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## Dates scheduled for 2008 Kid Pony Show

By KERRI SMITH  
Managing Editor

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association met Monday evening to finalize the dates for this year's Kid Pony Show and some changes were decided upon as well as the dates of Aug. 9 and 10.

According to Rodeo Association Office Manager Cindy Kempf, the name of annual event has been changed this year.

"The group decided to call the event the 'Top O'Texas Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show' because we thought that name better suited the older kids as well as the young ones," Kempf said. "Also, instead of cutting off the competitors at the age of 16, the

association decided to extend the age to 18 so most of the high school students could compete as well."

Kempf said the younger children in groups 1 and 2 would compete on Aug. 10, which is a Sunday. The competition will begin around 3 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 9, the other groups of kids will compete all day with the festivities starting around 8 a.m.

"We've redone a few events and have even added some new events this year," Kempf said. "Michael Craig is one of the committee members and he's doing everything he can to accommodate the requests and wishes of everyone

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## Gray County Junior livestock show scheduled for Saturday

By KERRI SMITH  
Managing Editor

The Gray County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday and the competition will begin at 8 a.m. at the Clyde Carruth Pavillion at Recreation Park.

Animals must be weighed and registered some time between

today and 6 p.m. Friday.

The order of the animals for the livestock show will be goats, sheep, steers, heifers and hogs.

The Buyer's Sale and Dinner will be held Monday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the sale will immediately follow around 6:30 p.m.

## Skull of giant mastodon found in Texas up for auction

DALLAS (AP) — The skull of a four-tusked mastodon believed to be one of the largest in the nation is going up for auction Sunday.

A 40-inch long skull of the prehistoric elephant-like animal, found in 2004 in a gravel pit in La Grange, is up for sale after a small West Texas museum that has kept the artifact on display can no longer afford to keep it.

Heritage Auction Galleries expects the skull to fetch as much as \$160,000 during its natural history auction.

"We're trying to reach out to someone who would buy it, then reach out to a museum in Texas," Heritage spokesman David Herskowitz said.

The skull had been housed at the Mount Blanco Fossil Museum near Lubbock. Joe Taylor, curator and founder of the museum, said he needs the money to pay back investors who financed the excavation of the skull after it was discovered.

## Accident



## Accident knocks out power

By KERRI SMITH  
Managing Editor

An accident around 1:45 p.m. Wednesday knocked out power to multiple businesses on Highway 60 East.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety reports, Joshua Earl Cochran, 19, of White Deer, was traveling westbound on Highway 60. When he dropped his cell phone and reached down to pick it up, he lost control of his 1998 Dodge pickup.

Cochran sheared off three utility poles and his vehicle came to

rest on property owned by Sivals after it hit a fence next to Lick's Feed Store. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Cochran suffered a broken nose from the air bags deploying and hitting him in the face.

Power and phone service was lost by many of the businesses in that area. Crews worked for hours to repair the poles and lines.

DPS troopers were assisted on the scene by Gray County Sheriff's Deputies, Pampa firefighters and Guardian EMS Ambulance Service.



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH  
Top Photo - The Dodge pickup came to rest on the side of the highway after hitting a fence next to Lick's Feed Store.  
Bottom Photo - Two of the utility poles can be seen that were sheared off by Joshua Cochran's vehicle.

## GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Water district discusses management plan, rules

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

DUMAS — A decade ago, Mesa Water wanted some sort of guarantee from the White Deer-based Panhandle

Groundwater Conservation District that Mesa would be permitted to pump their water at some unspecified time in the future.

This week it was the City of Amarillo that was requesting similar guarantees from the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. Amarillo has about 100,000 acres of water rights in Hartley County.

The city has indicated that they do not plan to pump water from there for a number of years, but at a public hearing on the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's revised management plan this week, Amarillo Assistant City Manager Jarrett Atkinson told the North Plains board that Amarillo would like some protection of that water in storage and a guarantee that when the city does develop that field, it will be allowed to pump at the same rate as everyone else in the district.

The concern is that as the city tries to store the water for future

use, the water will be drained before the city has need of it.

Atkinson pointed to the district's database that reports Hartley County uses 303,838 acre-feet of water per year, but the district's data also shows that only 235,522 acre-feet of water are available for use, a deficit of 68,316 acre-feet per year.

With the North Plains district rules allowing for the withdrawal of two acre-feet per year, if Amarillo developed a well field in Hartley County, it could pump some 200,000 acre-feet per year, growing the deficit to over

268,000 acre-feet per year.

Amarillo has already filed a lawsuit against Premium Standards Farms, which has water rights next to Amarillo's, for over production.

At Tuesday's hearing here, Atkinson suggested a provisional permit to help protect Amarillo's water and guarantee access to the water at production levels equal to its neighbors.

The concern with the North Plains management plan appears to revolve around the depletion

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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39. Wind chill values between 7 and 17. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
 Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14. Wind chill values between 3 and 8. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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**Jose Geronimo Rodriguez, 63**

Jose Geronimo of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 15, 2008, at Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rodriguez was born Dec. 9, 1944, in Durango, Mexico. He came to Pampa in 1980 from Albuquerque, N.M. He married Manuela Gonzalez on Feb. 12, 1965, in Durango, Mexico. She preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2006.

Jose was a hard worker who raised 11 children. He was a former employee of the Iowa Beef Packers in Amarillo. He was a member

of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

He enjoyed cooking, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include five daughters, Maria Sanchez, Bertha Cordova, Lorena Rodriguez, Gisela Portillo and Lourdes Perez, all of Pampa; six sons, Joe Rodriguez, Raymond Rodriguez, Abel Rodriguez, Salvador Rodriguez, Rudy Rodriguez and Jesus Rodriguez, all of Pampa; his mother, Catalina Rodriguez of Durango, Mexico; four brothers; three sisters; numerous grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. MEMORIALS: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd Pampa, TX 79065.

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**BENNETT, Jess "Bill"** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.  
**HERRING, Julian Alexander** — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**RODRIGUEZ, Jose Geronimo** — Memorial services, 2 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

**Jess 'Bill' Bennett, 87**

Jess "Bill" Bennett, 87, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 15, 2008, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at the White Deer Cemetery in White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bennett was born Dec. 5, 1920, in Woodward, Okla. He married Maxine Adams on March 6, 1947, in

Amarillo.

Bill worked for Cabot as a plant operator for 35 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving three years in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Bennett, of the home; one daughter, Victoria Parsons of



Bennett

Denton; five grandchildren, Pampa; two sons, Keith Bennett and Ken Bennett, both of San Antonio; five sisters, Bernice Todd of Livingston, Lois Callaway and Irene Phillips, both of Amarillo, Betts Sumrall of Astoria, Ore., and Kathy Jester of

Shawn Welch, Brian Tripplett, Jessica Bennett, Kori Bennett and Amanda Bennett; and five great-grandchildren.

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**Jon Clyde Ellis**

Born Oct. 29, 1940, in Olney, Texas, Jon C. Ellis passed away with family by his side into the loving hands of his Lord on Jan. 3, 2008. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Clyde and Marie Ellis.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years Joan Ellis; chil-

dren, Steve, Vikki and Chris; grandchildren, Christopher; great-grandchildren, Shane and Haley; sisters, Judy Taylor and Pat Marlin; and many other



Ellis

beloved family members and friends.

He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed. Thank You for your coura-

geous battle and your strong belief and faith in our Lord.

