

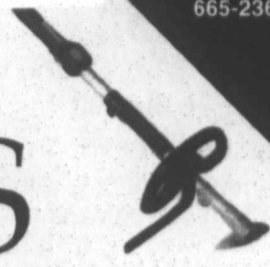
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Fire destroys Southside house



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This house in the 1100 block of Christy was totally destroyed by an early morning blaze today. The cause is under investigation.

Cause of blaze in abandoned home under investigation

by Betsy Phillips
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The cause of an early morning house fire in the 1100 block of Christy Street is under investigation by Pampa Fire Department officials.

The blaze was reported by several calls to 991 at 5:56 a.m. this morning.

Firefighters responded with a total of nine units and 20 firefighters throughout the morning hours.

When they arrived the front of the house was fully involved, with flames shooting through the roof and windows, according to Captain Jesse Hanes.

Firefighters took a defensive stance on the fire initially due to the exposure of the structure next door, which had a shake-shingle roof. According to Hanes, gusty winds were carrying embers toward that structure. The goal was to contain the fire to one house.

It was reported to firefighters that the blazing house was occupied. Happily, that turned

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City, Pampa News present free concert

US Navy Sea Chanters performed at inauguration

The tickets are free...while they last
The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus will be in concert on Monday, March 9 at Pampa's MK Brown Auditorium.

The concert is part of a regional tour by the group and is made possible by the local sponsorship of The Pampa News and the City of Pampa. (For complete details on obtaining tickets, see the ad on Page 7).

"We are fortunate to be able to have a concert of this caliber in Pampa," said Pampa News Publisher Randall Pribble. "The Sea Chanters are on a national tour following their participating in the Presidential Inauguration ceremony."

Although one of the primary purposes of the group is to preserve the chanteys or "folks songs of the sea," and they perform those, the group has a broad performance repertoire, ranging from Broadway tunes to operatic pieces.

"People who wish to attend this performance should order their tickets right now," Pribble said. "Although they are free of charge, there will be a limit of six tickets to an individual. We respectfully ask that you only request the amount of tickets you will use. Although the auditorium will seat 1,500 people, we expect a high demand and we want to make sure no one misses an opportunity to attend."

The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters is the official chorus of the United States Navy. In 1956, Lt. Harold



US Navy photo

The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters is the official chorus of the United States Navy. The group will perform at M.K. Brown auditorium March 9. The concert is free to the public, but tickets are needed for admission. Tickets are available through The Pampa News, see details on page 7.

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38 indicted by Gray County Grand Jury

by Rachel Stennett
rstennett@thepampanews.com
A Gray County Grand Jury handed up 38 indictments in the 31st District Court on Thursday, Feb. 5.

The indictments were for eight first-degree felonies, 12 second-degree felonies, five third degree felonies, and 13 state jail felonies.

Christopher Anthony Allen, 34, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, greater than 400 grams. Bond was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

On June 6, 2008, Allen allegedly possessed cocaine in the amount of 400 grams or more with the intent to deliver.

Jill Renee Hall, 22, was indicted for

manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance greater than one gram in a drug free zone. Bond was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

On April 29, 2008, Hall allegedly possessed methamphetamine in the amount of 400 grams or more with the intent to deliver. The offense was allegedly committed in a drug free zone, McLean Junior High School, 500 North Main in McLean.

Dane Hoffman, 22, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance greater than 200 grams, but less than 400 grams. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$50,000.

On June 21, 2007, Hoffman allegedly pos-

sessed with intent to deliver 200 grams or more but less than 400 grams of cocaine.

Kenneth Eugene Lovejoy, 29, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than four grams, enhanced. Bond was set for the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

On May 15, 2008, Lovejoy allegedly possessed with intent to deliver one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine. Lovejoy was convicted of burglary of a habitation on Aug. 14, 2002, and possession of a controlled substance on Feb. 17, 2006.

