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## Structure fire



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Pampa firefighters were busy once again Thursday with this structure fire at 2:10 p.m. in the 1100 block of South Hobart and two vehicle fires. Dry, windy conditions have made the fire danger high recently.

## City to hold special meeting for rezoning

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission is planning a special meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in the commission chambers to decide a rezoning request after a public hearing during their regular meeting last Tuesday afternoon. Only four people testified during the public hearing last Tuesday. Richard Morris, director public works for the city; Doug Hixson, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church; Charles Lowry, pastor of the CrossPointe Church, and Ian Mackay, owner of the property. Ian and Martha Mackay are requesting that 5.08 acres of God's Plateau Subdivision on the south-

east corner of 23rd Ave. and Price Road be rezoned to commercial for storage units. It is now zoned for single-family homes. Morris told the commission that God's Plateau Subdivision was platted in the 1970s or 1980s and that the Cornerstone Baptist Church is the only building at the intersection now.

"Trying to develop that area is going to be expensive," Morris said.

Running utilities to the area will cost a lot of money, he said.

Cornerstone Baptist Church paid to have a water main run to their property, but since part of the

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## Lake Meredith water levels drop to record low

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

While Lake Meredith, one of the sources of water for Pampa, is setting new lower levels almost daily, Mayor Lonny Robbins is worried about water conservation.

"I know that Amarillo is starting to look at this and address this particular issue," Robbins said of water conservation.

This is the second year in a row that Amarillo has adopted water conservation measures.

Lake Meredith's water level dropped Wednesday below 50 feet for the first time since it was constructed in the 1960s. At 49.96 feet, it is a new record low, well below the record high of 101.85 feet set in April, 1973.

The majority of the water pumped by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which used to flow from the lake, now comes from their Robert County well field north of Pampa.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority supplies water to its 11 member cities, including Pampa; however, Pampa does have its own

municipal well field.

The mayor acknowledged that a water conservation program puts Pampa in a strange position since the city gets part of its revenue from selling water in the city.

"It's kind of a Catch-22 for us," Robbins said, "because we are at this particular time needing to sell water because we're running a deficit in water sales, but on the other side of that, we don't need to wait until like situation the people in Georgia had to deal with."

The Southeastern United States has fought a drought for the past two years, and their reservoirs have shrunk significantly.

"It's something that I feel our directors may need to be discussing," Robbins said, "and see how we might encourage our citizens to save water."

After the mayor brought up the subject at this week's city commission meeting, Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner suggested putting notices in water bills urging water conservation.

Pitner said he thought it was important to make such an effort going into the spring season.

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## FIRE SAFETY

### Fire department asks city for additional truck

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

With wild fires set by arsonists and fanned by 50 mph winds on Amarillo's north side this week, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell hoped that the city commission will approve her request for a new fire truck to battle grass fires when they meet in special session Monday.

She told the city commission earlier this week that department's trucks were heavily used during the spring wild fires of 2006 that burned off a million acres across the panhandle and threatened the north side of Pampa.

"Recently," Powell said, "we've been encountering an increase in our brush fires, what we call wild land interface fires, just this last month."

She said that from Jan. 1 through mid-February last year, the fire department records showed only one or two grass fires. This year for the same period, they've had

11 grass fires.

She said the department has had to spend quite a bit of money on maintenance of one of the older trucks used for fighting grass fires.

"We still have some more to take care of," Powell said.

She wasn't able to take the older truck off-line to repair it because of the runs they were making. She said the transfer case is leaking extensively in the 1984 model Ford truck.

"We're just keeping it filled," she said.

Most fire fighting equipment is custom made, she said, but after discussions during budgeting sessions last year, Powell said she began looking for equipment that might be available with little or no modification.

"We tried to find something that we could do turnkey," she said, "where we could actually just drive it off the lot."

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## Fletcher running for constable, which he hopes to abolish

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Marvin D. "Don" Fletcher of Pampa is once again a candidate for Gray County Precinct 4 Constable, an office which he hopes to see abolished.

"I'm running to abolish the position," Fletcher said. "In the four years I've had it vacated so far, I've saved the taxpayers \$168,000. The budget for the job is \$42,000 a year, including salary, retirement, insurance and expenses."

Another expense of the office concerns the vehicle the constable drives. The county may either pay mileage for distance driven in the course of performing the duties of the office, or may provide a vehicle for the constable's use, Fletcher said.

Fletcher first ran for the office in

2004, when he faced Johnnie Carpenter, Michael "Mike" Nicholson and incumbent Frank William Sparling on the primary ballot. The vote totals resulted in a runoff election between Fletcher and Sparling, with Fletcher winning.

He resigned the position shortly after being sworn in, and refused any salary or other compensation for the position. In 2006, Curtis Broaddus filed as a write-in candidate for the unexpired two years of the four-year term for Precinct 4 constable, and Fletcher then filed as a write-in candidate on his same platform of keeping the office vacant in order to meet state requirements to have it abolished.

Texas law says the office must remain vacant for seven years before it can be abolished.

Fletcher won once again in 2006 and resigned from the office immediately after his swearing-in.

"I haven't heard of anyone who wants that position filled," Fletcher said. "If it's vacant for seven years, the county can do away with it."

"It's not needed. We've got plenty of law enforcement people to do the job," he said.

Fletcher has spent an estimated \$1,000 to date in order to be listed as a candidate for the office of Precinct 4 constable. He also had other expenses during his first campaign in

order to get leaflets printed and handed out.

"It costs \$375 just to get on the ballot," he said.

Fletcher grew up in Bonham and graduated from Sam Houston State University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education. He worked for Sun Oil Company and moved to Pampa when he was transferred here from McAllen in 1965.

When Sun Oil closed its Pampa office in 1974, Fletcher quit the company and stayed in Pampa to start his own oil and gas business, M.D. Fletcher, Inc. "I still haven't retired," he said.

"I'm not doing anything for me," he said concerning his attempt to have the constable's office abolished. "It's for the taxpayers."



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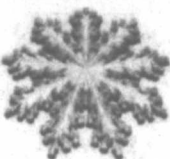
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**Sunday**



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**Monday**



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Saturday Night: Rain and sleet likely before 10 p.m., then freezing rain and sleet likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

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Milo	8.14	XOM	84.80	-0.75
Corn	8.95	Nat'l Oilwell	62.07	-0.89
Soybeans	11.78	Limited	17.33	+0.05
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Williams	34.01	-0.34
OXY	71.89	ATCO	54.92	-0.66
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Celanese	39.35	JCP	45.80	-0.10
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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**JENKINS, Audrey** — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**GRAY-MOORE, Thelma** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.  
**WATKINS, Thomas Jason** — 2 p.m. First United Methodist Church, White Deer.