Memorial Services to Celebrate Jon's life will be held at the Frisco Bible Church (8000 CR 710 Frisco, TX 75034) on Jan. 19, 2008, at 2 p.m. Please visit [www.friscobible.com](http://www.friscobible.com) for map and directions.

**Julian Alexander Herring, 3**

HOBBS, N.M. — Julian Alexander Herring, 3, died Jan. 10, 2008, at Hobbs.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Pastor Jerald Chadwick of the Central Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, officiating. Arrangements are under



Herring

the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Julian was born Dec. 30, 2004, at Amarillo, where he lived until moving to Hobbs in August of 2007.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maria Herring in 2002.

Survivors include his father, Brian Herring of Hobbs; a sister, Xmanthious Newhouse of

Hobbs; and his grandparents, Dale and Carla Herring, and Donnie and Tina Perry, all of Amarillo.

The family will receive visitors at 5117 Lawrence Blvd. in Amarillo.

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

**Gerold E. Huckins, 78**

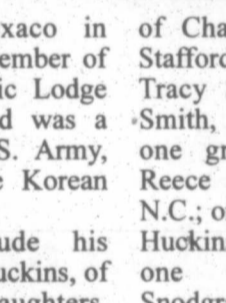
Gerold E. Huckins, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 16, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Huckins was born Oct. 29, 1929, in Hutchinson County. He married Naomi Joy Bigham on July 12, 1950, in Sidney, Neb. He had been a resident of Pampa for 23 years.

Gerold worked for Skelly Oil as an oilfield mechanic,

retiring from Texaco in 1990. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi Joy Huckins, of the home; two daughters, Emily Smith of Galveston and Donna Rowland of Woodland Park, Colo.; four grandchildren, Kevin Enger



Huckins

of Charlotte, N.C., Casey Stafford of College Station, Tracy Smith and Amanda Smith, both of Galveston; one great-grandson, Kyle Reece Enger of Charlotte, N.C.; one brother, Norvel G. Huckins of Skellytown; and one sister, Barbara Snodgrass of Duncan, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleon G. and Gertrude Huckins; two brothers, E.T. "Jack"

Houston and Sam Houston; and one sister, Brooksye Boughan.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

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**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Ten traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan streets, the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets, the 800 block of South Hobart, and the intersection of Starkweather and Yeager streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 11600 block of West Highway 60.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 800 block of

Municipal Drive, the 800 block of Locust, the 400 block of North Sumner, the 100 block of East Albert, the 400 block of Jupiter, the 300 block of North Faulkner, the 400 block of Rider, the 1800 block of North Russell and the 11800 block of West Highway 60.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Henry and Campbell streets.

Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of North Somerville and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 200 block of North Russell, the 700 block of South Gray, and the intersection of Oklahoma and Barrett streets.

A prowler was reported in the 2500 block of Rosewood.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2600 block of Comanche.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler. A front window valued at \$600 was broken out by being shot with a BB or pellet gun.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1200 block of North Russell and the 1900 block of North Christy.

Sexual assault was reported in the 1200 block of South Nelson.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. Minor injuries to the head and body which did not require medical attention were reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A purse was taken from a shopping cart. An estimated loss valued at \$50 included cash, a wallet, a driver's license and four Social Security cards.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Doyle.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The victim's Social Security number was used by someone else to obtain employment.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1800 block of Holly.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. Golf clubs and a golf bag were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$2,331.51.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls

between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**  
 7:20 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of North Hobart on a first responder call.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**  
 1:45 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded one mile east on Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident.

**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
 1:52 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Faulkner on a call for lifting assistance.

**Ambulance**

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**  
 8:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**  
 8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and trans-

ported a patient to PRMC.

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWTH.

12:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to an undisclosed location on Highway 60 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU

responded to NWTH and transferred a patient to PRMC.

2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2200 block of Dwight.

4:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Starkweather and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East Gordon. No transport.

**ERCOT**

**State power grid changes**

DALLAS (AP) — A plan to change the way the state power grid operates will cost about \$62 million more than expected, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said Wednesday.

ERCOT's board voted to raise the cost of switching to a "nodal" market to \$311.3 million. The previous estimate was \$248.9 million.

The costs will be passed on to electricity users in the form of a surcharge. The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Wednesday that the surcharge would be about

17 cents for the average household, up from 13 cents. The surcharge technically would be paid by wholesale power companies, which could pass along the cost to customers.

ERCOT is to switch to a new wholesale market system Dec. 1 to improve efficiency of the system. Electricity will be priced through about 4,000 nodes, rather than averaged across large regions. The switch is expected to more precisely identify costly bottlenecks or spots that could use new power plants.

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# Viewpoints

## Highlights from project's 'Weekly Slant'

This is indeed an exciting election year. Media coverage is overwhelming, especially of Democratic Party hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

The GOP candidates make up for in numbers what perhaps they lack in "minority diversity."

As partisan politics heat up with all the primaries sweeping the nation, Fight Media Bias Project shed light on some of the national news coverage. The project's "The Weekly Slant" provides these recent tidbits under the heading "Quotes from the Left."

The following is lifted verbatim from the "Quotes" column:

**What's worse?**

### Matthews' openly partisan rhetoric or his America bashing?

"If I sit here tomorrow night reporting that he [Obama] has won the Iowa caucuses the world will hear it and the world will be stunned because the United States of America, despised by so many, for lording it over the world these days, for dictating regional solutions by virtue of our military power will be saying, 'No more.' No more of invading countries. No more dictating a war-Americana. No more, 'our way or the highway.' No more Bush doctrine. No more Bush."

—Chris Matthews on the eve of the Iowa caucuses discussing the possibility of an

Obama win. CyberAlert Jan. 3

### In Case You Missed It Well, Excuse Us — We Thought There Were Two Parties Running This Year

Two political parties are selecting nominees but you wouldn't necessarily know it from ABC's coverage. MRC's Scott Whitlock reports that Good Morning America gave the Democrats 14 minutes and 56 seconds of time Monday, while the Republicans got just 31 seconds! Might not have happened at all if

**Skyla Bryant**  
News Editor

George Stephanopoulos hadn't been there. Whitlock wrote: "Aside from mentioning the latest GOP polls in the show's intro, the only analysis of the Republicans resulted from Sawyer asking



Stephanopoulos this banal question: 'And what about the Republicans?'"

—CyberAlert Jan. 8 and NewsBusters Jan. 7

### CNN's Roland Martin: Most Pro-Lifers Seem 'Hateful'

On Friday afternoon, CNN's liberal contributor Roland Martin suggested

that most people who are pro-life seem "hateful" as he was describing Mike Huckabee's need to reach out to non-evangelical voters. During an appearance on CNN Newsroom Martin contended that Huckabee needs to pursue a strategy similar to that of President Bush in 2000: "Sure, [Huckabee is] a staunch pro-life person, but he isn't perceived as being hateful as other people who are pro-life."

—Cyber Alert Monday January 7

### ABC Mocks Immigration Foes: Want 'Big Wall' to Toss Illegals Over

Good Morning America co-host Chris Cuomo, while

discussing politics with Iowa voters on Thursday, spun foes of illegal immigrants as fans of simplistic solutions to a complicated issue. Maligning them, he complained: "Everybody wants to put up a big wall and then find who's not supposed to be here and throw them over that wall." However, Cuomo's pre-selected group of voters hardly seemed representative. It included a committed Barack Obama supporter, a backer of Senator Hillary Clinton, a man committed to caucusing for Senator Chris Dodd and a voter unsure about his choice. The total didn't exactly sound balanced: Three Democratic voters and

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2008. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

On this date:

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

In 1917, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.

