




PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 53 Low 17	High 33 Low 17	High 54 Low 27

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 20 and 30 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. Wind chill values between 7 and 12. East northeast wind around 10 mph.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 33. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 4 - 13 - 17 - 19. Bonus Ball: 16.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$200,000.
 Number matching four of four: 9. Prize: \$1,594.
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4. Prize: \$52.
 Number matching three of four: 1,306. Prize: \$18.
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 772. Prize: \$20.
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,011. Prize: \$7.
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,528. Prize: \$5.
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

Cash Five Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 6 - 8 - 21 - 25 - 35.
 Number matching five of five: 0.
 Matching four of five: 78. Prize: \$462
 Matching three of five: 4,664. Prize: \$10
 Matching two of five: 27,374. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Corrections

The headline "Piano-comedy man to perform 'Live on Stage' March 6 at M.K. Brown" stated that Dale Gonyea will perform at M.K. Brown on March

6, when he will actually be performing Sunday, Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown. The final performance for the show will be on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown.

In Friday's paper, The Pampa News reported that the Pampa Economic Development Corporation turned down a call center project with Dwight Fiveash, PEDC executive director, referring to a previous call center.

now closed and locked by Gray County for failure to pay taxes.

Fiveash said the call center to which he was referring was first brought before the new Pampa Economic Development Corporation at its inception in 2006.

The paper referred to United Medical Corp, a call center on Cuyler that is

The new board of directors turned down the project because they didn't like the company's financial situation.

That company, Advanced Call Technologies, located their call center in San Luis, Ariz. Fiveash said that technically the current PEDC did not have anything to do with the United Medical Corp call center on Cuyler.

That was a project developed by the previous Pampa Economic Development Corporation. When the old PEDC closed down, Fiveash said the city took over those projects.

Fiveash said the new PEDC had talked with the management of United Medical Corp, but had no financial stake in the company.

He said no tax dollars through the new PEDC were lost with the closing of United Medical Corp.

"We're very sensitive to the jobs lost there," Fiveash said.

—David Bowser

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Obituaries

Rev. Troy Alvin Walker, 84



Walker

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009 at First Baptist Church. Dr. Howard Batson will officiate.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia.

Rev. Walker went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, January 8, 2009. He was born December 17, 1924 in Rogers, NM to Paul and Cala Walker. He graduated from Dora High School in Dora, NM, from ENMU in Portales, NM and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He joined the Army in 1944 and served in Japan. After the war ended, he was transferred to the medics in 27th Division of 8th Army. He returned to Japan in 1946 and served as Sergeant of the motor pool in medic of 11th A/B

of 8th Army.

Troy lived his life to serve the Lord. He surrendered to preach in 1946. He was an evangelistic preacher for 35 years, winning many to the Lord. He preached evangelistic revivals in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas. Even after retirement, he never retired from spreading the Gospel. He was known for his many talents, but most often acknowledged for his prayers. A friend says, "When Troy began to pray, it felt as if the Lord was in the room." His 45 years of ministry included pastorates at Central Baptist Church Portales-Floyd, NM, Elk Mission Elk, NM, Emanuel Baptist Church Portales, NM, Ranchvale Baptist Church Clovis, NM, Date Street Baptist Church Plainview, TX, Trinity Baptist Church

Muleshoe, TX, and Eastridge Baptist Church Amarillo, TX.

He married the love of his life, Patsy Ruth Harris on December 23, 1947. They had three children, Alvin Walker, Zan Walker and Keila Walker Sandridge.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Floyd and Claude; and, his son Zan Walker on November 26, 2008.

Troy is survived by his wife, Patsy; his son Alvin Walker and wife Brenda; his daughter, Keila Sandridge and husband Jay; his daughter-in-law Latitia Hemphill Walker; his grandchildren Carla Auzenne and husband Josh, Emily Strain and husband Coty, Matthew Walker and wife Lindsey, Brittany Franks, Cody Franks, Caitlin Walker, Shelby Walker, Jada Sandridge and Juliana Sandridge; six great-great

grandchildren and one brother, Earl Walker.

The family requests memorials are given to The Gideons International, Post Office Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800, www.gideons.org <http://www.gideons.org/>, whose ministry is dedicated to Bible distribution and evangelism.

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Justin Beckham, 69



Beckham

Pampa, Texas — Justin Beckham, 69, died January 11, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Entombment will be Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Beckham was born March 22, 1939 in Phillips, graduating from Phillips High School in 1957. He

was a veteran of the U. S. Army National Guard. Justin married Phyllis Cook on June 12, 1971 in Amarillo.

He was a journeyman electrician for Southwestern Public Service, retiring in 1997 after 33 years of service. He was a truck driver for Navajo Trucking for 5 years. Justin was an avid golfer and woodworker and he collected model electric trains. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife: Phyllis Beckham of

the home; 1 daughter: Kerri Riggs and husband Ronnie of Pampa; 1 son: Steven Beckham and wife Ashlee of Pampa; 4 grandchildren: Delaney Riggs, Dalton Riggs, Raegan Beckham and Reese Beckham, all of Pampa; 1 brother: Richard Beckham of West; 16 nieces and nephews. Justin was preceded in death by his parents: Roy and Myrtle Beckham; 2 brothers: Jerome Beckham and B. J. Beckham; and 1 sister: Joy Presley.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan 12. Officers conducted fourteen traffic stops. A stop in the 1000 block of South Barrett resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of five calls and/or stops concerning animals was reported.

Criminal mischief calls were reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather, where the outside of the building was spray painted, the 1000 block of South Varnon, where a door was kicked in and two windows were broken, and the Coronado Center, 1200 block of North Hobart, where a large window was broken.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

An attempt to serve was made in the 300 block of South Anne.

Motor assistance was rendered in the intersection of Hobart and Somerville streets.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A burglary was reported in the police department lobby.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 2300 block of North Primrose and the police department lobby.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of

North Terry and the 1300 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Locust.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1700 block of West Buckler.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 Officers conducted 12 traffic stops. Stops in the 1900 block of North Banks and the 300 block of North Naida resulted in arrests.

One call/stop concerning animals was made.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the intersection of Montagu and Frost streets.

Ambulance

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

10:57 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East 23rd but was canceled in route.