**Mrs. Audrey Jenkins, 79**

Mrs. Audrey Jenkins, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 13, 2008, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Jenkins was born May 7, 1928, in Honeygrove, Texas. She married Arlin Jenkins on Aug. 20, 1949, in Memphis, Texas. He preceded her in

death in 1993. She farmed most of her young life in Memphis, moving to Pampa in February of 1951 where she had been a resident ever since. Audrey was a member of Hobart Baptist Church. She always put her family and friends before herself. Above all, she will be remembered as a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Eastham



Jenkins

and husband Keith of Pampa; two sons, Allen Jenkins of Pampa and David Jenkins and wife Karen of Amarillo; two sisters, Lucile Bell and husband Bill of Honeygrove, and Bettie Jones and husband John of Caldwell; five grandsons, Christopher Archibald and wife Mandy, Matthew Archibald, David Allen Jenkins and Jacob Jenkins, all of Pampa, and Bradley Jenkins of Amarillo; one granddaughter, Amanda

Jenkins of Pampa; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Jay Nunnelley; and five sisters, Mary Alice Frichie, Bobbie Jean Jenkins, Ruby Hinds, Mildred Mann and Eva Nunnelley. **MEMORIALS:** Pampa United Way, 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, TX 79065. The family will receive friends at 901 E. Kentucky in Pampa. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Thelma Gray-Moore, 94**

BEDFORD, Texas — Thelma Gray-Moore, 94, died Feb. 13, 2008, at Bedford. Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Gray-Moore was born Sept. 10, 1913, at Muskogee, Okla., and married Claude Gray on Oct. 11, 1931, at Fairview, Okla. He died in 1988. She later married J.R. Moore in 1992; he died in 2005. Mrs. Gray-Moore had been a Skellytown resident

for a number of years prior to moving to Pampa in 1970 where she lived until moving to Bedford several years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, was a volunteer and board member of the American Red Cross, and was active at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Gray in 1999;

and by a sister. Survivors include one son, Jim Gray of Bedford; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. **MEMORIALS:** American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Thomas Jason Watkins, 36**

WHITE DEER — Thomas Jason Watkins, 36, died Tuesday, February 12th in Hutchinson County. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in White Deer with Alberta Helton, of Allison, officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral

Directors of Panhandle. Mr. Watkins was born on Oct. 8, 1971, in Pampa and had been a lifelong White Deer resident. He graduated from White Deer High School in 1991. He played football for White Deer



Watkins

High. Mr. Watkins was a carpenter. Survivors include his father, Freddy Watkins of Winsboro; his mother, Carolyn Watkins of McKinney of White Deer; a daughter, Madison Lenae Watkins of

Florida; three brothers, Kerry Lynn Watkins of White Deer, Freddy Watkins, Jr. of Saginaw and Michael Watkins of Winsboro; and a sister, Jenna Sandlin of Groom. **MEMORIALS:** Life Challenge of Amarillo, 6500 Hope Rd., Amarillo, TX 79119.

**Anna Jo Weidler, 87**

MIDLAND, Texas — Anna Jo Weidler, 87, died Feb. 14, 2008, at Midland. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Weidler was born May 15, 1920, in Williamstown, Mo. She came to Pampa in 1939 and married Harold Weidler on Sept. 4, 1948, in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1993. Anna was a member of the Highland General Hospital

Auxiliary in Pampa, a co-leader of the Girl Scouts and a former member of the First Christian Church of Pampa. She moved to Amarillo in 1993 where she was a member of the First Christian Church, and then moved to Midland in 2002. Survivors include one son, Ronald C. Weidler of



Weidler

Amarillo; one daughter, Deborah L. Sharp and husband Jimmy of Midland; three brothers, Robert T. Smith of Pampa, Carroll Smith of Topeka, Kan., and Harold Smith of Kansas City, Kan.; four grandchildren, Sandahl Weidler of Texas, Matthew Sharp of Brownwood, Angela Jenkins of Rankin, and Jeremy Sharp

of Midland; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Smith and Milton Smith; and a sister, Juanita Menn. **MEMORIALS:** Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Emergency Services**

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests. **Thursday, Feb. 14** Andy Ray Ritchie, 20, of McLean was arrested by

GCSO for burglary of a habitation. Alexis Warren Ritchie, 25, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for stealing and/or receiving stolen checks.

Luis Angel Lopez, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia. **Friday, Feb. 15** William Donald Stanley, 39, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for running a stop sign, failure to appear, bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Feb. 14** 9:27 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2400 block of West 23rd on a medical assistance call.

2:10 p.m. — Four units and 10 personnel responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart on a structure fire. 4:46 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 900 block of Terry on a vehicle fire. 5:13 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on an alarm malfunction.

**Friday, Feb. 15** 6:41 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 100 block of South Dwight on a vehicle fire. Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. See RECORD, Page 3

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property is outside the city limits, the church elected to install a septic system rather than have a city sewer line run to the building.

Morris said the city's policy in the past has been to encourage development.

"We are always interested in new development," Morris said.

Doug Hixson, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, spoke against the change in zoning. He said he had no problem with the storage units, but he feared what else might go in along Price Road if the zoning were changed to commercial.

"I'd like to speak against the change of zoning for the property God's Acres, five acres across the street from us," Hixson told the city commissioners.

Hixson said his church owns 20 acres on the northeast corner of the 23rd and Price Road intersection.

"Our church purchased that land several years back with the understanding that it was in a residential area," Hixson said, "and we would have the ability to grow a church in a residential location."

He said the church has already built on their lot. That building is valued, he said, at more than \$1 million.

"We also have plans to build a second adjoining building there," Hixson said.

It will be valued at between \$1.5 and \$2 million, he said.

Hixson said his church feels like the zoning change would negatively affect the area. The Baptist minister acknowledged that his church is the only one there at the moment.

"We've invested to bring the utilities out there," Hixson said.

He said his church is not against expansion in Pampa.

"We're very much for it," Hixson said.

He said the storage unit project should find another place in town.

"We do not have a personal vendetta against anybody," Hixson said. "We just want to protect what we have."

Hixson says he is not concerned about what might be built along Price Road today, but he is concerned about how it may be developed over the next 20 years.

"We do have concerns," Hixson said. "Not necessarily what's going to be built today on that five acres, but what's going to happen in 20 years. We have absolutely no desire to move. We've planted ourselves in a place where we have room to expand and be there for a long time. What's going to happen in 20 years or 30 years? If this is zoned commercially, will the whole street become commercial? Will we be in the middle of a bunch of welding shops?"

Charles Lowry, pastor of the CrossPointe Church, asked several questions of the commission, but he did not oppose to the storage project.

Lowry said his church has 3.5 acres just east of the proposed storage units.

He said that at the first meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, he visited with the Mackays. Lowry said he had some of the same concerns that Hixson had expressed, but the Mackays had alleviated the concerns he had. He said that the construction of the storage units would help his church with the utility lines being run.

"I think it would be a spur for future growth out there," Lowry said.

Ian Mackay, who also owns storage units in Borger, said he had spoken with Lowry and with Wells Street Church of Christ that owns neighboring property and had overcome their objections. Mackay told the commission that he felt he had overcome their fears; however, he said that Cornerstone Baptist Church had refused to talk with him.

