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COUNTRY CLUB TURKEYS

Part of local flock sent to enhance genetic diversity

by Rachel Stennett
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Some of the turkeys that call the Pampa Country Club home will be relocated to Navarro County this week.

A total of 32 turkeys will be removed to a ranch in Navarro County to a ranch in an effort to minimize the flock on the east side of Pampa, which has reached 127 turkeys according to Jeff Bonner with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The relocation to the ranch in Navarro County is part of an effort to return birds to a region where ranchers are working to restore native prairie.

Biologists with the state agency are trapping turkeys in regions of the Panhandle and the Rolling Plains that have a surplus turkey population and expected to release 100 turkeys at three locations in Navarro County on Thursday.



photo by Rachel Stennett
Trevor Tenner (left) and Larry LeBeau (right), both workers from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, box turkeys that have been trapped at the Pampa Country Club to be moved to Navarro County.

Biologists say that while some Rio Grande turkeys remain in the region from a mid-1980s release, the population is considered small and fragile.

Jay Whiteside, a TPWD wildlife biologist working with the Navarro County ranchers, said one goal of the release is to add new genetic material "into the fragile existing population, thereby enhancing their genetic diversity and long-term viability."

Bonner and a team of three men, including Jamie Baker of Pampa, completed the turkey trapping phase yesterday evening. The turkeys have been baited for a few weeks and trapping began Tuesday morning (Feb. 3).

The goal was to trap 50-75 turkeys, but Bonner said only 32 turkeys were trap. Large metal cages were placed at the land at

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GRATEFUL



Linda Devuyt has restored faith in the goodness of others after her purse was returned in tact.

Pampan's purse returned anonymously

by Rachel Stennett
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Linda Devuyt had no hope for her purse that she left in the Wal-Mart parking lot that contained \$600 in cash and four credit cards.

After forgetting her purse for over an hour, Devuyt decided to return to the store on the chance that some of the purse's contents would still be in place after it had been left in a shopping cart on the outer boundary of the parking lot. To her shock, the purse had been returned to the store with everything intact.

"It was about more than the money," Devuyt said. "I feel so good about people after that, it was a real boost."

The purse had been returned to the manager of Wal-Mart anonymously after Devuyt had left it in her cart after shopping. Devuyt wanted to thank the person responsible for the good deed, who "made me happy and gave me more faith in people."

School board meets tonight

The first school board meeting of the month will focus on Pampa Independent School District's building program.

The PISD board of trustees will hear updates on construction at Pampa High School and on the new Pampa Junior High School.

The school board is to consider purchasing used school buses during their meeting. In a related matter, the board may amend the budget for the purchase.

The board will hear about the Pampa High School Advanced Placement Program and the Pampa Independent School District's Gold Performance Acknowledgement Awards.

The school board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, at their Carver Center Administrative Offices, 321 W. Albert.

A public comment period is scheduled for 7 p.m.

This board's second meeting of the month will be held February 19.

Area DAR good citizens to be honored

Six area high school seniors will be named DAR Good Citizens on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the annual DAR Team, hosted by members of Las Pampas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The public is invited to attend the tea at Cory Court in the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church. The Pampa High School Show Choir will provide entertainment. The coveted honor of Good Citizen is awarded by the student's high school on the basis of dependability, service, and leadership, and patriotism.

Jessica Baggerman is the daughter of Lora and John Mark Baggerman. She has been active in both 4-H and FFA, having qualified for state 4-H Roundup in 11 different events in three years. She has shown Grand Champion steer, rabbit, and heifer, and Reserve Grand Champion steer, rabbit, and goat. She has earned FFA chapter and Greenhand degrees, the 4-H Gold Star award, and third place at at state 4-H Roundup in Consumer Judging. She has developed her own cattle heard. Other interests include SADD board member, ASTRA INTERACT, Concert Choir, and ten years of ballet. Jessica is employed by a local veterinary clinic and plans to become a veterinarian.

Maegan Brewster of White Deer High School is the daughter of Alan and Gail Wilson. She has participated in FCCLA, band, one-act play, basketball and Buck Pride for four years. She has won the IPC award, the algebra I and II awards and

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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High 76
Low 38

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Wind chill values between 30 and 39 early. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

Wheat	\$4.65
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Corn	\$6.22

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 17-31-36-8-13.
- Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$27,156
- Winning ticket purchased in: New Braunfels
- Matching four of five: 113. Prize: \$108
- Matching three of five: 2,571. Prize: \$11
- Matching two of five: 26,672. Prize: \$2
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3 results: Night drawing

AUSTIN (AP) The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-4. Sum It Up: 16 (five, seven, four. Sum It Up: sixteen)

Daily 4 results: Night Drawing

AUSTIN (AP) The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-3-7-4. Sum It Up: 17 (three, three, seven, four. Sum It Up: seventeen)

Winning Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN (AP) Ai Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 33-22-15-24-30-13.
- Number matching six of six: 0.
- Number matching five of six: 22. Prize: \$1,888.
- Number matching four of six: 1,344. Prize: \$45.
- Number matching three of six: 26,442. Prize: \$3.
- Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$16 million.

DPS asks for help

DPS is asking for the public's help after finding almost five tons of marijuana in an abandoned school bus in Webb County.