Rory Patrick Mills, 28, was indicted for posses-

sion of marijuana greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$50,000.

On Feb. 12, 2008, Mills allegedly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana greater than 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds.

Sadavong Phimmason, 39, was indicted for possession of marijuana greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$50,000.

On Jan. 17, 2008, Phimmason allegedly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana in the amount greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Mike Ernesto Ramos,

23, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, more than 400 grams. Bond was set for the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

On June 6, 2008, Ramos allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of cocaine.

Jerry Lee White, 44, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, greater than one gram in a drug free zone, enhanced.

On April 28, 2008, White allegedly possessed with intent to deliver methamphetamine in the amount of greater than one gram but less than four grams in a drug free zone. The offense was allegedly

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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 57 Low 37	High 62 Low 33	High 51 Low 28

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Windy, with a south southeast wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west southwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 9 - 14 - 27 - 31 - 32.
 Number matching five of five: 0.
 Matching four of five: 63. Prize: \$643
 Matching three of five: 2,414. Prize: \$13
 Matching two of five: 26,867. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 2 - 13 - 17 - 32. Bonus Ball: 6.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$325,000.
 Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: \$1,307.
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 36. Prize: \$49.
 Number matching three of four: 1,137. Prize: \$21.
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 742. Prize: \$21.
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,747. Prize: \$7.
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,418. Prize: \$5.
 Estimated jackpot for day Thursday night drawing: \$450,000.

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For the Record

Obituaries

Kenneth Ray Knowles, 69

Kenneth Ray Knowles, 69, died Friday, February 6, 2009, in Wichita Falls. A celebration of his life will be held on what would have been his 70th birthday, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, at Lamar Baptist Church officiated by Reverend Ronnie Lawson and directed by Hampton Vaughn Funeral Home. Interment will be Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the Coleman Cemetery in Coleman, Texas. Kenneth was born February 10, 1939, in Fry, Texas to William Henry and Pearl Golden (Fuller) Knowles. He is an alumni of Texas Tech. He started Central Bail Bonds 31 years ago, and it has grown into Texas' largest privately owned bail bond business, which now has 43 locations. He was a member of the BCI, Better Business Bureau, Professional Bondsman of Texas, and was instrumental in the formation of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States. He was extremely involved in many community organizations, both financially and on a personal level. He was a member of the Thornberry Baptist Church.

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Mr Knowles is preceded in death by his parents; Bill and Pearl Knowles, sisters; Lois Pearl Harkins and Bobby Jean Winton, his brother, William "Son" Knowles II, his grandson, Nevin Christopher Knowles and wife Roberta Fern Knowles. Survivors include Vera Knowles of Wichita Falls, two daughter, Angela Faye Burrows of Iowa Park and Kristy Renee Knowles-Acker of Fort Worth, his son, Kent Aaron Knowles, Iowa Park, one sister; Patsy Knowles Cox and husband Ronnie of Mustang, Okla., seven grandchildren; Tyla Nicole Burgher, Kenzie Dennise Knowles and Cole Kristopher Acker, one great grandson; Zephyr Keith Scoughton and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, February 9, at the Hampton Vaughn Funeral Homes in Wichita Falls. Memorials may be made to the Alpha-1 foundation online or mail to 2937 SW 27th Avenue, Suite 302, Miami, Fla. 33133.

Roberta Montgomery Pugh, 93

Pampa, Texas — Roberta Montgomery Pugh, 93, died February 10, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Pugh was born October 5, 1915 in Roberts County and had been a lifelong resident of Gray and Roberts counties. She was a graduate of Canyon High School and attended West Texas State University. Roberta married R. L. "Dick" Pugh on April 12, 1958 in Clayton, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on July 24,

