not required to be disclosed by any third party or state law," Parsons said.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, May 2, 2009:  
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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)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Use the daylight hours for a lighter or more playful activity than your norm. Tap into your imagination. If you are artistic and create your life's masterpiece, you might want to focus, as your creativity is brewing. Tonight: Plan on calm.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Family members let you know how much they enjoy your company. Take time for those who are closest to your heart and/or health. Though you might feel like there is no limit to indulgence, you still might need to direct your energy differently later today. Tonight: Let the sensual Bull out.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Invite a loved one or roommate out for brunch or some other fun get-together. Everyone will be happy just

swapping ideas and catching up on news, sharing gossip. Maybe going to the movies fits the bill. Tonight: Not far from home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Do some price comparison, and decide what is the best quality buy per dollar. If you are looking for a fun item, enjoy. Worry less about others' judgments. Let go of negative feelings like jealousy or possessiveness. Tonight: Join friends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Forget any thought of a quiet few days, afternoons or even hours. That is what your popularity causes. Try to squeeze in all the people and invitations. Confirm a get-together, as misunderstandings happen out of the blue. Tonight: Your treat.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* If you feel like closing your door and ignoring the world around you, do so in the daylight hours. Finish off errands and focus on completion and/or naps. Consider taking a walk or getting a little exercise. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Socialize to your heart's content. You might have a lot of ground to cover and so many friends to visit. Enjoy yourself. Slow down and refuse to push yourself or drive yourself to distraction. Perhaps a quality visit is more important. Tonight: Add mystery ... vanish.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Whether you are going to work or handling some other key situation, others look up to you. Still, understand that enough is enough and live up plans late afternoon and tomorrow. You need some fun time too. Tonight: Let your hair

down.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Take off for a day trip. Whether by car or public transportation, you can opt for an adventure or something different. Explore an art show or a historical area. Listen to your instincts in a conversation that might not be totally connecting. Tonight: A magnet wherever you are.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* One key person absolutely wants and needs your time. The intensity builds as the two of you share more and more. In some way, it is as if you can see no one but each other. Help each other relax. Tonight: Let your mind wander. Off to a movie or put on some music.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Make it easy to make plans and just go with others' preferred choice, even if it is not yours. There will be other days and times. Schedule special time with one person. Tonight: Opt for dinner for two.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Complete work or a project. You could be surprised by how much you accomplish if you focus. Consider a spontaneous get-together at your place. Pick up the phone and start making plans. Allow a friend to pitch in. Tonight: Say yes. Be available.

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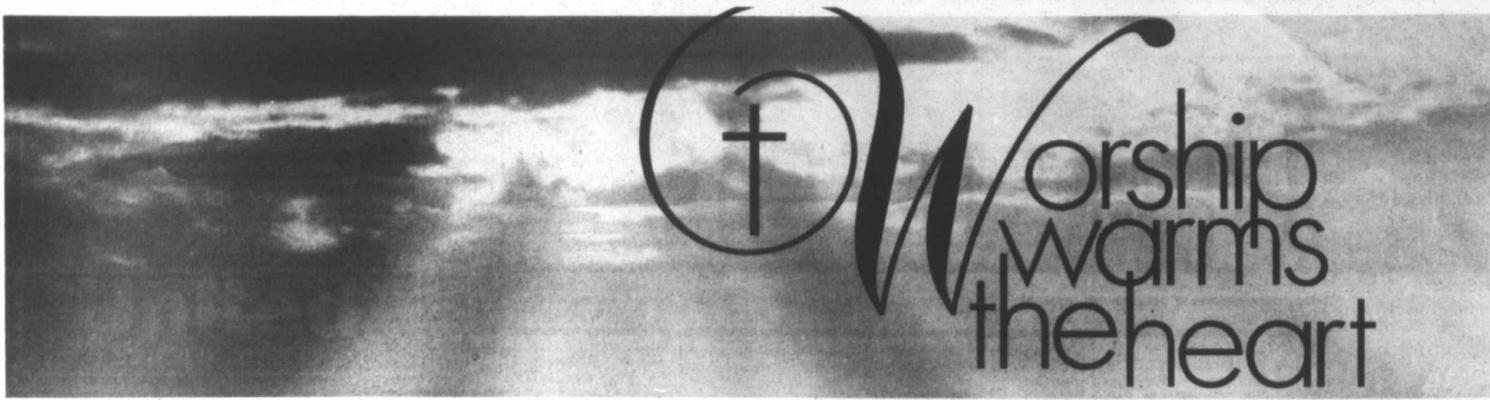
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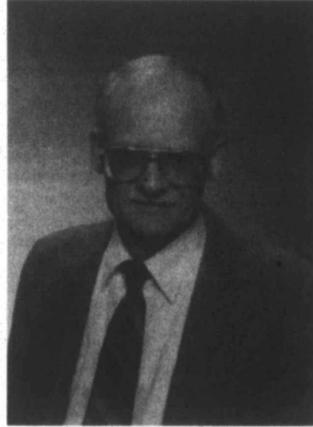
First Baptist Church of Pampa will have a weekend Bible prophecy conference with Rev. Bob Farber on May 2 and 3.