A DPS Highway Patrol trooper on routine patrol saw the school bus on the side of the road Saturday morning on U.S. 59 and went to investigate. He discovered more than 9,210 pounds of marijuana worth \$3.9 million. The 560 bundles of marijuana were hidden under cardboard and in a secret ceiling compartment.

DPS Narcotics is now conducting an investigation. Anyone with information about the case is urged to call DPS Narcotics at 956-728-2201.

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For the Record

Obituaries

William "Bill" Robinson,

Pampa, Texas — William "Bill" Robinson, 66 died February 1, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Lieb Cemetery in Morse, Texas. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Robinson was born April 29, 1942 in Riverside, California. He was a plumber in Amarillo for over 20 years. He married Virginia Mae Hilburn on March 29, 1966 in Wheeler. She preceded him in death on January 12, 1988. Bill moved to Pampa in 1984 where he was a plumber for several

years. He also worked as a pipefitter for Phillips Petroleum for 8 years. Bill was active in the demolition of many of Pampa's abandoned homes, to help beautify the city. He was active with Alcoholics Anonymous where he maintained over 20 years of sobriety. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and was a Baptist.

Survivors include four sons; Charles Robinson and wife Carol, Jack Robinson, Allan Robinson and wife Janet, and Gary Robinson and wife Cheryl, all of Pampa, three sisters; Dorothy Manning of Marietta, Oklahoma, Elizabeth Farmer of Amarillo and Carol Davis of Lancaster, California,

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nine grandchildren; Megan Robinson, Jonathan Robinson, Alyssa Robinson, Kaylee Robinson, Jason Hogue, Austin Robinson, Tyler Kitchens, Robert Hoover, and Jennifer Winegeart, two great-grandchildren; Kirsti Winegeart and Payton Winegeart, numerous nieces and nephews and special friends; Mary Green, Tammy Maple, Tollie Jinks, III, and Carla Smith. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Margaret Robinson; and a son: Johnny LeRoy Robinson. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 220 Tignor in Pampa.



Robinson

MEMORIALS: Alcoholics Anonymous Open Door Group, 910 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Willard Raiffeisen, 60

Midland, Texas — Willard Raiffeisen, 60, died February 3, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 10:00 AM Friday, February 13, 2009, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland, with Rev. David T. Johnson, associate pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Raiffeisen was born July 4, 1948 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Mary Raiffeisen. He married Carolyn Thomas on July 17, 1971 in Waco.

She preceded him in death on June 1, 2005. Willard received his bachelors degree in math from Texas Tech University and his masters degree in education from Baylor University. He lived in the Waco and Temple areas until his retirement from Central Texas College. Upon his retirement, he moved to Midland where he enjoyed walking, traveling, reading, playing and teaching bridge. He was a member of the Christian Science Church and the Midland Walkabout Club.

Survivors include one daughter; Jennifer Monroe and husband Ryan of Pampa, two brothers; Paul

Raiffeisen of California and Jack Raiffeisen of Houston, two sisters; Susan Plucker of Auburn, California and Carol Flournoy of Tulsa, Oklahoma, two grandchildren; Mady Monroe and Jackson Monroe, both of Pampa and many nieces and nephews. Willard was preceded in death by his parents; Charles and Mary Margaret Raiffeisen, his stepmother; Marian Raiffeisen, a brother; Richard Raiffeisen, father-in-law; Kenneth Ray Thomas and mother-in-law; Ouida Thomas Mair. MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or



Raiffeisen

Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

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

Wednesday, Feb. 4
Officers conducted four traffic stops.

A total of three calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Four attempts to serve papers were made.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Gray and Finch streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East Harvester, the 2100 block of North Banks, and the 1800 block of North Evergreen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles, the 500 block of Tignor, and the 300 block of West Albert.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Thut and Gray streets, and the 300 block of North Wells.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 2400 block of North Evergreen.

Harassment was reported in the lobby of the police department.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Hobart and Wilks streets, the intersection of Hobart and 21st streets, and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A narcotics violation was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Gray, and the 2800 block of North Charles, where the review mirror was broken off a vehicle.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 1700 block of North Hobart.

One alarm was investigated.

Russell, where a juvenile was assaulted by unknown suspects. No injuries were reported.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of West Alcock.

Forgery was reported in the 2500 block of North Aspen.

A burglary was reported in the police department lobby.

Thursday, Feb. 5
A suspicious person call was received from the 300 block of North Wynne.

A suspicious vehicle call was reported from the 400 block of West Montagu.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of South Wilks.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

One animal complaint was received.

Officers conducted one traffic stop.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
Thomas Daniel Short, 45, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for sexual assault of a child, unlawful restraint under 17 years of age.

Latisha M. Wilson, of Cahokia, Ill., was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for money laundering.

Natasha Nicole McGill, 26, of Pampa, was arrested by GCSO on a bench warrant for violation of probation on robbery.

Shanta T. Heard, 29, of Fairview Heights, Ill., was arrested by DPS for money laundering.

Thursday, Feb. 5
Daniel J. Lee, 26, of Corona, Calif., was arrested by GCSO for possession of dangerous drugs, and possession of marijuana.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
11:09 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of North Hobart on a first responder.

11:23 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 11000 block of Highway 60 West on a med assist.

2:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Highway 70 on a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported, and a hazard was removed.

9:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2400 block of Christine on a medical assist.