1977. She was the owner and operator of Roberta's Flowers from 1955 until her death. Her shop received the FTD award for 25 straight years from 1957 until 1982. She received the Teleflora award in 1981 and 1983 for the top one thousand members outstanding sales achievement. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include one sister; Minnie Olive Jackson of Pampa, two nieces; Nita Jo Tomlinson

and husband Mart of Meadowlakes and Georganna Briggs and husband Ronnie of Amarillo, one great niece; Cara Tomlinson of Austin, one great nephew; Cliff Briggs and wife Melanie of Amarillo, one great-great nephew; Chase Briggs of Amarillo, one great-great niece; Shayne Briggs of Amarillo and many cousins and extended family. MEMORIALS: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Day School Scholarship Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas



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Maria Ybarra Dominguez, 74

Pampa — Maria Ybarra Dominguez, 74, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 in Pampa. Rosary will be at 5:30 PM Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, in the Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors. Mrs. Dominguez was born on Oct. 18, 1934 in Anson, Texas and came to Pampa in the early 1950's. She married Salvador Dominguez in Tulia, Texas. He preceded her in death on April 2, 2001. She worked at Coronado Health Care Center as a housekeeping supervisor. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. In her spare time, she liked to visit with her family every Sunday and liked playing cards and bingo. She will be greatly

missed by her family and friends. Survivors include four daughters; Yolanda Dominguez and husband Luis, Sylvia Flores and husband Efrén, Dolores Arreola and husband Victor, and Angelica Dominguez, all of Pampa, two sons; Salvador Dominguez, Jr. and Johnny Dominguez and wife Terri, all of Pampa, one brother; Jovito Ybarra and wife Catalina of Plainview, 17 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a



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grandson, Joe Angel Dominguez. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Shirley Nicholson, 70

Pampa — Shirley Nicholson, 70, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 in Pampa. At Mrs. Nicholson's request, her body was donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine. Memorial services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Nicholson was born on July 28, 1938 in

Little Rock, Arkansas and came to Pampa in 1978 from Odessa. She married D. L. Nicholson on June 11, 1977 in Odessa. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1995. Shirley retired from the Social Security Administration after 36 years of service. She then received a B. S. degree from Wayland Baptist University in 1987 and a B. S. degree in nursing from West Texas A & M University in 1997. She was a registered nurse and worked at Pampa Nursing Center and taught CVA classes at Clarendon

College and Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Shirley was very active in Red Hats and American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Survivors include her fiancé, Don Reed of Pampa, two brothers; Joe Westerfield of Hot Springs, AR and Don Westerfield of St. Louis, MO and special friends: Joe and Carol Reed of Pampa. MEMORIALS: Clarendon College-Pampa Center Vocational Nursing Program, 1601 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX



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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Saturday, Feb. 8
 Officers conducted 15 traffic stops. A stop in the intersection of 18th and Coffee streets resulted in at least one arrest. A total of seven calls/and or stops concerning animals were made. Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Browning and Cuyler streets, the intersection of Tuke and Gray streets, the 200 block of East Tuke, the intersection of Kentucky and Mary Ellen streets, the 100 block of East 17th, the intersection of Crawford and Clark streets, the intersection of Huff and Prairie streets, and the intersection of Faulkner and 18th streets. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner, the 1000

block of East Francis, the 700 block of Davis, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, and the 600 block of South Gray. Two alarms were investigated. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 3000 block of North Perryton Parkway. Lost property was reported in the 400 block of Rider. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of West Alcock. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets. Theft was reported at United Super Market, where steaks were reportedly stolen with an estimated value of \$16. A runaway was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy. One attempt to serve

papers was made. Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Williston. A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1200 block of South Barnes. A burglary was reported in the 900 block of Llano. Sunday, Feb. 9
 Officers conducted nine traffic stops. Stops in the 400 block of North Wynne, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of 22nd and Coffee streets. Disorderly conduct was reported on tge 900 block of Denver, and the 1100 block of Terrace. A suspicious vehicle was found in the 1600 block of East Highway 60. A total of seven calls and/or stops concerning animals were made. Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block

of North Russell, and the 600 block of East Craven. One alarm was investigated. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner. Suspicious person calls were received from the 2500 block of North Aspen, and the 2700 block of North Aspen. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart. Monday, Feb. 9
 Officers conducted twelve traffic stops. A stop in the 1000 block of North Duncan resulted in at least one arrest. Four alarms were investigated. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 100 block of South Nelson.