Mackay indicated that the project he is planning will be larger than Borger and should generate more tax revenue for the city.

"We bought the property not thinking that anyone would object to this location," Mackay said.

He said he never thought that anyone would want to build houses across Price Road from a cemetery. He also said that he had also looked at the intersection of Sumner and Somerville but was unhappy

about the way the negotiations had gone there.

"It is a great piece of property," Mackay said of the 23rd and Price Road location, "and that's the reason we bought it."

He said that the cost of bringing sewer and water lines to the project hasn't phased the project.

"So far the estimate for the sewer alone is \$80,000," Mackay said.

The water line is estimated to be about \$30,000.

Mackay said he thinks it would be advantageous for the two churches planning to build there to split the costs with his project. He said that as soon as he bought the two five acre lots (only one is being proposed for rezoning), he moved them and cleaned them up.

"The second piece of property that we purchased," Mackay said, "the only reason we bought it was because of the amount of money it's going to cost to take the sewer and the water into this location."

He said that once the utilities were run to that location, it should push the price of that property up. Mackay said that the storage business is a very quiet, low traffic business. He said that eventually he would like to build a boat and RV storage unit at the initial location. If he cannot get the rezoning passed, Mackay said he would have to sell the property, and he cannot say who would buy it and what they would plan for it.

The city commission is expected to meet in special session Monday with the Planning and Zoning Commission to render a decision.

"Customarily," Robbins said, "we do not go against our Planning and Zoning Commission."

Lance DeFever, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, forwarded a letter to the commission in January noting that two people spoke against the change in zoning and only one spoke in support of it.

"The board felt compelled," DeFever wrote, "to vote in favor of the majority and not ask the city commission to approve the zoning change."

# What do you think?

What one person, dead or alive, would you like to meet in person?



Michael Smith

"Angelina Jolie because she's good looking."



Charles Tooley

"Jimi Hendrix because he was a guitar god."



Brandy Rose

"Marilyn Monroe because she seemed liked an interesting person."



Megan Worley  
Nathan Mears, 5  
Ted Whittley

Megan - "Lucille Ball because she was a comical genius."

Nathan - "Miley Cyrus (also known as Hannah Montana)."  
Ted - "Kurt Cobain of Nirvana because his song lyrics were great."

# Record

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Thirty-three traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported at the intersections of Hobart and Somerville, and Cuyler and Brown.

An accident was reported in the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 400 block of North Zimmers, the 1100 block of Wilks, the 100 block of North Faulkner, the 1100 block of Prairie, the 1200 block of Finley and the 500 block of Tignor.

A police escort was provided in the 1000 block of Prairie.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersections of Browning and

Starkweather, and Municipal and Browning. Agency assistance was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Phone harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 1100 block of Neel and the 2800 block of Charles.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East 14th.

Officers responded for traffic control fires in the 1100 block of South Hobart and the 900 block of Terry.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 3100 block of North Perryton Parkway and the 700 block of East Frederic.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton and the 500 block of Montagu.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 3100 block of Perryton

Parkway, the 1100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Huff and Crawford, the intersection of Banks and Gwendolen, the intersection of Reid and Frederic, the intersection of Houston and Foster, and the 100 block of Crawford.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Charles.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Credit card abuse, use of someone's credit card number to purchase items online, was reported in the police department lobby.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 400 block of North Cuyler.

Four alarms were reported.

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She said that the Miami fire department got a good deal on a brush truck when someone had defaulted on a grant.

"They paid about \$65,000 for theirs," Powell said.

She checked on used equipment, but she said such trucks are used hard and under tough circumstances. The ones she found, she said were pretty well beat up.

Eventually, she said she talked with Gulf Coast Apparatus Services in Spring, Texas. They offered her a 2008 Ford F550 truck

with everything she wanted on it for \$77,827.54, less than some of the used equipment that she'd found.

When Powell and the commission had first talked about such a fire truck last year, the estimated cost was over \$100,000.

She said Gulf Coast Apparatus was building a demonstration model, but he would sell it.

"He made us a really good deal on it," Powell said.

In talks with the owner of the company, Powell said that he was building another truck and maybe able to give a larger discount on the chassis.

"It's possible that we could even come in less

than the \$77,000," Powell said.

She said they might be able to shave another \$3,000 to \$5,000 off the price tag.

Powell said that if she'd been able to design her dream fire truck, she couldn't have gotten any closer than the F550. Powell said

the truck would be the right size to fight such things as dumpster fires and other small fires in town.

"There are several uses

other than just the grass fires that we could use this for," Powell said. "This isn't just a wild lands issue."

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# Viewpoints

## A horseman, a friend and a fiddle player

I lost a friend this month. Word came in last Thursday's Canadian Record that Frankie McWhorter died.

Frankie was a heckuva cowboy. He was also a heckuva fiddle player.

In his younger days, he played with Bob Wills as one of the Texas Playboys. More recently, he was a regular at the Ranch Dance Platform in Lipscomb.

He was named to more halls of fame for fiddle players than I can count.

I've never seen him when he didn't have a grin on his face and a good word to say to everybody. I still break into a smile when I

think of him.

But I suspect that Frankie, more than anything else, would want to be remembered as a horseman. I would say he was an excellent equestrian, but I can hear him now making a wisecrack about a two-dollar word. Put him on the back of a good cutting horse, he and the animal melded into one.

Cowboying was work, music was fun, but horses were his passion.

I remember one summer's day on the Cooper Ranch up in Lipscomb County where I was doing a story on Frankie. We'd spent the day riding around the ranch, and then he put on a cutting horse demonstration with a new horse he'd been working with.

Hot, tired and sweaty, we crossed the porch of the big old house overlooking the ranch and sat in the cool of the living room with glasses of iced tea.

Still wearing his chinks, he pulled out his fiddle as I sat on the floor at his feet, and he began playing the mournful strains of 'Faded Love.'

It was a one-man concert for a one-man audience. I've never been so flattered in my life.

I've covered Presidents and serial killers, celebrities and sports figures, over the past 40 plus years, but that moment I shall cherish forever.

I'll miss Frankie McWhorter.

**David Bowser**  
Staff Writer



## Show us the shining city on the hill ...

Thanks to Mitt Romney, John McCain has all but wrapped up his party's presidential nomination.

So where does the Republican Party stand at this point in a crucial election year? Well, consider that none of the potential nominees of the party — except maybe McCain to some extent — has ever gone out and helped any Republican get elected to anything.

Now that he's suspended his campaign and is out of the race, if Mitt Romney still wants to be president of the United States some day let him call me up, and I'll give him the road map he needs to follow to become the GOP nominee in another year.

As I wrote a couple of weeks ago, the three men have all been working from the top down and not from the bottom up. As a result, the voters — the grassroots — are all over the landscape, and the primary results showed there's no real con-

sensus. They were with Huckabee, they were with Mitt Romney, they were with McCain, and some were with Ron Paul.

Mitt Romney didn't do anything to gain the trust of the base, while McCain — who hasn't yet won the trust of the base — is a familiar old face.