11:06 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:34 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

4:57 a.m. -- A mobile ICU

responded to the 700 block of North Christy and transported one patient to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

7:47 p.m. -- Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2500 block of Chestnut on a fire alarm.

4: 14 a.m. -- Two units and six personnel responded to the 400 block of Ducett on a carbon monoxide investigation. No trace of carbon monoxide was found.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests.

Monday, Jan. 12 Robert James Ellis, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for no liability insurance, no valid driver's license, and failure to appear.

Matthew Lennon Dudley, 25, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 Charles Gilbert Gowin, 39, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Joshua Kade Seymour, 21, of Pampa was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Officials: Toss salmonella-linked peanut butter

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Health officials are urging

nursing homes, hospitals, schools, universities and restaurants to toss out specific containers of peanut butter linked to a salmonella outbreak in 43 states.

The recalled peanut butter, distributed by King Nut Companies of Solon, Ohio,

was supplied only through food service providers and was not sold directly to consumers. King Nut challenged the finding, saying it could not be the source of the nationwide outbreak since it dis-

tributes to only seven states.

The outbreak has sickened more than 400 people and Minnesota health officials announced Monday they had found a match

between samples from a King Nut container and the strains of salmonella bacteria making people sick across the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the outbreak may have contributed to three deaths.

Officials are concerned the peanut butter is still being used, and Heidi

Kassenborg of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture urged all institutions to throw it away.

State health and agriculture officials said last week they had found salmonella bacteria in a 5-pound package of King Nut peanut butter at a nursing facility in Minnesota. Officials

tested the bacteria over the weekend and found a genetic match with the bacterial strain that has led to 30 illnesses in Minnesota and others across the country.

"The commonality

among all of our patients

was that they ate peanut butter," said Doug Schultz,

a spokesman with the Minnesota Department of Health. While the brand of peanut butter couldn't be confirmed in every case,

the majority of patients consumed the same brand, he said Monday.

King Nut Companies on Sunday asked its customers to stop using peanut butter under its King Nut and Parnell's Pride brands with a lot code that begins with the numeral "8."

Session

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chamber where his party holds a thin 76-74 majority. Democrats who put their support behind Straus to oust Craddick probably expect some payback.

And Gov. Rick Perry, also a Republican, is gearing up to run for a third full term in 2010, meaning he could be coming in with some bold new ideas.

Whether it's politics or policy, the next four and a half months will have a little bit of something for everyone.

The current \$167 billion budget may sound like a whopper, but it's surprising how far \$167 billion doesn't go these days. Comptroller Susan Combs delivered the grim news Monday that the Legislature would have about \$9 billion less to spend over the next two years.

Addressing the financial effects of Hurricane Ike, lawmakers will decide whether to put money into a disaster account they created two years ago but never made any deposits in.

Legislators also must consider the future of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Damage to the

state's oldest medical school — the island's largest employer and a major provider of indigent care in the state — is estimated to exceed \$1 billion, local officials say. The university laid off 3,000 employees from the medical school, and it has fewer available beds.

Galveston may also be in the spotlight as proponents of Las Vegas-style casino gambling again try their luck with the Legislature. Casino proponents could suggest gambling as a way to revive the devastated island's economy.

Meanwhile, Texas Indian tribes will work to get limited casinos allowed on their land after a narrow defeat in the House two years ago.

The big hitch in all this: Perry says he doesn't want to expand the footprint of gambling in the state beyond horse and dog racing and the state lottery.

Building roads remains high on Perry's agenda. He'll also join the calls to beef up the state's disaster fund and will look to continue luring jobs to Texas as the state and national economy slump.

Work gets going in earnest in the weeks to come as Straus and Dewhurst will appoint lawmakers to committees, where the Legislature's initial work gets done.

Comptroller: Revenue to drop \$9B

AUSTIN (AP) — Tighter consumer spending over the next two years will contribute to an anticipated \$9 billion drop in state revenue over the next two years, Comptroller Susan Combs said Monday in her revenue estimate.

That means lawmakers, who convene in Austin on Tuesday for the biennial legislative session, will start writing the 2010-2011 state budget with a \$77.1 billion beginning balance — 10.5 percent less than the amount from two years ago, when the current budget was written.

The figure illustrates anticipated drops in consumer spending on a variety of state revenue sources, including vehicle sales taxes, cigarette taxes and the lottery.

The grim number does not necessarily mean the Legislature will have a shortfall. That's because the figure doesn't include \$3 billion in funds that were set aside to cover an expected hole in school spending and \$6.7 billion

expected to be in the so-called Rainy Day Fund at the start of the 2010-2011 budget period.

"Though Texas has avoided the worst economic impacts affecting other states, the national downturn has finally begun to touch Texas," Combs said. "Our new economic forecast indicates Texas will be affected in fiscal 2009, before regaining economic momentum in fiscal 2010."

The revenue estimate covers the 2010-2011 fiscal years. Combs' estimate, which includes a \$2 billion balance left over in the current budget, is the number lawmakers are required to use to write the budget. State law does not allow deficit spending.

"This is worse than I would have thought," said Dick Lavine, senior fiscal analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities. But Lavine said the hefty Rainy Day Fund, the largest since it was created, can keep Texas afloat until the economy turns around.

"This is exactly what we

need it for," he said. "If we were to ignore the fact that we have this large savings account, it would really hurt our ability to provide services for a lot of people who are going to be hurt by the recession."

Spending from the fund, which is estimated to grow to \$9.1 billion by the end of the 2010-2011 budget cycle if left untouched, requires a supermajority vote of both chambers of the Legislature.

Already, spending demands are mounting on the available revenue.

Health care costs are rapidly rising and enrollment in entitlement programs is expected to grow with the economic slowdown.

Early in the session, lawmakers will have to deal with costs of Ike and Medicaid enrollment growth that were not covered in the current biennium. Those items could cost together as much as \$3.2 billion before the Legislature even gets started on the 2010-2011 budget.

"Today the comptroller delivered a revenue estimate that reflects the uncertainty about the national economy, and to a lesser extent, the Texas economy," Gov. Rick Perry said. "While Texas continues to be in a better financial position than most other states, this revenue estimate reminds us we are not an island and reaffirms the importance of fiscal responsibility and prudent spending decisions."

"I am confident we will be able to meet our state's needs within this revenue estimate by prioritizing our spending."

Combs cautioned that the estimate was conservative and could be updated if the economy turns around.

