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## First baby of 2008



Vincent and Brandi Garcia made a little history when their daughter, Alva Rayne Garcia, was Pampa Regional Medical Center's first baby of 2008. She was born at 7:39 a.m. on Jan. 1 and weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

## Roberts County hands up four indictments

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

A Roberts County grand jury handed up four indictments Thursday in 31st District Court, consisting of one indictment each for first-, second-, third- and state jail felonies.

Aaron Ray Miller, 23, was indicted for robbery, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$50,000.

On Nov. 17, 2007, Miller allegedly caused bodily injury to a

person by striking the person in the head while committing theft of property.

On Jan. 29, 2004, Miller was convicted in 84th District Court in Ochiltree County of the felony offense of indecency with a child.

Justin Anthony Frauton, 19, was indicted for robbery. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$50,000.

On Nov. 17, 2007, Frauton allegedly caused bodily injury to a person by striking the person in

## Railroad crossing repairs to close intersection Monday

Texas Department of Transportation reported that FM 282, Price Road, will be closed Monday morning at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing on U.S. Highway 60

for scheduled maintenance work. The project should be completed by late afternoon on Tuesday. Traffic will be re-routed to U.S. Highway 60 and State Highways 70 and 152.

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## Reward offered for info about recent cattle killings

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Managing Editor

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is offering a reward for information regarding cattle killings. Almost 30 head of cattle were reported shot and killed in a concentrated area in northeastern Oklahoma since August 2007.

As recently as a few days ago, three bred cows and a llama were killed at a ranch near Claremore, Okla., about 30 miles northeast of Tulsa.

John Cummings, special ranger for TSCRA, has been working with area game rangers and sheriff's departments on the case. He said the number of incidences is still on the rise.

In addition to working to solve this case, Cummings and

local officials are trying to spread the work to cattle producers that this is a real threat and to be on the lookout on their own property.

"We need them to check their cattle regularly," Cummings said. "And we need them to not assume that a dead cow is a natural death. Gunshot, especially from a high-powered rifle, will go through and through and it's very hard sometimes to find a gunshot wound."

Ranchers who believe they may be victims of this spree are asked to call Cummings at 817-342-0888.

To provide information regarding this specific crime, persons can call 1-888-830-2333 and remain anonymous. This phone line is toll-free and is monitored 24 hours a day.

## Funny picture

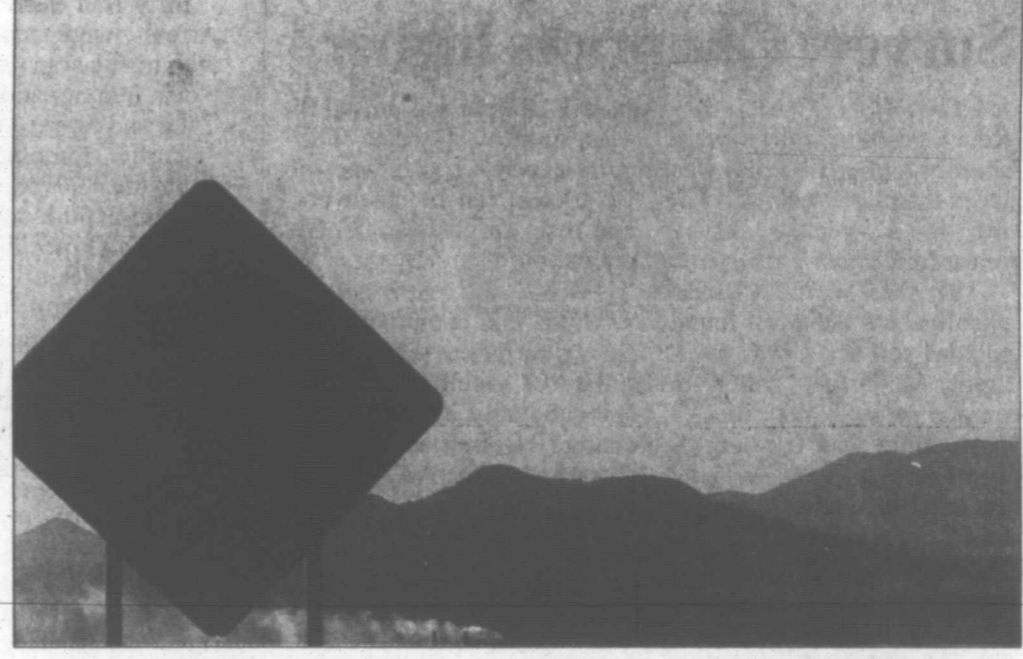


Photo by Brienne Moyer

Brienne Moyer, 14, of Pampa, took this photo during her first trip to Colorado. It was taken heading South on I-25 just inside the New Mexico line. She thought it was so funny that the bump was actually before the sign, but when she saw the picture she said maybe the sign referred to the mountains instead.

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## Religion helps Huckabee, outcry for change propels Obama

**By ALAN FRAM**  
Associated Press Writer

Religion played a huge role in Mike Huckabee's triumph in the Iowa Republican caucuses, though there are some mixed signals for him on the road ahead. On the Democratic side, it was fresh blood — and an outcry for change — that helped propel Barack Obama to his victory in the state.

Eight in 10 Huckabee supporters said they are born again or evangelical Christians, according to an entrance poll for The Associated Press and television networks. Another six in 10 said it was very important to share their candidate's religious beliefs. In both categories, none of the former Arkansas governor's opponents came close to that

kind of support.

In addition, six in 10 Huckabee supporters — more than his rivals — said it was most important that their candidate shared their values. Only 4 percent of his backers said they wanted a contender with experience, and 2 percent said they were looking for a Republican who can win the White House in November.

On the Democratic side, more than a third of Obama's support was from voters under age 30, eclipsing Hillary Rodham Clinton and John Edwards among the young, according to those entering the caucuses. In contrast, more than a third of Clinton's vote came from people age 65 and older, far more than her top rivals.

More than half of Edwards' sup-

porters were veteran caucus goers, while most of Clinton's and Obama's backers were first-timers. And a desire for change was like a rocket booster for Obama — half of Democrats said the ability to force change was the pivotal factor in picking a candidate, and half of them backed the youthful Illinois senator.

For both Iowa winners, though, the momentum they gained will be tested.

With New Hampshire's primaries next Tuesday, the campaign's next stop is a state where only about one in five GOP voters are born again or evangelical Christians — about one-third the number who claimed that status among Iowa Republicans.

While 46 percent of Iowa's born again or evangelical GOP voters

backed Huckabee, a slight majority did not — indicating a willingness to support candidates other than the ordained Baptist minister who has made religion a centerpiece of his campaign. Mitt Romney, former governor of New Hampshire's neighbor, Massachusetts, got one in five of those voters in Iowa.

Huckabee dominated among Iowa conservatives overall, winning about a third of their vote, compared to about a quarter for Romney. Yet most of that support came from conservatives who are also born again or evangelical. Nearly half of them voted for Huckabee, compared to less than a fifth of other conservatives who supported him.