9:44 p.m. — Five units and nine personnel responded to the 200 block of North Price Road on a dumpster fire.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 4
9:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Frederic and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Scott and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Christine. No patients were transported.

Thursday, Feb. 5
3:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

LAST MINUTE CLASSIFIED LINE ADS

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Country club turkeys relocated

Turkeys— cont. from page 1

the club with bird seed scattered on the floor of the cages. The birds entered a small funnel to access the seed, which trap them because most turkeys don't leave the cage through the tunnel.

The turkey population began to cause problems at the country club last year when they started to nest on the putting greens.

The Country Club contacted Bonner, and he recommended that fireworks be thrown in the nesting area to prevent them nesting there. It worked initially, but the turkeys came back. At that point, Bonner had learned about the relocation project for turkeys from across the Panhandle to

Navarro County and approached the Country Club with the removal plan.

"We know that people in Pampa like having the birds," Bonner said. "We plan to leave enough to keep a population in Pampa so people can keep feeding in their backyards if they want to. You can easily feed 15 to 20 instead of 127."

In the trapping process, the Wildlife Department is being careful to leave an equal number of hens and toms for future breeding prospects in the Pampa flock. The turkeys being transported will be placed on their legs before departure, and hunters will not be allowed to hunt them.

Area youth honored

DAR— cont. from page 1

geometry award. She has been a student council representative and National Honor Society secretary. Extracurricular activities include scouting, 4-H, explorers, baby-sitting, and operating the power point system at the First Baptist Church. She has also led Girls in Action for her church. Maegan plans to attend college and earn a secondary education teaching degree, hoping to teach at the high school level.

Diana Corral is the recipient from Wheeler High School and is the daughter of Jesus and Julia Zapata. She has been active in FFA, FCCLA, and student council for four years. She had been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, and has participated in Coors country, basketball, band, and one-act play. Diana has won awards in family development, geometry, and English II and III. She has helped organize the 4th of July parade, volunteered at the adult English class and assisted with many projects involving the nursing home and other old citizens and her church. Diana hopes to attend the University of North Texas in Denton and major in journalism or communications with a minor in business management.

Tabatha Coey is a senior at Groom High School. Tabatha lives on her own and makes a home for her sixteen year old sister. During high school she served as basketball manager and student council representative for the senior class. She was a nominee for Homecoming Queen. She often helps her teachers when needed and assists in the school library. She has types and runs errands for the athletic department. She is active in her church and church choir, and has a job at a local

restaurant. She plans to attend college and earn a degree or two in some aspect of the medical field, possibly physical therapy.

Amelia Taylor is the daughter of John and Suzanne Taylor and is from Clarendon High School. She has won numerous academic awards in the subject areas of English, math, social studies, and science. She has been active in student council, currently serving as treasurer. UIL competitions have included computer applications, science, and news and ready writing. She has competed four years in the BWXT Pantex Science Bowl. She has participated in band all four years along with JV basketball and tracks. Amelia has helped with her church VBS and Children's Church, and has served as a docent at the Saint's Roost Museum. Amelia plans to attend a Texas University and earn a degree in mechanical engineering, then work in industry before entering the teaching field.

DaShae Tolleson attends McLean High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Tolleson. She has won academic awards in chemistry, biology, algebra I and II, and geometry. She has served as class vice president for four years, as student council vice president and secretary, and NHS president and treasurer. She has played basketball for four years, earning the Fighting Tiger award three years and named all-district player two years. She has been a UIL regional qualifier in both ready writing and literary criticism. She has participated in one-act play and gold. DaShae plans to attend a four year university and pursue a career in medicine, perhaps sports medicine or anesthesiology.

The public is invited to the DAR Tea.

Lobbyists spent \$1.6M on gifts since '98

AUSTIN (AP) — Lobbyists have showered state lawmakers and officials with more than \$1.6 million in gifts over the past decade, including pistols, spa treatments and a stuffed goose, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Lobbyists say the trinkets are a harmless part of advocating their political agendas, while Capitol watchdogs and critics contend the gifts are an effort to influence policy.

A review of ethics records by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News found the gifts included more than 100 pricey flower bouquets, circus tickets, knives and deer processing for hunting trips.

"Most of the time, people are giving gifts, especially the small stuff, really as a courtesy," said Jack

Gullahorn, president of the Professional Advocacy Association of Texas, a lobbying trade group.

The gifts are part of the more than \$20 million spent by lobbyists on elected officials and state employees since 1998, newly released records show. Lobbyists also spend large sums on food and drinks, entertainment and transportation.

Democratic state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer went to a Hill Country ranch in 2007 where Energy Future Holdings, formerly TXU Corp., has taken more than a dozen lawmakers and senior legislative staffers in recent years. The company listed a \$181.50 cost on its lobbying report for "deer processing."

Martinez Fischer, of San Antonio, said the

overnight retreat was a chance to talk politics and policy. "Nobody should accept a gift with the expectation that they have to do something. That's wrong," Martinez Fischer said. "Most members, I believe, are responsible enough to be up here and represent their districts, and they know the difference."

Government watchdogs see the gifts a different way.

"Lobbyists like to say that they prevail by having the best command of the facts," said Andrew Wheat, research director with the watchdog group Texans for Public Justice. "Yet this 'marketplace of ideas' is a bizarre bazaar. It's overrun with such tribute payments as campaign cash, meals, drinks, trips and tchotchkes."