"I don't know," Combs said, when asked about whether the number could be revised before the end of the legislative session. "I think it's really going to depend to some extent on what happens in Washington."

Chisum

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we have 120 days to do an appropriations bill."

As for the next four months, Chisum says the state may be facing some tough times, and the Legislature will have to deal with them.

"The bottom line is we're revenue driven," Chisum says, "and it

appears that we're going to have a significant reduction in revenue."

The State Comptroller of Accounts was to release revenue estimate figures Monday. As he awaited the estimates Monday morning, Chisum wasn't optimistic about what they'd say.

"We suspect it's going to be low," Chisum says. "We don't know how low. We're anxiously awaiting that."

Austin

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include about 200 third, fourth, and fifth graders as well as invited parents, the Austin Elementary Booster Club, PISD administration, and all

school board members. Darrel DeLoach will be giving a motivational speech to the students about respect to go along with the keystone characteristic of the month for Austin. The ceremony is expected to last about an hour, and will be at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2009. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 13, 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

On this date:
In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, S.C., while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

'Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor.'

— Sholom Aleichem, Russian author

President Lyndon B. Johnson; Weaver became the first black Cabinet member.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minn., at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff during a snowstorm and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

Five years ago: Hostile fire brought down a U.S. Army Apache attack helicopter in Iraq, but the two crew members escaped injury.

One year ago: President George W. Bush, visiting the United Arab Emirates, gently urged authoritarian Arab allies to satisfy frustrated desires for democracy in the Mideast and saved his harshest criticism for Iran, branding it "the world's leading state-sponsor of terror." The Golden Globes were announced in a dry, news conference-style ceremony, devoid of stars because of the Hollywood writers' strike; "Atonement" won best motion picture drama, while "Mad Men" was named best dramatic TV series.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Liz Anderson is 79. Actress Frances Sternhagen is 79. Comedian Rip Taylor is 75. Actor Billy Gray is 71. Actor Richard Moll is 66. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 55. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 54. Actor Kevin Anderson is 49. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 48. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 48. Country singer Trace Adkins is 47. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 45. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 43. Actress Traci Bingham is 41. Actor Keith Coogan is 39. Actress Nicole Eggert is 37. Actor Orlando Bloom is 32.

Analysis: An unusual glimpse into the presidency

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

Picture Lincoln, in the throes of the Civil War, suddenly mocking his critics in a nyah-nyah voice. Imagine Theodore Roosevelt, leaving office, lamenting out loud about how hated he was by Standard Oil. Summon an image of FDR cracking wise about his wheelchair and grousing about the nasty things Hitler was saying about him.

Now consider George W. Bush on Monday. He bobbed and weaved and smiled wistfully, quipped about giving up drinking, deployed a mock European accent to kid a reporter, vowed to make his wife coffee. At the same time, he warned about terrorism, bristled at comments that the federal response to Hurricane Katrina was slow and said finding no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the rationale for a six-year war, was "a significant disappointment."

"You never escape the presidency," says Bush, who is about to. But before he did, the guy who is the most powerful leader on the planet for one more week had some things to say in what he called "the ultimate exit interview."

The session, televised live, was offered up as a valedictory news conference. But it also proved an extraordinary glimpse behind the psychic curtain and an illuminating window into what we want, and may not want, out of the modern presidency.

Bush was at turns erratic and eloquent, nostalgic and melancholy, gracious and cantankerous, regular guy-ish and resignation-era Nixonian. It all felt strangely intimate and, occasional-

ly, uncomfortable in the manner of seeing a plumber wearing jeans that ride too low.

"He was like a second-semester senior, the grades don't matter anymore," said John Baick, a historian at Western New England College who studies the presidency.

Americans are forever insisting they want a regular Joe in the Oval Office, someone they could go out and grab a beer with. Could it be, though, that in this post-Monicagate era of the celebrity full monty, there are actually some presidential ruminations we can do without? Was George W. Bush, of all people, too intimate on Monday?

Part of it is immediacy. American leaders have tended to be circumspect until they're well out of office. Presidential autobiographies, the usual way a departing leader gets his message out, are well-vetted, heavily edited and heartily post-presidential. Ulysses S. Grant's was one of the few interesting specimens, and he did it while dying because his family needed the money. So for a sitting chief executive to range around the attic of his mind at reporters' behest on live TV is a true spectacle, even in this age of details on demand.

That it was this particular president made it even more unusual. Bush has cast his lack of introspection as a virtue and once said, according to a biographer, "I don't spend a lot of time trying to figure me out." So to watch him assist reporters who are trying to figure him out was fascinating, particularly since he seemed to be all over the place. "It was all the George Bushes who came to that podium," CNN's

Candy Crowley said.

Finally, the odd juxtapositions that Bush offered boggled the mind. It's hard to fathom a performance that managed to contain both the words "big straw hat and a Hawaiian shirt sitting on some beach" and "there's an enemy that would like to attack America, Americans, again." In fairness, Bush was at the mercy of the news-conference format and his questioners, who are hardly shrinking violets.

And the sight of a sitting president offering vague mea culpas ("Obviously, some of my rhetoric has been a mistake"), then affecting a fake whine while complaining about whippers who bemoan the hardships of the office ("Oh, the burdens, you know. Why did the financial collapse have to happen on my watch?") was just jarring.

"I can't even construct a rationale for what they were trying to do today," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center and an expert on political communication. "You heard pain. You heard self-pity. You heard a clear acknowledgment that he knows he has not been judged kindly in the moment," she said. "You see him trying to put into place a rebuttal. But it's not working."

The official presidential farewell, though not always offered, has been a way to seal legacies and create closing arguments that echo beyond the presidency. When George Washington went home, he warned of entangling alliances with European powers, a clarion call that resonated for decades

beyond his death. Dwight D. Eisenhower's departing caution about the "military-industrial complex" helped define his presidency to historians.

Bush has scheduled his own farewell address for Thursday night. But Monday's news conference probably contained far more YouTube moments and seemed more concerned with something he has, at times, purported not to care about: his legacy. Yet according to psychiatrist Dr. Justin A. Frank, that's a misconception.

"Bush is tremendously invested in the illusion of his inner goodness," Frank wrote in 2004 in "Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President." He asserted that Bush "is at his core a fragile man."