The bottom line here is that John McCain had better start giving better speeches and tell us what his vision is for America, and how he plans to get us there, and how he needs our help. If he needs any pointers how to do that — how to electrify an audience — he should watch a few of Barack Obama's speeches.

If I'm going to vote for someone solely on the basis of what they say when speaking to the voters, Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama

will get my vote. At least they have a message and a direction. That direction may take me over a cliff, but at least they're telling me

where they want to take me, where the Republicans haven't shown me a single road map.

You haven't heard McCain spell out the kind of future he wants to create, or give us any idea of how he means to get there. One of the main issues in this election year is the widespread belief among the voters that America is

adrift in a sea of uncertainty and utterly without direction.

Yet none of the three Republican candidates gave any indication as to how they would steer the ship of state. Voters haven't heard a word from them about an issue at the top of their concerns.

All three have been so afraid of talking about George Bush that they seem to be afraid of talking about anything that really matters to the voters. All they spent their time talking about was "vote for me because I'm better than the others," and that doesn't win elections.

Elections are won by those who have plans and ideas, and have the ability to put

those plans and ideas into words that not only explain the plans and ideas, but inspire the voters as well.

What wins elections is vision, telling the voters that there is that shining city on the hill my dad Ronald Reagan spoke about, and explaining what America needs to do to get there.

The Republicans had no plans and no ideas. They were all over the place and as a result, so were the voters.

If John McCain wants to be president of the United States, let him show us his vision. Let him level with the voters by telling them what needs to be done to stop the drifting and how he plans to

do it.

He should explain that he will not solve our problems by creating a lot of expensive new programs financed on the backs of the taxpayers, as Hillary and Barack want to do, but instead get the government's hands out of their pockets and set the economy and the people free from the deadly hand of Washington.

Let him show us the shining city on the hill, and tell us how he'll get us there.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2008. There are 320 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

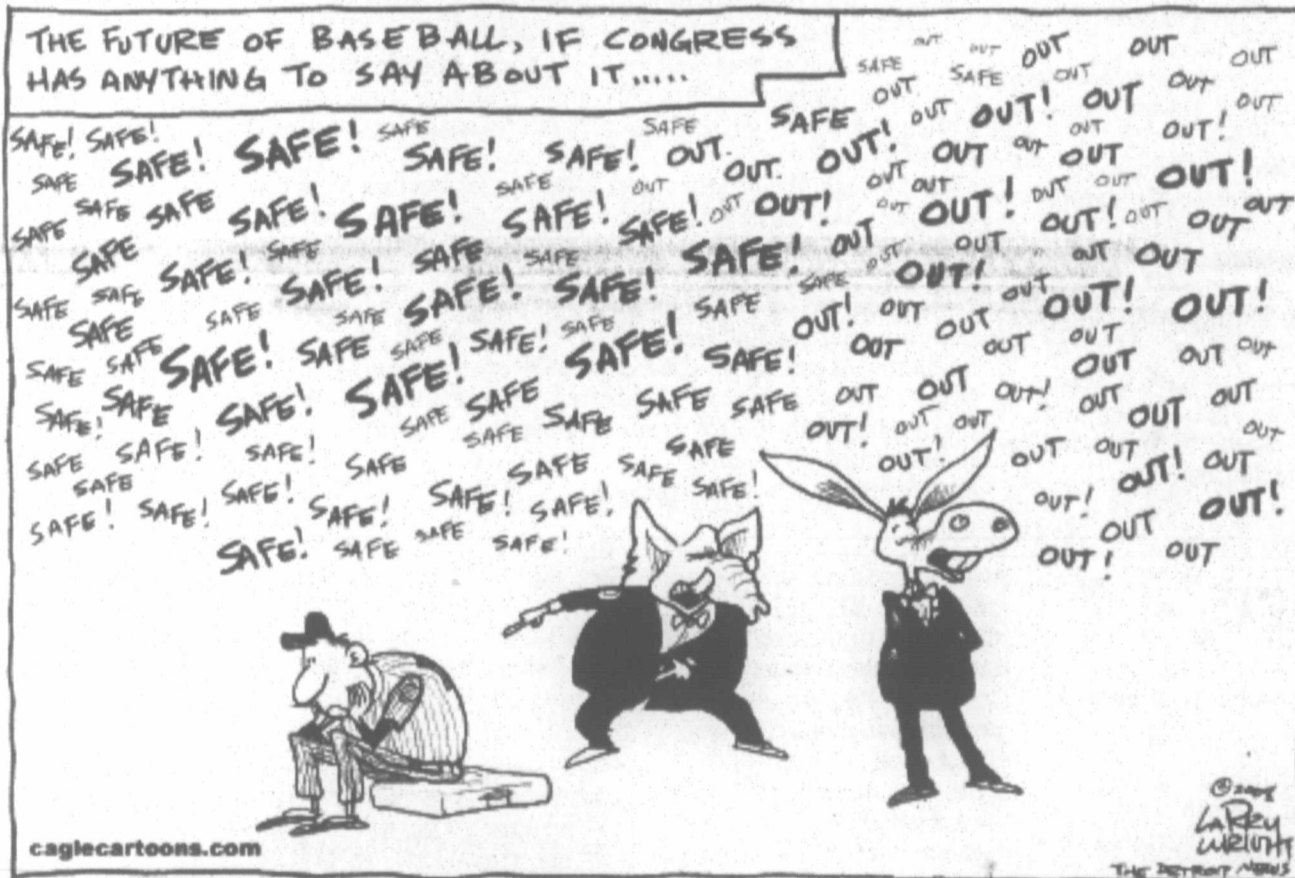
In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.



## The debt bomb is ticking for America

One of the older books on my shelves is "A Short History of the United States" by John Spencer Bassett, a professor at Smith College, and revised by his son, Richard Bassett. It was published in 1938.

It is interesting to note what the book had to say about the causes of the Great Depression, which began with the stock-market collapse in 1929:

"The accumulation of debt throughout the country, in farm districts and city districts, in private enterprise and in local governments had grown larger than the national income could endure. Farmers had mortgaged their farms, wage earners had bought on the installment plan, small and large investors had borrowed to speculate, companies had borrowed to expand, railroads had a long heritage of debt, municipal governments had borrowed heavily for roads and public buildings; the national government finally in spite of reductions was still carrying a large debt from the war. The boom psychology — and credits to foreign buyers — had sustained this edifice for a few years but when it crumbled at one

point the interdependence of the parts caused the rest to follow."

Some years ago, I went into my newspaper's morgue and dug out the microfilm of the papers published in October 1929 and read them page by page. There was not a hint of the coming crash, but there were several statements identical to those we often hear today — to wit, "The economy is fundamentally sound." Every time I hear a politician say that, I get nervous.

How can an economy be fundamentally sound if it is buried in debt? The national government's debt is about \$9 trillion, and that doesn't include its obligations for such entitlement programs as Social Security and Medicare. Corporate and private debt is also in the trillions.