*'I am always ready to learn, but I do not always like to be taught.'*

— Winston Churchill  
British statesman  
(1874-1965)

In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1961, in his farewell address, President Dwight Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the military-industrial complex."

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.)

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 72 people.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

In 1997, a court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the Roman Catholic country's history.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him; during the nearly six hours of sworn testimony, Clinton denied having had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Five years ago: On the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, a defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack. Tom Ridge sailed through Senate confirmation hearings on his way to becoming the nation's first Homeland Security Department chief. Actor Richard Crenna died in Los Angeles at age 76. Gertrude Janeway, the last known widow of a Union veteran from the Civil War, died in Blaine, Tenn., at age 93 (she had married John Janeway in 1927 when he was 81 and she was barely 18).



## Back-it-up or retype — it's your decision

If it hasn't happened to you, it will. You're working alone in the dead of night, putting the finishing touches on your thesis, when

"BEEP!" your computer freezes up. "No problem," you think. "My computer freezes up all the time. A quick reboot and I'm back in business!" After several reboot attempts, you realize your hard disk has gone down for the last time. It died.

Everything stored on that drive is gone! Do you freak? No, of course not! You've been making backups, right? I hope so. If not, you'll be retyping for the rest of your life. Backups are critical. Whether at home or in the business world, having a reliable backup of your

information can mean the difference between a mere inconvenience and thoughts of suicide.

But how do you do it? Does it take special software? Well, it depends on your needs. Let's start at the beginning. The process of "backing up" is simply copying information

from your hard drive to some sort of removable media (like a thumb drive). By having that copy, you are prepared in case something happens to your main hard drive. If you lose your hard drive, all you have to do is "restore" the information

from the diskette and you're back in business. That's the simple definition. There are other factors you must consider.

For instance, will you be doing a "full backup" or an "incremental" backup? A full backup consists of copying EVERYTHING on your hard drive to some sort of removable media. An incremental backup is a little different. Performed daily, this procedure only backs up the information that has changed "that day." You only do full backups at the end of the week. Advantage: Backups

only take a few minutes instead of hours. Disadvantage: If you ever need to restore the information, you must first restore the last full backup and then restore each incremental backup in order. These days, most companies (and individuals, for that matter) choose full backups.

Now, what should you back up? I know that sounds like a silly question, but you'd be surprised how little thought people give to this crucial point. Should you backup your entire hard drive? No. There are two types of information stored on your computer — data and programs. Do not backup the programs. Programs can be reloaded from the CD's they

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 6  
Houston Chronicle on bogus insurance reform:

In response to pleas by consumers to reduce Texas homeowner insurance costs that lead the nation, state lawmakers passed reform legislation in 2003. Unfortunately, the so-called reform has primarily benefited insurance companies rather than their customers.

While the result has been a lowering of insurance policy payout averages by two-thirds, insurance premiums have remained high, leading to windfall profits for insurance companies.

Statistics compiled by the Office of

Public Insurance Counsel show that while the average cost of home insurance premiums has remained above \$1,200, the average loss claimed on a policy has nose-dived from just below that level to \$400 at the start of 2007.

As it had before the legislation was passed, Texas still leads the nation in homeowners insurance costs, with Louisiana and Florida next in line. As Chronicle business columnist Loren Steffy observed, "Think about that. Texas' rates were higher than those of Florida, a state surrounded by tidewater on three sides and the perennial stomping ground of hurricanes."

No other state broke the \$1,000 barrier, not even California, prone to fires, quakes and mud slides. Although the standard rationale by insurance compa-

ny officials for the higher rates in Texas is that our weather is wilder and causes more damage and subsequent claims, that contention is not born out by the state figures or even data produced by the industry.

Last month the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas sent a customer survey to state legislators with a cover letter claiming it showed reform had created a more competitive market and declining rates for homeowners. Yet the survey itself indicated 53 percent of respondents said new policy prices were either higher than a year ago or had stayed the same.

For renewals, the figure was more than 72 percent. And the survey did not

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# Giuliani pinning hopes for nomination on victory in Florida

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican Rudy Giuliani challenged political convention in shrugging off early primaries while staking his presidential candidacy on delegate rich, later-voting states, a strategy that could be a colossal failure or a masterful calculation.

The former New York mayor is suffering from money woes and hasn't won a single primary. Other Republicans have been gobbling up delegates and national media attention, but Giuliani has won one key bet he placed long ago: Even after the first few contests, there would be no clear front-

**Mitt Romney, who won the Michigan primary Tuesday, leads the delegate race with 42, followed by Mike Huckabee with 32 and John McCain with 13. It takes 1,191 to win the nomination.**

runner in the GOP field. As his opponents spent time, money and energy battling in Iowa, New Hampshire, Michigan and beyond, Giuliani shifted his resources to Florida, where he hopes its winner-take-all Jan. 29 primary will hand him 57 delegates and catapult him overnight to the top

of the race for the nomination. He has no delegates so far.

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Giuliani did not always pin his hopes on Florida. Initially, his campaign plan was multi-pronged, until he decided to abandon efforts in early voting Iowa and New Hampshire. His strategists originally thought he had a good shot at winning an early state or two, and at one point he gained ground in New Hampshire — spending a chunk of cash there — and was also a leader in South Carolina polls.

But the strategy changed along the way and now rests entirely on Florida. As Giuliani put it to reporters this week in Pompano Beach, Fla., there's no time to second-guess whether it

was the right way to go.

"You can't go back into the past," he said. "This is the strategy we chose; this is the one we're going to use. We believe in it; we believe it's going to work."

The next day, a new poll showed his Florida lead had evaporated, and nationwide surveys show he has slipped from the front-runner place he once held. Top campaign staffers are going without paychecks this month to use every dollar they can in the state.

Giuliani will be cam-

aigning nearly every day in Florida until Jan. 29, while his opponents still have to get through contests in South Carolina and Nevada.

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**Scientists Warn Against "Religious Crusade" on Global Warming**

Commentary from 400 prominent scientists from around the world,

which was included in a U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee report released last week, warns of a religious-like belief in global warming in the scientific community

Pat Michaels, senior fellow in environmental studies at the libertarian Cato Institute and research professor of environmental science on leave from the University of Virginia, said the sheer number of internationally acclaimed scientists included in

the report makes it hard to dismiss.

"They found an astounding amount of people who are in agreement," Michaels told Cybercast News Service. "These are not just creation scientists. These are huge names. There are too many people for these to be agenda-driven statements. Scientists are just getting tired of exaggeration on this issue. Global warming has become a religious crusade."

—CNSNews.com Jan 04

## Spell

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came on. Data, on the other hand, is only replaceable by typing it in again. Not a pleasant thought! On most computers, programs (including the operating system), comprise over 80 percent of the space. Save yourself some time, and only back up the data.

Next topic: What should you store your backups on? Should it be diskettes, CDs, tapes? It really depends on the size and frequency of your backups. For the home, I usually recommend CDs. Holding 650 megabytes, most people can store their most important information without having to use more than one. Businesses will typically use a tape (looks like a music cassette). Tapes can store gigabytes (even terabytes) of information, depending on the brand you buy. For large storage needs, choose tape. Floppy diskettes, in my opinion, are useless. Not only are they small (1.44 megabytes per disk), they are incredibly unreliable.