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**Saturday**



**Sunny**

**Sunday**



**Partly cloudy**

**Monday**



**Partly cloudy**

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. Windy, with a west-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. West-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Windy, with a west-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 58. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Windy, with a west wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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	Pioneer Nat .....	48.39	-1.21
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**Survey: Gas prices higher**

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices were sharply higher in Texas this week than last week, according to a weekly survey released Friday.

The weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey found regular self-serve was averaging \$2.93 per gallon at pumps in 10 Texas cities, 9 cents more than last week's average. Nationally, the average price rose 7 cents to \$3.05 per gallon.

"Retail gasoline prices have started to move upward as crude topped \$100 a barrel for the first time this week," said auto club spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "The swift increase in oil prices is partially blamed on supply concerns and speculative buying. Higher crude prices will ultimately mean higher pump prices for consumers."

The cheapest gas in Texas was in El Paso where it averaged \$2.83 per gallon, up 3 cents from last week. The most expensive gas was in Texarkana, where the average rose 12 cents to \$3.02 per gallon.

These are some average per-gallon prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas and nationally, as well as the change from last week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch released Friday:

Austin-San Marcos	— \$2.956, up 5.4 cents
Beaumont	— \$2.936, up 8.5 cents
Corpus Christi	— \$2.888, up 10.0 cents
Dallas	— \$2.909, up 9.1 cents
El Paso	— \$2.825, up 3.4 cents
Fort Worth	— \$2.910, up 9.6 cents
Galveston-Texas City	— \$2.897, up 9.1 cents

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**CAMPBELL, Jack "Jackie" Lee** — 10:30 a.m., Burr Oak Christian Church, Burr Oak, Kan.  
**HILLMAN, Glen Earl** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Sayre-Doxey Cemetery, Sayre, Okla.

**Jack 'Jackie' Lee Campbell, 71**

BURR OAK, Kan. — Jack "Jackie" Lee Campbell, 71, of Burr Oak, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at Robert J. Dole Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wichita, Kan. Services are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Burr Oak Christian Church under the direction of Cornerstone of Wichita.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Rosella Campbell of Burr Oak; his children, Sheila Greenfield of Atlanta, Ga., Lori Dickerman of Easley, S.C., Janet Jones of San Antonio, Rosalie Harper, Loraine Daugherty, both of Haven, Kan., and Susan Frasier of

Burr Oak; his sisters, JoAnn Shipley and Kay Lott, both of Fairfield; his brother, Robert Campbell of Pampa; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Visit [www.cornerstone-ofwichita.com](http://www.cornerstone-ofwichita.com) to leave condolences.

**Glen Earl Hillman, 78**

WHITE DEER, Texas — Glen Earl Hillman, 78, of White Deer, died Jan. 2, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at the Sayre-Doxey Cemetery in Sayre, Okla., with Hiram Reyes, youth minister from the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

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

Mr. Hillman was born July 11, 1929, in Roll, Okla., and was reared in that area of Oklahoma. He married Berta L. West on Aug. 4, 1947, in Wheeler.

He worked for Cabot & IRI as a crane operator, retiring in 1987 after 35 years of service. He was a Baptist.

He had been a resident of White Deer for 55 years. He loved to travel and visit with



Hillman

others. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Berta L. Hillman, of the home; two daughters, Glenda Weatherly of White Deer, and Frances Rankin and husband Jacob of Amarillo; one son, Dwayne Hillman and wife Teressa of White Deer; seven grandchildren; 14

great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers; eight sisters; and two nephews, Calvin Hillman in 2007 and Sonny Townesly.

MEMORIALS: White Deer E.M.S., P.O. Box 98, White Deer, TX 79097, or the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097.

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**Leny Howard, 86**

Leny Howard, 86, of Pampa. Services are being held with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Fifty-four traffic stops were made. Arrests were made in connection with traffic stops in the 1000 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of North Wells and the 2400 block of Charles.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 900 block of Barnard.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of Lefors, the 1400 block of North Russell, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 1000 block of North Frost, the 900 block of East Francis, the intersection of Lefors Street and Bradley Drive, the 1600 block of North Somerville and the 100 block of West 30th.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions and resulted in at least two arrests.

A civil matter was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner. Runaways were reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner and the 400 block of Lowry.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of Lefors, the 700 block of North Dwight, and the intersection of Oklahoma and Octavius streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2400 block of West 23rd, and the intersection of Llano and Crawford streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Francis.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of Magnolia and the 1000 block of North Sumner. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

**Sheriff**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 3**

Gregory Edmondson, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of Deane Drive by Pampa Police Department on a bond surrender for a Carson County charge of driving while intoxicated.

Billy Ray Brown, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Frederic by PPD for theft under \$50.

Phillip Larue, 34, of Borger was arrested in the 100 block of North Russell by PPD for public intoxication.

**Friday, Jan. 4**

Austin McCarthy, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD on a capias pro fine for public intoxication.

Sharron Gowin, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by PPD for no valid driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

**Ambulance**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 3**

7:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWTH.

**Friday, Jan. 4**

12:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Authorities investigating after 8 kids left home alone**

CYPRESS, Texas (AP) — Authorities are investigating after a Harris County woman apparently left eight children — six of her children and a neighbor's two — home alone while she went to Nigeria to marry a man she met on the Internet, leaving the youngsters with little food and no money.

"It's just terrible," said Lt. John Martin of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Martin said that a deputy making a welfare check on Wednesday evening at the home in this town just outside Houston found six children between the ages of 1 and 9 alone. The woman,

whose name was being withheld Thursday, reportedly fled to Africa on Monday.

"At first the children would not answer the door, but the deputy managed to persuade them to let him in," he said. "What he found inside the house was just deplorable conditions. There was trash everywhere, roaches everywhere. He said every item of clothing in the house was dirty and there was very little food."

The children told the deputy that they didn't know how to reach their mother, Martin said. Later that evening, a 15-year-old girl

arrived and told authorities her mother fled to Nigeria on New Year's Eve.

The teen said her mother left her in charge of four siblings — a 1-year-old boy, a 7-year-old boy, an 8-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy, said Estella Olguin, a spokeswoman for Child Protective Services. The teen was also caring for a neighbor's 3-year-old boy and 4-year-old girl, Olguin said.

Investigators spoke with the neighbor, who said he regularly left his two toddlers at the woman's house while he worked. The neighbor, who told investigators

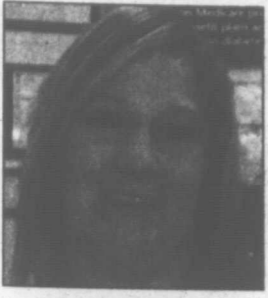
he drove the woman to the airport for the one- to two-month trip, said he didn't know the conditions were that bad in the home, Olguin said.

The 15-year-old has a 16-year-old sister who spends most of her time with friends and her 14-year-old and 18-year-old brothers are serving time in juvenile detention and prison for robbery and aggravated assault, respectively, Olguin said.

"There was no food in the home and mom didn't leave them any money," Olguin said. "The 15-year-old said she had to steal food and diapers."

## What do you think?

What do you like and dislike about living in Pampa?