Armless swimmer faces challenges

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Domingo Santoyo doesn't shy away from challenges.

The determined junior at Brownsville's Rivera High School didn't let the fact that he has no arms keep him from joining the swim team.

"I don't think of myself as limited," Santoyo, 16, said. "I was born like this, and sometimes, I think it was better this way because there are some people who lose their arms in accidents and I think that makes it harder."

Already a national-level competitor in chess as a middle-school student, Santoyo decided it was time to learn to swim last summer. It was a short trip from learning to swim to joining the high school swim team.

"Domingo always wants to do the most he can," said Astrid Santoyo,

Domingo's mother. "He wanted to get into sports because he needed credits for (physical education) at school, and he didn't want to take adaptive P.E. "He tried swimming and found out that he really liked it," she added. "Since the first day, he's been all excited about being in the pool. I'm happy because he doesn't give up. He doesn't mind if he's the last

one, although he's very competitive.

Santoyo's event is the 50-meter freestyle the stroke most people learn when they swim. For the return trip, he does a flip turn and pushes off the wall with his feet, then finishes the race by touching a pad at the opposite wall with his head.

Get Paid for your opinion!

20/20 Research, a nationally-recognized market research firm, is conducting focus groups in Pampa to discuss community issues. This is a great way for your voice to be heard. Participants will be paid for their time!

The groups will take place on Thursday, February 26th and will last 2 hours. If you would like to qualify for this study, call toll free 1-866-332-3610 ext. 550

If you can't make it on Thursday, that's okay! 20/20 Research is constantly conducting focus groups, both locally and online. If you would like to join our database for chances to get paid for your opinions, please visit us online at www.2020research.com. While you're there, click "Join our panel" and get involved in future focus group opportunities!

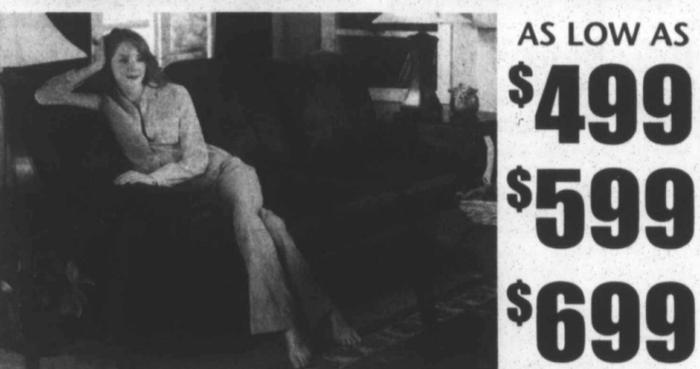


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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2009. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a Judiciary Reorganization Bill that included a provision to increase the number of justices on the Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court with justices who would side with his New Deal policies. (The measure failed in Congress.)

On this date:

In 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1811, George, Prince of Wales, was named the Prince Regent due to the insanity of his father, Britain's King George III.

In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure redefining the method for determining the area of a circle, which would

'Men do not desire to be rich, but to be richer than other men.'

— John Stuart Mill,
English philosopher

have effectively altered the value of pi. (The bill died in the Indiana Senate.)

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians. Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.

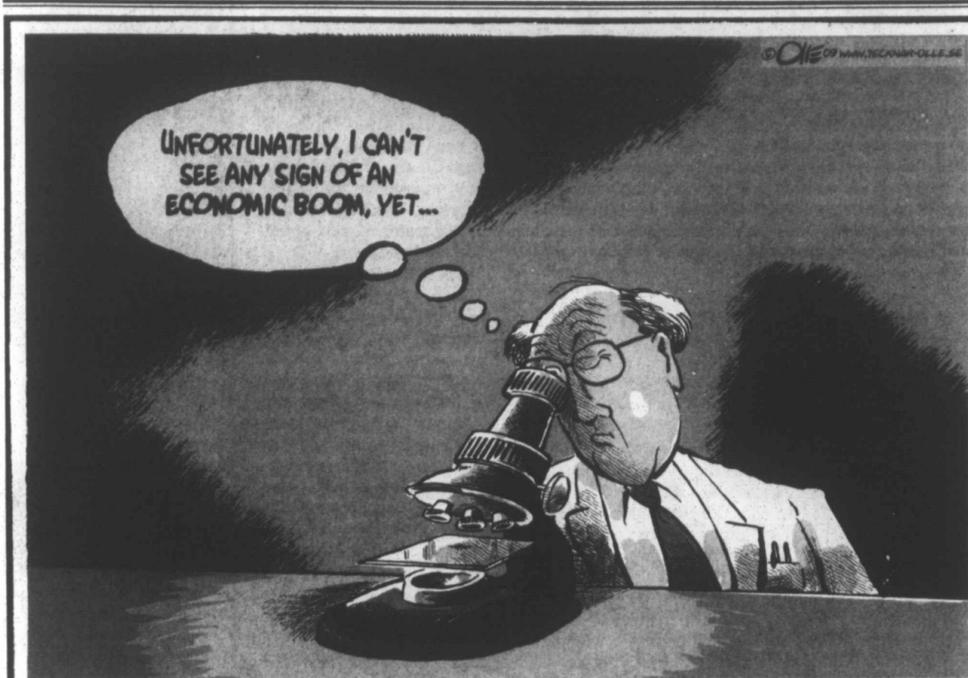
In 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic (a union of Syria and Egypt).