One human hair or a piece of dust can ruin them. Even sitting on a shelf will lead to eventual magnetic degradation.

At this point, I should bring up the topic of networks. Remember, from earlier columns, that a network is simply a group of computers connected together so that they can share information. Most of this information is stored on a special computer called a server. This machine usually sits in a closet somewhere, humming away 24 hours a day, seven days a week, divvying out information whenever a PC needs it. All of a company's most important data is stored on the server. Backing up is simple. Since all of the data is on one machine (the server), the local computer guy only has to back up one machine, instead of every PC in the office. My whole point in bringing this up is to further push the value of networking your business.

Finally, make sure your backup procedures include "offsite storage" of your backup media. Putting your backup disks or tapes on top of the computer itself invalidates the backup itself. If your office burns to the

ground, you lose the computer AND your backups. Make sure that your backups are stored in another room, preferably another building.

A new option is making this consideration even easier — Internet backups. Here's how it works. Every night, after everyone has left, your computer (or server) connects to the Internet. All of your company's information is compressed into an encrypted "suitcase" and transferred to another server somewhere. This method guarantees offsite storage and is quickly becoming the preferred way of making human-free backups. The specifics of and requirements of backing up online are too numerous to list here, so drop me a line if you'd like to know more.

Business owners, remember: Your information is an asset, just like your copier and other high-priced equipment. Having a backup program is like taking out an insurance policy. You hope you never have to use it, but if tragedy strikes, you'll be singing its praises.

See you in Cyberspace!

## Reform

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include hurricane-prone coastal counties such as Harris, where prices have gone up faster and terms of coverage are being restricted.

"Unlike what homeowners were promised, rates continue to be at an inflated level," said Alex Winslow, the executive director of the consumer advocacy group Texas Watch.

"For every premium dollar the average homeowner spends, less and less is being used to pay claims and more and more is going into the pockets of the insurance companies."

Under current law, insurance companies can enact rate increases before they are approved by state regulators. In a recent case, when Insurance Commissioner Mike Geeslin moved to force Allstate to roll back what he called an unjustified 5.9 percent increase, company lawyers went to court and secured a restraining order. Allstate continues to charge cus-

tomers the higher rates.

Until lawmakers close that loophole, state regulators will constantly be one step behind insurers in their efforts to rein in unreasonably high rates. With a year till the next session of the Legislature, Commissioner Geeslin and his department must continue to fight hard to restrain rate hikes until new laws can force down the unjustifiably high homeowners premiums in Texas. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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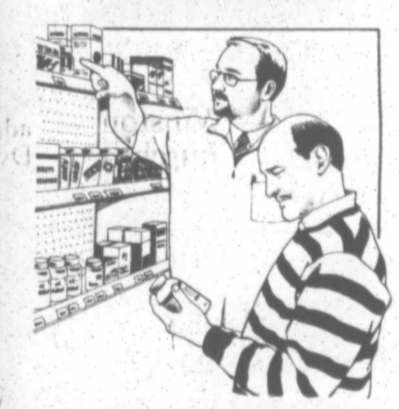
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I feel like I'm all alone. My daughter's father was recently murdered, and I can't seem to get over it. Even though we hadn't been close for months before his passing, he was all I have known since I was 13. I'm trying to move on, but it's so hard. I don't know how to help my daughter with her issues because I'm still grieving for my own father, who was killed in Baghdad several years ago. Am I a bad mother for not talking to her enough about it? Frankly, I try to avoid the subject every chance I get. But it's eating me up inside, and I can't stop crying. How will I ever move on to another relationship when I can't even get past the last one? How can I help my child when I feel like I can't even help myself? — **DESPERATE FOR HELP IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR DESPERATE FOR HELP:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for the double loss in your life -- the death of your father and the tragedy that befell your daughter's father. If you are going to heal yourself and your girl, it is imperative that you find help for both of you. She needs to talk about her feelings so she can deal with them -- and so do you. Avoiding the subject, painful as it is, doesn't work, as you are finding out. I recommend that you find a grief-support group for you and for your daughter, a safe place in which to share your feelings of loss, pain and possibly anger. An excellent place to start would be to ask your clergyperson. Please don't put it off because help is available.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 25 and my boyfriend, "Dave," is 32. I love him dearly. He's my best friend, and I know we cherish each other, but I always feel like I'm No. 2, 3 or 4 in his life. Dave has a 4-year-old son and is occupied with the boy three nights a

week. On those nights I am not welcome. There are no phone calls, and I feel alienated and lonely. Also, he stays in a job he claims he hates because he can't afford to miss one payment to his estranged wife. Dave refuses to get a divorce because it's expensive, and he is afraid that she will abuse him financially. Yet he gives her extra money on a regular basis despite his 50/50 custody (at present), and he's often broke because of some demand or another she had made. She has a great job as a nurse, but I know very little about her situation so I can't judge her. I am frustrated. When I try to discuss it, Dave tells me he's sorry, "things will change" and eventually I'll be able to share his life with him and his son. But it's been more than a year, and nothing has changed. Should I hold on? This is driving me crazy. — **LOSING PATIENCE IN CONNECTICUT**

**DEAR LOSING PATIENCE:** Your boyfriend appears to be a conscientious parent, but he is married and not available for what you want. He may be satisfied with the status quo, which is why he has made no move to divorce or to further include you. Dave is not your "best friend." Best friends discuss their problems and work out compromises. Please consider moving on, because if you allow this situation to drag on another year or two or three -- and I suspect it will -- you'd have to be crazy.

## For Better Or For Worse



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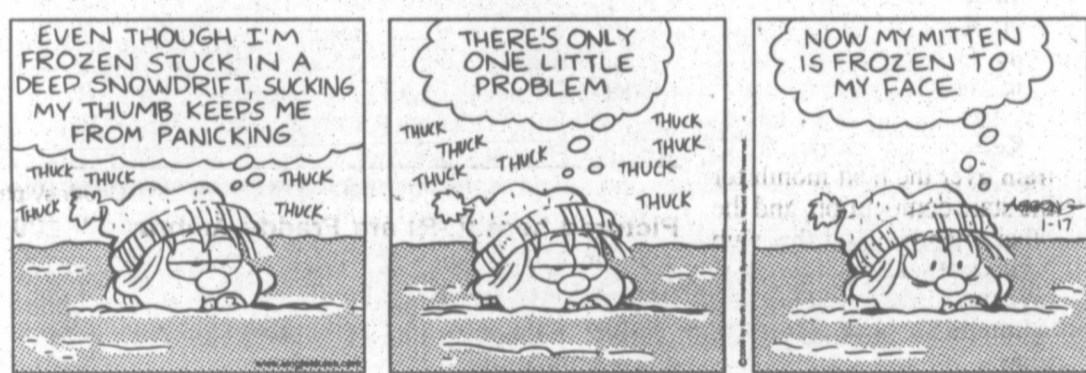
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## Crossword Puzzle