Unless Bush comes up with something weighty on Thursday night, one of the final images of his tenure will be this appearance, not a speech, not a gravitas-laden sum-up but a series of bullet points that fit the PowerPoint world in which he lives yet seem, somehow, deeply out of place for an American chief executive.

"We don't have a king, we don't have a prime minister. We have a president. And he has to be everything," Baick said. "He has to be regal, he has to be common. But making jokes about being a recovering alcoholic in the same speech in which you talk about a cease-fire in Gaza, that's just inexplicably strange."

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Other editors say...

The Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise, Okla., on representation of the people:

Most of us have heard the advice that when we have to make a financial decision "right now, the deal will be gone tomorrow," we should walk away. Prevailing wisdom has always been that when we are pressured to hand over our money without having time to carefully consider the "deal," it's probably a scam.

And taxpayers are now finding out just how valid that old advice really is. Despite polls showing taxpayers overwhelmingly against providing hundreds of billions of dollars to Wall Street failures and financial "geniuses," and teens of billions more to bail out domestic automakers, Congress and the White House literally thumbed their collective noses at taxpayers. They made the decision, voted and began handing out the money so fast they didn't

even take time to include accountability requirements of the banks receiving the money.

After government officials admitted that the \$700 billion figure to bailout Wall Street was just a guess, and that nobody really knew how much money it would take, senators and representatives, including some of our own, voted to throw money at the problem, because "we have to do this right now, or the economy will get even worse." And these elected officials were openly admitting that their constituents opposed the bailout by a staggering margin.

So much for representation of the people.

Now, after doling out \$350 billion of taxpayer money to organizations like AIG, JP Morgan Chase, and others, nobody is able to find out what has happened to the money.

We now wonder if all those multi-billionaires caught up in the alleged

Ponzi scheme being attributed to Bernard Madoff will be in Washington with their hands out.

If they do, don't bet this government won't reach deeper into your pocket to save one more group of fat cats from their own mistakes. ...

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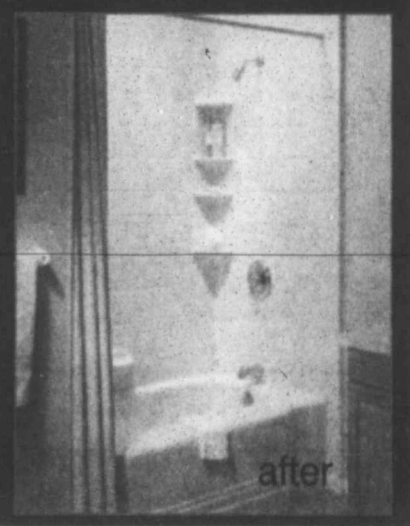
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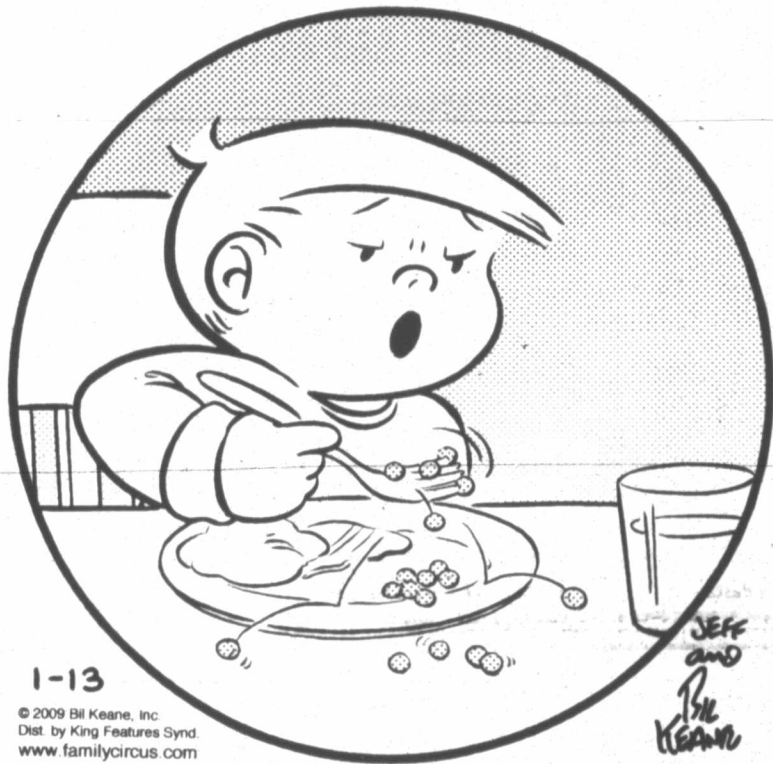
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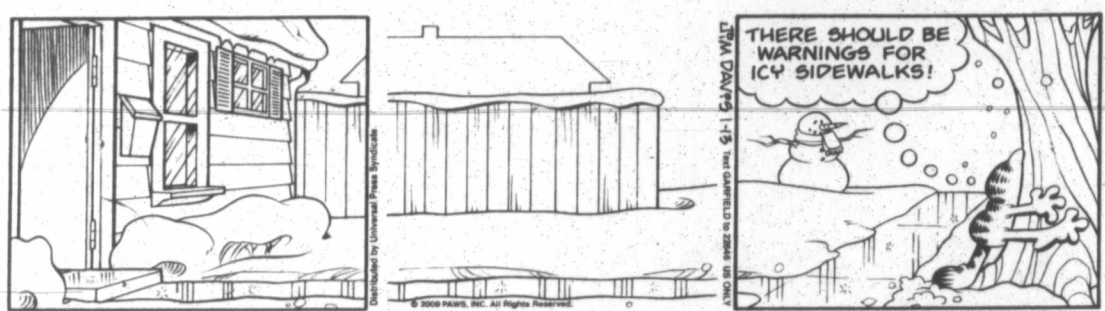
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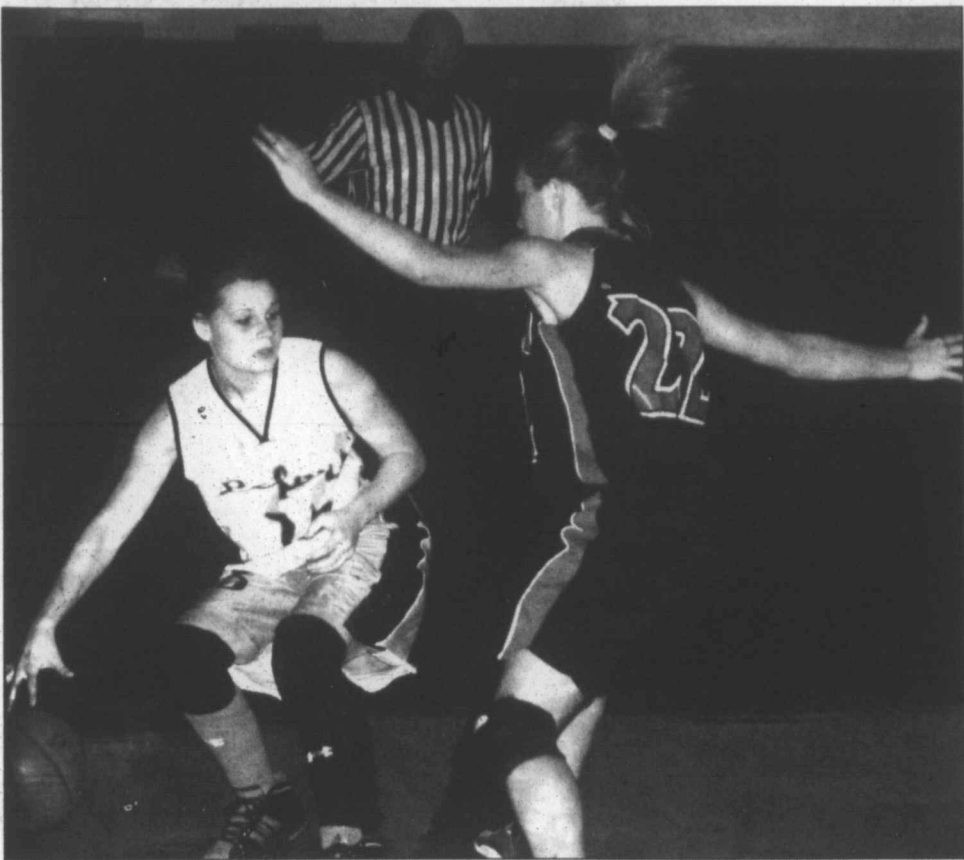
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Lefors Basketball