**Becky Booth**  
Pharmacy Tech.  
Wal-Mart

"I like the small size of the town & how comfortable & safe I feel here. The people are a lot friendlier than in larger cities. The only thing I don't like is there isn't enough for the kids to do."



**Kim Cook**  
Sales Associate  
Wal-Mart

"I like the people in this area and how friendly everyone is. This town doesn't seem to have cliques. I wish there was more for teenagers to do here in town though."



**Ruby Foote**  
Church Pre-school  
Central Baptist

"I love the friendly people and I really love my church, Central Baptist. I've lived here so long I don't know anything I dislike about Pampa."



**Trina Willoughby**  
stay at home mom

"I like the small town atmosphere, the schools and just the whole community in general. The only thing I don't like is that no stores are open after 11 p.m."

## Two cleaning women stuck on elevator for days

NILES, Ill. (AP) — Two cleaning women, trapped inside a broken elevator for two days, survived on two cough drops and six aspirin until they were rescued.

Beata Bartoszewicz and her mother, Roma Borowski, entered an elevator in an empty building in this Chicago suburb on Dec. 22. After the elevator doors closed, the women discovered they were stuck on the first floor of the two-story building.

There was no response from an emergency call alarm and the women couldn't pry open the doors, Bartoszewicz said.

Neither had a cell phone or water and the building wasn't due to open until after Christmas.

The duo became dizzy from hunger. "I was close to thinking I was going to die,"

Bartoszewicz said. The women tried to sleep on their coats and used a corner of the elevator as a bathroom.

Bartoszewicz said her mother continually reassured her.

"She kept saying, 'We're going to be OK, and we're going to spend Christmas Eve at home,'" the 25-year-old said.

Two days later, on Christmas Eve, an employee of the building happened to go to work. Borowski said she heard him talking on his cell phone. The women yelled for his attention and he heard them. Fire crews freed the women an hour later.

Bartoszewicz said the moral of the story is simple: "Always take your cell phone with you."

## Couple receives letter stating stolen dog was gift

DALLAS (AP) — The holidays were sad enough for Kim Velevis and her husband after their lovable pug "Scooter" dug its way out of the backyard and disappeared on Christmas Eve.

But the real blow came with the new year: A letter from an anonymous woman who had found the friendly dog and gave it to her daughter as a Christmas present. To compensate for Velevis' loss, a \$20 bill was enclosed.

"The puppy has a different name now, but he has plenty of food and toys. My daughter adores him. He sleeps with her every night," said the letter, which arrived Wednesday.

Velevis, 28, said she feels for the guilt-ridden woman, who described

herself as a nearly penniless alcoholic. But she wants the dog back.

"We knew the first thing our Scooter would have done is find people," Velevis said. "He must have wandered up to this sick lady who, in desperation and in an attempt to fix her own life, ruined ours."

Velevis, who is 5 1/2 months pregnant with her first child, said she and her husband brought the wrinkly faced pooch home in July 2006 when he was about 8 weeks old.

Scooter could still be nearby. The typewritten letter, which carried a Tulsa, Okla., postmark, said the woman found the dog while visiting her daughter in Dallas. She wrote that her ex-husband has custody of the girl.

The woman, who discovered an address on the pug's collar, described a series of difficulties in her life.

"I lost custody because of problems I had with alcohol, and I have lost everything else," she wrote. "I have been sober for 6 months, and I am trying to turn myself around, but I have lost everything. My little girl wanted a pug dog like your little dog (very much!)"

The woman wrote that she cannot ask for forgiveness, "but I do want you to know that he does have people who love him and are taking care of him."

Velevis said she has no interest in pursuing charges against the woman and would be glad to purchase the woman's daughter another dog.

## Students receive punishment in deer beatings

IRAAN, Texas (AP) — Punishments have been handed down for four Iraan teens accused of beating two deer to death on the high school baseball field, but Pecos County Justice of the Peace Cathy Ervine refused to say what penalties were given to the boys.

She met with two of the teens on Wednesday and

two on Thursday, the Odessa American reported for its Friday editions. They originally were to have a hearing next week.

The newspaper has filed a Freedom of Information request for the information relating to the two 17-year-olds accused in the case.

The four, all members of Iraan's football team, have

already been told by the school they will spend 88 days of the spring semester in an off-campus disciplinary program.

The teens have each been cited on a charge of hunting deer with illegal means, and hunting deer in closed season since the beatings allegedly happened at night. They faced fines of up to

\$500 on two Class C misdemeanor counts.

Ervine said she felt it was appropriate that she see the teens because of their age.

## Iowa

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Huckabee trailed John McCain, and was even with Romney, among the one in 10 at the GOP caucuses who say they are independents. New Hampshire has far more independents than that. In its last competitive Republican contest, in 2000, 41 percent of voters called themselves independent, more than in any other GOP primary exit poll that year — and they were a key to McCain's New Hampshire victory over George W. Bush.

As for Obama, he benefited from a strong turnout by young voters — 22 percent of Iowa Democrats at the caucuses were less than age 30, compared to the 17 percent of that age who voted in Iowa's 2004 Democratic race.

Obama won a staggering 57 percent of those young people's votes. Young voters are typically harder to lure to the polls than older ones, and it's not certain he will be able to maintain that kind of commitment from them as the contest hopscoches around the country.

He won four in 10 votes of those attending Iowa's caucuses for the first time — a group that comprised more than half of those who showed up Thursday.

Just more than half of Obama supporters were single, while more than six in 10 of Clinton's and Edwards' were married.

Obama's strength also enabled him to narrowly capture a banner that many national polls showed belonged to Clinton:

women. He got 35 percent of their support, compared to 30 percent for the New York senator and 23 percent for Edwards, the former senator from North Carolina. In other words, only three in 10 women backed the candidate who if victorious would be the first female president.

There was a winner in Iowa Thursday who had majority support from women, but it was Huckabee. Fifty-two percent of his votes came from women, making him the only GOP candidate to get more than half his support from females.

Besides leading among women, Huckabee tied Romney among men. He also prevailed among young and middle-aged voters and those earning less than \$100,000 annually, while breaking even with Romney

among the oldest people.

About a third of Clinton's supporters cited experience as the key personal quality they were seeking, well ahead of her two major rivals. As for Edwards, one-third of his strength came from those looking for a candidate who empathizes with people — far more than his opponents received.

The poll was conducted for the AP and the television networks by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International as voters arrived at 40 sites each for Democratic and Republican caucuses in Iowa. The Democratic entrance poll interviewed 2,136 caucusgoers, the Republican survey 1,600. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus 4 percentage points for each.

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# Viewpoints

## Living longer ... 100 years is enough for me, Pal

Ah, the New Year is upon us, a time to make predictions about the future. Here's one that has me worried: Human beings may eventually live a really long time.

According to the World Future Society, we are in the early phases of a super-longevity revolution. Thanks to advances in nanotechnology and cell and gene manipulation, scientists may eventually learn how to keep humans alive from 120 to 500 years.

Which prompts an important question: Do we really want to live that long?