Another oddity of our situation is that despite all this debt, which represents claims against future income for past expenditures, many governments are complaining that they don't have enough

money to repair infrastructure and to meet their program needs. Where, then, did all the money go?

I don't know if we're heading for another depression or not. I do know you cannot count on the big banks and the Wall Street insiders to tell you the truth. Or the national government, for that matter. I do know there is too much debt, and it would

bother us to pay it off as quickly as we can. I do know that when you keep hearing people say the economy is fundamentally sound, it's time to worry that it's anything but sound.

At the end of World War II, we were the top dog. Our country had not been damaged. Europe and Russia were in ruins; so were China and Japan. Today, Europe, Russia, China and India, to name just four, are tough economic competitors. We're dependent on oil imports. Our currency is losing its value. We continue to bleed manufacturing jobs.

If for none other than economic reasons, we should get

out of Afghanistan and Iraq and make doubly sure our current president doesn't get us into a war with Iran, something he's quite capable of doing. His warped mind continues to exaggerate the dangers we would face by ending our occupation of these countries. In my opinion, if we pulled out, we'd be safer, and so would the Iraqi people.

Rep. Ron Paul was exactly right when he said we should dismantle our empire. We simply don't need permanent military bases in places like Germany, Japan, South Korea, the Balkans and the Middle East. The Pentagon admits to more than 700 foreign bases. This dispersal of military forces is expensive and unnecessary for our security.

Americans had better insist on a national government that has America and its needs as its only priorities. Foreign wars, foreign aid, foreign military bases and other forms of foreign assistance need to be zeroed out of the American budget. The rest of the world can take care of itself; the question is, Can we take care of our own country?

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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# Religion

## The Kingsmen Quartet



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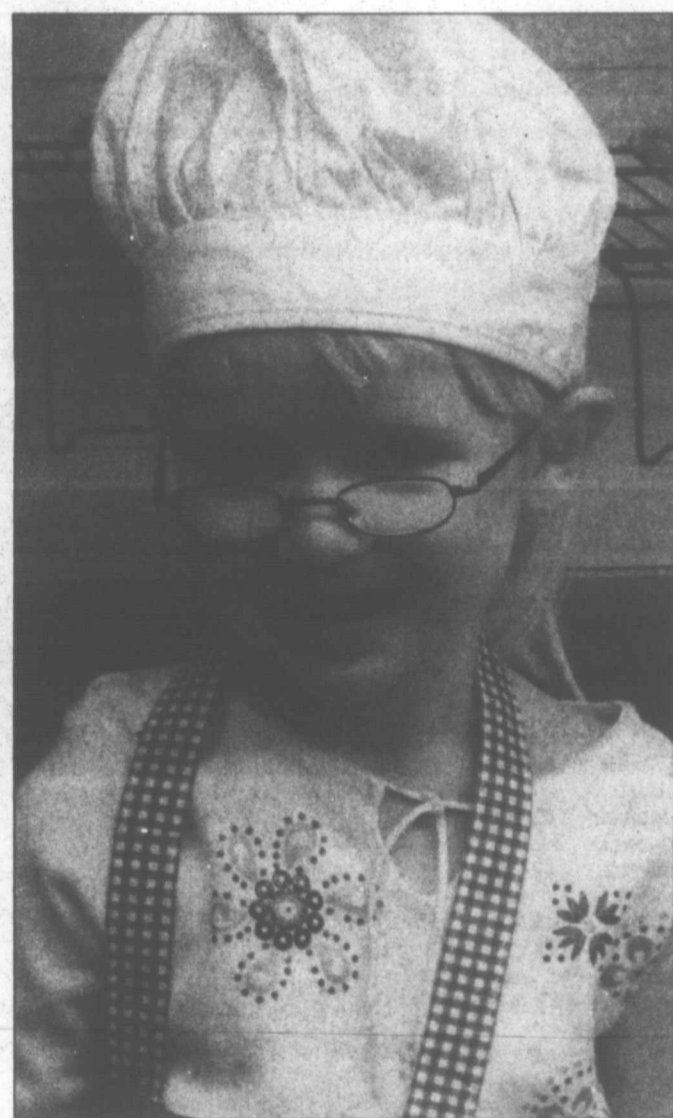
Jerry Smith will present the Kingsmen Quartet in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the high school auditorium in Borger. The concert will be free and open to the public. This award-winning gospel quartet is based out of Asheville, N.C. Members are Ray Reese, bass, Bryan Hutson, baritone, Phillip Hughes, lead, and Harold Reed, tenor. Band members include Brandon Reese, Nick Succi and Grant Barker.



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## Children's ministry

These presents were provided by the children at First Christian Church. Children from First Christian recently spearheaded an effort to raise much-needed "gifts" for Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa. The gifts were donated by church members.



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Adyson Hixson is involved with the Cookie Ministry at Cornerstone Baptist Church. The ministry meets once a month to bake and distribute cookies to employees at local schools, police department, fire department and other such destinations.

## Marriage topic of Catholic survey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Roman Catholics say church teachings shape their views of marriage, yet they also get some tenets wrong and are largely accepting of divorce, a new survey found.

Seventy percent of married U.S. Catholics were either wed in a Catholic church or have had their marriages blessed by the church, according to the survey by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

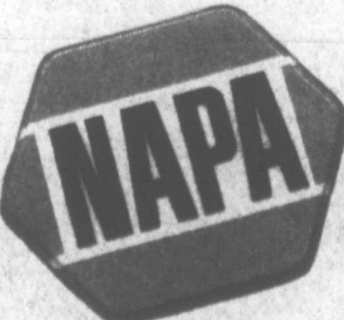
A majority of Catholics — 55 percent — said their opinions about marriage have been at least "somewhat" informed by church teaching.

Most accurately described church teachings about the sacrament of marriage, including that the church does not consider a civil marriage after divorce to be sacramentally valid. However, 76 percent of adult Catholics also said divorce is acceptable in some cases.

Misconceptions also were discovered. The survey found six in 10 Catholics have heard that a non-Catholic spouse must promise to have the couple's children raised Catholic, which has not been the case since a change in canon law in 1983.

On the whole, Catholics were comparable to the U.S. population in marriage demographics, including marriage age and frequency of divorce, the study found.

The survey of 1,008 self-identified Catholic adults, conducted in June 2007, was commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family Life.



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** You were right to tell "Just Saying No" (Jan. 16) that his pot-smoking classmates could be headed for addiction or other problems. I worry that marijuana poses more risks to teens than they -- or their parents -- recognize. More kids need professional help kicking marijuana than for all other drugs combined. It is not a "harmless" drug. School failure, which you mentioned, could be only the first of many problems daily pot smokers may experience. Researchers have a long way to go in understanding the complexity of brain function, but we know that illicit drug use changes the developing brain. Many young people smoke pot before their brain development is settled, and their chronic use of the drug can affect certain centers in the brain that control emotion and reason. Research shows that regular use of marijuana may also lead to mental health problems. Youth who use marijuana weekly have double the risk of depression later in life, and are three times more likely than non-users to have suicidal thoughts. -- **MARC GALANTER, M.D., DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**

**DEAR DR. GALANTER:** Thank you for lending your expertise on this subject. I am sure many teens and their parents will find your letter enlightening. If they wish, younger readers can read and consider the latest scientific facts about marijuana and other drugs by logging onto [www.abovetheinfluence.com](http://www.abovetheinfluence.com). Parents can visit [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com) for tips on talking to their adolescents and teens about drugs and how to get them help if that conversation begins "too late."