The Lefors Lady Pirates opened district play last Friday at home. Lacie Johnston (15) led the team with seven points in their 56-23 loss to Groom.



Keenan Lott of Lefors goes up for two during the Pirates' 42-39 win over Groom Friday. The win brought improved the team's record to 3-2, 1-0. Lefors will travel to McLean Tuesday.

Construction updates to be heard at PISD school board meeting

by David Bowser
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The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will hear updates on the high school and junior high construction projects Thursday evening during their regular meeting.

They will also discuss the synthetic turf project at the football stadium and hiring a sports surface engineer to head the field turf project.

The board will address assignment and schedule policies and the 2009-2010-school calendar.

They will revisit the issue of naming a mascot for Pampa Junior High School.

The board will hear a

report on student enrollment. The total district enrollment for the first semester was 3,393. The district showed an average daily attendance of 96 percent.

The accident report for the first semester indicates one student fell in gym class in October at Wilson and received medical attention for a leg injury. Two students became sick at Travis in October. One was treated in the classroom, and one was taken to the doctor by a parent.

Two students were injured when they collided during gym class at Wilson in November. Both went to see a doctor. One suffered a cut to the scalp. The other suffered a bruised jaw.

A high school student suffered a seizure in November and was taken by ambulance to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The board will hear reports on special education inclusion and CO-teaching, cost savings potential for the athletic department, arrests, media services and a conference.

The board will also consider applying for reimbursement from the state for American Sign Language textbooks.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert.

Former Anna city council member indicted

ANNA, Texas (AP) — A former Anna city council member has been indicted on charges he attempted to steal about \$9,400 from the city's Community Development Corp., according to a police chief.

David W. Crim Sr., 45, was indicted by a Collin County grand jury and is charged with attempted theft by a public servant. The Dallas Morning News reported Monday in its online edition.

An arrest warrant was issued Friday. Jail officials

said that Crim was booked and released on a personal release bond Tuesday morning.

According to the indictment, Crim tried to deposit a development corporation check — intended to pay for bleachers in a city ball park — into his personal bank account in June. The bank teller was suspicious and refused to complete the transaction, Anna Police Chief Kenny Jenks said.

The check was not cashed. It was returned to

the development corporation and the group's treasurer reported the incident to the city manager, who asked Jenks to investigate.

If convicted of the state jail felony, Crim faces up to two years in prison. He resigned his council seat in November because of work obligations, city officials have said.

A call to Crim's home on Tuesday was not answered. A call to his attorney was not immediately returned Tuesday.

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many evenings in each other's homes and had become even closer.

That day Luis' sister-in-law called Marta Silva, his friend's wife, at work and asked if she could go check on Susana, Lucito and Celeste. No one had been able to reach "Susy" for hours.

An angel and heroes

Marta said she would be happy to, but needed to pick up her son first — but on her way, she became uneasy, turned around and went to the Castro home first instead.

She said she just had a gut feeling all at once that something was wrong.

She knocked and called to Susy, but there was no answer. Marta could hear the TV and thought maybe Susy just didn't hear her, so she tried calling again.

"When I got very close to the front door, I could smell something strange, but not like gas," Marta said. "I had just read of a case in Colorado where three people were in a cabin and died, no one found them for days."

She became frightened, but the door was locked. "Luckily, we had helped them put up Christmas lights the weekend before and there was a cord running out the window," Marta explained.

She climbed through the window into the home. What she found was devastating.

Susana was unconscious on the floor — Marta tried to rouse her and couldn't. She desperately began looking for the children and opened the front door to air out the house.

Marta located the baby, took her outside to her car and dialed 911.

The 911 dispatcher told her not to go back into the house, but all she could think of was trying to get her friend and little Lucito to safety. She had left the door open to ventilate the house and she went in again.

But she could not find Lucito and she could not move Susana.

Outside again she called her husband, she was terrified to go back in the house and wondered where the emergency responders could be. She took a deep breath and went back again to find Lucito.

He was under the covers, in his bed. Marta carried him outside and went back again to try to help Susana.