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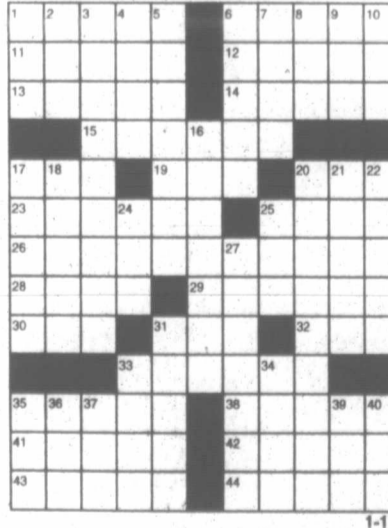
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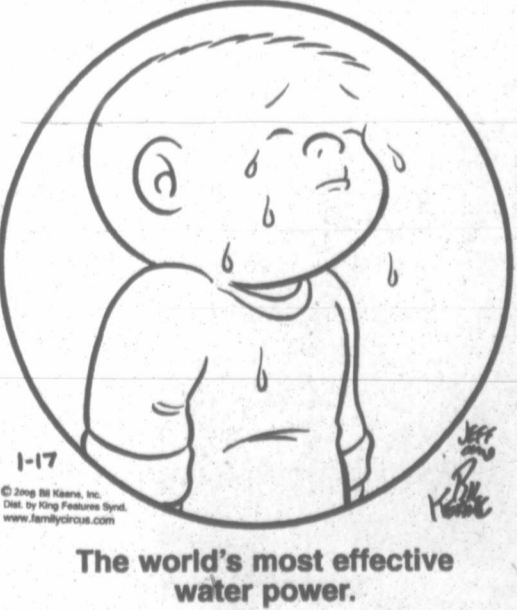


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# Sports

## Soria recognized with cross country All-State honors



Pampa High School sophomore Faby Soria has recently been recognized as an All-State cross country honoree.

Soria soared past the competition at the district meet in late October with a 4th place finish and a time of 12:18.

She recorded her best time of the year at the regionals meet in Lubbock to finish in 4th place (of 178 runners) with a time of 11:46.

Soria then continued to the state meet where she ran with a time of 12:06 to place 16th out of 107 runners.

## Hidden Hills Senior Scramble results

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John Hervey  
Jerry South

**4th Place (67)**  
Tom Lindsey  
W. Colie  
Howard Musgrave  
Bob Lyle

**Cloest to the Pin**  
Jerry Davis (#6)  
Carl Johnson (#15)

## Pampa boxer advances to state

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Russell Kelley of the Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club will advance to compete at the state level after fighting at the Senior Open this past weekend at Shallowater.

Also competing at Shallowater was Pampa's 13-year-old Freddy Ambriz, who fought in the 100 lb. weight class, but was not old enough to advance further in the competition.

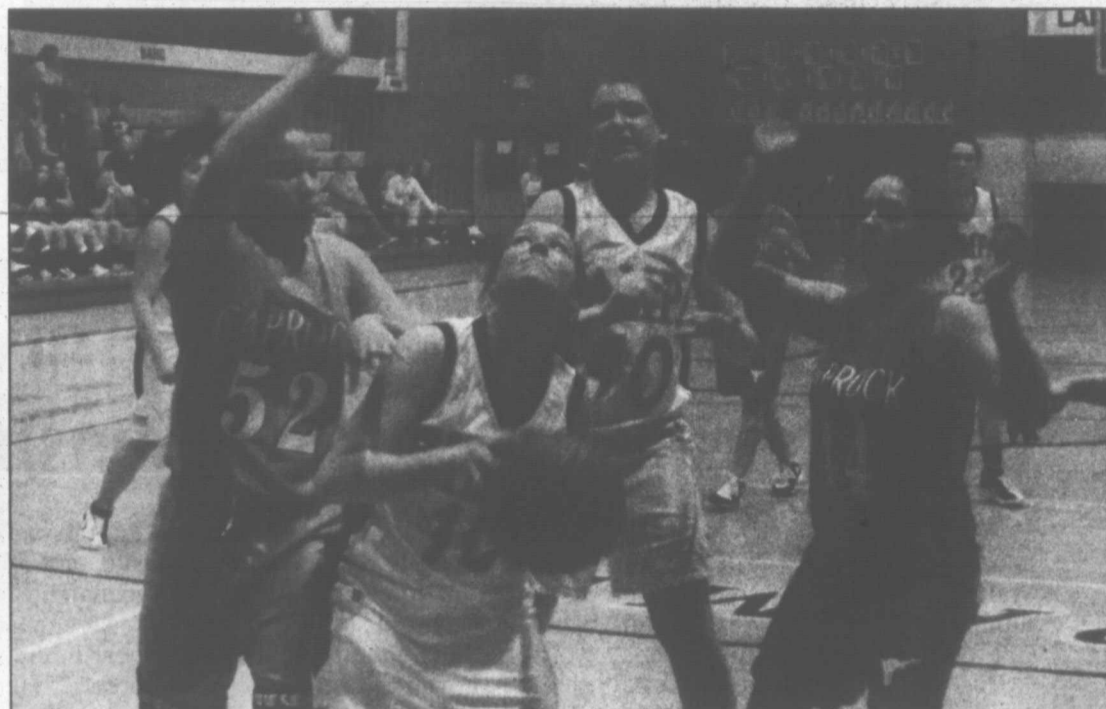
Kelley, 19, fought in the 141 lb. weight division, and will continue next month at Dallas as he competes at the state level.

Boxing club owner Mark Ambriz said, "I'm really proud of these boys. They worked hard to get to this point, and [Russell] will continue to work hard as the time for his competition at the state level gets nearer."

Kelley will continue to train over the next month for the state competition, and the other members of the club will continue to train and prepare for more upcoming tournaments and competitions.



Courtesy photo  
Pictured here (L-R) are Freddy Ambriz, 13, 100 lb. weight class, Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club owner Mark Ambriz, and Russell Kelley, 19, 141 lb. weight class at this past weekend's advancing tournament at Shallowater.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN  
Pampa JV's Ashlee Holland (10) pulls down an offensive rebound during last week's game against the Caprock Lady Longhorns. Also pictured here is Andi Hutto (40).

## JV girls suffer two district losses

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

The Pampa JV basketball girls have lost their two most recent games, and now have an even district record of 2-2, and are currently at 11-8 on the season.

In an overtime frenzy Tuesday night in the MPAC gymnasium at Pampa, the JV girls were defeated by Hereford 37-36.

Pampa suffered a six-point deficit at half-time, and found themselves nine points behind at the end of the third quarter at 28-19.

In the fourth quarter, Pampa lit up and outscored Hereford to send the game into overtime.

The Lady Harvesters gained a 36-34 lead with four seconds remaining in overtime when Hereford hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to take a one-point lead and win the game.

Taryn Eubank led Pampa with 11 points and Diana Mechelay had 10.

In the previous district match-up, the JV girls were defeated by Palo Duro, 45-29.

Pampa was led by Mechelay with eight points, and Sam Pearson with seven.

Next up for the JV girls will be Friday's game against the Randall Lady Raiders.

The JV girls will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Randall.

## Lady Buffs down Rambelles in LSC South opener

CANYON, Texas — One streak continued and one came to an end on Wednesday night as the No. 22 West Texas A&M women's basketball team extended its home winning streak to 39 games and snapped the run of 10 straight victories by Angelo State by handing the Rambelles a 74-53 defeat at the First United Bank Center.

With the victory, WT improves to 11-3 on the season and 1-0 in Lone Star Conference play while ASU falls to 13-3 overall, 0-1 in LSC South action.

The early portion of the game was tight as two of the top teams in the LSC South battled neck and neck; the game featured three lead changes and five ties in the first seven minutes of play.

Following the back-and-forth pace of the first few minutes, WT began to take control. A jumper in the paint by freshman Megan McLain at the 6:20 mark gave the Lady Buffs a seven-point advantage, 21-14, and a timeout from ASU's Sally Walling Brooks.

