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IS IT TIME TO ROLL OVER YOUR NEXT EGG?

## Suzie Wilkinson named 2006 Citizen of the Year

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
 Staff Writer

Suzie Wilkinson was "just flabbergasted" to be named 2006 Citizen of the Year at Thursday night's 78th annual Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"It is really an honor," Wilkinson said upon accepting a plaque and a bouquet of roses from Barry Haenisch, immediate past chairman of the Chamber's board of directors.

"I came to this part of the country in 1960 from Dallas," Wilkinson said. "Everywhere I turned, there were signs that said Pampa was 'where the oil flows and the wheat grows.' Now, those signs should say, 'the richest town in the world.'"

"We're rich in our people," she said. "We grow the best people in the world here. I'm overwhelmed with the generosity of the people in this area. I could live anywhere I please, but I choose to live here. This is the best piece of earth in the world."

Wilkinson married Ernie Wilkinson on July 23, 1960 after having met him in 1957 at what is now the University of North Texas. They came to Pampa and became mem-

bers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Their son, Clark, was born in 1961, and their daughter, Mike, was born in 1962.

Wilkinson began nursing school in 1974, worked as a licensed vocational nurse and later received her master's degree in health management. She taught the first cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes at Highland General Hospital in Pampa, and she raised the funds for the first crash carts for the hospital's emergency room.

Wilkinson and her husband opened Shepard's Crook Home Health Care in 1988. The agency adds a payroll of three million dollars to Pampa's economy. Shepherd's Helping Hand followed in 1989 as a charity to assist the ill who are needy.

The Wilkinsons had raised Angus cattle on a cow/calf ranch after they arrived in Pampa. Then in 1990, they started a llama herd and a flock of sheep.

The Wilkinsons remained active in the Episcopal Church. In 1996, they entered deacon school through the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas in Lubbock. They were

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Pampa News, photo by MARILYN POWERS  
 Suzie Wilkinson accepts a bouquet of roses and a plaque from Barry Haenisch upon being named 2006 Citizen of the Year at the 78th Annual Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday night at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

### Li'l cowgirl



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
 Karla Nanez enjoyed dressing up for the Wild West Rodeo program presented at St. Matthews School this morning.

## Miami to host housing fair

The Miami Economic Development Corp. will host a housing fair on March 24 to bring together lenders, land owners, builders and prospective homeowners to discuss the need for additional housing.

According to the EDC, Miami is located amid some of the most active oil and gas development in the Texas Panhandle and they feel that jobs in this industry will continue and therefore assure a prolonged and active real estate market for Miami and Roberts County.

The Miami EDC gave a list of attractive characteristics of their community to encourage people to move to this area.

According to the EDC:

- The town is located amid the tributaries of Red Deer Creek, which provides one of the most photogenic areas in the Panhandle.
- This area boasts a low crime rate and a small school atmosphere which provides

smaller class sizes. Vocational programs in the area of 4-H and FFA give students the opportunity to participate in many activities.

- The emergency needs of the community are met by the Roberts County Sheriff's Department, a volunteer fire department and the Miami Emergency Medical Service.
- An outstanding infrastructure which includes parks, tennis and volleyball courts, baseball and swimming facilities, an airport and camping and fishing areas provide many recreational and leisure opportunities to residents.

The housing fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Miami Community Center and lunch will be provided by the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact the Miami EDC at 806-868-2202 or the Roberts County Judges Office at 806-868-3721.

## Severe weather tornado tips offered

AUSTIN — Tornadoes can occur at any time of year in Texas, but they happen most often in spring and summer. Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 4 - 10, 2007.

Monitor TV and radio broadcasts for storm information, as well as NOAA weather radio.

When a tornado is sighted, the most important rule is to get low and stay low.

Other safety tips:

- Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of a home, office or other building. Shelter in a windowless area: a stairwell, bathroom, hallway or storage closet;
- Avoid any area with a wide, unsupported roof such as an auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria or theater. Avoid areas with win-

dows or large amounts of glass;

- If you are in a mobile home, get out immediately and take shelter in a nearby sturdy building. If there is no nearby building, lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Watch out for flooding;
- Never try to outrun a tornado in your car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside;
- At school, follow the drill and go to a designated shelter area, usually interior hallways on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums, gyms and areas with wide, free-span roofs;
- Go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of a shopping center. Do not leave the shopping center to get in your car.

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**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.  
**Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		XOM..... 71.97 +0.12
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**Exxon Mobil launches program**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. is launching a national program aimed at improving the way math and science are taught in U.S. schools and getting more students to take challenging coursework. The giant oil and gas company plans to spend \$125 million to create the National Math and Science Initiative, said Kenneth Cohen, chair of the company's charitable foundation. Other foundations active in education reform are expected to contribute too, Cohen said. The program will focus on preparing existing and new teachers to teach college-level, or Advanced Placement, courses. A second effort will focus on encouraging college students majoring in math and

science to become teachers. The program will give them access to education courses and financial assistance during school and upon graduation if they go into teaching. Cohen said the effort was in part a response to a federal report that said the nation has to invest more heavily in math and science — subject areas that are key for many of today's jobs. Recently released results of a national math test showed that nearly 40 percent of high school seniors scored below the basic level. Almost half of the 12th-graders taking a national science test fell short of showing basic science skills. Exxon Mobil Corp., headquartered in Irving, Texas, is the world's largest publicly traded energy company.

**ECONOMY**

**Trade deficit takes a dive**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trade deficit narrowed slightly in January as U.S. exports rose to an all-time high while imports dropped, sending a hopeful signal that the country's trade imbalances may finally start to improve this year.

The Commerce Department reported today that the gap between what America sells abroad and what it imports fell to \$59.1 billion in January, down by 3.8 percent from a December deficit of \$61.5 billion.

The improvement came despite the fact that the politically sensitive deficit with China shot up by 12 percent to \$21.3 billion, a development certain to increase pressure on the administration to deal with what critics see as China's unfair trade practices.

Exports of goods and services rose by 1.1 percent to an all-time high of \$126.7 billion in January, reflecting gains in sales of American airplanes, computers and farm products such as soybeans and wheat.

Imports declined a slight 0.5 percent to \$185.8 billion.

**The Commerce Department reported today that the gap between what America sells abroad and what it imports fell to \$59.1 billion in January, down by 3.8 percent from a December deficit of \$61.5 billion.**

Shipments of foreign cars, clothing, televisions and toys and games all were down. These declines offset a 5.4 percent increase in America's foreign oil bill, which rose 5.4 percent to \$24.5 billion in January.

The trade deficit has set records for five straight years, reaching \$765.3 billion in 2006 with one-third of that amount accounted for by the imbalance with China, which jumped to \$232.5 billion last year, the largest trade gap ever recorded with a single country.

Those rising trade deficits have come as America has lost 3 million manufacturing jobs since President Bush took office in January 2001, losses that critics blame in part on the soaring trade

deficits. Democrats took control of the House and Senate in the 2006 elections with campaigns that attacked Bush's free trade policies, arguing that the administration has failed to protect Americans workers from other countries' unfair trade practices.