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rearguard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

Ten years ago: Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sentenced in Rockville, Md., to a year in jail for assaulting two motorists following a traffic accident. (He ended up serving 3-6 months.)

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude King is 86. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 81. Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron is 75. Actor Stuart Damon is 72. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 68. Actor David Selby is 68. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 68. Football Hall of Famer Roger Staubach is 67. Singer Cory Wells (Three Dog Night) is 67. Movie director Michael Mann is 66. Rock singer Al Kooper is 65. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 63. Actress Barbara Hershey is 61. Actor Christopher Guest is 61. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 61. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 48. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 47. Actress Laura Linney is 45. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 45. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 41. Singer Bobby Brown is 40.



Echoing earlier flaps, Daschle woes humble President Obama

WASHINGTON (AP)— Two weeks into his presidency, Barack Obama proved that even a clearly gifted politician cannot escape the gravitational pull of Washington forces that he has vowed to reform.

"I screwed up," Obama said during a series of TV interviews. "I take responsibility for this mistake."

It was a frank admission from an Oval Office where "mistakes were made" has often been the preferred dodge.

An old story, with new actors, played out Tuesday: A new president's team imperfectly vetted top nominees. The nominees, it turns out, had not paid taxes for household help or other services when they were private citizens. The news media and political adversaries bored in. And rather than spend more valuable time and political capital defending the appointees, the administration dropped them and moved on.

In other words, Obama isn't perfect. This may be news to his adoring supporters, but like other presidents, Obama is going to make more mistakes over the coming months as he struggles with the economy, health care, military matters and Congress.

That's hardly an indictment. But Obama's rocket ride to the White

House, his extraordinary speaking skills, and his smooth, I-don't-sweat style had some people calling him "the one," a once-in-a-generation political leader who could rise above his predecessors' foibles.

On Tuesday, at least, he seemed to be trying to learn from past presidents the need to quickly cut his losses.

President Bill Clinton stuck with Zoe Baird, his pick for attorney general, for about 10 days after it was disclosed that she had hired illegal immigrants as workers and had failed to pay their Social Security taxes. Clinton's next choice, Kimba Wood, withdrew after acknowledging that her nanny, too, had been illegal.

It was a painful start for a new presidency that Obama and his aides have studied closely. Obama has tapped many of Clinton's top advisers, including Hillary Clinton, for his own administration. But the Obama team also has tried to avoid some of Bill Clinton's early mistakes, such as waiting too long to name top appointees and stumbling into sticky, no-win issues such as gays in the military.

Oddly, perhaps, Obama and his advisers tripped over an issue that bedeviled Clinton's early weeks: the failure to pay taxes fully and on

time.

At first, Obama dug in, eager to show loyalty and toughness in the face of critics. His choice for Treasury secretary a post that oversees the Internal Revenue Service had been required to pay \$34,000 in overdue income taxes.

Obama stood by Timothy Geithner, and the Democratic-controlled Senate confirmed him after comparatively gentle questioning.

The stakes seemed higher, on both sides of the equation, for Tom Daschle, the former Senate Democratic leader chosen by Obama to head Health and Human Services and to overhaul of health care.

Daschle belatedly paid \$128,203 in taxes and \$11,964 in interest. He also had been paid \$5.2 million over two years by industries eager for good relations with the government.

But Republicans made it clear his ride would not be easy, something the White House could not miss. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, called on Daschle to withdraw Tuesday morning, shortly before it was announced he was doing just that.

Hours later, Obama seemed to get it: "It's important for this administration to send a message that there aren't two sets of rules."

Letters to the editor

I, too, experienced the sad murder of my best friend for the last 8 years due to a vicious pit bull attack. My AKC registered Miniature Schnauzer "Kasper" was attacked in the alley behind my home at 237 Henry St. on Dec. 17. My thanks to the unknown gas company employee who happened to be driving down the alley during the attack and chased the 2 pit bulls away.... but it was too late. Kasper died on Sunday morning Dec. 20th. due to the injuries sustained in the attack. There were 2 of them, a large female that looked like she had just weaned pups (due to the long sagging mammary glands) and a bit smaller male, both wearing neck collars. Both pit bulls were brown in color and the female looked to weigh about 90-100 lbs. and the male slightly less. I am so used to barking neighbors dogs that I would not have even noticed an attack being made. Between the barking dogs and the trains that come by every 15 minutes, I have become immuned to noise or just plain tune it out, otherwise I would have heard the noise coming from the alley that attracted Kasper and probably the pit bulls as well. And it's very possible a train was coming by when all this happened that caused me not to hear the attack. Normally, Kasper would never go to the alley

unless I was going there.