The Rambelles answered out of the break with a three-point field goal by Lindsey Leatherman and after the two teams traded a pair of scores on the next few possessions, the Lady Buffs were left with a four-point advantage, 23-19, with 4:53 to play.

WT rallied to end the first half on a 13-6 run as McLain put an exclamation point on the end of the period by connecting on a medium range jumper as

the clock expired to send the Lady Buffs to the intermission with a 36-25 advantage.

In addition to McLain, who finished the first half with eight points on a 4-of-4 mark from the floor, junior Courtney Lee was active during the half, connecting on 5-of-8 first half shot attempts to lead all scorers at the break with 10 points. Sophomore Holly Issacs made her fifth start of the season and dished out four assists during the game's opening 20 minutes.

After halftime, it was a familiar face who stepped up for the Lady Buffs as junior Emily Brister exploded for 11 points despite coming out of the game with 6:44 to play.

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## Cooper's buzzer beater lifts Buffs to 71-68 win over ASU

CANYON, Texas — Tyler Cooper's three-point field goal with two seconds to play proved to be the game-winner in the Buffs' physical, hard-fought Lone Star Conference South Division opening 71-68 victory over Angelo State at the First United Bank Center Wednesday night.

West Texas A&M improved to 11-5 and 1-0 in LSC South play with the victory in the game, which featured 12 lead changes and 15 ties. Angelo State, meanwhile, falls to 11-5 and 0-1 in conference play.

For the game, the Buffs shot a solid 48.3 percent from the floor and were led in scoring by Robert Lee for the fifth straight game. The Fort Worth, Texas, native collected his first double-double of the season with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Two WT post players were also impressive on the night as Andre Hill produced 14 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the floor and added eight boards, while Chris Hinz produced 13 points.

Early in the contest, the Buffs got off to a sluggish start, with the Rams jumping out to an 11-4 advantage and WT

only able to get on the board on a pair of Hinz baskets.

WT did not stay down long, however, as senior Andre Hill shook loose for a pair of scores on the low block followed by a three-point field goal by Pierre Barlow at the 12:45 mark that knotted the game at 11-11.

Robert Lee gave the Buffs their first lead as he converted a lay-up while being fouled at the 12:05 mark; after missing the ensuing free throw, Lee grabbed his own rebound and sank a short jumper to put WT up 15-14.

After Angelo State had to battle back to take a 27-25 lead, it was Barlow who again put the Buffs ahead, draining his second long range shot of the half with 2:22 to play in the period. Lee continued the WT surge as after an ASU turnover, he connected on his second three-pointer of the half to extended the home lead to 31-27.

In the closing second of the half, the Rams rushed down the court for one final attempt but a huge block by Hill gave the Buffs even more momentum and sent them to the locker room with a 33-27 advantage.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 18, 2008:  
Your professional and community statuses develop in a new vein and point in a novel direction. You are entering a very special year in which you see people in a new light. You also have more warmth, luck and insight than in the past. This combination makes you close to irresistible and/or extremely powerful. You are creating a far more dynamic life from in the past. If you are single, with so many people in your life, you could decide to change your situation. If you are attached, you'll discover the true meaning of closeness and accepting someone for the person he or she is. You can count on GEMINI to pitch in. Note this person's different approach to work.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Communication needs to happen, especially if you hit a negative work situation. You might want to rethink and understand what is happening with a difficult associate. Understanding could help. Use those abilities. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ The cost of a gamble to get ahead just might not be worth it. Listen to what is happening between the two of you. Investigate alternative ways of talking about a money or personal matter. Tonight: Might you be tired? You have pushed hard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You are full of fun and energy. Go for what you want. Touch base with family concerns or a real estate matter. You might not be able to turn this situation around right now, so go off and enjoy yourself. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
★★★ If you are pushing too hard, you will know it. You could trigger no matter what you do, no matter with whom. If you're trying to engage someone who might be a bit down, you'll receive a strong reaction. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Do keep your priorities in mind. Network with others and touch base with your supporters, associates and/or friends. As a result, you'll find solace in a conversation if you're facing a difficult situation. Don't push too far. Tonight: Get into the game of living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★ Others make demands. You could close down. Be careful when dealing with someone in charge. You could see someone with new eyes because of his or her demanding nature. Feedback might not be as informative as you might like. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Look at a situation from many different points of view. Still, you might not have confidence in your abilities. Others give you feedback. Note the admiration you get, if you do, you might feel a touch more confident. Tonight: Try something different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ A partner has a strong sense of what needs to happen. You could choose not to let someone run with the ball. If you don't defer, the waves could go far. You might want to rethink a situation with a great deal of care. Are you ready for the implications? Tonight: Someone else makes a call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ A boss or someone you need to answer to might be incredibly difficult. On the other hand, you need to understand where this person is coming from. Others also could be challenging. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

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★★★ A lot of hard work is needed to get past a issue. If you are looking for a situation to change, honor a new insight. You might want to understand more of what is going on with an associate. Don't push someone away. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Your creativity surges, though a partner might feel a touch threatened. Try walking in this person's shoes. Find out what motivates him or her. Someone might be a lot more uptight than you thought. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Your approach could be quite different and innovative compared with others'. Friction emerges. Diplomacy might work with some people, but not all. Accept others as they are. Your solid foundations come out as a major factor. Tonight: Anchor in.

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## Fixing a flat



Pampa News Photo by REDONN WOODS  
Chris Howard, 13, helps "Papa" Jim Schoonover from JR's Alignment fix a flat tire recently.

# Navy helicopter crash kills three

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Three crew members were killed and another was injured when their Navy helicopter crashed in a muddy field just south of Corpus Christi, a Navy spokesman said Thursday.

The injured crew member was taken to Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial, where he was listed in critical condition, said Ed Mickley, public affairs spokesman for the Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command.

The Navy MH-53 Sea Dragon helicopter was part of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures

Squadron 15 out of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Mickley said. It was on a routine training mission when it went down about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in a farmer's field south of the intersection of Farm Roads 2444 and 665, about 4 miles south of Corpus Christi, he said.

J.D. Batten, who lives about two miles from the crash site, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that he was walking near his property's front gate when he heard a helicopter overhead.

"Suddenly I

saw a red-glowing fireball shoot hundreds of feet up into the air," he said. "I heard a giant boom a second later. It was then dead silent and I couldn't hear the helicopter anymore."

Searchers initially set up a perimeter of about 200 yards around the crash site, but the restricted zone was expanded as the search continued for the missing

crew members, Mickley said. It was unclear what the weather was like at the time of the crash, he said.

Lt. Sean Robertson, a spokesman for NAS Corpus Christi, told the Caller-Times that the crash happened during heavy fog. The Caller-Times reported that downed power lines hindered the efforts of the first rescuers.

## Green Bay fan mistakenly shreds ticket to Sunday's championship game

RACINE, Wis. (AP) — A little housecleaning nearly cost the Rev. Walter Hermanns a seat at Sunday's National Football Conference championship game.

Hermanns, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, was getting some help from a friend last Friday when he asked him to take care of a stack of papers left in a bin for shredding.

When his friend got to four

Green Bay Packers tickets bundled together with a rubber band, he took off the band, put one in the shredder and then stopped short.

"Something rang a bell and he said, 'Are you sure you want to shred these?'" Hermanns said.

Too late. The ticket was in shreds.