"It should raise red flags for this administration that while our overall trade deficit is slightly down, our trade deficit with China continues to explode," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said in reaction to the latest report.

Alan Tonelson with the U.S. Business and Industry Council, which represents small manufacturers, said the 16 percent decline in U.S. exports to China in January was "an insult to America's

competitive domestic manufacturers."

The administration focused on total exports, which are now at a record level. U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said the administration's push to strike new free trade agreements had "expanded the marketplace for American businesses, farmers and ranchers."

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson this week completed his third trip to China since joining the Bush Cabinet last July. He delivered a speech to the Shanghai stock exchange urging the Chinese government to accelerate the pace of opening its capital markets to U.S. and other foreign companies.

Paulson is also pressing the Chinese to allow greater flexibility in its currency system, a process the United States believes will allow the Chinese yuan to rise in value against the dollar. American manufacturers contend the Chinese are undervaluing their currency by as much as 40 percent to gain trade advantages over American products.

**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**MURPHY, James C.** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

**James C. Murphy, 70**

MIAMI, Texas — James C. Murphy, 70, of Miami, died March 8, 2007, at Miami.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Miami Cemetery with Mr. Bill Burkholder, lay minister, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

M. Murphy was born July 13, 1936, in Runnels County, Texas. He was reared in Miami, graduating from Miami High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He worked as a cowboy and heavy equipment operator until his recent retirement.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Murphy and wife Sylvia of Corpus Christi, and Jimmy Murphy

of Winters; one daughter, Melody Kerley and husband Rick of Moody, Mo.; his mother, Vera Murphy of Miami; four grandchildren, Ryan Murphy and Kathy Murphy, both of Corpus Christi, and Kimberly Kerley and Kaylee Kerley, both of Moody, Mo.; one brother, Deverl Murphy and wife Kathy of Pampa; and two sisters, Dorothy Gunn and husband Jerry of Pampa,

and Marilyn Martin and husband Jim of Rapid City, S.D. He was preceded in death by his father, A.K. Murphy, and a sister, Juanel Murphy.

Memorials may be made to the Roberts County 4-H, P.O. Box 478, Miami, TX 79059; or a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Eight traffic stops were made.

Stolen vehicles were reported in the 900 block of South Barnes and the 1100 block of North Charles.

Accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North

Hobart, the intersection of Lefors and Browning, and the intersection of Cuyler and Foster.

Animals control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of North Faulkner, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 300 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1100 block of West Crawford, the 700 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of South Varnon, the 100 block of West 30th, the 100 block of Neel, and at four undisclosed locations.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles where loud and profane language was used, and in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Thefts were reported in the 800 block of East Campbell and in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 800 block of East Craven.

Sex offender registration was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 400 block of Doyle, the 2200 block of North Hobart, and the 900 block of South Sumner where an arrest was made for assault on a police officer and resisting arrest.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

Prowlers were reported in the 1400 block of North

Christy and the 1100 block of South Christy.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Warrant service was reported at one location which resulted in an arrest.

An open door was checked in the 500 block of West Brown.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Price Road.

Possession of a controlled substance, less than four grams, was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

**Sheriff**

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

**Thursday, March 8**  
 Christina Ann Mullen, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 800 block of Campbell for forgery of a financial instrument on a Randall County warrant.

Schuyler Bond Danner, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 800 block of Campbell for theft from person.

Brandon Hollar, 21, of Booker, was arrested by GCSO for two counts of theft by check and possession of a controlled substance on Hansford County warrants.

Amanda Wood, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Hobart by PPD for assault on a public servant and resisting arrest.

Kedrick Grays, 22, of Pampa was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

Luis Baca Jr., 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Fire**

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

**Thursday, March 8**  
 3:38 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Lefors and Browning on a vehicle accident.

**Ambulance**

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

**Thursday, March 8**  
 1:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Browning and Lefors and transported two patients to PRMC.

6:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

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**REMEMBRANCE- THIS** March marks the 1 year anniversary of the largest wildfires in Texas History. Copies of the Wildfire Magazines are available at The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, 669-2525. (\$10 or can be mailed to you for \$11.50.)

# Audit: FBI abused Patriot Act

By LARA JAKES JORDAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI improperly and, in some cases, illegally used the USA Patriot Act to secretly obtain personal information about people in the United States, a Justice Department audit concluded today.

And for three years the FBI has underreported to Congress how often it forced businesses to turn over the customer data, the audit found.

FBI agents sometimes demanded the data without proper authorization, according to the 126-page audit by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine. At other times, the audit found, the FBI improperly obtained telephone records in non-emergency circumstances.

The audit blames agent error and shoddy record-keeping for the bulk of the problems and did not find any indication of criminal misconduct.

Still, "we believe the improper or illegal uses we found involve serious misuses of national security letter authorities," the audit concludes.

At issue are the security letters, a power outlined in the Patriot Act that the Bush administration pushed through Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. The letters, or administrative subpoenas, are used in suspected terrorism and espionage cases. They allow the FBI to require telephone companies, Internet service providers, banks, credit bureaus and other businesses to produce highly personal records about their customers or subscribers — without a judge's approval.

About three-fourths of the national security letters were issued for counter-terror cases, and the other fourth for spy investigations.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller

called Fine's audit "a fair and objective review of the FBI's use of a proven and useful investigative tool."

The finding "of deficiencies in our processes is unacceptable," Mueller said in a statement.

"We strive to exercise our authorities consistent with the privacy protections and civil liberties that we are sworn to uphold," Mueller said. "Anything less will not be tolerated. While we've already taken some steps to address these shortcomings, I am ordering additional corrective measures to be taken immediately."

Fine's annual review is required by Congress, over the objections of the Bush administration.

The audit released today found that the number of national security letters issued by the FBI skyrocketed in the years after the Patriot Act became law.

In 2000, for example, the FBI issued an estimated 8,500 letters. By 2003, however, that number jumped to 39,000. It rose again the next year, to about 56,000 letters in 2004, and dropped to approximately 47,000 in 2005.

Over the entire three-year period, the audit found the FBI issued 143,074 national security letters requesting customer data from businesses.

The FBI vastly underreported the numbers. In 2005, the FBI told Congress that its agents in 2003 and 2004 had delivered only 9,254 national security letters seeking e-mail, telephone or financial information on 3,501 U.S. citizens and legal residents over the previous two years.

Additionally, the audit found, the FBI identified 26 possible violations in its use of the national security letters, including failing to get proper authorization, making improper requests under the law and unauthorized collection of

telephone or Internet e-mail records.

Of the violations, 22 were caused by FBI errors, while the other four were the result of mistakes made by the firms that received the letters.

The FBI also used so-called "exigent letters," signed by officials at FBI headquarters who were not authorized to sign national security letters, to obtain information. In at least 700 cases, these exigent letters were sent to three telephone companies to get toll billing records and subscriber information.

"In many cases, there was no pending investigation associated with the request at the time the exigent letters were sent," the audit concluded.