"I tried to wake her, but she was not responding. I just couldn't get her out," Marta explained.

She called 911 again, and was assured help was on the way.

In reality, less than three minutes had elapsed. "It seemed like an eternity," Marta said. "By that time, I thought I was going to pass out."

Then, firefighters arrived and began efforts to save the victims.

During the flurry of activity that followed, Marta said, "My heart was out of me. Like an out-of-body experience. It was so horrible."

"They moved here to have a better life, and now... this — how could this be? The biggest thing especially I think if you have kids — is to see a baby lifeless; is devastating, you feel as if it's your own child."

At the hospital, she was told there wasn't much hope for survival for anyone.

Heroes at the hospital — Code Nightingale

Someone had called Luis and he was driven to his home, where he was told his entire family had been taken to the hospital.

He was told they were in critical condition and to expect the worst. He was given no hope for their survival. One can only imagine his heartbreak and terror and on top of everything else that was going on, Luis does not speak English.

Cathy Land is the Director of Emergency Services for Pampa Regional Medical Center. She has been with the facility for 30 years and was on duty when the Castro family was brought in.

On top of normal ER activity, PRMC sees about 1,000 patients a month, there was a head-on collision that sent three patients to the ER that afternoon.

Land realize immediately how serious an incident they were facing and called a Code Nightingale.

A Code Nightingale alerts all hospital staff that extra help is need in the ER. Ten staff members rushed to help that day. There was an ER nurse with each Castro family member and a helper in each room.

The medical staff responded as well. These were doctors from different specialties, not emergency specialists, but all came to do what they could.

Susana and Lucito were in the worst shape.

The hospital has seen seven patients this winter suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, including a family of four. But their exposure didn't come close to that of the Castro family. Land said she has never see a case this severe.

The staff worked feverishly to saved the family and to find the closest hospital with a Pediatric Emergency Department — to get the children to a hyperbaric chamber as soon as possible. One respiratory therapist stayed with Lucito for two hours, using a manually operated "ambu-bag" help him breath. The therapist refused to be relieved of that duty.

"This was our staff at its best," said Kathy Joyce, chief nursing officer at PRMC. "They worked like a well-oiled machine. They never gave up."

Their hearts went out to Luis, running from one room to the next to check on his loved ones. There were tears, Land said, but they remained focused on saving those lives.

The team at PRMC wanted to transfer the kids to Houston. Castro's new employer even offered to buy him a plane ticket, because there would be no room for him to fly with his children. But weather in the Houston area prevented the transfer.

The children were instead flown to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo, then to Presbyterian Children's Hospital in Dallas the next day.

Susana was left behind in Amarillo.

She was not responsive to nurses, but they asked Marta to keep talking to her. She did and finally, Susana opened her eyes.

"She was having trouble speaking, but her first question was about her kids," Marta said. She recognized us. "I told her kids were fine and I kept talking about our Christmas plans. It was so hard to see her that way."

Prayers help, too

The family explains their recovery as a miracle. None of the fire or medical personnel involved here could remember a case where anyone has been exposed to that much carbon monoxide and survived. Not Fire Chief Kim Powell, who has been a firefighter for more than 22 years, and not Cathy Land, who has been in the ER for 30 years.

The concentration of carbon monoxide in the home was measured at 936 PPM. Alarms go off at 35 PPM. When the family reached the hospital, the levels in their bodies were between 15 and 20 times what is normal for a non-smoker.

Susana is recovering and was discharged just two days later.

Just three days after the incident baby Celeste was discharged. Luis said she had a spot on her brain that has completely disappeared. "They told me she's a



Susana Gaspar, Luis "Lucito", 5 and Celeste Castro, two months, with father Luis Carlos Castrol at the Childrens Medical Center in Dallas Christmas weekend.

strong baby," he said. She is eating and doing everything a 2-month old should do.

Lucito's condition is much more serious, but he is expected to recover. He may suffer from brain damage, but how much has yet to be determined. He has been transferred to a rehab hospital in Dallas. He, too has spots on his brain and according to his father, there could be resulting scar tissue and doctors don't know how that will affect his future. He has problems with his eyesight and is having trouble with movement on his left side. "His right side is almost perfect," Castro said.

Many to thank

Luis Castro is so grateful to everyone who helped save his family. "The fire department, the doctors, everybody who has helped us get to where we are now," he said.

"We have received so many E-mails and phone calls," Marta said. (Congregations of) Churches were praying for them, we heard from someone they had started a prayer chain.

"I can't say enough about what the staff and medical staff did that day," said Todd Lorenz, the hospital's chief executive officer. "We had a situation that could have ended very differently. It's a shame that the state does not require carbon monoxide detectors in all rental units. Everyone should have one."

Silva echoed that sentiment. "This has changed our lives. My husband I are looking at life very differently, we're hugging our kids harder, appreciating the little things.

"I would like to see everyone get a detector in their home. They're only \$20 or \$30. That's nothing compared to your family's safety."

And of Marta Silva, the friend who put her own safety aside, and even though she was terrified, pulled his children to safety, Castro said, "She is an angel that God sent to save my family. I will always be thankful for that."

Editor's note: A medical fund has been established for the Castro family, who all suffered from extreme exposure to poisonous carbon monoxide fumes at their home on Dec. 16.

Funds may be donated to the Castro family at the First Bank SouthWest, attention: Marta Silva for Luis Castro Medical Fund.

Former crack addict a UNT magna cum laude grad

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)— A homeless, crack-addicted ex-convict typically doesn't make the ideal college student.

But when Delora Evans stopped using drugs for good, she became unshakably committed to college, with its hard work and rigorous schedule, so she could help others trying to beat their habit.

"I've been moving at this fast pace since I've been clean, and I didn't know how to do anything else," Evans said.

On Dec. 13, she graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Texas in Denton with a degree in rehabilitation studies.

Evans, 43, a mother of four, gets up at 4 a.m. to work as a drug counselor at Hutchins State Jail. She will begin pursuing her master's degree in January and said her long-term goal is to become a prison chaplain.

"Whenever I went to jail, I was always on my own. My family didn't support me," Evans said. "I only had the chaplains and the people I had in jail, so it just affected me and made

me want to be a chaplain." Such diligence and ambition are a stark contrast from where Evans was about 20 years ago.