**DEAR ABBY:** Every time my husband and I attend a viewing, no matter who the deceased person is, my husband insists that

I get in line in front of him. This means I'm the one who must approach the grieving family. Some of the funerals we have been to are for people my husband knew well, but I knew only casually. It makes me uncomfortable to be the first to approach the family. He insists that it's "proper etiquette" to have me in front of him. I would have no problem being first if it was for someone I was close to. I feel he should do the same. Is there a right way or a wrong way to line up? -- **ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, MOURNER**

**DEAR R.R.O.M.:** There is no right or wrong way for mourners to line up for a viewing. Your husband may feel uncomfortable addressing the grieving family because he doesn't know what to say, and that's why he's defaulting to the old "ladies first" practice. (Please inform him that it should be ladies first only if the lady would LIKE to go first, not if she objects!) However, because you appear to be stuck in the role of "point person" for your family, simply tell the family members you are "sorry for their loss." This applies whether you know them well or not, and it's all they really need to hear.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a senior in high school and in a long-distance relationship with a magician's apprentice who is a year younger than me. What should I expect from this relationship? -- **LINDSAY IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.**

**DEAR LINDSAY:** Because, as part of their business, magicians often spend a lot of time on the road, expect a vanishing act. (Now you see him -- now you don't.)

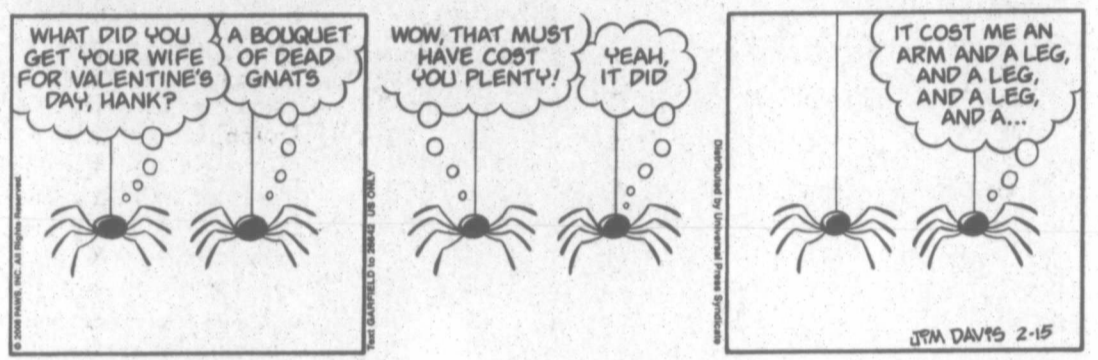
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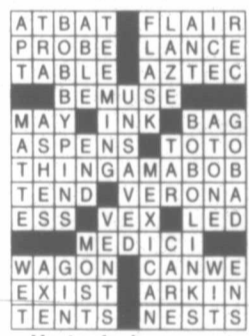
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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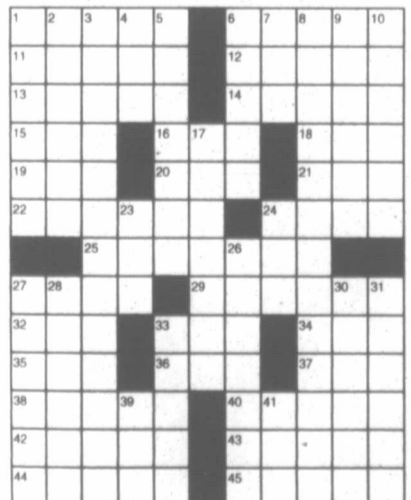
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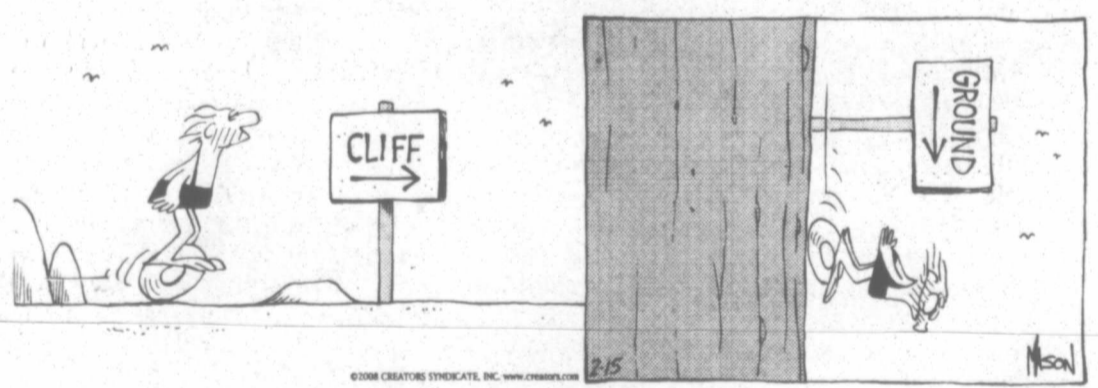
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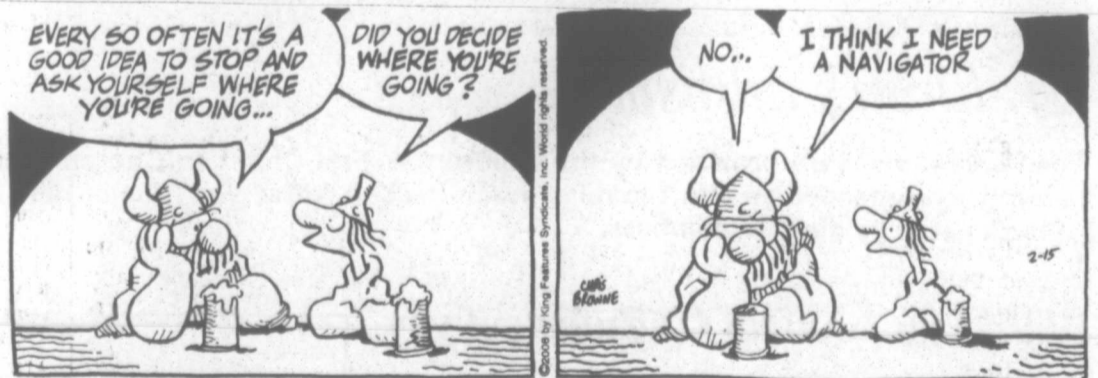
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# Sports

## NFL NEWS

### Pampa local plans to continue NFL career with another team

by KATHERINE FLANARY Sports Editor

The Miami Dolphins released linebacker Zach Thomas, a Pampa local, Thursday morning in an effort to help their major rebuilding project.