The letters inaccurately said the FBI had requested subpoenas for the information requested — "when, in fact, it had not," the audit found.

Senators outraged over the conclusions signaled they would provide tougher oversight of the FBI — and perhaps limit its power.

"The report indicates abuse of the authority" Congress gave the FBI, said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "You cannot have people act as free agents on something where they're going to be delving into your privacy."

The committee's top Republican, Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, said the FBI appears to have "badly misused national security letters." The senator said, "This is, regrettably, part of an ongoing process where the federal authorities are not really sensitive to privacy and go far beyond what we have authorized."

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., another member on the panel that oversees the FBI, said the report "proves that 'trust us' doesn't cut it."

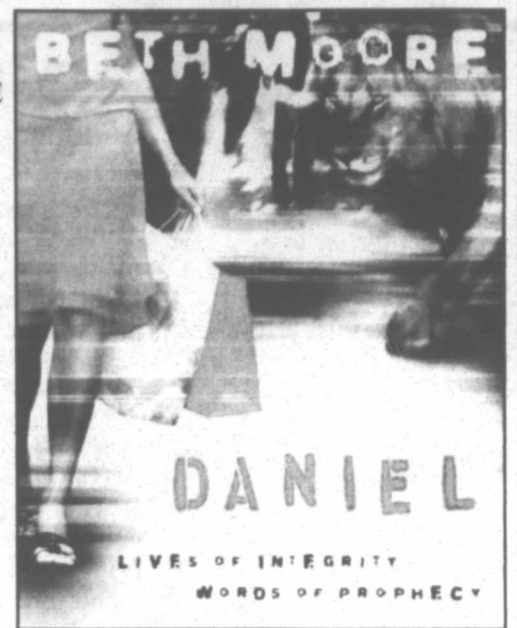
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# Demand for corn will raise meat prices

By LIBBY QUAIL  
AP Food and Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Strong demand for corn from ethanol plants is driving up the cost of livestock and will raise prices for beef, pork and chicken, the Agriculture Department said Friday.

Meat and poultry production will fall as producers face higher feed costs, the department said in its monthly crop report. Ethanol fuel, which is blended with gasoline, is consuming 20 percent of last year's corn crop and is expected to gobble up more than 25 percent of this year's crop.

The price of corn, the main feed for livestock, has driven the cost of feeding chickens up 40 percent, according to the National Chicken Council. The council says that chicken, the most popular meat with consumers, will soon cost more at the grocery store. The industry worries the competition from ethanol could cause a shortage of corn.

The average price of corn, unchanged from last month, is \$3.20 a bushel, up from \$2 last year.

While chicken producer Tyson Foods Inc. posted its first profitable quarter in a year Jan. 29, executives warned that a dramatic rise in feed costs will raise chicken prices.

"Companies will be forced to pass along rising costs to their customers, meaning consumers will pay significantly more for food," Chief Executive Dick Bond said.

Deputy Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner said USDA is keeping an eye on corn supply and demand. Demand likely will prompt farmers to plant more acres in corn, he said.

"We do have confidence in the marketplace's ability to react," Conner said. "We believe producers are seeing the market saying, 'I need more corn, not only for ethanol, but for our feed needs in this country.'"

The department will issue planting predictions later this month.

For soybeans, analysts said prices are averaging \$6.30 a bushel, up from last month's average of \$6.20. Last year's price was \$5.66. Wheat prices are averaging \$4.25 a bushel, unchanged from last month and up from \$3.42 last year.

Also in the crop report, the department updated the citrus forecast to include the effects of a January freeze on California oranges. The California crop will be 39 percent smaller than last year, and combined with freezes that are expected to reduce the Florida crop, the nation's crop is expected to be 18 percent smaller than last season.

Shares of Archer Daniels Midland Co., the country's biggest ethanol producer, fell 36 cents to \$34.45 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares of Tyson fell 6 cents to \$17.99.

## Chamber

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ordained ministers in 2000 in the Episcopal Deacon Program after four years' attendance at the school.

Wilkinson was named 2004 Artist of the Year by Pampa Fine Arts Association. She is still an active artist and is a member of the PFAA board of directors.

She is chief executive officer of Shepherd's Crook and a board member of Shepherd's Helping Hand. She is a

sponsor of the Shepard's intern program for nursing students and is an advocate for the sick and needy.

Wilkinson is a deacon at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and is active in the prison ministry at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Jordan Unit, as well as Good Samaritan Christian Services.

She is a member of the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association and Pampa Chamber of Commerce. She is a board member of the American Heart Association.

She continues to care for the couple's llamas as well as a number of

pets.

Haenisch recognized retiring Chamber board members Kathy Cota, Neil Fulton and Becca Dunn. He also gave a review of 2006.

Janna Kiehl, executive director and chief executive officer of the Better Business Bureau in Amarillo, was guest speaker. She spoke on how companies can best serve their customers through their employees.

Mark Lang, 2007 Chamber board chairman, introduced the board for 2007 and previewed the upcoming year by listing new businesses, organizations and people in Pampa.

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# Viewpoints

## Privacy? There is no privacy in America

Ring. Ring.  
 "Hello, this is Tom."  
 "Happy birthday to you, Tom!"  
 "Who is this? How do you know it was my birthday?"  
 "Your birth date is public information — it's listed on your voter registration card. But that's not important. What is important is that I'm here to help you."  
 "Help me?"  
 "We feel it's time for you to upgrade your computer, Tom. It's taking you forever to surf through the Web sites you visit."  
 "You know which Web sites I visit?"  
 "Of course. Not long ago, America Online got into trouble for releasing such information. We had a good laugh when we learned your favorite search terms are: 'Madonna, bikini, before she turned 40.'"

"This, sir, is an outrage."  
 "We're just trying to help. Incidentally, that 27-year-old flight attendant you met in the online chat room?"  
 "What of her?"  
 "She's 64 and married."  
 "You have no right to —"  
 "Don't get excited, Tom. According to the free blood pressure clinic you visited — you remember filling out that card, don't you? — your blood pressure is awfully high."  
 "You know my blood pressure?"  
 "Of course. There are lots of ways to get that information now. Didn't you know that security cameras and other devices mounted in public places are now able to check vital signs?"  
 "My vital signs!"  
 "Absolutely. Some surveillance systems can identify you by how you walk. And special programs can

track your eye movements. Retailers use them to get a better idea of what shoppers are looking for."  
 "You can't be serious."  
 "As serious as a heart attack, Tom. Which is why you ought to cut back on the corn chips. Do you really need to eat three bags a week?"  
 "You track my corn chip purchases?"  
 "That discount card the grocery store gave you is quite revealing. Incidentally, you forgot to redeem your coupon on the free devil's food cake. I'll send another if you'd like."  
 "What you're doing is surely against the law!"  
 "Law? There are no laws to prevent us from knowing

about you. Everything you buy with your credit or debit card is incredibly easy for us to track — and most of the things we do to track you are legal."  
 "They are?"  
 "Yes, and every time you fill out any form, your personal information is stored in computers and shared with goodness only

like us."  
 "But this is immoral!"  
 "A typical statement from a 44-year-old, single, middle-class Catholic conservative who voted for Reagan, Bush, Dole and Bush."  
 "Have you no shame, sir?"  
 "I'm not the one who is 12 months overdue at the library on 'How to Win Over Women and Influence Courtship.'"  
 "I'll report you to the press."  
 "That's a good one, Tom. The press is eager to criticize the Bush administration for monitoring phone calls and wire transfers, when there are hundreds of other threats to privacy that the press hardly ever talks about."  
 "Then Congress must write new laws to protect us."  
 "That's an even better one, Tom. In the electronic

global village in which we all now exist, technology is moving so rapidly that no law can keep up with it. The only way you can protect your privacy is to stop giving out ID numbers, stop using computers and stop using your credit cards."  
 "I can't afford that kind of inconvenience."  
 "Neither can I, Tom. Which brings us back to the reason I called. I have some products to help you upgrade your computer."  
 "There are only two things I want from you: your name and phone number."  
 "Sorry, but I can't give you that information. That information is private."  
 —Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