A report was made to the police dept, from the Vet clinic on South Hobart. They referred the call to Animal Control and a female officer came to my residence after I had returned from the vet clinic an hour or so after I got to the vet clinic. I was told that since all the dogs involved were running loose, there was nothing that could be done. I had already looked for about an hour in an attempt to locate these vicious animals but was unsuccessful in locating them or their owners. My dog does not normally run loose, he had simply slipped out of the door unnoticed by me or my friend whose car I was working on when the friend brought me a plastic pan to drain the radiator fluid. I was under the car and didn't notice when Kasper came out and neither did my friend. He couldn't have been gone for more than 2 minutes until I asked about him. He was not in the house so I headed out North then went East on Tyng looking for him in my vehicle and my friend started walking South looking for him. The gas company employee was headed down the very alley where the attack was taking place, about 150 feet south of my house in the alley. My friend heard the noise Kasper was making, said it sounded like a

cat screaming, but was unable to get access to the alley immediately due to all the fences and locked gates but was witness to the two pit bulls making the attack along with the gas company employee in his pickup truck. He drove up just before my friend arrived and chased the pit bulls away. I was just South of that location headed East and turned North on Henry when the 2 pit bulls ran out in the street in front of me headed SouthWest. I had to slam on the brakes to keep from running over both of them. I pulled up in front of my house and my friend came running from the South saying "come quick, Kasper's been attacked". When I got to him, he was so messed up with dirt from the ground I couldn't even see him as he looked the same color as the dirt. He was screaming with pain, covered with dirt, leaves, and blood. I gathered him up with a towel I kept in the seat when he rode with me and headed to the vet clinic as fast as I could go. The poor baby never stopped screaming until the vet got an IV in his front leg and started administering pain medication. That's when I left and started looking for the attackers. I even looked again and again each day driving further and further away from the attack site but was unsuccessful in finding those vicious killer

pit bulls. Kasper was everyone's friend and had never bitten or attack any living creature. There was no reason for the attack by the pit bulls other than they are the kind of dogs that must kill other dogs...that's what they were bred to do.

I would also like to thank Dr. G. and his very courteous staff. They gave Kasper some much needed pain relief when he needed it the most. Dr. G went out of his way on the weekend to see that Kasper was comfortable and not hurting. For that I am very thankful.

This is an appeal to the citizens of Pampa to notify Animal Control or the Police Department if they know or have any information about who owns these 2 dogs. In addition to a \$661.00 vet bill, they owe me for the value of my best friend, even though he can never be replaced and for expenses incurred for his burial. It's also an appeal to the citizens to talk with city officials and do everything in their power to outlaw these kinds of animals running loose in our town. It could be your own child that it happens to next and from reading the paper, it has been happening often for the last few weeks.

Thank you,
Jerry Keelin
Pampa, TX

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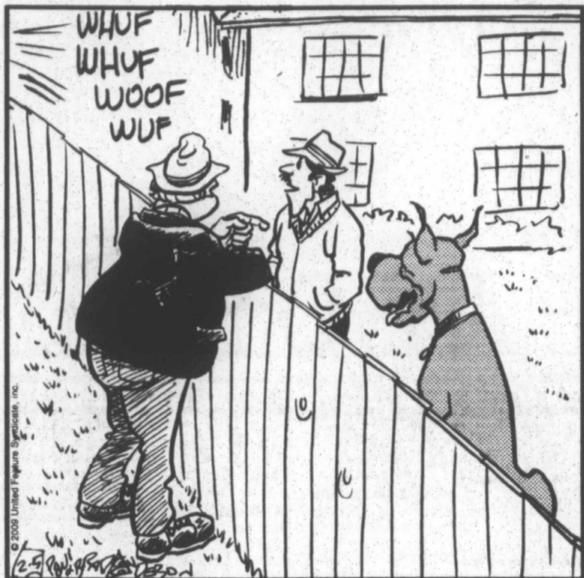
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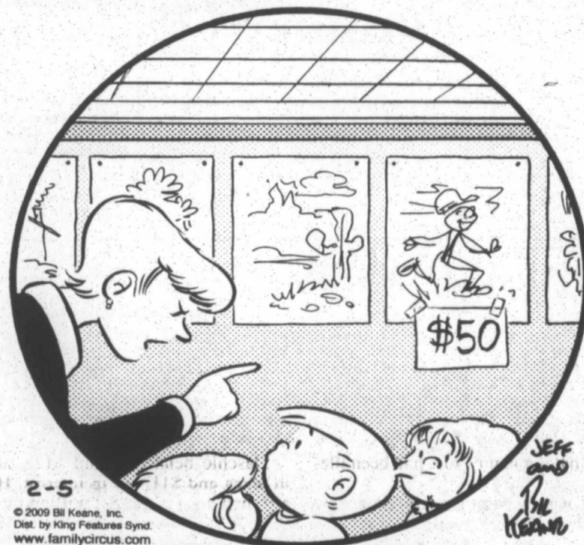
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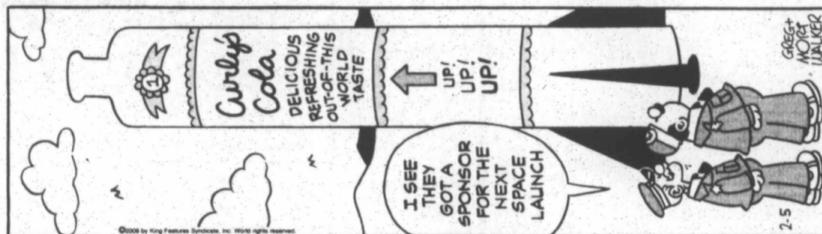
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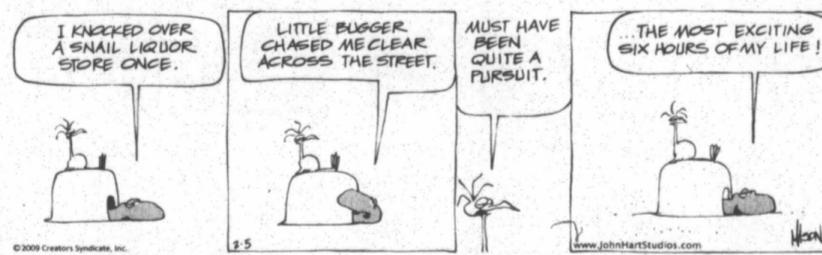
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: From the time when I was a teen, whenever a romance of mine ended, my mother would continue having her own relationship with the ex, regardless of how I felt about it.