Sure a longer life would have its upside. I'd love to have my parents around forever. I'd love to swing by for Sunday dinner for at least

100 years more.

It would be great if we were able to keep fellows like Jimmy Stewart, Johnny Carson and Dean Martin around.

It would be even better if we were able to keep around great minds, such as Einstein, who could unlock the mysteries of the universe.

But a longer life would have its downside. Do we really want baby boomers, who are now beginning to retire, to vote government benefits for themselves for several hundred years?

And what of our younger generations, kids who are notorious slackers? Mother to son in year 2075: You're 100-years-old! Isn't it time you move out and get a job!

I'm 45 and already showing signs of fatigue. In my experience, life is largely made up of colds, bills, speeding tickets and people who let you down. These experiences are connected together by a series of mundane tasks.

The drudgeries are occasionally interrupted by a wonderful meal, a really good laugh or a romantic evening with a lovely woman.

Then the mundane stuff starts all over again.

If we live 100 years or more, how are we going to pay for it? Living is expen-

sive. Are we going to work 50 years, retire, burn through our nest egg, then sling hamburgers for a century or two?

On one hand, I think it's great we humans are getting better at improving our health and life spans. But on the other hand I know this: DYING is what makes life most worth living.

Would you enjoy a movie if you knew it was going to play for 24 hours? No, what makes the movie enjoyable is its ending. And it better end within two hours or we all start squirming in our seats.

The key to human happiness, you see, is not an abundance of a thing, but the lack of it. Doesn't pie taste better when we know it's the last slice? Doesn't a football game capture our attention more when it is the last of the season — the one that determines who goes out the winner and who goes out the loser? Isn't a comedian funnier when he exits the stage BEFORE we want him to go?

Hey, futurists, I'm not sure we want to stick around too long. If you believe in God, as I do, this is just a testing ground anyhow. This is just practice. It's like two-a-day football drills. We must first prove ourselves during the agony of summer practice to earn our rights to

play in the big game. Do we really want to spend 500 hundred years running wind-sprints in summer practice?

When I look up to the stars, I can't help but sense there are better places to go. But it's not until we check out of Hotel Earth that we're able to enjoy a place with more amenities and better service. My religion says that place is Heaven, which I figure I'll get to sooner or later — after doing a tour of that other place.

Though I don't think Purgatory will be so bad. Most of my friends will be there.

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

**Tom Purcell**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2008. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his Great Society in his State of the Union Address.

On this date:

In 1821, the woman who would be named America's first native-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Court, in *Gonzalez v. Williams*, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

*'Our civilization is still in a middle stage, no longer wholly guided by instinct, not yet wholly guided by reason.'*

— Theodore Dreiser  
American author  
(1871-1945)

In 1948, Burma (now called Myanmar) became independent of British rule.

In 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President

Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Md.

In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

Ten years ago: Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy resigned, accusing the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of abandoning the peace process with the Arabs. Actress Mae Questel, who had supplied the voices of cartoon characters Betty Boop and Olive Oyl, died in New York at age 89.

Five years ago: As President Bush put the finishing touches on an economic growth package costing \$674 billion over 10 years, Democrats who wanted his job pledged to scuttle what they characterized as a plan that would help the wealthy without reviving the economy. Oscar-winning cinematographer Conrad L. Hall died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 76.



## Economic crisis wider than foreclosures

The current crisis in the American economy was caused by a meeting of the unscrupulous and the unformed. Unscrupulous lenders saddled the uninformed with mortgages that would eventually rear up and bite them in the pocketbook.

The problem is wider than the foreclosures that are now under way in the so-called subprime market. After all, many of these people have little or no equity in the homes they are losing, so they won't be much worse off financially than they were before they signed their mortgage loans. They'll have bad credit, but they probably had that anyway.

Mortgages are treated like securities and are sold and resold. Now these mortgages, which are a long way from the people who made the initial loans, are in the hands of some heavy hitters

in the banking business, and their value ranges from indeterminate to zero. In other words, the crisis is in the banks, not in the street-corner hustler-lenders or the out-in-the-street former homeowners.

The crisis is also indicative of one of the defects of capitalism.

Capitalism has a tendency to run toward boom and bust. When housing prices were going up, builders built more houses, and lots of people bought houses thinking, "Oh, in a couple of years I can sell this for a profit." Others took out second mortgages and spent the money. Now housing prices are, in most areas, going down, not up, and selling a

house is a very tough proposition these days since there are more houses than buyers who can qualify for a mortgage loan.

I don't know where it will end. Some people are pre-

dicting a bad recession, and I think that's a definite. Some are predicting even a depression.

That's more iffy, but certainly possible. The stock market is reacting because, charts and theories aside, what moves the market are greed and fear. Right now, fear is gaining on greed.

The thing to remember is that we have a lot of slack in our economy. It is a characteristic of the industrial system that it makes more stuff than people need and sells it

to them. Many of us, if worst comes to worst, can live a lot cheaper than we choose to do. We really don't need all of the electronic toys we buy. We don't need to fly anywhere. We don't need three or four cars. We don't need designer clothes. We don't need to eat out.

The tragedy is that while the upper middle class has room to take in its belt, the people on the bottom rung have no slack at all. They are already doing without, and with them the only things they can cut are food and medical care. I didn't mention the super-rich, because they are not affected in any personal way by recessions or depressions. Economic downturns to the rich are just buying opportunities.

Recently, I was rereading an old book originally pub-

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n Dec. 24

Victoria Advocate on the message of Christmas:

The day before Christmas and thoughts of books and movies with Christmas themes are in the minds of a lot of folks. Many have made viewing and reading these media a tradition.

There are numerous classics many of us have seen, either one of them or all of them. Most likely, we've seen or read them all at one time or another.

In "A Christmas Carol," stingy, greedy Ebenezer Scrooge sees his past, present and possible future. He reflects

on how he came to be such a mean and non-caring person, sees what his demise might be and he softens. He realizes that giving and caring are more important than all the money in the world.

In "Miracle on 34th Street," Kris Kringle himself turns up as an employee at Macys in New York, but most don't believe Kris is the real Santa Claus, and Kringle ends up in court to prove it. But little 6-year-old Susan, who didn't believe in Santa Claus, and who acted "adult," begins to believe.

We all have to have something to believe in.

Do you believe in the Spirit of Christmas?

In "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey (played by James Stewart)

begins a journey down the wrong road of despair. He wants to commit suicide on Christmas, but an angel shows him what would happen to all the people who are close to him if George ended it all. Bailey hadn't realized how many people loved him and depended on him. He welcomes the "warmth" of his family and friends and has renewed faith.

In "A Christmas Story," little Ralphie tells his story, focusing on his most desired present for Christmas, a Red Ryder BB gun. Aah, the trials and tribulations a little kid has to go through to get the present he wants. After all seems to fail, Ralphie gets his BB gun. His faith is renewed, but he

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# Religion

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### Lent serves to draw *all* believers closer to Jesus

Not since 1913 has Lent begun as early as it does this year, 2008. This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, and runs through Saturday, March 22.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, is the Wednesday in the sixth week preceding Easter Sunday. Lent begins 40 days before Easter, not counting the Sundays — or 46 days if you count the Sundays.