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 Columnist



knows who."  
 "Without my permission?"  
 "Of course. And did you know that your Social Security number has more than 40 congressionally approved uses? You can't drive, vote, apply for a job or open a bank account without revealing that number. That's a godsend to people

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 9, the 68th day of 2007. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on March 9, 1907, Indiana's General Assembly passed America's first involuntary sterilization law, one that was aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles, and rapists" in state custody. (More than 30 states ended up passing compulsory sterilization laws that were eventually overturned or repealed.)

On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in 1809.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18

*'It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him.'*

— John Steinbeck  
 American author  
 (1902-1968)

Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was elected the head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now."

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. The siege ended two days later.

In 1987, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

Ten years ago: Gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

Five years ago: Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, the 1960s black power radical formerly known as H. Rap Brown, was convicted of murder in the shooting death of a sheriff's deputy in Atlanta. (Al-Amin was sentenced to life without parole.)



## Journalists deserve no special treatment

I agree with the U.S. Supreme Court. The Constitution grants no privileges to journalists. The First Amendment was not written for the benefit of journalists. It describes the rights of all the people.

This is not a new position for me. A journalist is a citizen, no different from the courthouse janitor or a plumber's helper. We have no subpoena power. We have no exemptions from the law.

Any journalist who has knowledge of a crime having been committed or about to be committed has a civic obligation to report that information to the police or prosecutors. If a journalist is subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury or in a trial, he has the same obligation as every other citizen to tell the truth.

As for confidential sources and protecting their

identities, if they have knowledge of a crime, then protecting their identities amounts to obstruction of justice. The proper use of confidential sources is to provide the reporter with information about the location of records or the right questions to ask the right people.

In my reporting career, I can't recall ever quoting an anonymous source. This practice has been greatly abused, especially in Washington. I also never agree to attend "background briefings" or "off the record" interviews. Readers have a right to know not only what is being said, but who is saying it.

For example, I was once

tipped off that a campaign contributor to a local sheriff had, after the sheriff's election, gone into the bail-bond business and was writing virtually 90 percent of the bonds. Jail authorities are not supposed to recommend a bondsman, but to merely show the arrested person a list

of all those in the business. I didn't write a story quoting an anonymous source. I went to the jail and spent eight tedious hours compiling the records of every bond written since the new sheriff took office. Once that was done, the facts spoke for themselves.

I've protected confidential sources from their bosses or others who might want to

seek retribution, but in none of these cases was the criminal-justice system involved. As for the odious "Sullivan Rule" set by the Supreme Court, I've always operated as if it didn't exist.

The Sullivan Rule was a favor granted to the establishment media during the civil-rights struggle. Prior to that rule, the only defense against a libel suit was the truth. The Sullivan Rule says that if journalists print falsehoods about a public figure, the public figure must prove not only that the information is false, but that the reporters acted with malice. Since malice is a state of mind, it's very difficult to prove. It created the current era of cheap-shot journalism. To say that having to tell the truth would have a chilling effect is a damning indictment of the

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Feb. 26  
 El Paso Times on the U.S. military surge in Iraq and combat adaptability:

Even as the U.S. military builds up its forces in and around Baghdad — the highly controversial "surge" — another problem looms large.

Actually, it's part of a bigger problem — the amazing and dangerous adaptability of enemy forces in Iraq. They keep demonstrating an ability to exploit coalition vulnerabilities and keep matters slightly off balance.

The latest instance is the shooting down of U.S. helicopters. Since Jan. 20, at least seven U.S. helicopters have

crashed, many as a result of enemy fire. Nearly 30 civilians and military personnel have been killed in the crashes.

Helicopters serve many roles in the Iraq conflict, from ferrying troops and equipment to providing withering ground support for troops. A twin-rotor Chinook can haul impressive loads of combat-ready troops and equipment by air, avoiding the dangers of improvised explosive devices on the roadways. The AH-64 Apache, carrying an impressive load of rockets and missiles in addition to a chain gun, can perform a number of attack and support roles.

Helicopters have performed yeoman work in Iraq in both combat and support roles.

But in the past couple of months, helicopters have increasingly become

the victims of ground fire. It appears that gunfire, rocket-propelled grenades and shoulder-fired missiles have been used against the helicopters.

Compared to other aircraft, helicopters are relatively good targets. Slower moving, lightly armored ... a single well-placed bullet, let alone a rocket or missile, could bring down a helicopter.

And an Associated Press story reports that there is dissatisfaction among Army pilots with defensive systems on helicopters. According to the AP, in 2003, the 507th Medical Air Ambulance unit, based at Fort Bliss, complained about the operability and effectiveness of a radar warning receiver. Also, desert conditions, particularly

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## Wells Street Church of Christ

**Church name:** Wells Street Church of Christ, 400 N. Wells.

**Minister:** At present, we have 10 different men who minister and teach (1 Cor. 14:29). These men are appointed by the leadership. They come from a variety of backgrounds and a variety of vocations. This method, used by the New Testament church, provides a variety of topics, a fresh perspective and promotes a great deal of study among members within the congregation. This also reduces the financial burden of the local congregation because all of these men are volunteers.

**Services:** Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 6 p.m. Evening Worship; Wednesday — 7 p.m. Evening Worship.

**Activities:** Gospel meetings are conducted two or three times each year to reach out to the community. These meetings are advertised and brochures are passed out to inform the public of the scheduled speaker, times and dates.

**Members:** 90 members at present.

**Denomination:** We are autonomous, but we are affiliated with a nationwide group of autonomous congregations that support the restoration of Biblical principles.

**How long here:** The congregation was started in the late 1940's when the army air base was disbanded at the end of WWII and the base chapel was acquired and moved to 400 N. Wells Street.

**Goals:** Land has been purchased and plans are being made to build a new building in the near future.

**Other activities:** We conduct regular services at the Meredith House, as well as the Baten Unit and we enjoy sharing the Good News of the simple plan of salvation given to us in the bible with those we come in contact with.