Evans gave birth to her first son shortly before graduating from W.H. Adamson High School in Dallas in 1984. Two years later, her second son was born.

She smoked marijuana and started using a new drug, crack cocaine.

"Everybody looked at it as just another drug. Nobody knew the devastation that it held," she said.

In 1988, she was arrested for selling cocaine to an undercover Dallas police officer. When she violated her probation by not reporting to her probation officer, Evans was sent to prison for 21 months.

"My addiction didn't stop through the '90s. I was homeless. I was in jails. I was in rehab five times," she said.

In 1994, she gave birth to a daughter.

In May 2001, Evans checked into a rehabilitation program that would finally work for her: First Choice at the Salvation Army in Fort Worth.

This time, Evans was determined.

Deborah Bullock, a staff member at the Salvation Army, could see the steely resolve that Evans put toward turning her life around.

"She's always been a fighter. She's come into a lot of obstacles, but she just keeps her head up and keeps on going," Bullock said. "From the first time I ever met Delora, I think she's always been determined."

"I don't remember her ever being discouraged."

Evans said the program worked because it was holistic. She was homeless, and it gave her a place to live. She was an addict, and it gave her counseling.

After years of abusing drugs, she was clueless about how to manage her life.

"You get to be 35 or 40 and you don't know the first thing about living. You don't know how to pay bills. You don't know how to balance a checkbook," Evans said.

The program helped her with life skills such as budgeting, stress management, meal preparation and exercise.

Evans, who lives in Fort Worth, took some of that focus-on-the-basics-first philosophy when she enrolled at Tarrant County College.

"I went to anything that I could get information from, anything that could help me become a college student," she said.

She earned her associate degree from TCC in 2004, and her fourth child, a daughter, was born the next year.

By the time she enrolled at UNT, Evans was a serious college student.

Linda Holloway, chairwoman of UNT's department of rehabilitation, social work and addiction, said Evans was a hard-working student who could compare her experiences as a former drug user with the research she was studying.

"She's always prepared and on top of things and challenges you," Holloway said.

"She would bring up her past, and she used that a lot in how she prepared herself and what she thought was realistic."

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Texas women file first suit in DIA crash

DENVER (AP) — Two passengers on the Continental Airlines jet that veered off a Denver runway last month have filed what appears to be the first lawsuit in the crash.

Melissa Craft and Emily Pellegrini, both of Texas, claim in their suit that the pilot "negligently aborted

the Dec. 20 flight shortly after takeoff.

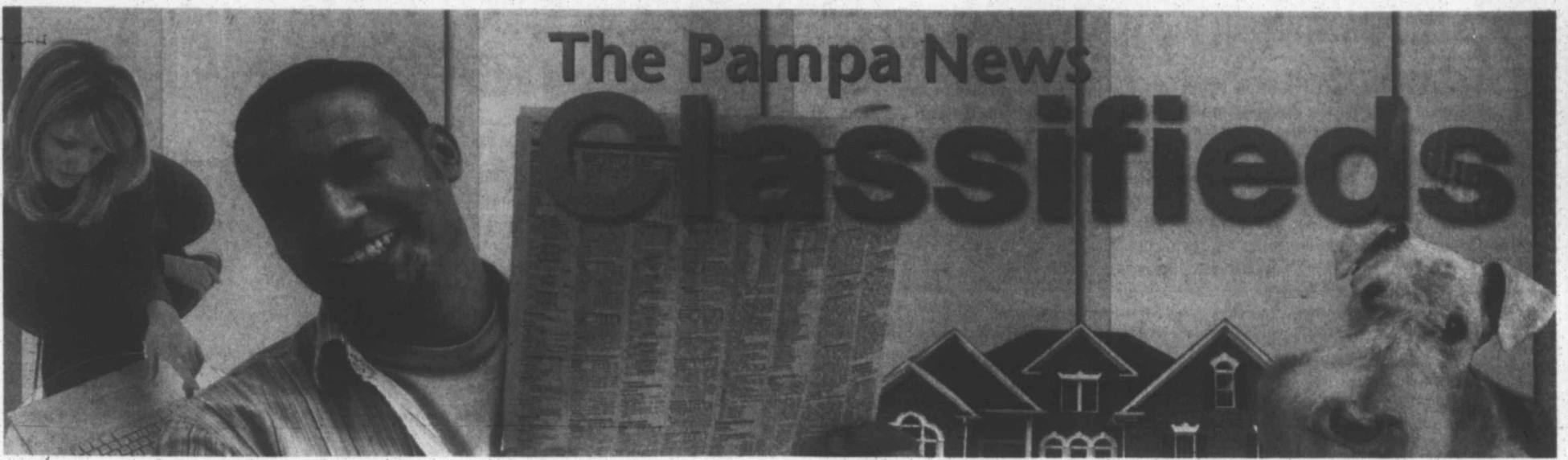
The Houston-bound jet veered off the Denver International Airport runway and into a ravine, where it caught fire. The flight was carrying 110 passengers and five crew members; 37 people were injured.

Aviation safety experts have said strong crosswinds likely were a factor in the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board continues to investigate.

Craft, 25, was on her way home from a ski trip to Colorado and suffered a back injury and emotional

trauma in the crash, according to the lawsuit filed in Harris County, Texas.

Pellegrini, 21, is a student at the University of Colorado and was returning home for the holidays. The suit alleges her seat belt wouldn't open and that she later slipped and fell on leaking jet fuel.