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Pampa Fire Marshall Michael Ryan inspects the house in the 1100 block of Christy, destroyed early this morning. The department was called back to the scene just after 1 p.m.

38 indicted by Grand Jury

Jury— cont. from page 1

committed in a drug free zone, McLean Junior High School, 500 North Main in McLean. White was also convicted of driving while intoxicated on March 8, 2000.

Charles Glenn Spencer, 46, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram, but less than four grams, enhanced. Bond was set for the first-degree felony at \$35,000.

On July 25, 2008, Spencer allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in the amount of one gram or more but less than four grams. Spencer was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance on April 11, 2000, and possession of a controlled substance on Dec. 19, 2000.

Michael Dean Williams, 44, was indicted for aggravated assault using a deadly weapon. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$35,000.

On April 23, 2008, Williams allegedly intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused injury to Donald Williams by cutting him on the hand and arm with a knife.

Tyler D. Copenhagen, 17, was indicted for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$30,000.

On Aug. 8, 2008, Copenhagen intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused serious bodily injury to Zachery Richardson by striking Richardson in the face with his head.

Zachary Lee Mears, 28, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams, enhanced. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$30,000.

On May 23, 2008, Mears allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount greater than one gram but less than four grams. Mears was convicted of possession of a controlled substance on Aug. 25, 2005.

Heath Dylan Henly, 20, was indicted for tampering with government record, licensed/sealed with intent to defraud/harm. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$25,000.

On April 11, 2008, Henly allegedly possessed a governmental record, a false Tennessee identification card, with intent that it be used unlawfully.

Amanda Dawn Hilton, 24, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams. Bond was set for the second-degree

felony at \$25,000.

On May 14, 2008, Hilton allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in the amount greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

Curtis Wayne Matlock, 50, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$25,000.

On Nov. 11, 2008, Matlock allegedly intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused bodily injury to Jeff Barker by stabbing him with a knife.

Ricardo Rodriguez Navarrete, 28, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$25,000. Navarrete was also indicted for criminal mischief, greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

On May, 4, 2008, Navarrete allegedly intentionally or knowingly threatened Juan Camacho with imminent bodily injury by using a vehicle as a weapon. On June 16, 2008, Navarrete allegedly intentionally or knowingly damaged or destroyed property, a vehicle, by striking Lecil Lannings vehicle without his consent. The damage caused a pecuniary loss greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

Bobby Lynn Swanson, 42, was indicted for possession and transportation of a chemical with intent to manufacture. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$25,000.

On June 16, 2008, Swanson allegedly possessed anhydrous ammonia with intent to unlawfully manufacture the controlled substance.

Matthew Christian Anderson, 34, was indicted for possession of marijuana greater than 5 pounds but less than 50 pounds. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$20,000.

On Jan. 21, 2008, Anderson allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana.

Charles J. Church, 32, was indicted for possession of marijuana greater than 5 pounds but less than 50 pounds. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$20,000.

On March 31, 2008, Church allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana.

Brian Lee Fuller, 42, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$15,000 more.

On June 29, 2008, Fuller

allegedly operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Fuller was convicted of driving while intoxicated on Mar. 30, 1988, and Jan. 10, 2006.

Karen Lynell Hathcoat, 45, was indicted for fraudulent possession of a controlled substance/prescription. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$15,000.

On May, 7, 2008, Hathcoat allegedly knowingly possessed or obtained a controlled substance, hydrocodone, by misrepresentation, transmitting an unauthorized prescription.

Gaspar Antonio Olivas, 20, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram in a drug free zone.