**Main goal:** The main goal of our congregation is to promote the restoration of New Testament principles established by the Apostles of Jesus Christ. Efforts to accomplish that goal include supporting the work of evangelists throughout the United States and in countries overseas such as India and Nigeria.

**Church message:** As our sole authority, the Holy Scriptures provide everything we need to become complete Christians (2 Tim 3:16). And as such, we make every effort to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.

**Responsible parties:** The elders are the leaders of the congregation (Acts 20:17-28). Deacons are also appointed to assist the elders in many activities (Acts 6, 1 Tim. 3, etc).

**Information:** We are part of an effort to take the church back to its original simple form blessed and sanctioned by Christ himself. A place where the scriptures are taken and applied in their entirety. We are truly a loving church family. If you are looking for a loving environment to worship where the love of God and His Son, as well as our fellow man, is stressed using the simple basic principles and examples or the original New Testament Church, come by and see what is happening in a congregation where we make every effort to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15).

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# Religion

## Youth retreat



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Members of Cornerstone Baptist Church's youth group in Pampa recently attended a winter youth retreat at Pan Fork Baptist Encampment. Above: (back row, from left) Brienne Moyer, Caylee Steward, Callie Brewer, Ciera Cook, Jerah L'esperance, Seth Almanza and Layce Smith; (front row, l-r) Ethan Greer, Chance Almanza, Stephenea Marshall, Shelby McCollum and Leslie McDowell. Not pictured: Sponsors Chris and Lanisa Steward and Kayla Minchew.



## Bible Baptist to host guest speaker

Bible Baptist Church of Pampa will stage a revival Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, with Dr. Clyde Gilman of Albuquerque, N.M. Services are scheduled at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church on the corner of Starkweather and Kingsmill. A noon meal will be served Sunday and Tuesday, and a nursery will be provided at all services. Call 669-7830 for transportation to and from the revival.



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▲ First Baptist Church has announced a new addition to its staff — Jeremy Buck and wife, Karmen, both of the Texas Panhandle. Jeremy is from Pampa and was educated at Oklahoma Baptist University. "Jeremy has a heart for youth," a press release from the church said. "Having had wonderful church experiences as a teenager himself, he desires for other teens to get as much out of the church experience as he did." The release said Karmen is a gifted counselor for today's teenage girls. The youth recently participated in a Disciple Now weekend with Mark Ramsey of Dallas and The Casey Shock Band, also of the Metroplex. "We had around 75 junior high and high school students participate as well as 13 college students who acted as group leaders," Jeremy said. In addition to serving the local church as youth minister and interim pastor, the Bucks were missionaries in the Middle East for two years.

## New Hope gearing up for revival

New Hope Baptist Church, 912 S. Gray, will host revival services with Dr. Sammie Glass of Washington, D.C., at 7:30 p.m. nightly, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the church.

Dr. Glass is a native of Columbus, Miss. He grew up in the church and accepted Christ at the age of 12. He began his ministry after turning 20.

He has attended Ministerial College and Institute of West Point, Miss., Virginia Union University of Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, the School of Theology at Virginia Union University and Andersonville Baptist Seminary of Camilla, Ga.

Dr. Glass holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and education, a master of theology degree, a doctor of theology degree and has completed more than half the necessary requirements at Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology for a master's of divinity degree.

Dr. Glass has served in the Baptist Church for more than 25 years as a pastor, serving Friendship Baptist Church in Dunkirk, N.Y., First Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Dawn, Va., Mount Jezreel Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va., and Abundant Life Baptist Church in Capital Heights, Md. Since December 2000, he has served Greater Tried Stone Baptist Church in Washington.

## Church briefs

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 912 S. Gray, in Pampa will celebrate its 33rd anniversary at 8 p.m. today and 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the church. Guest speakers for the event will be the Rev. James Collins of Amarillo and, on Sunday, Dr. Sammie L. Glass of Washington, D.C.

The public is cordially invited to attend the celebration.

Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday at Waka Christian Center in Waka. A potluck meal will be served to participants at 6 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service.

Families and friends are invited to attend,

and a nursery will be provided.

AMARILLO — Grammy Award-winning artist Jody Miller will appear at 7 p.m. in concert Thursday during "Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree" at The Church at Quail Creek, 801 Tascosa Road.

Miller scored more than 20 top country songs during the "Nashville Sound" era including her Grammy Award-winning signature song, "Queen of the House."

Miller lives in Blanchard, Okla. She now records both patriotic and Christian songs. For more information on the upcoming concert, call (806) 935-7247.

## Florida Boys



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Jerry Smith will present "The Florida Boys" in free concert at 7:30 p.m. March 12 at the high school auditorium in Borger. The Florida Boys, a longtime gospel quartet prominent since the 1950s, includes Les Beasley, manager/bass guitar; Glen Allred, baritone/guitar; Derrell Steward, piano; Gene McDonald, bass; Harold Reed, tenor; and Josh Garner, lead. The Florida Boys have been featured on "The Today Show," "TNN's Prime Time Country," "Crooke & Chase," and more.

### "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

This hymn was written by Matthew Bridges, an Anglican clergyman, who at age 48, converted to Roman Catholicism before writing this hymn at age 51. Although the lyrics were written in 1851, the music "Diademata" (the Greek word for crowns) was written by George Job Elvey, a church organist at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in England. Bridges' original version had six stanzas, but Godfrey Thring, an Anglican clergyman, thought the hymn needed a verse about the resurrection, so in 1874, he wrote the one that begins, "Crown Him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o'er the grave."

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a very awkward situation. I was married last week and am very happy with my new husband, "Ralph." However, when people ask, "Where did you two meet?" that's when the glamour shatters. Abby, Ralph and I met in a public restroom in a very rundown area that we happened to be vacationing in. I hate telling people that's where we met because they usually laugh, thinking it's a joke. Should I just tell them the town where we were vacationing? -- **NEWLYWED IN THE BATHROOM**

**DEAR NEWLYWED I.T.B.:** There is such a thing as giving people too much information, and that's what you have been doing. By all means tell those who inquire that you met in such-and-such town. There is no need to tell anyone that the exact location was a public bathroom or what you were doing there when Cupid's arrow struck.