Thomas is a seven-time Pro Bowl linebacker and one of the most popular and productive players to wear a Dolphins uniform.

"Zach Thomas has been a great player on this team for many years," Dolphin's general manager Jeff Ireland said. "And because of the type of player and the kind of person that Zach is, this was not an easy decision."

34-year-old Thomas said he plans on continuing his linebacker career with another team.

"I am healthy and look forward to playing in 2008, but will always consider myself a Miami Dolphin," Thomas said in a statement.

Due to concussions and migraines, Thomas missed most of last season and, against his wishes, was placed on injured reserve in

December because of nagging migraines, which was an aftereffect of an Oct. 21 car crash.

Originally, the Dolphins claimed that Thomas was uninjured in that crash. With numerous migraines following his wreck, Thomas never made it back to the field in 2007.



Pampa native Zach Thomas is the Dolphin's all-time leader in tackles.

Releasing Thomas is the second major salary slash this week by Miami.

The Dolphin's went 1-15 last season, which caused

new football operations head Bill Parcells to start rebuilding.

This season, Thomas was to make about \$5.6 million in base salary.

In the 1996 draft, Thomas was the 154th player chosen. Many didn't give the Pampa native much of a chance of making the Dolphin's roster.

Thomas proved them wrong, becoming one of the best linebackers in Dolphins history.

And into Dolphins history Thomas goes, leading the Dolphins in tackles ten times. He also became the franchise's all-time leader in tackling, and also played the most games (168 games) of any Miami defensive player.

In his first 11 seasons as a Dolphin, he missed only 13 games, and in 2006, he recorded a career-best 165 tackles.

"I have a tremendous appreciation and admiration not only for the Dolphins organization, but for the fans as well, for all the support they have given me," Thomas said in a statement.

### Former Aggies standout Acie Law to be honored Saturday

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Acie Law IV was perhaps the most visible player in Texas A&M's improbable rise from Big 12 laughingstock to national contender.

So it's fitting that Law will become the first Texas A&M athlete to have his jersey permanently displayed in an Aggies sporting venue on Saturday.

In what's being billed as "Acie Law Day," the current Atlanta Hawk will be honored with a ceremony at halftime of A&M's game against Oklahoma State in which his No. 1 jersey will be raised to the rafters of Reed Arena. The number is not being retired, but Law's jersey will remain on display at the arena "forever," according to coach Mark Turgeon.

Though he never coached Law, it was first-year coach Turgeon who came up with the idea and pushed for the honor.

"You can argue that no four-year player has ever had a bigger impact on the basketball program and the university," Turgeon said. "Acie helped the program become respected in the state of Texas and on a national level."

In his four years in College Station, Law helped the Aggies go from an 0-16 Big 12 record to their first NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance since 1980. And their 27 wins last season were the most in A&M history, capping a school-

and they're moving forward to do this, it means a great deal to me," said Law, who plans to spend the weekend in College Station. "It's something I'm looking forward to."

Law became the highest draft pick in A&M history when the Hawks chose him with the 11th pick in last year's draft. He has struggled with an ankle injury this season, but scored a season-high 13 points in Atlanta's last game before the All-Star break, a 100-98 loss to Charlotte.

The Aggies are ranked 16th in the latest poll, their school-record 35th straight week to appear in the national rankings. Before this recent streak, Texas A&M had been ranked for just 27 weeks in its history.

Turgeon said the decision to push for this was easy because he witnessed Law's importance to the program while coaching at Wichita State. Law was moved by the gesture.

"I didn't play for him and hardly know him, but he said I deserve that honor and pushed for it," Law said.

*'Acie helped the program become respected in the state of Texas and on a national level.'*

— Mark Turgeon Coach

record three straight 20-win seasons for a program that had wallowed in mediocrity or worse for much of the last two decades.

Law won the Bob Cousy Award, given to the nation's top point guard, and became the school's first consensus All-American last season.

"Nobody has ever received this honor, and for me to only be halfway through my rookie season

### Dale Earnhardt Jr., Denny Hamlin win qualifiers to set stage for a Hendrick-Gibbs showdown

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hendrick vs. Gibbs. Jimmie, Jeff and Junior vs. Tony, Denny and Kyle.

Hendrick Motorsports' top two drivers hold a combined six Cup series championships — and the other guy just happens to be NASCAR's most popular driver and a restrictor-plate racing wizard. Joe Gibbs Racing has a two-time champion and two of the series' rising stars.

How big is this Daytona 500 showdown?

"It's going to be the epic battle, and it should be the battle of a lifetime and the century," Gibbs driver Tony Stewart quipped. "There may not be another battle of this proportion for the rest of my life, my career, for the century."

OK, so Stewart was exaggerating. Still, when Hendrick driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Gibbs driver Denny Hamlin each won a

qualifying race Thursday, it set the stage for a heck of a show Sunday.

Oh by the way, Hendrick's overshadowed driver, Casey Mears, is starting ninth. That means six of the top nine spots will be filled by drivers from those two teams. Gibbs driver Kyle Busch will roll off from the 24th position. Hendrick driver Jimmie Johnson, the two-time defending Cup series champion, will start from the pole.

It makes either team the obvious favorite to win the 50th running of The Great American Race. But Stewart, who finished second to teammate Hamlin in Thursday's second qualifier, said it wasn't that simple.

"I think you can't just limit to those two teams," Stewart said. "But like I said, if it helps us make a better headline for tomorrow, yeah, it's going to be the battle of a lifetime."

That's certainly the way it

looked after all four Hendrick cars and two of the three Gibbs cars overcame engine problems that forced them to swap their motors before Thursday's races. Just the day before, Gibbs had four motors traveling up I-95 as four motors headed down to Daytona, and the two truck drivers honked as they passed each other.

After years of playing second fiddle to Hendrick as the top team for General Motors — Hendrick drivers won 18 of 36 races last season — Gibbs will try to dethrone the powerful team with its new Toyota support. Hamlin drove a Camry to its first win in NASCAR's top series by working with Stewart, then ultimately passed his teammate for the qualifying race victory.

"To give those guys their very first win, and so early into the season, is definitely a proud moment," Hamlin said.

Three-time Daytona 500 winner Dale Jarrett, who is retiring next month, raced his way into his final 500 start. He joined John Andretti, Kenny Wallace and Brian Vickers as drivers who made their way into the race through Thursday's qualifiers.

But two-time Daytona 500 winners Sterling Marlin and Bill Elliott joined former open-wheel standouts Jacques Villeneuve and Patrick Carpentier as drivers who failed to make NASCAR's showcase event.

They'll have to watch from home as the Hendrick and Gibbs teams battle it out, with Earnhardt going off as the favorite. He's 2-for-2 in his Hendrick debut after stealing a win from Stewart in last week's exhibition Budweiser Shootout, then holding on to win the first of Thursday's qualifiers.