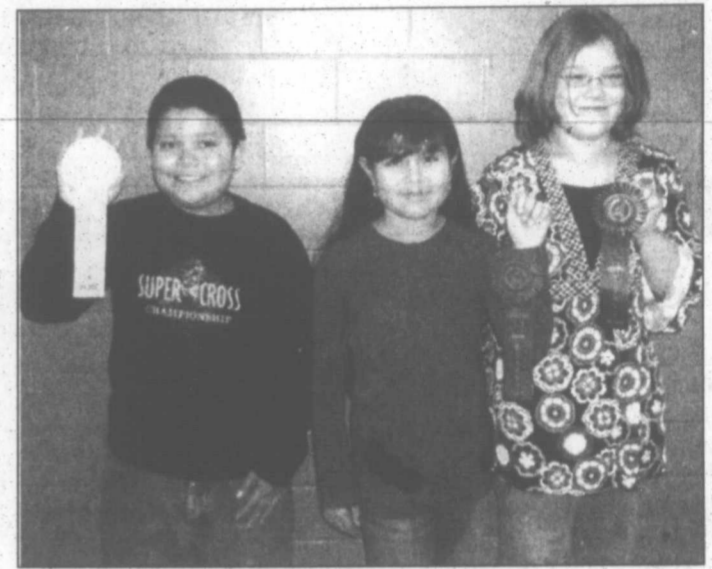
They emptied the shredder, collected pieces of the ticket and put them in a plastic bag. A call to the

Packers' ticket office remedied the situation, but not without some explaining.

"It almost sounded like they had heard crazy stories like this before," Hermanns said.

It helped that he had purchased the tickets with a credit card, still had three remaining tickets and had gotten the tickets through a special lottery for handicapped-accessible seats.

## Science fair



Courtesy Photo

Students from Lamar Elementary recently participated in the 5th grade science fair. These students earned recognition for their projects. From left are Francisco Venegas, 3rd place; Yesenia Soria, 2nd place; and McKinnley Nunn, 1st place. These students will advance to the Regional Science Fair at Amarillo College in March.

## Identical twins earn perfect ACT scores

BELLEVUE, Neb. (AP) — Brian and Ross DeVol are a perfect match, genetically and academically: The identical twins earned perfect ACT scores.

The seniors at suburban Bellevue East High School both scored 36 on the college entrance exam, though Ross DeVol needed three tries. One of his earlier tries netted a 35.

The 18-year-old brothers have maintained straight-As through high school, and both are in the running for class valedictorian.

"We're pretty competitive," Ross DeVol said.

The twins have already won household bragging rights. Their older brother, John, earned a 33 the first time he took the ACT and didn't try again.

Ross DeVol said his older brother has been joking about retaking the test since

the twins earned their perfect scores.

The brothers are both good in physics and are considering the University of Nebraska or Creighton University in Omaha as their college choices, but they haven't yet decided.

Ross DeVol said he wants to become a doctor or a psychiatrist. Brian DeVol has said he wants to become an actuary.

The DeVols are only the third pair of students in the past decade to earn perfect scores in the same year and share the same address, ACT spokeswoman Kristin Crouse said. Crouse couldn't say whether the others were twins.

About one out of every 4,000 graduates who took the ACT last year scored a 36. The average score in Nebraska was 22.1, and the national average was 21.2.

## Pony

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involved. We want this to be a fun event for all of the children and teens and hopefully having it earlier

this year will allow more kids that are not from Pampa to compete."

The Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show will be held the weekend before the Top O' Texas Rodeo, which has been scheduled for Aug. 14 - 16.

## TEXAS HIGHWAYS

# Public meetings air worries about Texas highway project, toll roads

CARTHAGE, Texas (AP) — State transportation officials may have a tough sales job ahead as they try to pave the way for new highways — mostly toll roads — to deal with the booming Texas population.

Department of Transportation executives were in Carthage Wednesday night in far East Texas for the second stop in a monthlong series of public town hall meetings to discuss the Trans Texas Corridor, a proposed network of superhighway toll roads, and other transportation issues.

About 100 people attended the session at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame where a panel of officials — like they did at the initial session the previous night in Texarkana — fielded questions about toll roads versus free roads, timetables for construction, property acquisition and the absence of traditional money sources to pay for new roads.

"I'm kind of scared where we are now," Center

Mayor John Windham said, referring to the availability of money to build new roads. "If we get highways built in Texas, I don't see any way except if it's going to be a toll road."

Much of the discussion was about Interstate 69, a long-sought north-south superhighway through East Texas and into South Texas that would follow the route of U.S. 59. The scheduled series of meetings is in areas where the road likely is to go.

"Let me say, the best chance of building I-69 is as a toll road," said Phil Russell, an assistant executive director of the transportation agency.

He assured people, however, that existing roads, like U.S. 59, would not be tolled. Transportation department officials also

said maintenance on existing roads wouldn't suffer if new roads were added.

"We're going to do the very best job we can do to keep those in tip-top shape," Russell said.

The unprecedented meetings are intended to answer questions and improve communication between the agency and people who use the roads as plans move forward for the proposed Interstate 69 project, which also

could be a leg of the gigantic TTC.

"There's some folks out there that have their minds made up about things and we just want to provide the information we have," said Steve Simmons, deputy executive director of the transportation department.

While some have embraced the project as

long overdue, others contend it is unneeded and improper.

"I'm one of the few here that don't believe we need this highway," said James Mason, of Carthage. He owns property on either side of U.S. 59 and worried he'd have a six-mile trip to get from one side of the road to his property on the other side if the new road is a limited access highway.

"That's not going to work," he said.

Agency officials said they would work with landowners and build grade separations or other methods to alleviate such problems. The same concerns were voiced during construction of interstate highways in the 1960s, Simmons said.

"I like the format and I'm glad they're doing this," said Hank Gilbert, of Tyler. "But they still have some facts wrong and they're still not telling the whole story. They're not being 100 percent truthful. It's kind of fishy. There's a hidden agenda they're not talking about."

## Water

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allowable of two acre-feet per acre per year as opposed to one acre foot per acre for the neighboring Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, and North Plains' use of a three year time period in which six acre-feet of water could be drawn out of the ground.

While that is a two acre-foot per year average, a landowner could produce six acre-feet in one year and none the following two

years. Such heavy pumping could impact that landowner's neighbors. There has already been a situation where a lessee has over produced and the landowner may not be able to pump any water for the next two years.

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has accepted the regional water plan's 50-50 goal to have 50 percent of the groundwater in the district still in storage at the end of 50 years, but related to that is a rate of decline. Neighboring water districts have set a 1.25 percent decline rate as a maximum.

Danny Krienke of Perryton, the North Plains board president, suggested during discussions that 1.5 percent decline rate might be

appropriate for his district. He also suggested dividing the district into two four county management areas.

The western counties, which are heavily irrigated, use much more ground water while the eastern counties are mostly rangeland. Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties have a decline rate of 1.45 percent. Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb and Ochiltree Counties have a decline rate of 0.41 percent.

Krienke said that 90 percent of the use of water in the North Plains district was for agriculture, but he noted that 90 percent of the water in Roberts County, part of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District was com-

mitted to municipal use, primarily Mesa, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the City of Amarillo.

Following Tuesday's hearing, a representative of Mesa expressed a concern that the district appeared to be tilting in favor of the corn farmers in the western part of the North Plains district. Mesa has water rights in Lipcomb County.

During their meeting following the public hearing, Krienke announced that any decision on adopting the revised water management plan would be tabled until the district's February meeting.