**DEAR ABBY:** At my last job, there was a privacy policy in place in which no one could ask nor discuss another worker's medical condition or reason for taking medical leave. However, "Thelma," the coordinator at my present job (I've been here two years), constantly badgers us and insists that we tell her our reason for medical leave or what our medical condition is. I have noticed that she repeats to others what is told to her; therefore I do not tell her anything. Thelma recently sent around a sympathy card for everyone to sign for a woman in another department who had suffered a miscarriage. (I had no idea the woman was even pregnant.) I thought the card was tacky and a form of gossip, and I told the coordinator so. Her response to me was that this woman has had other miscarriages! How can I put a stop to her insensitivity and gossip? Should I go over Thelma's head and report her, or confront

her one-on-one? I feel like I'm in a no-win situation. Also, this is happening at a large, respectable law firm. She recently asked me why I had gone to the doctor, and I responded by saying, "Didn't I tell you? Then, I guess it's none of your business." She didn't get the hint (!) and resorted to asking my co-workers if they knew. -- **INVADED IN NEW BERN, N.C.**

**DEAR INVADED:** According to my labor law guru, Nancy Bertrando: "In most states -- if not all -- people have the right to privacy with respect to any medical information. Employers have the right to require a physician's verification of a need for a medical leave, but not an underlying diagnosis. If Thelma asks you again, say, 'I'm not comfortable answering that question, and it's not appropriate for you to ask.'" Frankly, I find it shocking that in a "large, respectable law firm" they don't already know and abide by this.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our oldest son was married several months ago. One of his best friends from college responded affirmatively to the wedding invitation, saying he and his wife would be there. However, when the wedding was held, they did not show up, nor did they send a card or even an explanation as to why they were not there. We just received an announcement of the impending birth of their first child, with a note about where they are registered for gifts. We are tempted to ignore it. What should be our response? -- **STEAMED IN WACO, TEXAS**

**DEAR STEAMED:** Although I can relate to your impulse to toss the announcement in the wastebasket, this is your opportunity to display better manners than this couple showed. Send them a nice card of congratulations. Period.

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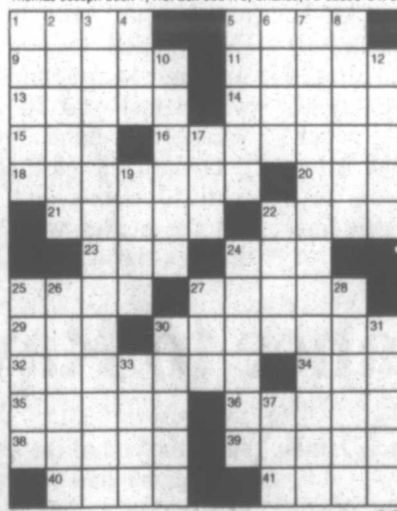
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Ibuprofen target
  - 5 Derisive calls
  - 9 Consecrate
  - 11 Blow one's top
  - 13 Loud
  - 14 Fashionably dated
  - 15 Printed units
  - 16 Say inadvertently
  - 18 Takes out
  - 20 Had a feast
  - 21 "Splish Splash" singer
  - 22 Register bills
  - 23 Jazz group: Abbr.
  - 24 Clear
  - 25 Pre-college exams
  - 27 Conquers
  - 29 A pop
  - 30 Shrouded
  - 32 Historic period
  - 34 Lennon's wife
  - 35 Crime outing
  - 36 How some stocks are sold
- DOWN**
- 1 Dogpatch boy
  - 2 Copied, in a way
  - 3 College football award
  - 4 Curved shape
  - 5 Convy and Lahr
  - 6 Metal sources
  - 7 College football award
  - 8 Pixie
  - 10 Poet full of bubbles
  - 12 Drinks
  - 17 Poet's contraction
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# Sports Day

## Will baseball be very, very good to Sosa again?

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist  
Sammy Sosa didn't come out of hiding and amble into baseball for the money. He's got plenty.

Even if Sosa earns a spot with the Texas Rangers as a designated hitter, then triggers every bonus clause in his contract during the regular season — the final frontier: 600 plate appearances — he still makes only \$2.8 million. That might sound like a lot, but not to a guy who banked eight-figure checks nearly every year for a decade.

But money, at least as one measure of how far his star has fallen, does matter.

Mike Piazza, who's also 38, is getting \$8.5 million to be the DH in Oakland, and he trails Sosa on the career RBI list by almost 300. The guy Piazza replaced, 38-year-old Frank Thomas, just signed for two years and

\$18 million in Toronto, and he's 101 home runs behind Sosa on that list.

If you don't think that stings, then you don't know Sosa.

He could have stayed home, and gambled that as memories of a corked bat, his sorry final season and the toxic steroid cloud over baseball receded in the distance, he would get into the Hall of Fame. He could have stood pat on 588 home runs — fifth-best of all time, five better than the recently rejected Mark McGwire — and waited to see whether voters treated him more respectfully than his one-time pal.

But he didn't. "I've missed the fans. I've missed crowds of 40,000, I've missed hitting," Sosa said recently. "I've missed doing what I do."

Because no sooner had Sosa hit his second home

run of the exhibition season — out of the appropriately named Surprise Stadium in a win Wednesday over the Diamondbacks — than a lot of people sounded convinced he still can do what he once did.

"If he continues to progress, I don't think you'll be able to hold the cocky Sammy down," Texas manager Ron Washington said afterward. "But that will mean he's doing a lot to help the team, and that's the most important thing to me."

The Rangers' risk in this is minimal. As if the contract didn't prove they're no longer in the charity business, know that owner Tom Hicks parted with even that piece of change only after sitting down to dinner with Sosa and sending his scouts to the Dominican Republic to confirm Sosa was working as hard as reports said he was. Judging by his appear-

ance this spring — a taut 225 pounds — Sosa was.

It also didn't hurt that Texas batting coach Rudy Jaramillo coached Sosa in the Rangers' minor league system two decades ago, and stayed close to him since. Or that Sosa agreed to leave his boom box at home and check his entourage at the clubhouse door.

That left only two questions, and as Texas general manager Jon Daniels told SI.com last week, Sosa aced the final part of the exam.

"We wanted to make sure he wasn't coming back just to hit 12 home runs," Daniels told the magazine.

And steroids? "He said it was flat-out a nonissue for him," Daniels added.

Sosa has managed to make it a nonissue so far by deflecting questions this way: "Let me make the team first, and then let me worry

about this."

It's not much of an answer, but at least it shows Sosa has his priorities in order.

Whether he turns out to have more guts than brains, though, won't be known until sometime around the All-Star break. If he's testing clean and productive enough to have a job by then, there will be fewer questions about his past, both from the rest of the world and perhaps even Sammy himself. Fall short of either accomplishment and Sosa has sealed his fate — for the worse.

Maybe taking a big risk comes easy to someone who started out with little, playing baseball in the streets with bundled rags for balls and tied-together milk cartons for shoes. And who could forget Sosa in the early days of the steroids scare, calling reporters over

to his locker and holding up a bottle of Flintstones vitamins as the source of his considerable power?

Or the time he got caught using a corked bat and swore with a straight face that it was just for batting practice, "to put on a show for the people"?

This one could turn out to be a show, too, or more likely, a sideshow to Barry Bonds' gloomy pursuit of Hank Aaron's cherished mark. Either way, it's an audacious dare. Just by showing his face in training camp, Sosa reminds us that not just hope springs eternal; sometimes pride and recklessness do, too.

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## Fatal bus crash claims another life

ATLANTA (AP) — A college baseball player pulled from the wreckage of his team's charter bus died of his injuries today, raising the death toll from last week's crash to seven, a hospital spokeswoman said.