So what are you going to do with Lent?

If you are already an observer of Lent, then you are probably already praying about what to give up for Lent. Seek the Lord's guidance and He will faithfully provide it. Have a blessed time of sacrifice and repentance and humility. After all, that is what Lent is all about.

If you are an anti-Lent person, then you have already made up your mind to have nothing to do with it. God bless you.

However, you may either: 1) just not know anything about Lent; 2) maybe think that it is just a "Catholic thing"; or 3) maybe you have thought about observing Lent but have just forgotten. If you are in one of these three groups, let me encourage you to decide today to make Feb 6-March 22 a new and exciting time of growth in your walk with God.

Lent is a "season of repentance," a special time to draw near to God with a humble heart, a chosen time to meditate on the sacrificial price paid by Jesus for our sins.

Most notably it is accompanied by the "giving up" of something that is good and that we have the perfect right to, so that we might specially focus on something more important — drawing nearer to the Lord.

Most Protestant churches ignore Lent, not seeing the personal significance that it can have in the lives of every believer. Almost all Evangelical churches disregard Lent out of ignorance or lack of experience.

And yet even some Catholics and Protestants who do observe Lent make it trivial, almost a game by giving up something incredibly unimportant, something that makes no impact on their personal life.

The key in Lent is giving up something that is "very significant in the individual believer's life" so that they will be constantly reminded to draw near to the Lord in a special way.

So will you allow God to use Lent to bless your relationship with Him with greater closeness? If you are open to this blessing, then ask the Lord to show you what you could give up that would really impact your life. Now remember it has to be something that is good, something that you have a perfect right to.

I know believers who have given up eating at fast food restaurants, drinking soda pop, eating meat, time on the computer, watching television, eating sweets, going to the movies, eating any food, ice in beverages and listening to music. If you just can't figure out what to give up, talk to someone who practices Lent. They can be a good resource.

May God bless you with a powerful Lenten season, a time for God to humble your soul as never before, a time for the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary to come to mean more than ever before. Mark Feb. 6 as the day you will begin a special time with God. God bless.

**Mike Sublett**  
Hi-Land Christian



## Religion in the news

**Report: Vatican's No. 2 says he hopes to meet Raul Castro in February visit to Cuba**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican's No. 2 official said he hopes to meet with Raul Castro, Cuba's acting president, when he visits the island early next year.

The trip by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Holy See's secretary of state, will be the highest level visit by a Vatican official to Cuba during Pope Benedict XVI's

tenure. It will mark the 10th anniversary of the historic pilgrimage there by the late Pope John Paul II.

"I really hope to meet Fidel Castro's brother, Raul, who runs the country today," Bertone told the Italian religious affairs weekly *Famiglia Cristiana*. Excerpts of the interview were released Dec. 29, ahead of publication.

It was not clear whether Bertone planned to visit with the ailing Fidel Castro, who welcomed John Paul in Havana in January 1998.

The trip will take place in February, Bertone said, but no date has been announced. The cardinal said he will attend the inauguration in the central city of Santa Clara of a monument dedicated to John Paul that marks the anniversary of the late pope's visit.

Many predicted that John

Paul's pilgrimage would trigger changes in the Communist-run state. The pope urged Castro to increase freedom on the Caribbean island for both the church and society, and denounced U.S. efforts to isolate Cuba.

But in the decade that has passed, Cuba's Catholic Church has made only some gains. Catholic leaders can speak or write in state media at times, but religious schools remain closed as they have been since the early 1960s when hundreds of foreign priests were expelled.

**Malaysia backpedals on Allah ban for Christian paper, renews its permit**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A Roman Catholic newspaper said

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## Briefs

**AMARILLO** — The "Live in This Moment ... An evening with Steven Curtis Chapman" tour featuring Christian singer Steven Curtis Chapman will be coming to Hillside Christian Church in Amarillo on Thursday, Feb. 21.

The concert is set to begin at 7 p.m. and will include special guest band members and sons of Chapman, Will Franklin and Caleb Chapman.

For further details or ticket information, call (806) 457-4900 or visit [www.hillsidewired.com](http://www.hillsidewired.com) on the Internet.

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Full Gospel Community Worship Center in Perryton for potluck supper, sponsor training, and praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided. For more information go to [www.rushing-windemmaus.org](http://www.rushing-windemmaus.org) on the Internet.



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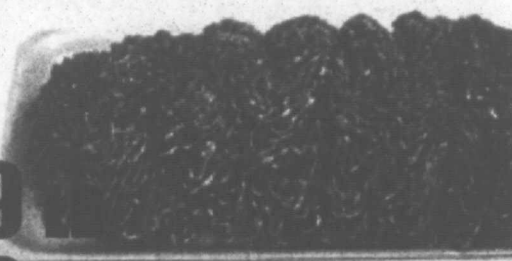
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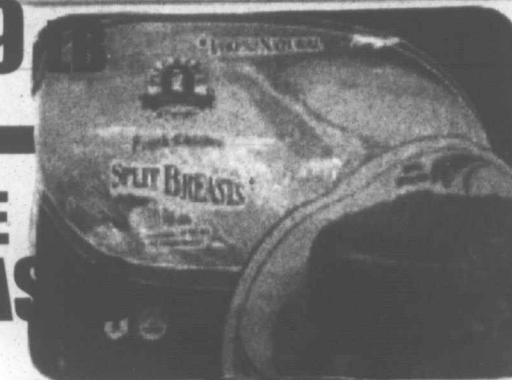
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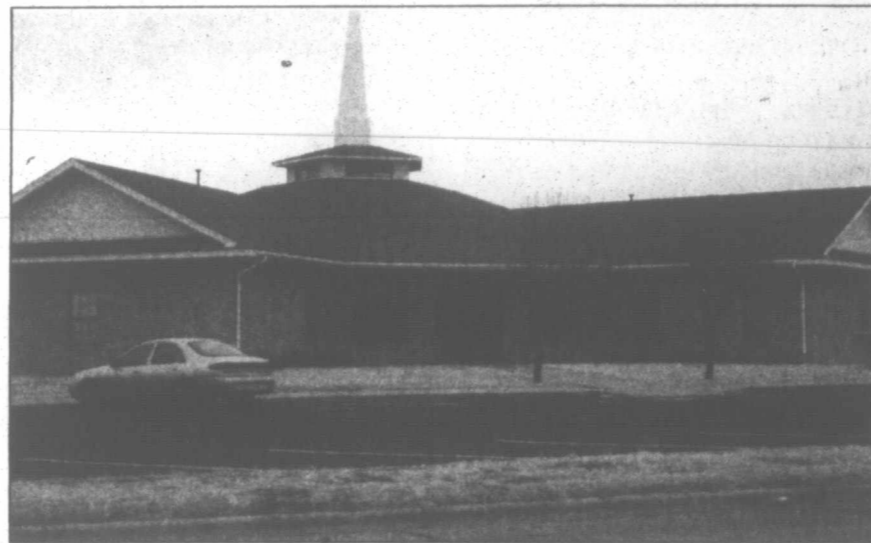
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to the same woman for more than 30 years. My wife has recently been diagnosed with cancer. During all the years of our marriage, I blocked out everyone else because I thought all I needed was her. Now my biggest fear is that if I should lose her, I'll be completely alone. What in my personality caused me to do this? — **REGRETFUL IN LOS ANGELES**