Over the years she has attended my ex-husband's wedding, still visits with my former high school boyfriend, contacts my sister's ex-boyfriend -- the list goes on and

on. Not surprisingly, this issue has generated some heated exchanges.

Now my adult daughter is experiencing the same thing. She recently ended a three-year relationship, and guess where Mother ended up? She drove 20 miles to visit him in his store, although there are plenty of other stores she could have gone to nearby.

I have long felt that I

didn't matter much to her since my exes were so important to her. But seeing the pain this has brought to my daughter makes me furious all over again. Should we just never introduce her to anyone in our lives until the wedding? -- SICK OF THE EX-FACTOR

DEAR SICK OF THE EX-FACTOR: You're within your rights to do that. However, I find it odd that not only does your mother have such a hard time letting go of these men, but also that all of them seem to have a hard time letting go of her. I could see this happening once -- but that it's happening with all of them seems peculiar.

DEAR ABBY: I am an obese woman who had the

lap band procedure done three months ago. I am now able to eat only three or four ounces of food at a time, and I am starting to show some major weight loss.

What do I say to people with whom I go out to eat when they think I am being finicky or snobbish for not eating my entire meal? I have gotten some pretty weird stares, and one of my co-workers believes I have an eating disorder.

Abby, I would prefer not to come out and say that I have had weight-loss surgery, but I don't want people worried about me either. Any suggestions? -- MINI-ME IN TEXAS

DEAR MINI-YOU: So many people in this country have serious weight problems, I see no reason why you shouldn't be frank about what you decided to do about yours. It's not shameful, and it should not be a guilty secret. People who know you well will find out eventually.

However, if you are determined not to reveal that you had the surgery, when you eat out in restaurants, order only an appetizer. That way less food will remain on your plate.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired guy who likes to stay in shape, so I run and hike in a neighborhood park several times a week.

I was brought up to be friendly and outgoing, so I

make a point of saying "hi" to everyone I pass. I don't expect anything in return, but it puzzles me that so few people (about one in six) will give a mannerly old guy the courtesy of a nod or a smile, much less a hello.

Is this the new etiquette? Women are excused, for obvious reasons, but interestingly, the prettiest ones do say hello. Any thoughts on this? -- FRIENDLY IN BERKELEY

DEAR FRIENDLY: Maybe the less "pretty" ones are so winded they can't respond. So keep jogging and don't let it get you down.

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**** Knowing what you add to a situation can make all the difference in its outcome. How you deal with a building

problem demonstrates your savvy.

Pressure is high and at times insurmountable, or so you think! Tonight: Keep your budget in mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Let your radiance and energy reach out to others. Wherever you are, whatever you do, you have reason to smile and beam. You could be surprised by the net results of your high energy. A partner is simply on a different plane right now. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take your time, whether it is gathering opinions and possibly coming up with hard results. You might not want to act, feeling your energy is out of sync and difficult. There is nothing wrong with closing down to think and evaluate. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Being where the action is allows more to happen. If you are full of energy and want to finish a project or schedule a key meeting, put your best foot forward. Think in terms of gains and perhaps some great news to share with your friends. Tonight: Where a happening is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Take a stand and remain on top of your game. Others look toward more pressure and activity than in the past. You see life from a renewed perspective. Optimism comes in from out of left field, and you might be delighted. Tonight: A child or loved one touches you deeply.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Reach out for others. You might have a trip in your mind's eye. Consider meeting a dear friend halfway for a small vacation. The two of you will love catching up on news. Tonight: Take in new information.

BORN TODAY

WELCOME



Korbyn Robert Rowden

Korbyn Robert Rowden was born at 1:51 p.m., November 18, 2008 to Dusty and Nicole Rowden of Meridian Miss.

At birth, Korbyn weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 21 inches long.

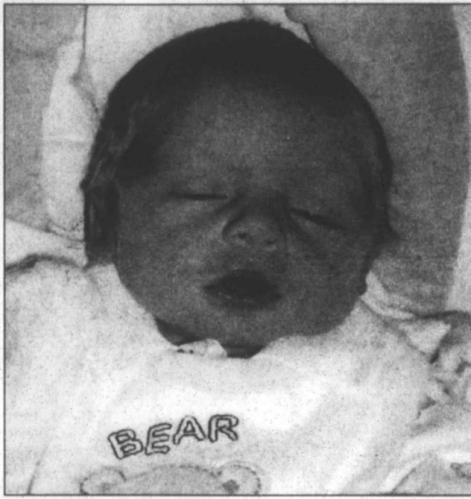
He is the grandson of Ms Jo Schroeder and the late E.R. Sikes, Jr. of Pampa and Ms. Margie Jones and the late Melvin Lemme of Fort Worth.