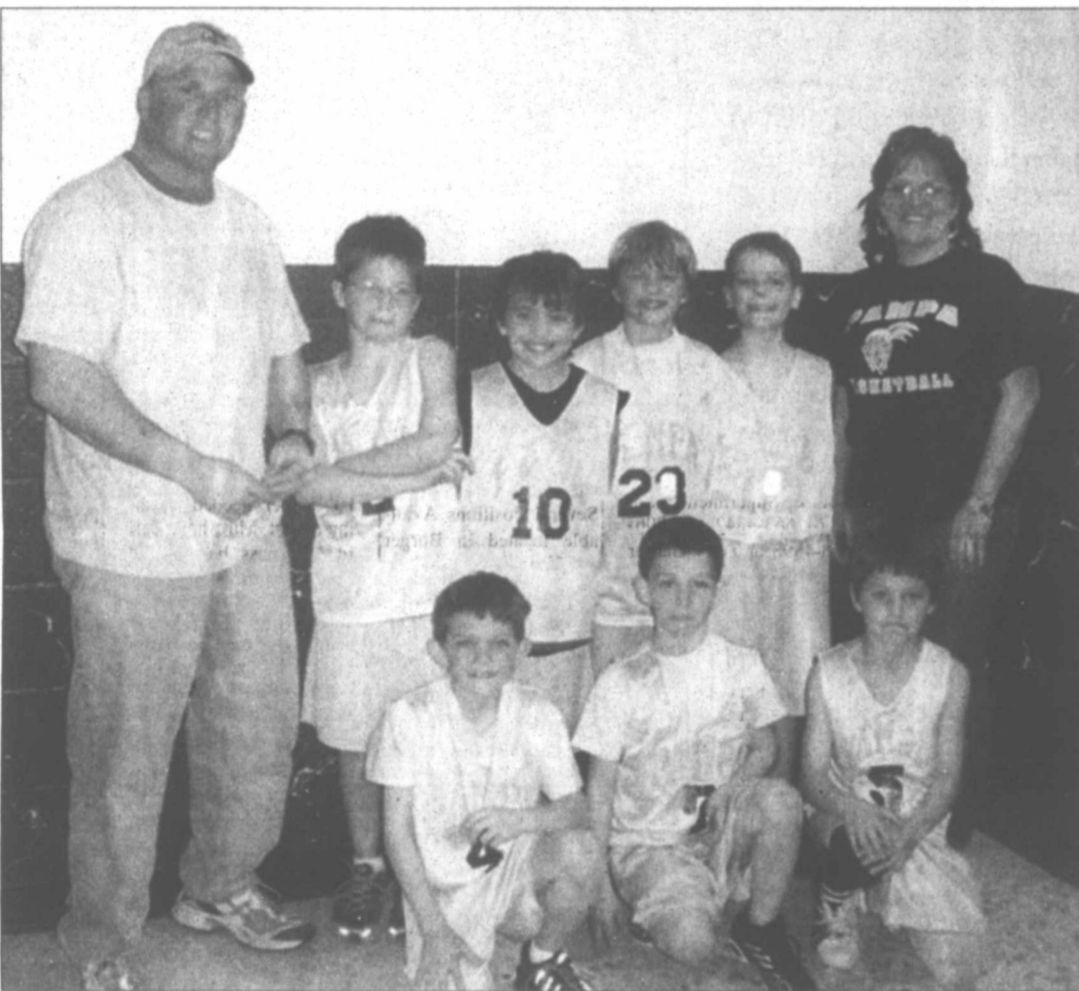
Zach Arend, 18, had been in critical condition since the bus went off a highway overpass before dawn last Friday.

He died about 6 a.m., said Grady Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Denise Simpson. Arend's grandmother, Ann Miller, had said the Ohio teenager had suffered chest and abdominal injuries, a fractured pelvis and collapsed lungs.

Four of Arend's Bluffton University teammates, the bus driver and the driver's wife were killed when the bus plowed off an overpass in Atlanta and crashed onto the Interstate 75 pavement below. More than two dozen others aboard were injured.

The Ohio team's coach, James Grandey, was listed in stable condition in the intensive care unit at Piedmont Hospital today.

## Consolation champs



The Pampa Big Green 3rd grade basketball team won 3rd place in the 3rd & 4th grade boys Mayo Tournament in Miami last weekend. Pictured are, back row from left, Coach Dru Chidester, Cory Chidester, Adam Zuniga, Joshua DeLoach, Bryson Burrell and Coach Jeanna Zuniga. Front row from left, Hadley Thompson, Clay Baten and Bryce Chidester.

Courtesy photo

## Optimist baseball registration has largest signup day

Registration for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2007 soared past the 400 mark Thursday as the club had its largest day of players signing up.

"We had 131 sign up today for a total of 405," said an excited Keyin Davis, Optimist Baseball commissioner.

Late sign-ups and tryouts are scheduled for March 19-22.

"Our younger leagues have a blind draft and do not have tryouts," Davis said. "For boys 9 and older and for girls 10 and older, players advancing to a new league and players who did not play in Pampa last year will need to attend at least two of the tryouts sessions."

"Teams will probably be formed at various times after the last tryout session," Davis continued. "Practices for most leagues will begin by March 26. Games for some leagues will start as

early as the week of April 16.

"Our business is kids," Davis said. "We would like to serve as many kids as possible. We extend the opportunity to all communities in this area to be a part of our program. Last year other communities sent more than 100 players to compete in the Optimist program."

Totals for T-ball for boys and girls 5 and 6 years old stand at 107. Boys' 7-8 pitching machine has 81 players. Registration for the 9-10 Cal Ripken League is at 56. Thirty-nine are registered for the 11-12 Cal Ripken League. Babe Ruth has 34 players thus far.

Sign-ups for the 7-9 girls' softball pitching machine league reached 39. Major League Softball for girls 10 to 12 has 35. Registration for Senior Girls' Softball for girls 13 to 15 is at 16.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

## Spurs use defense to knock off Kings for 11th straight win

By The Associated Press

The San Antonio Spurs say there's a simple reason for their recent success: They're starting to play good team defense.

Manu Ginobili scored 31 points, including five 3-pointers, and the Spurs beat the Sacramento Kings 100-93 Thursday night for their 11th straight win.

The Spurs have held four of their opponents during their season-high winning streak to 74 or fewer points. The Kings, who had scored over 100 points in their last four games, committed 19 turnovers.

"I don't know what it is, but we

have turned the corner (on defense) and been more consistent," said Tim Duncan, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

In Orlando, Fla., Chicago beat the Magic 100-76 in the only other NBA game Thursday night.

Ginobili scored 11 of San Antonio's first 15 points in the fourth quarter, including three 3-pointers. He finished with 16 points in the period to help hold off the Kings, who had their four-game win streak snapped.

Ginobili carried much of the offensive load in the final quarter, yet it was point guard Tony Parker

making the game's two biggest baskets.

With fiancée Eva Longoria watching in a seat along the baseline, Parker put the Spurs ahead for good on a driving layup with 2:50 remaining, igniting a 9-0 run. On the next possession, Parker flipped in an off-balance shot after being fouled by Corliss Williamson, putting the Spurs ahead 89-86.

Kevin Martin went scoreless in the game's first 17 minutes, but finished with 26 points and had a career-high 12 rebounds for Sacramento. Williamson had 21 points for the Kings, who have won

eight of 10 at home.