**DEAR REGRETFUL:** It's possible that your wife has fulfilled all of your needs for companionship during your marriage -- and/or you may not be a particularly social animal. Please don't waste your time looking backward and feeling bad about what you "should" have done but didn't. So many advances have been made in the treatment of cancer; your wife could survive to spend many more happy years with you. If your fear is that, in the event of your wife's death, you will face a bleak and solitary future, please realize that eligible widowers in your age bracket are highly desirable. Rather than worrying about being socially isolated, worry more about holding the "casserole brigade" at bay until you're far enough along in the grieving process that you don't get involved too quickly.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a divorced woman with two grown children. My daughter is 24; my son is 19. I am a professional firefighter and in excellent shape. I recently met a man at the gym, and we were mutually attracted. He's a firefighter in a nearby city, and we have mutual friends. There has been some discussion about going on a date, but so far nothing has transpired. The problem, as my daughter sees it, is that he's 16 years younger than I am and one year

older than she is. She's upset by the age difference and says it is "disturbing." My fiance died suddenly two years ago, and I have only recently begun dating again. I asked her to be happy for me. She responded that she thinks it's great that I'm pretty enough and in good enough shape to attract a 25-year-old, but it's "not right." I love my daughter, but I don't want to live my life to make her happy anymore. She's an adult. Neither of my kids lives at home. I see them about once a month or so. My daughter has discussed this with her friends, who all side with her. Because I work with men, I threw the ball into their court. They all said, "Great! Go for it!" Why can't my daughter be happy for me? She would rather I date someone in his 40s -- and I would, if I met someone who showed any interest. My profession is a difficult one for the average man to accept. They don't like the fact that I spend so much time around other men. I feel as though my daughter is turning this latest dating interest into something lewd and tawdry when it is far from it. What should I do? — **TINA IN TEXAS**

**DEAR TINA:** Understand that your daughter may feel threatened because you are drawing from the same dating pool that she's fishing in. Then decide that if that man finally asks you out, you're going to live your own life and keep it private. From my perspective, too much conversation has already occurred. You have been put on the defensive, but you don't owe anyone an apology.

## For Better Or For Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 43 Bugs' rival
  - 1 Shower attendee, usually
  - 6 Harness race horse
  - 11 Texas landmark
  - 12 Scent
  - 13 Takes ten
  - 14 Nest holders
  - 15 Pillbox, for one
  - 16 Ophthalmologist's application
  - 18 Mine rock
  - 19 Clique holder
  - 20 Plugs
  - 21 "The Golden Compass" girl
  - 23 Scrutinize
  - 25 Plop down
  - 27 Jargon ending
  - 28 Blasé
  - 30 Go through carefully
  - 33 Mark, for one
  - 34 Melody
  - 36 Without delay
  - 37 Amu Darya's outlet
  - 39 Exist
  - 40 Blender button
  - 41 Canal sight
- DOWN**
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  - 17 Word of accord
  - 22 Lend a hand
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  - 26 Movie trailers
  - 28 "Put It on Me" rapper
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  - 32 11-year-olds, e.g.
  - 33 Like Superman
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# Sports



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa sophomore Carlyn Teichmann shoots a free throw during the Lady Harvester's game against El Paso Austin last Friday as teammate Jessica Miner prepares to pounce on the rebound.

## Pampa starts district in Dumas tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters picked up their second win of the season last week at the Lubbock Caprock holiday tournament, and tonight, they hope to continue

that success tonight as they take on the Lady Demons in Dumas.

The game will begin at 6 p.m. in Dumas as the varsity teams start their four-week-long district season, which will end Feb. 5, just before playoffs

begin.

The JV girls are scheduled to follow the varsity at 7:30 p.m. in Dumas.

After tonight, the girls will continue their district season as they face Caprock Tuesday in Pampa.

## Surprising to the end, Jayhawks beat Virginia Tech in Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — It may be time for the Kansas Jayhawks to give up the underdog role they love.

The surprising Jayhawks exceeded expectations again Thursday night, racing to an early lead and hanging on to beat Virginia Tech 24-21 in the Orange Bowl.

No. 8 Kansas (12-1) won in its first Bowl Championship Series game to set a team record for victories. A year ago the Jayhawks went 6-6.

"People kept telling us we couldn't win against this team, that we couldn't win the big game, that we had no chance," quarterback Todd Reesing said. "We took that to heart. We like being

underdogs."

Perhaps this season's biggest surprise, the high-scoring Jayhawks employed their usual assortment of tricks. They split their tackles wide alongside the receivers. They threw wrong-handed shovel passes. They pulled off a fake punt.

The biggest shocker: They won with defense.

While the offense was stymied most of the night, Kansas came up with three interceptions that led to 17 points, including All-American cornerback Aqib Talib's 60-yard return for the game's first score. He was chosen the game's most valuable player.

### ALUMNI SOCCER SCRIMMAGE

The annual PHS Alumni Soccer Scrimmage will take place Saturday at the Travis Elementary soccer fields.

Any and all PHS soccer alumni and current high school athletes are invited to attend and compete.

The girls game will take place at noon and the boys will play at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club.

## Optimist boys basketball to begin tryouts Monday

Optimist Boys' Basketball will begin registration and tryouts Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club, according to Commissioner Chris Engle.

"We originally were going to have five days of registration and tryouts," Engle said, "but we did not want to conflict with the Harvesters' and Lady Harvesters' home games on Tuesday. So we will not be registering that day."

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Boys' Basketball Coach Dustin Miller will conduct a coaching clinic Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Optimist Gym. "Dustin will show us some ideas of how to teach the fundamentals of basketball," Engle explained.

"We are expecting to have six teams in the fifth and sixth grade division and six teams in the third and fourth grade division," Engle told a group of coaches who assembled to plan the season Thursday. Schedules for the teams, including concession stand

and clean up duty have been prepared. "We will assign each team one of the numbers on the schedule at the draft."

"Teams will begin practice on January 14 and have two weeks to prepare for the season," Engle continued. "The first games will be on January 28. We have enough coaches for the third and fourth grade division, but we need some volunteers to coach the fifth and sixth grade teams."

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

## WT men come back with big win over Southeastern

CANYON, Texas — After a 16-day lay-off, many teams are sluggish on their return to the court, but not the West Texas A&M Buffaloes. After spending the last two weeks on a break from competition for the holiday vacation, the Buffs returned to the court with a fury on Thursday night as they tied a season-high with 13 three-point baskets during a 82-37 rout of Southeastern Oklahoma State at the First United Bank Center.

In addition to their record-tying three-point shooting, the Buffs out-rebounded the Savage Storm by an outstanding 51-23 margin.