Eryk Ryder Ballew

Eryk Ryder Ballew was born at 1:39 a.m. on January 22, 2009 to Eric Ballew and Carrie Darnell of Pampa, Texas.

At birth, Eryk weighed five pounds, six ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long.

Eryk is the grandson of Patti and Buddy Darnell and Billy and Cristy Shouse, all of Pampa.

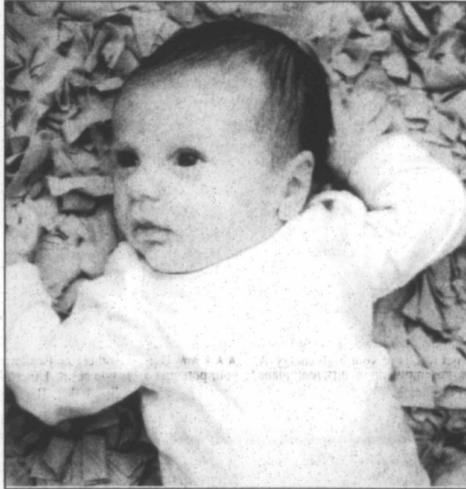


Kohlson Lige Lindsey

Kohlson Lige Lindsey was born at 6:46 p.m. on December 13, 2008 to Greg and Tara Lindsey of Tyler.

Kohlson weighed seven pounds, five ounces at birth and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the grandson of Jerry and Mary Ann Lindsey of Pampa and Dahl Luvaul and Debra Holder of Amarillo.



EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- The Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club will meet at 7 p.m. February 10, at the country club. It will be guest night, the menu is prime rib. The program will be "Magic in Motion— Keep Your Eye on the Ball."
- Lovett Memorial Library will present free classes:
 - Microsoft Excel: Tuesday, February 3, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, February 10, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
 - Microsoft Powerpoint: Tuesday, February 17, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, February 24, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- For more information call the library, 669-5780.
- Gray County Genealogical society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decemehr. Visitors are welcome.
- 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.
- "Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa's 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: 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.
- Confidential heart health screenings are being offered free of charge from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, February 20, at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, by Accolade Home Care as part of Heart Health month, a national initiative of the American Heart Association.
- For information, call Accolade Homecare in Pampa at 806-665-9700.
- The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.
- USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.
- Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.
- Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.
- T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.
- T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.

ENGAGEMENT

Richey, Rapstine to wed

Karen and Tommy Richey of New Boston, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kiersten Leigh Richey, to Emil Abraham Rapstine of White Deer.

Kiersten is the granddaughter of Era Ellis and the late John Ellis of Omaha, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richey of Omaha, Texas. Kiersten is employed as a counselor in Mesquite.

Emil is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rod Rodrigue of McComb, Miss and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rapstine of White Deer. A graduate of White Deer High School, Emil is currently employed as a production artist in Dallas.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, February 322, at the Women's Forum in Dallas.



Kiersten Leigh Richey and Emil Abraham Rapstine

AROUND TOWN

Nominees sought for Golden Nail Awards

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 12 city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 2008. The Golden Nail Awards include individuals, businesses and foundations that will be honored at the Gala Friday, May 1, at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Established in 1982, the purpose of the Golden Nail Awards is to honor those whose financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude the impact on the arts is significant.

The Golden Nail Award categories

include the Summit, individual, business, foundation and distinguished volunteer. The Summit Award goes to an individual for lifelong support to the arts. Special awards are presented when warranted. Golden Touch Awards are presented for innovative ideas in arts events and activities.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as organizations. More information or nomination forms are available from Becky Zemor at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office, 1000 S. Polk, Amarillo, (806) 373-7800 or from Darlene Birkes or Marian Stroup, 665-5734, 665-5802. Deadline for entries is February 9, 2009.

Clarendon College ex-students' association seeking memorabilia

Clarendon College has had many faces during its lifetime - from the historic three-story building that now houses Clarendon High School to its modern campus of 107 acres on highway 287.

The College's current location began with six buildings and has grown to 15 buildings with softball and baseball fields and a livestock and equine center.

There have been many people enter her doors. Numbered among them are distinguished public servants, chief executives of business and industry, lawyers, doctors, and military officers.

There are many success stories who came from Clarendon College. Thanks to the educations they received here, these individuals have

become productive and prominent citizens. Clarendon College is proud of its ex-students.

The Clarendon College Ex-Students' Association in cooperation with the College is in the process of gathering memorabilia for each decade from 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990.

The Association began a task during the 1998 College Centennial by collecting historical memorabilia from 1898 through the 1930s. Various memorabilia was collected, framed, and preserved under glass, and is now on display in the foyer of the College Instructional Center. It is now time to bring this project forward and the Association needs your help.

If you have any historical memora-

bilia or newsworthy items (past year-books, newspaper clippings, or photographs) from your year or years at Clarendon Junior College or Clarendon College and would like to donate to this worthy cause of preserving the college's past, please contact Darlene Spier by e-mail at darlene.spier@clarendoncollege.edu or by phone at 806-874-4801. You may also contact Annis Stavenhagen, by e-mail at annis.stavenhagen@clarendoncollege.edu or by phone at 806-874-4814.

You can send items to Clarendon College Ex-Student's Association, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Don't Forget: Valentine's Day is next Saturday, February 14



Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

2	9	3	8	1	4	5	6	7
5	4	7	3	6	2	1	8	9
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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