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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Continue your efficient pace. You could discover that someone is quite angry or tired. Confusion draws out many people, and different views are aired during discussions. You too might be overtired. Tonight: Relax some.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Your creativity emerges when dealing with feelings. A friendship could be transforming, adding to the dimension of relating. Even if you are attached, you see the importance of friendship in your relations. Tonight: Midweek romp.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You could be overwhelmed by the options that are appearing. Investigate what potential exists on the job front, where you are and where you might like to go. Certainly someone sees you in a very favorable light. Tonight: A must appearance.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Speak your mind and be aware of your options. You could be too fussy or a bit critical. If you notice this, pull back and detach. Understanding and a much more caring attitude emerge as a result. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Deal with a money matter head-on. You could be uncomfortable with what pops up. If you are in touch with your feelings, you will be able to shorten a problem and find a meeting point. Realize the caring behind another's words. Tonight: Treat yourself first.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Recognize your influence, if you choose to use it. Laugh and enjoy yourself with others, even at work. To have emotional ease when dealing with others could be more instrumental than you think. Tonight: Use your imagination.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Know when to pull back and consider your options. If you're feeling as if you are hitting a brick wall, stop. Given reflection and a day or two, you will visualize another path. Understanding grows between you and a key associate. Tonight: Listen to what someone whispers to you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Aim high and realize what your expectations are. You could be overly worried, but don't concern yourself with issues that associates or friends drop on you. A child or new friend expresses unusual caring. Tonight: Be spontaneous.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Many look to you for leadership, ideas and solutions. How you handle problems gives others many ideas. Check out an investment or deal with a domestic issue that has been weighing on you. Tonight: A must appearance.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Reach out for others and examine what might be happening on a broader scale. Your fun spirit emerges, though you might not want to share all of your thoughts. Not everyone has your sense of humor. Tonight: Take in new vistas.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Your daring style and sense of humor make others laugh, but specifically those whom you deal with on a one-on-one level. An expenditure might not be necessary, but it could delight you. Tonight: Chat over munchies with a friend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You have a way and style that draw many. Your smile speaks many words. Others clearly seek you out for many reasons. Discussions are not always easy, but they certainly explore options. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.
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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• **The Gray County Livestock Show and Sale** returns to Pampa on January 16 and 17 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion near the Rodeo Grounds in Pampa. First is the FFA Project Show on Friday the 16th. This show is set aside for our Pampa High School FFA and the Junior FFA Members to compete among their fellow club members. Saturday begins a full day of exhibits at 8 a.m. with multiple breeds of goats, lambs, steers and pigs being shown by students from all over Gray County. These exhibitors are rewarded for best in class with plaques and ribbons. The way that these families finance such projects is from the sale which will be on Monday, January 19, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium at 5:30 starting with dinner \$5.00 a person, buyers and exhibitors eat for free. Local and area buyers will bid in a live Auction to donate money to each exhibitor to reward and pay for the cost of these projects. It is the buyers that make it possible for these kids to continue having projects year after year and the support they offer these organizations is priceless to the families involved. Everyone is welcome to come out and support these hardworking kids and these two great organizations, for show, buyer information or to make a donation please contact Connie McGinty at 806-665-5177

• **Optimist Boys Basketball** is holding sign-ups for third through sixth grade teams from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Jan 12 - Thursday Jan. 15 at the Pampa Optimist Club. Visit Pampaoptimist.com for further details.

• **The Austin Booster Club** will be having their annual Chili Supper on Thursday, January 15th from 5 pm til 8 pm in the Austin Elementary School Cafeteria, 1900 Duncan. Tickets are \$5.00 per person for a bowl of chili or frito pie, drink and dessert. Available for carryout also.

• **Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989** are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.

• **A foster/adoptive parent informational meeting** is scheduled at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 3521 SW 15th, in Amarillo. Foster care and adoption of foster children will be the focus of the upcoming meeting. For more information, call (806) 354-6292.

• **M-O-N-E-Y for college?** Yes, you can send that son or daughter to college. Find out how on FINANCIAL AIDE NIGHT at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Pampa High School Auditorium. Your questions will be answered when you hear PHS counselors Starla Kindle and Linda Haenisch speak along with High Plains Student Loan Center representatives who will be on-hand to explain grants, scholarships, work-study programs and loans. Seniors and parents should definitely attend this important meeting. Juniors and parents interested in getting a look at their future are also invited.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, for its monthly meeting. If interested in joining the society, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **"Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa** will present pianist Dale Gonyea at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Attendance is by membership only. However, tickets for individual performances may be purchased at the door for \$25. For more information, call 665-0343 or contact Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-3362. The final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Jan. 14, "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch; Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You're in a position to do young people a great service by educating a generation that has grown up in a casual-dress world that there's a line between how one dresses in one's personal life and how one dresses for work. Cross it, and it could negatively affect your career.

I work for a large multinational company, and I am often shocked at the way people dress. Although there are clear business/casual guidelines, these lines are crossed by men and women alike. Talks behind closed doors have no effect. Sending out the corporate dress code to the staff has yielded no change in behavior.

I finally consulted the HR department and came up with an approved solution. The dress code was again sent out to all employees in my department, with the warning that the next violation would mean being sent home and deducting the time as a vacation day.

Sure enough, "Disco Dolly" showed up in a sheer, low-cut, sleeveless blouse with a micro-mini skirt and strappy sandals. When I sent her home, she complained that she was saving her vacation days. I told her she had violated the company's dress code - again.

I also pointed out that her chances of promotion were now compromised thanks to the demonstration she had given that following simple instructions was beyond her capabilities. If you want to be regarded as a serious professional, dress like one! Some "suggestions":

1. **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**, not sex. Women should not dress like streetwalkers. Leave the sexy, short, filmy dresses, cleavage-baring blouses and spaghetti straps for your personal life. This is an office, not a cocktail party.

2. **COVER UP**. No sandals or designer flip-flops. We don't want to see your pedicure, your toe rings,

the crust on your heels, or smell your feet.

3. **MAKE IT FIT**. Anything that hugs the body too tightly is not right for the office. We have a woman working here who looks like a sausage stuffed in a floral polyester casing. It's hard to take her seriously. The same goes for a man whose pants are so tight that you can tell his religion. Ditto for pants that are so loose and low-slung you can see his underwear or her thong.

4. **DON'T POLLUTE**. By this I mean go easy on the fragrance. Some people have breathing problems and allergies. Do not pollute the office with a scent that arrives 10 minutes before you do and lingers hours after you've gone. This applies to men as well as women.

5. **BATHE**. There seems to be a new "natural" cult popping up whose adherents believe that washing removes vital oils from the skin and should be avoided.

This phenomenon is more often, but not always, a male habit. Anyone in close contact with others should bathe or shower DAILY. -- TRYING TO RUN A BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

DEAR TRYING: I'm willing to wager that your letter will be posted on millions of bulletin boards in the business world. Your "suggestions" make good sense. While many companies allow employees to dress down on "casual Fridays," any business that wants the people it hires to be taken seriously should impress upon them that they must present themselves in a professional manner. Some companies do this in the form of an employee manual that lays it out in black and white. Because your directive was ignored, you were right to let "Disco Dolly" know there would be a penalty for noncompliance.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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