Tyler Cooper, Keon Grant and the rest of the Buffs came out firing in the opening 20 minutes of action, as WT produced 10 three-point baskets with both Cooper and Grant each draining four buckets from long distance to help WT put up a season high for points in a half to head to the locker room leading 48-21.

During the period, the Buffs torched the nets with a 55.9 shooting percentage which included a 10-of-18 mark (55.6 percentage) from beyond three point range. Even as the Buffs offense was rolling at an incredible pace, the WT defense remained strong forcing 10 turnovers by the Savage Storm and

limiting them to a 33.3 shooting percentage from the floor.

After the intermission, the Buffs did not continue the torrid shooting pace they had set in the game's first stanza, but they did maintain their intensity on the defensive end and their stranglehold on the game. The Buffs started the second period on a 6-0 run opening the half and did not allow a point by Southeastern Oklahoma State until the 14:28 mark.

Senior Robert Lee highlighted four Buffs in double-figure scoring for the game, scoring 15 points on 7-of-10 shooting, while junior point guard Kyle Shields contributed 13 points on four field goals and a perfect 4-of-4 mark from the free throw line. Cooper and Grant each finished with 12 points apiece.

With the win, the Buffs improve to 8-4 on the season, while the Savage Storm, who never led in Thursday's contest, fell for the sixth time in their last seven games and drop to 3-8 on the year.

The Buffs look to continue their hot play this Saturday when they host Lone Star Conference crossover opponent East Central in a 4 p.m. contest at the First United Bank Center.

## Big second half lifts Lady Buffs over Savage Storm

CANYON, Texas — Junior guard Emily Brister, who posted her second straight double-double with a game-high 21 points and 10 rebounds, helped the West Texas A&M women's basketball team get back on the winning track Thursday night as the Lady Buffs defeated Southeastern Oklahoma State, 66-48, at the First United Bank Center.

The Lady Buffs got off to a sluggish start in their first home contest since Nov. 29 as they misfired on each of their first four field goal attempts to fall behind 5-0. Junior guard Dixie Bell reversed the trend at the 17:06 mark as she put WT on the board with a three-point basket.

Bell's make kick-started a 7-2 run for the Lady Buffs, who battled back to a 7-7 tie at the first media timeout with 15:36 remaining in the half. After a Savage Storm free throw gave the visitors a one-point advantage, freshman Joni Unruh was able to give WT its first lead of the night, 9-8, as she converted a jumper at the 14:44 mark with the final seconds ticking off the shot clock.

Megan McLain put a punctuation mark on a 14-0 run by the Lady Buffs which gave them their biggest lead of the first half at 13 points, 21-8. While WT was building momentum, the Savage Storm could do little to slow the Lady Buffs down as Southeastern Oklahoma went cold from the floor going eight minutes without a field goal from the 15:36 mark until 7:36 was left in the half.

The Savage Storm did not fade in the face of the large deficit, as they cut the WT advantage to only three at 23-20 with just 3:03 to play.

On several of its last possessions, Southeastern was guilty of a handful of turnovers which plagued the visitors in the first half — in which they committed nine — allowing the Lady Buffs to take a 27-20 lead into the intermission.

Out of the half, WT surrendered seven of the period's first nine points to see its lead shrink to just a basket at 29-27.

A few minutes later, with the Lady Buffs again leading by just a point a 31-30, Brister and the WT defense began to take over. With just

over 15 minutes to play, the Amarillo, Texas, native converted a pair of chances from the free throw line, where she started out 9-of-9 to extend her consecutive successful streak to 38 before finishing 11-of-12 for the game.

Brister and the Lady Buffs collected nine of their 14 steals for the game, led by Brister with eight, during the second half to outscore the Savage Storm 39-28 for the period.

McLain was solid down the stretch, scoring five of her eight points in the second half while the Lady Buffs were able to work in several younger plays as they cruised to their seventh victory of the season.

Junior Courtney Lee contributed 13 points in the win, while classmate Jamie Dreiling supplied 10 points and six rebounds for the Lady Buffs.

WTAMU women's basketball is back in action this Saturday as they host Lone Star Conference North foe East Central in a 2 p.m. match-up at the First United Bank Center.

## Clemens says Brian McNamee injected him with lidocaine, B-12

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens admits former trainer Brian McNamee injected him but says it was with the painkiller lidocaine and the vitamin B-12, not any performance-enhancing drugs.

In the first excerpts released from the pitcher's interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," which is to be broadcast Sunday night, Clemens maintained the denials he has issued since McNamee implicated him in the Mitchell report on doping in baseball, which was released Dec. 13.

McNamee, a former strength coach for the Blue Jays and Yankees, told Mitchell he personally injected Clemens with steroids in 1998 while they were with Toronto, and with steroids and human growth hormone in 2000 and 2001 while with New York.

"Roger took bunches of his shots over his career, much the way racehorses do, unfortunately," Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, said after excerpts were released Thursday.

Clemens issued a video statement on Dec. 23 denying McNamee's accusations and plans to hold a news conference Monday. Clemens did not mention injections of painkillers or vitamins.

"That short statement didn't go into any details and simply told the public at large he did not take steroids or any other performance-enhancing drugs. That's never been a

contention of his," Hardin said.

"The reason he hasn't stepped out personally before now was really our decision, not his, and that was to more deliberately look into how in the world the Mitchell report could have reached what we believe was this totally wrong conclusion before we started talking out. Now we're more comfortable with all of that, and he's going to answer whatever questions they have."

During the CBS interview, recorded last Friday at Clemens' home in Katy, Texas, Clemens was asked whether McNamee had injected him with any drugs.

"Lidocaine and B-12," Clemens responded. "It's for my joints, and B-12 I still take today."

Lidocaine is a local anesthetic that can be used by dentists and in minor surgery. It also is available as part of ointments used to treat skin inflammation.

Clemens told CBS that McNamee's accusation was "ridiculous" and said he "never" used banned substances.

"Swear?" CBS's Mike Wallace asked Clemens.

"Swear," Clemens responded. Baseball players and owners did not have an agreement to ban steroids until September 2002, and they didn't ban HGH until January 2005.

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# Teamaker hops offer solid benefits without the 'bite'

By LAURA MCGINNIS  
USDA News

Northerners sip it from steaming mugs, whereas Southerners prefer it super-sweet in ice-cold glasses. However it's prepared, tea is a popular beverage in the United States. Now, scientists from the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are offering a new twist on this old favorite — with assistance from a surprising source.

Hops are best known as ingredients in another popular beverage, but the qualities that recommend them to beer production have a variety of additional applications. A growing appreciation for their natural antimicrobial benefits has led to an expansion of their use in products such as processed sugar, animal feed and tea.

"Teamaker" is a new hop variety released by scientists in the ARS Forage, Seed and Cereal Research Unit (FSCRU) in Corvallis, Ore. It has an alpha acid content

of 0.6 to 1.8 percent, giving it the lowest alpha acid concentration of any commercially available hop variety. In addition, its beta acid levels (5.4 to 13.2 percent) are significantly higher than those found in most varieties.