Farber is a Jewish-Christian evangelist from Whitesboro, TX, is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and

Former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Medford, NY. The conference will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 2, in the Sanctuary of the

Church, 203 N. West. A nursery and childcare will be provided. On May 3, there will be a service at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the church.



*Minister's Musing*  
 Bud's challenge to every American

I just watched the movie *Swing Vote* and I feel compelled to share something with all of my fellow Americans who also happen to be Pampans. I can't give the movie my blanket endorsement because of the language level, especially taking the Lord's name in vain. There just isn't any excuse for that. But I can say that the whole movie was worth a 2 minute scene near the end of the movie.

The storyline centers around a kind of worthless guy named Bud who due to a voting snafu finds himself in the position of choosing the next president of the United States. Near the end of the movie Bud "wakes us" to who and what he has been throughout his life. Here is his confession to all of his fellow Americans. There are some real challenges in his words.

"I can't say that I've been much of anything most of my life. It's sorta like somewhere along the way ... I checked out and it's not like I had big dreams to begin with. But I had something once. I had something close to faith or hope or whatever ... whatever word you want to use for how good life could be. But then, the years start moving quicker and all of a sudden ... what's going good out there for every else ... isn't going so good for you. But, tonight I feel ... embarrassed. I've had my chances, more than most. I've grown up in a country where ... if I decided to do more with my life than just drift and drink ... that I could be standing where ... where maybe you (presidential candidates) stand tonight. Instead, I've taken freely and I've given nothing. I'm ashamed in front of my ... daughter and my country. I've never served or sacrificed. The only heavy lifting I've been asked to do is simple stuff, like ... pay attention, VOTE. If America has a ... if America has a true enemy tonight, I guess it's me."

WOW! What a confession! What a transparent man. What a humble man at that moment. What an example for us all. Once Bud faced the truth about his life, then he was ready to get a real life; one that his daughter could be proud of and one that he could take pride in too.

Did you know that God is big on confession? Did you know that He commands us to confess our sins to Him?

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

So why is confession such a big deal? Confession of our sin is not only how we get "put in our place", but it is the instant remedy for "putting God in His place".

Only when we are in our place (flat on our face before God) and God is in His proper place (on the throne of our life) can the possibilities for our life be reached. We will always fall short when we refuse to see how undeserving and worthless we really are without God at the helm. But once we see ourselves as we really are without God at the helm, then God can take us and regenerate us and remake us and use us. Then and only then will we ever experience the "abundant life" of which the scriptures speak.

So follow Bud's lead. But instead of confessing your screw-ups to your fellow Americans, make a confession that will count for all eternity. Make Your confession to God.

"God, I know that I am a mess without You and that my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my messed-up past and surrender my life to You. Please forgive me. I believe that Your son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. Please let Jesus become the Lord of my life; to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send Your Holy Spirit to help me live more like Jesus, and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

God bless. Mike  
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