At a time when new record lows are being set at Lake

Meredith, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's traditional primary source of water for its 11 member cities (including Pampa), Pampa City Manager John Horst said that groundwater will play an increasingly important part in the city's and area's water plans.

While decisions made in Dumas may seem far away from Pampa, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's actions impact the entire panhandle through the Regional Water Plan and because the water with which they are concerned comes from the giant Ogallala Aquifer that also provides water for Pampa and the rest of the panhandle.

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AP EXCLUSIVE

# FDA declaring OTC cold remedies too risky for tots

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents may be left with only love and lots of liquid to give their sniffling babies and toddlers now that the government is declaring over-the-counter cough and cold medicines too risky for tots.

The Food and Drug Administration was issuing that warning Thursday to parents of children under 2.

It's a move expected for months: Drug companies last October quit selling dozens of versions of non-prescription cold remedies targeted specifically to babies and toddlers. That month, the FDA's scientific advisers also voted that the drugs don't work in small children and shouldn't be used in preschoolers, either — anyone under age 6.

The FDA still hasn't decided if OTC decongestants, antihistamines and cough suppressants are appropriate for older children, officials told The Associated Press. Expect a decision on that by spring, the deadline necessary to notify manufacturers before they begin production for next fall's cold season.

For now, FDA's first official ruling focuses on youngsters under 2, warning that "serious and potentially life-threatening side effects can occur."

FDA is worried that parents haven't gotten that message despite all the publicity last fall. They may still have infant-targeted drugs at home, or they may buy drugs meant for older children to give to tots instead, said Dr. Charles Ganley, FDA's nonprescription drugs chief.

"We still have a concern," Ganley said. "It falls out of people's consciousness. We're still in the middle of cold season right now."

Ganley was particularly struck by recent surveys that suggest many parents don't believe OTC remedies could pose a

problem, especially if they've given them to an older child without harm.

Thursday's move is a good first step, said Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Baltimore's health commissioner. He petitioned the FDA last year to end use of nonprescription cold remedies by children under 6, a move backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The reason: There's no evidence that these oral drugs actually ease cold symptoms in children so young — some studies suggest they do no good at all.

And while serious side effects are fairly rare, they do occur. Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year reported that more than 1,500 babies and toddlers wound up in emergency rooms over a two-year period because of the drugs.

"It's one thing if you're curing cancer, but we're talking about a self-limiting illness," said Sharfstein. "If there's really no evidence of benefit, you don't want to risk the rare problem. Then you're left with tragedy that you can't justify."

Specialists are back to recommending old-fashioned steps, such as plenty of fluids and rest, saline drops to loosen stuffy noses, and humidifiers while sleeping.

Why is this an issue now? Child versions of cold remedies came on the market decades ago, when scientists thought that what worked in adults would automatically work in children. Scientists today know that is not always the case.

In fact, FDA never formally allowed infant-targeted cold remedies in the first place; Ganley said they evolved through a legal loophole.

But the FDA is investigating an even bigger question: Are OTC cold remedies safe and effective for children under 12? The agency's advisers last fall called for no use just by the under-6 crowd, but did recommend more research to determine the medicines' effects in children overall.

*'...If there's really no evidence of benefit, you don't want to risk the rare problem. Then you're left with tragedy that you can't justify.'*

— Dr. Joshua Sharfstein

## One man arrested, multiple others sought in slaying of two policemen

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Police arrested one man in the apparent ambush slaying of two officers at a crime-ridden apartment complex, and were still looking Thursday for other suspects, authorities said.

Herbie Deshawn Durham, 32, was charged with two counts of murder Wednesday night after a massive search that involved SWAT teams, police dogs and a helicopter.

"We have a significant amount of evidence ... he deserves every label that we're putting on him," DeKalb County Police Chief Terrell Bolton said. "For those out there who are still remaining, yeah, we're coming after you too. Your time on the street is not long. We're going to bring you into justice."

Officers Ricky Bryant Jr., 26, and Eric Barker, 33, were moonlighting as security guards at the complex and investigating a suspi-

cious person when they were gunned down, police said.

"They never had a chance," Bolton said.

One witness told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution the officers appeared to be frisking someone right before the shooting early Wednesday.

Derrick Murchison, 38, told the newspaper he looked out his window into a parking lot and saw that both officers had pulled up in their personal vehicles.

"They had asked the dude for his license ... I looked out and he was on the hood like this," he said, demonstrating that the man was standing with his hands on top of the car.

Murchison said he went back to playing a video game, but then his girlfriend heard shots and he pushed her away from the window.

One officer died at the scene; the other was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Witnesses reported seeing two males running from the scene, police said.

Officer Jonathan Ware, a police spokesman, said authorities were searching for "more than one" other suspect. He said he could not be specific.

Ware did not have details on what led to Durham's arrest, other than "hard police work." He said authorities had received cooperation from the public, including residents of the apartment complex, but could not say whether a \$55,000 reward had led to the arrest.

Bolton had urged the gunmen to surrender: "If I were you, I'd turn myself in. The sun's coming up. Before sundown, we're gonna find you."

It was not immediately clear whether Durham had an attorney. Ware said Durham had a misdemeanor record, but could not be more specific.

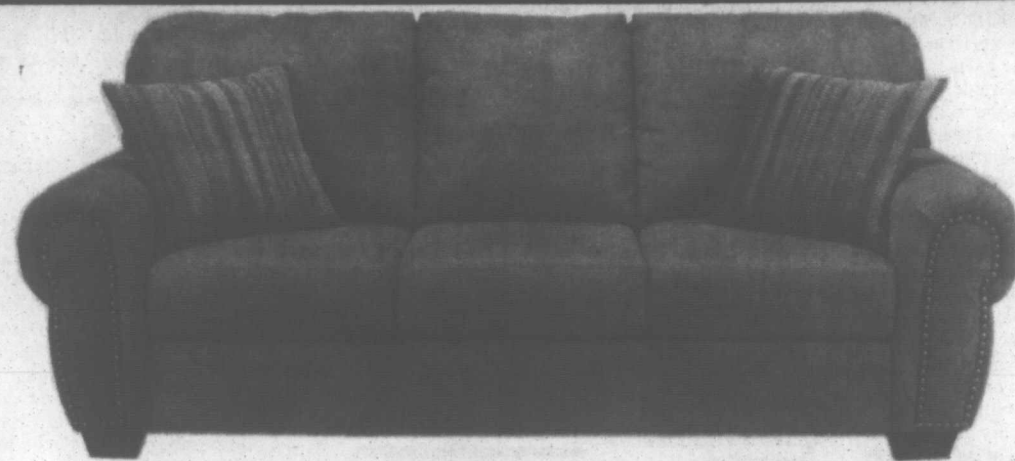
### Events calendar

- **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark, Feb. 13; "Night" by Elie Wiesel, March 12; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'Amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.
- **Miss Texas International Pageant System** is currently seeking entrants for the Miss Pampa International 2008 Pageant. The deadline for applications is March 1. Contestants will compete in personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown. To find out more or to request an application, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto

www.misstexasinternational.com on the Internet.

- **The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.**, open to Airborne veterans from the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd, 101st and today's special forces, will hold and/or celebrate several national activities including Static Line Awards, April 9-12, Atlanta, Ga.; All American Week, May 19-25, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and National Convention, Aug. 13-16, St. Louis, Mo. The only requirement for members is that they have their jump wings. For complete details and material for membership, call or e-mail, 1-937-898-5977 or Srgabn@aol.com. The association consists of 100 chapters across America and 30,000 active members.

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