On Jan. 18, 2008, Olivas allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in the amount of less than one gram. The offense was allegedly committed within 1,000 feet of Wilson Elementary School, 801 East Browning.

David Ramirez, 39, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than four grams. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$15,000.

On June 18, 2008, Ramirez allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams.

Charles Glenn Spencer, 46, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, enhanced. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$15,000.

On July 25, 2008, Spencer allegedly intentionally fled from Houston Glass, a peace officer who was attempting to lawfully arrest or detain Spencer. Spencer was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance on April 11, 2000 and on Dec. 19, 2002.

Jesus Leonell Esquivell, 29, was indicted for possession of a controlled sub-

Free concert March 9

Concert— cont. from page 1

Fultz, then the Band's assistant leader, organized an all-male vocal ensemble from the Navy School of Music to sing chanteys and patriotic songs. An immediate success, Admiral Arleigh Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, transferred them to the Navy Band, named them the "Sea Chanters," and tasked them with perpetuating the songs of the sea. Women were added in 1980, increasing their repertoire.

The Sea Chanters chorus is one of the nation's preeminent professional choral ensembles. It has played a vital role in comforting the nation in times of mourning, such as the memorial services for former President Ford and the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia, and for the Presidential wreath laying ceremony at the crash site of United Airlines flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. At the National Day of Prayer in Washington's National Cathedral after the events of 9/11, their performance of "Amazing Grace" inspired all in attendance and an international television audience. They have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and with the National Symphony Orchestra for the nationally telecast "National Memorial Day Concerts" at the U.S. Capitol, as well as on "Larry King Live," "CBS This Morning" and at the premier of the motion picture Pearl Harbor.

During their 2008 spring tour, the Sea Chanters performed in Salt Lake City,

Utah, with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Mack Wilberg, for a 30-minute broadcast of "Music and the Spoken Word," which was distributed around the world and reached an audience of several million.

Noted choral directors Dale Warland and Donald Neuen have conducted the ensemble, and renowned composers Roger Bourland, William MacDuff and Lloyd Pfautsch have written works especially for them. The Sea Chanters have also appeared with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Kansas City Symphony and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

Throughout its history, the Sea Chanters chorus has represented the nation and the Navy with pride and professionalism.

Blaze under investigation

Fire— cont. from page 1

out not to be true. The threatened house next door was also vacant. "We always treat these fires as if there is someone inside until we are sure there isn't," Hanes said.

No firefighters were injured during the incidents. The structure is a total loss.

It is believed the fire began in the front of the house. Pampa Fire Marshall Michael Ryan is investigating the cause of the fire.

stance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On April 26, 2008, Esquivell allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Kelby Mac McClellan, 28, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On May 16, 2008, McClellan allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Valerie Marie Vigil, 23, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On June 28, 2008, Vigil allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

David Keith Smith, 44, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On March, 29, 2008, Smith allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Meghan Natasha Schuster, 30, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000. Schuster was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On June 29, 2008, Schuster allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram and on the same day Schuster allegedly possessed methamphetamine in an amount less than one gram.

Lloyd Ernest Poland, 43, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

On May 16, 2008, Poland allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Gaspar Antonio Olivas, 20, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On Jan. 18, 2008, Olivas allegedly used a vehicle to flee from Tyler Jernigan, peace officer, who was attempting to lawfully arrest Olivas.

Jason Kelly Mulanax, 31, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On April 11, 2008, Mulanax allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram.

Charles Warren Melzer, 24, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On May 20, 2008, Melzer allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine,

in an amount less than one gram.

Tina Sue Hoskins, 38, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On May 12, 2008, Hoskins allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Sean Douglas Holly, 21, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On June 7, 2008, Holly allegedly used a vehicle to flee from Chad Johnson, peace officer, who was attempting to lawfully arrest Holly.