The Spurs were especially effective in slowing down point guard Mike Bibby, who averaged 21 points the previous five games. Bibby never got going, scoring 12 points on 4-for-14 shooting.

The Kings played their second straight game without Ron Artest, who has been excused indefinitely by the team following an alleged domestic violence incident at his home earlier this week. Sacramento is 5-5 without Artest this season and had won four straight when he wasn't in the lineup before this slide.

Bulls 100, Magic 76

Ben Gordon scored 25 points and Kirk Hinrich had 17 to help Chicago bounce back from its worst defeat this season.

The Bulls used a 14-0 run in the middle of the second quarter to seize control of a game they dominated from start to finish. Luol Deng added 15 points and a season-high 14 rebounds for Chicago, which lost 103-70 at Miami on Wednesday night.

Dwight Howard led the Magic with 17 points and 14 rebounds, but the center was 5-for-14 from the free-throw line.

## Horn promises to be leader for Atlanta; McGahee to Ravens

By The Associated Press

The teacher has arrived in Atlanta.

Joe Horn joined the Falcons and said Thursday he has come to educate the team's receivers. Horn signed a four-year, \$19 million contract with Atlanta.

This Joe Horn, a mature veteran in the twilight of an 11-year career, wants to show Michael Jenkins and Roddy White what it takes to become a Pro Bowl receiver.

Horn earned four invitations to the NFL's annual all-star game as a Saint, and he sees no reason why Jenkins, the 29th overall draft pick

of 2004, and White, picked No. 27 in 2005, should set low expectations for their careers.

"I'm going to call them cats and talk to them," Horn said. "I want to get some words across to them and let them know where my heart is first. I want them to know — I'm not here to shine on you, man. I came here to help. I came here to be a part of something new, something that's going to take off to the next level."

The Falcons certainly need to lift up their passing game, the worst in the NFL last year. Horn plans to help quarterback Michael Vick set-

tle down and make the most of his talent. Horn wants to smooth the transition of new Falcons coach Bobby Petrino, who promises to put the football in the hands of Atlanta playmakers Alge Crumpler, Warrick Dunn — and Horn.

Two months after turning 35 and suffering a groin injury that sidelined him for both playoff games and six overall during New Orleans' magical 2006 season, Horn promises the Falcons will not regret giving him \$7.5 million in guaranteed bonuses.

Also switching cities is Willis

McGahee, who will replace Jamal Lewis in Baltimore.

One day after Lewis signed with the Cleveland Browns, the Ravens obtained McGahee from Buffalo for three draft picks: a third and a seventh in this year's draft and a third in 2008.

"We're getting a dynamic back who has the potential to diversify our running game," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "We've studied him, and he brings the same passion and preparation that is common to Miami players, like our Ray Lewis and Ed Reed."

McGahee has been available

since the end of the season and several teams had interest. But none was willing to put together a package of draft picks that satisfied Buffalo.

St. Louis signed tight end Randy McMichael, late of the Dolphins. McMichael has averaged 65 receptions the last three seasons at a position where the Rams' leader last season was rookie Joe Klopfenstein with 20.

The Rams also agreed on a four-year contract with safety Todd Johnson, who spent the last four seasons with the Bears and was a part-time starter last year.

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## 'Space Mice'



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"The Mice from Outer Space" was recently put on by first graders at Austin Elementary School in Pampa. The play featured several space mice, some Earth mice, and a group of bad cats who were hungry for dinner. Above: (back row, from left) Dylan Johnson, Brittney Blakemore, Logan Martindale, Ricky Kerns, Michael Anthony Villarreal, Molly Manhart; (middle row, l-r) Caleb Phillips, Zane Ward, Kennedi Phillips, Jacob Benson, Shelby Burnett, Brandon Neill; (front row, l-r) Makenna Henderson, Brittney Towles, Candace Courter and Bobbie Robicheaux.

## Reese

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media's lack of integrity.

It's a legal precedent I hope will be overturned. Journalists don't need it. Some of the greatest investigative reporting ever done was done prior to the Sullivan Rule. Public figures deserve the same protection for their reputations as private figures. As for publishing classified information, I wouldn't. It's against

the law. If we are going to live in a society under the rule of law, rather than the whim of the powerful, then the law must be obeyed by everyone, including journalists.

Since television, journalism has been corrupted by celebrity. I don't think journalists should be celebrities. H.L. Mencken once said that any reporter assigned to Washington should be rotated out after two years. If they stay longer, he said, they begin to think of themselves as tin-pot statesmen. That's still true.

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## Combat

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sand, hurt the effectiveness of defensive and detection equipment.

Although the Pentagon responded with fixes, now the problem seems to be more strictly combat-related. David Rockwell is a weapons analyst for the Teal Group Corp., a defense consulting firm. He said helicopters remain "very vulnerable"

despite the fixes.

"You either fly low, where you are subjected to small arms fire, at mid-range where you are subjected to (heat-seeking) missiles, or you fly higher, where you are subjected to radar-guided missiles," he said.

It's a matter of adaptability. Iraqi fighters have adapted to the helicopter and its tactics. Now the U.S. must counter those threats, to maintain the helicopter as a viable weapon and to protect American lives.

## Events calendar

- **The Center for Cultural Interchange**, a foreign exchange service, is currently seeking host families for exchange students. Host families are required to provide a room and two meals a day to the guest student. For more information, call 1-800-605-2341.

- **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo.

- **The deadline to enter New Jersey Rainbow Poets** religious poetry contest is Saturday. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., #70, Linden, NJ 07036 or enter online at [www.rainbow-poets.com](http://www.rainbow-poets.com).

- **The three local Edward Jones** offices will host a free satellite broadcast titled "How to Protect Yourself from Scam Artists" at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Author and investigative reporter Chuck Whitlock will provide practical tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and financial scams. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Duane Harp at 665-6753; Tom Reynolds at 665-7137; or Ben Watson at 665-3359. Additional viewing opportunities are available if necessary.

- **Pampa Book Club** will have scheduled to discuss the following books: "Widow in the South" by Robert Hicks, Wednesday; "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

- **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host a reception between 2:30-4 p.m. March 18 for artists Georgetta Tempel and Mary Lynn Pruett. Deborah Summers, author of "The Canadian River: A Visual Journey," will also be on hand to sign copies of her book. An exhibit with Tempel and Pruett is currently on display in the museum's

Hazlewood Gallery. The reception was initially scheduled in January but was canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The next scheduled show will be with Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, at 7:30 p.m., March 19 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

- **S.T.A.R.** will sponsor "Make Parenting A Pleasure" parent training for parents of children 6 and under on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 19-May 21 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the free training, call (806) 359-2005.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., March 21, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The late registration deadline** for the next nationwide ACT exam is March 23. The early registration deadline is March 9. Students who miss the early deadline will be charged an additional fee. The test will be administered April 14. To find out more, contact your high school counselor or log onto [www.act-student.org](http://www.act-student.org) or the World Wide Web.

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