### Jennings 'completely ready to go'

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Jason Jennings and the other 27 Texas Rangers pitchers expected for the start of spring training all reported to camp on time Thursday, a day before their first team workout.

Jennings, the 2002 NL rookie of the year and the latest addition to the Texas rotation, can't wait to get on the mound with a chance to show everyone that his elbow is healthy. The right-hander is coming off a miserable injury plagued season in Houston that ended with surgery.

"I feel completely ready to go," said Jennings, who signed a free-agent deal last month that will pay him a base salary of \$4 million with the chance to double that with performance bonuses. "I've been working out in Dallas and everything feels good."

That's much different

from last spring with the Astros, after Jennings was part of a five-player deal that sent him from Colorado. When he got to camp with Houston, he was already dealing with a nagging pain in his elbow and tried to play through the pain.

But Jennings went 2-9 with a career-worst 6.45 ERA in 19 games and missed three months

*'These guys are eager and in great shape.'*

— Ron Washington Manager

because of elbow problems. He didn't pitch after Aug. 20 and had surgery to repair a torn flexor tendon.

Jennings, who grew up in the Dallas area watching Hall of Fame pitcher

and new team president Nolan Ryan pitch for the Rangers, has already been throwing for several weeks.

Second-year manager Ron Washington said he saw what he wanted to see on the reporting date.

"These guys are eager and in great shape," Washington said. "We talked to everyone of them about how we wanted them to come into camp and they did it."

Jennings is slated to join the rotation with returners Kevin Millwood (10-14, 5.16 ERA), Vicente Padilla (6-10, 5.76), Brandon McCarthy (5-10, 4.87) and Kason Gabbard (6-1, 4.65 with Boston and Texas).

Millwood (hamstring), Padilla (triceps) and McCarthy (blister, stress fracture in shoulder) all had extended stays on the disabled list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008:

This year, choose to invigorate your daily life. Transformation knocks on your door. Be honest and let go of what is no longer effective. Even if you're totally content in your life, you will be setting the stage for an even more dynamic year in 2009. Clearing out the unnecessary could be very important. If you are single, you will tend to meet people who are unusually remote. Be sure you know someone before plunging into any type of commitment. If you are attached, the austerity you might experience in your sweetie has more to do with him or her than with you. Try to be understanding. CANCER appears to be a nurturer in your life.

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)

\*\*\* If you are centered, you can deal with nearly anything. Use an opportunity to draw out a roommate or loved one. Get into a project or some other home-based activity. It is important to stay close to home. Tonight: Order in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Don't allow a sequence of odd interactions to get to you. Open up a conversation rather than hold a grievance. You might be misinterpreting a situation. Reach out to others. Make an effort to connect with someone who seems aloof. Tonight: Swap news.

you want to purchase. A partner or loved one could be unusually demanding. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Though you might be slow to get moving, your energy builds and builds today. Others note your enthusiasm and happy ways. As a result, your popularity soars. Don't avoid a difficult conversation or exchange. Better feelings will evolve. Tonight: Be your happy self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Follow your instincts. Listen to what someone shares. If you feel that something is asked or that someone is not centered, say little. Reorganize plans with an eye to your personal needs. After all, you might need a nap. Tonight: Choose not to be on center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Seek out friends. Happiness surrounds groups and crowds. Whether you decide to join a pal at the movies or have an overdue but important chat over a meal really doesn't matter. You need to be with people. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Others look to you for changes and growth. If you want to make a difference or be heard, now is the time. Your personal life has dimension and change. Use the centering you gain from home. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* What you say makes a difference. You might want to invest in a communication workshop, as not everyone hears the same words the same way, or even thinks the same way. An older friend demands your attention. Tonight: Go where there is music.

\*\*\*\*\* Focus on one person at a time.

A financial issue or commitment could be woven into your day. Don't agree to anything you aren't comfortable with. A must appearance could be more demanding than you anticipated. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. How involved you want to be needs to be determined. Get into the thick of events and relax. You don't need to run the show. Transformation keeps knocking on your door. You are changing! Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Investigate and open up to different lifestyles. If you feel burdened or bored, perhaps it is time to "reinvent" a segment of your life. Let nothing and no one stop you. Remember, you are master of this area of your life. Tonight: A friend would appreciate your pitching in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Your creativity could become the gatekeeper of your life, opening doors and accepting possibilities. You want more in your life; know that you have the potential to make it happen. Your ingenuity could add sparkle where a dull film exists. Tonight: Fun times are here.

BORN TODAY Rapper, actor Ice T (1958), actor LeVar Burton (1957), tennis player John McEnroe (1959) \*\*\*

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### Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble  
Hidden Hills  
Golf Course  
Feb 13, 2008

1st Place (64)  
J. Brashears  
R. Covalt  
M. Allison  
B.F. Dorman

2nd Place (64)  
B. Hammer  
J. Mathis  
T. Johnston  
J. Richardson

3rd Place (66)  
H. Knutson  
H. Wells  
J. Hervey  
W. Haynes

4th Place (66)  
E. Maxwell  
J. Davis  
B. Harwood  
G. Owens

Cloest to the Pin  
B. Henderson (#6)  
A.R. Stephens (#15)

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

2-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

ZWKORVSVJI OJT ZWKORY OKM  
CXW MJCVKMRD TVGGMKMJC  
CBVJIY OJT OKM ORXODY  
GWQJT VJ MJCVKMRD  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MOTHERS ARE, INDEED, THE AFFECTIONATE AND EFFECTIVE TEACHERS OF THE HUMAN RACE. — DANIEL WEBSTER



# Pampa News Classifieds

### 3 Personal

AS of this date, Feb. 11, 2008, I, Tabitha Ann Epperson Howard, will not be responsible for any other debts, other than those I make personally. Signed, Tabitha Howard.

### 5 Special Notices

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### 10 Lost/Found

FOUND Siberian Husky, at 18th & Nelson, in Pampa. Call 662-1993.

FOUND in 1400 bl. of E. Browning, brown & white puppy, about 5 wks. old. Call 663-0324.

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## Zion Lutheran Church

**Church name:** Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, 669-2774.

**Minister:** Rev. Michael Erickson.

**Services:** Sunday -- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible class, 10:30 a.m. Divine Service.

**Activities:** Big Z Barbecue each May, vacation bible school each summer, lemonade stand at Chautauqua each year.

**Members:** On an average Sunday, about 75.

**Denomination:** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

**How long here:** Since 1941 - 67 years.

**Goals:** We have purchased a Corpus for our large cross in the sanctuary and are awaiting arrival from Italy.

**Other activities:** We actively support Good Samaritan services here in Pampa.

**Main goal:** To proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all people and to administer the Holy Sacraments according to the Sacred Scriptures.

**Church message:** We preach Christ and Him crucified. We teach that a person is saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

**Responsible parties:** Rev. Michael Erickson.

**Information:** Zion Lutheran is a faithful congregation in proclaiming and teaching God's Word and administering the blessed Sacraments.

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