Heath Dylan Henley, 20, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On April 11, 2008, Henley allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2009. There are 324 days left in the year.
 Highlights in history on this date:
 763 - France cedes Canada and India to England as Treaty of Paris is signed, ending French and Indian War.
 1817 - Britain, Prussia, Austria and Russia agree to first reduction of occupation forces in France.
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 1846 - British forces under Hugh Gough defeat Sikhs at Sobrahan, India.
 1878 - By Convention of El Zanjou, ending Ten Years' War, Spain promises reforms in Cuba.
 1879 - Bulgaria's first parliament opens in the town of Veliko Turnovo.
 1933 - The first singing telegram is sung in the United States.

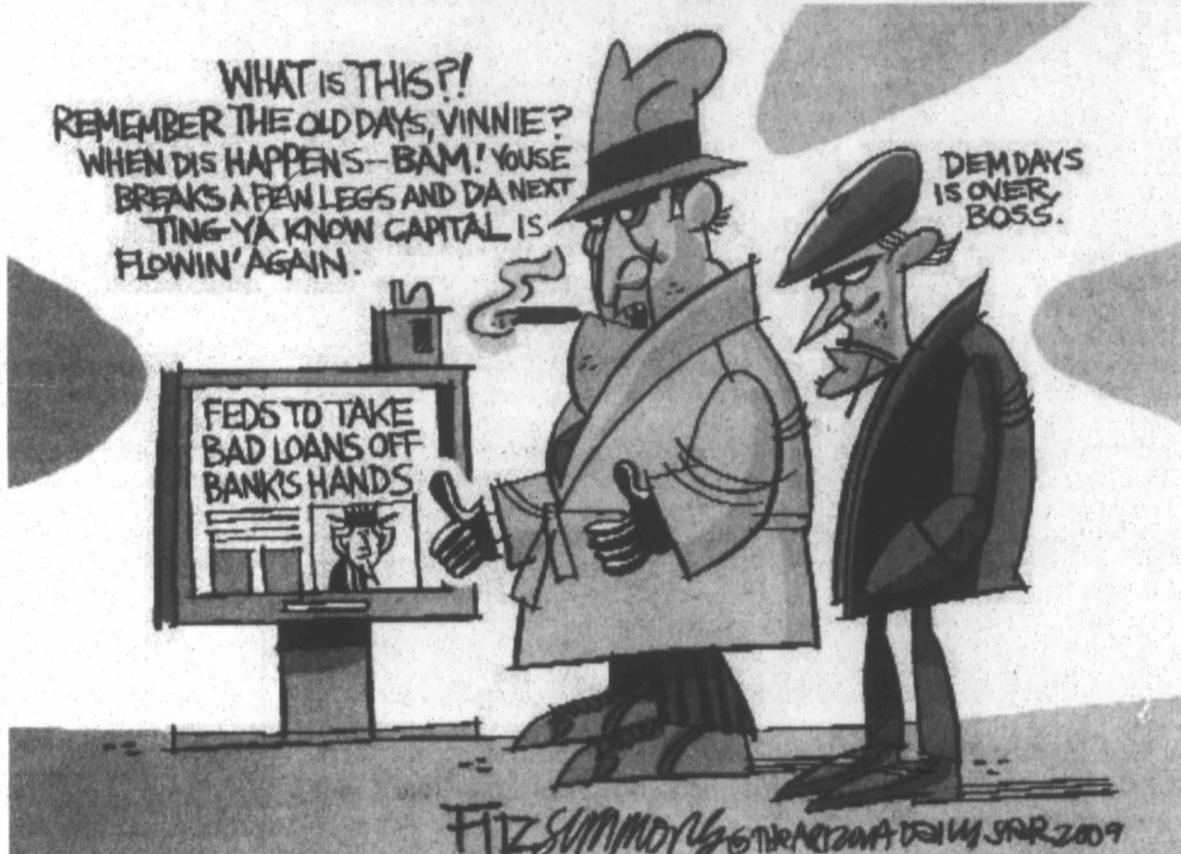
'Culture is on the horns of this dilemma: if profound and noble it must remain rare, if common it must become mean.'