Bitter alpha acids, which give beer its distinct flavor, promote the yeast-brewing process and hinder bacterial growth. Betas, which also inhibit bacteria, have little effect on flavor.

An extremely high beta-to-alpha ratio gives Teamaker all the health benefits of traditional hops cultivars without their characteristic bitterness, creating opportunities for nontraditional uses. In addition to herbal teas, beta acids from hops can substitute for formalin in sugar processing.

And new research suggests that they may have agricultural benefits as well — for example, as an alternative to antibiotics in animal feeds.



Courtesy photo by STEPHEN AUSMUS  
A hop cone is split apart to reveal lupulin glands, which produce beta acids present in hops.

# Mayor of OKC challenges citizens to shed 1 million pounds

By SEAN MURPHY  
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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With a button-popping spread of cornbread, sausage and gravy, chicken fried steak and pecan pie designated as Oklahoma's official state meal, it's no surprise that Oklahoma City's mayor wants to put the city on a diet.

Mick Cornett has challenged the city to shed 1 million pounds as its New Year's resolution.

Prompted in part by his own struggle to lose weight, Cornett wants to end Oklahoma City's dubious distinction as one of

America's fattest cities.

"The message of this obesity initiative is that we've got to watch what we eat," Cornett said Thursday. "Exercise is part of it and the city is trying to change into a city that is less sprawling, has more density and is more pedestrian friendly, but you're not really going to take on obesity unless you acknowledge that we eat too much and don't eat the right foods."

As part of the initiative, residents can sign up and track their weight loss on a new Web site, [www.thiscityisgoingonadiet.com](http://www.thiscityisgoingonadiet.com). More than 2,600 people had registered by Thursday. They've lost

more than 300 pounds.

Besides a body mass index calculator, the site includes recipes and links to metro-area fitness centers. Plans call for expanding the site to include the opportunity to blog and network with other participants, Cornett said.

"It's always easier if you're doing something hard if you have other people to do it with," he said.

The mayor timed the start of the weight-loss program to the beginning of the new year, when many people begin exercise programs after holiday feasts.

Oklahoma City ranked 15th in a 2007 survey of America's fattest

cities conducted by Men's Fitness magazine. The survey examined lifestyle factors in each city, including fast-food restaurants per capita and availability of city parks, gyms and bike paths.

"I can't tell you exactly where you rank in our 2008 survey, but I can tell you that Oklahoma City is in the top 10," magazine spokeswoman Jennifer Krosche said. "That's not good."

The Oklahoma Legislature designated an official state meal in 1988. The menu also includes fried okra, squash, barbecue pork, biscuits, grits, corn, strawberries and black-eyed peas.

Cornett, 49, stands about 5-foot-10 and weighs 183 pounds. He began a personal fitness initiative eight months ago when he weighed 217 pounds.

"I would like to get down to 175, so I've made a goal to lose 8 pounds over 8 weeks," he said.

Carrie Snyder-Renfro, a 44-year-old teacher working out at a fitness center Thursday, said she made a resolution last month to eat healthier and exercise. While she was unaware of the mayor's Web site, she said she would consider signing up.

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Monday the government has reversed its decision to ban the publication over its use of the word Allah, easing tensions that had strained racial harmony in the multi-ethnic country.

In a surprising turnabout, the government renewed The Herald weekly's 2008 permit without any conditions, said its editor Rev. Lawrence Andrew. "There are no conditions, there was no mention of the Allah ban," he told The Associated Press.

Internal security officials declined to comment. All publications in Malaysia require a government permit, which is renewed annually.

The government had said that Allah, an Arabic word for God, can only be used by Muslims. Officials feared that using Allah in Christian literature would confuse the Malays and draw them to Christianity.

Malaysian Christians said that Allah that was used by Christians before Islam was established. Even in Malaysia, Malay-speaking Christians have used the word Allah for generations. Allah also means God in

Bahasa Melayu, the language of Malays.

About 60 percent of Malaysia's 27 million citizens are Muslim, 19 percent are Buddhist, 9 percent are Christian and 6 percent are Hindu, with the remainder divided among traditional Chinese faiths and other religions.

### State officials cracking down on unlicensed 'Amish taxis'

LUTHERSBURG, Pa. (AP) — The state Public Utility Commission is cracking down on operators of "Amish taxis" who regularly serve as drivers for members of the religious group but are not certified to carry passengers.

The PUC this fall began targeting the unlicensed "English" or non-Amish taxis serving more than 350 Amish families in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson counties. Amish religious beliefs bar owning or operating motor vehicles, so they rely on outsiders to drive them long distances or along roads that are too dangerous for horse-drawn buggies.

The commission is responding to complaints,

including some from drivers who paid to become state-certified to carry passengers, PUC spokeswoman Jennifer Kocher said.

"It's different than something occasional, like taking

*'There are no conditions, there was no mention of the Allah ban.'*

— The Rev. Lawrence Andrew  
Editor

vary for paratransit vehicles but can cost up to \$6,000 annually, Kocher said.

Six people have obtained the required certificates from the PUC's Altoona office, which covers Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson counties. Since the enforcement campaign, another 13 people have applied for certification, Kocher said.

The PUC has issued 95 warning letters and is considering fining scofflaws up to \$1,000. The agency may soon target Amish enclaves in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties, Kocher said.

### Kansas City Catholic priest dies after longest active tenure in a parish

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest died Christmas Day after leading his parish for 63 years, ending what is believed to be the longest active tenure at a U.S. Catholic church. He was 98.

Monsignor Heliodore Mejak became a priest in 1935. He said his first Mass at Holy Family Church on Aug. 1, 1944, and never left. The Archdiocese of Kansas

City in Kansas believes Mejak was the nation's oldest active priest.

He celebrated Mass until about a week before his death despite failing health and eyesight.

"He couldn't see," said Kevin Fogarty, a Wyandotte County firefighter who had attended the church for about 10 years. "He wore 'welding goggles' with huge magnifiers. When he said Mass, it was obvious he was reciting from memory. He couldn't read it at all."

Holy Family, a Slovenian parish, drew parishioners who shared Mejak's theological conservatism. He resisted attempts to have laymen serve Holy Communion and said it should be served only from a priest's hand, not in the hand of the recipient.

Mejak also ignored a Second Vatican Council recommendation for parishioners to shake hands or hug as a sign of peace during Mass, saying it distracted from the Eucharist.

In addition to his religious duties, he carried out repairs in the church, cut the grass, managed the finances and even prepared the weekly bulletin.

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defense of the South, but it is really an argument against industrialism.

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lished in the 1930s. It's called "I'll Take My Stand," and it's a collection of essays by 12 Southern literary men. It is often misread as a

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quickly is reminded (not to take it for granted). O. Henry's Gift of the Magi really hits the mark for the meaning of Christmas: love for one another. A young couple, with little money and struggling to make a living, sacrifice their greatest belongings to make each others Christmas a good one. He pawns his pocket watch to buy a comb for his wife's beautiful long hair. She cuts her hair and sells it to buy her husband a beautiful watch chain. These sacrifices amount to a realization of selfless love and giving the true meaning of Christmas and the true Christmas gift.

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