— George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher

1939 - Japanese forces occupy Hainan Island, China.
 1943 - Britain's Eighth Army reaches Tunisian border in World War II.
 1961 - United States relinquishes rights to many defense bases in West Indies.
 1962 - The Soviet Union exchanges captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

1994 - The worst of the Bosnian war is over for the battered city of Sarajevo, where a U.N.-brokered cease-fire goes into effect.
 1998 - Protestant leaders seek to exclude Sinn Fein from Northern Ireland peace talks after a killing blamed on Catholic guerrillas.
 2000 - All 164 passengers held hostage on an Afghan airliner during a tense four-day journey across Central Asia and Europe, exit the plane in England.
 2002 - Israeli warplanes and helicopter gunships attack a Palestinian National Authority security compound and other targets in Gaza City, wounding more than 30 people.
 2004 - U.S.-backed, anti-narcotics soldiers capture Nayibe Rojas, a female rebel commander who is believed to manage drug and financial operations for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia or FARC, the nation's largest guerrilla group. The army said Rojas is suspected of sending more than 600 tons of cocaine to the United States and Europe since 1994.
 2006 - The United States suspends Australia's wheat-export monopoly from U.S. government contracts and proposes an indefinite debarment for the monopoly's cheating on the U.N. Oil-for-Food program in Iraq.

Today's Birthdays:
 William Congreve, English dramatist (1670-1729); Boris Pasternak, Soviet writer (1890-1960); Leontyne Price, U.S. soprano (1927—); Robert Wagner, U.S. actor (1930—); Roberta Flack, U.S. singer (1937—); Greg Norman, Australian golfer (1955—).



It's time to make Texas smoke free

By State Rep. Myra Crowover and State Sen. Rodney Ellis

Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Every year, secondhand smoke kills 53,000 Americans, more than three times as many people as drunk drivers. The U.S. Surgeon General concluded in 2006, "There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke."

No longer is there a debate regarding the dangers of secondhand smoke, and Texans are catching on. More than two-thirds of Texans — 68 percent — support a comprehensive ban on smoking in public facilities and indoor workplaces, according to a recent poll by Smoke-Free Texas. This includes eliminating secondhand smoke in bars and restaurants, where workers are 50 percent more likely to die from lung cancer than the general public.

This year, just as we did in 2007, we have filed bills to make public facilities and indoor workplaces smoke-free. This legislation will save thousands of lives, improve public health, reduce state spending, boost business and support tourism. It is no wonder that 24 other states already have passed similar legislation.

We are proud to author House Bill 5 and Senate Bill 544 that give all Texans strong, comprehensive protection from hazardous secondhand smoke in the workplace. When this legislation becomes law, Texas workers no longer will have to choose between their health and their paycheck.

We have spent the last three

years working on this issue and so have our opponents. Big Tobacco would like everyone to believe two things. First, the overwhelming body of scientific evidence linking secondhand smoke to heart attack and cancer deaths is "junk science." Second, the right to smoke is an individual liberty second to none.

The science is not in doubt. Big Tobacco would have you believe it is, but consider the source. In 1994, tobacco executives testified under oath before Congress and stated that "nicotine is not addictive." Fool me once...

Now consider this. There have been nine comprehensive studies on the effects of secondhand smoke and the positive effects of comprehensive smoke-free laws. Every study conclusively linked these laws to significant reductions in heart attack deaths. These studies were conducted by well-respected institutions such as the Harvard School of Public Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Surgeon General, and they were published in peer-reviewed medical journals such as the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Some opponents invoke the cause of liberty. They are correct to do so, but wrong in to whom the liberty belongs. All Texans deserve to breathe smoke-free air, and no one should have to choose between their job and their health.

Texas government requires businesses to spend billions to clean the air outside. Texas government also requires businesses to expend thousands of dollars to comply with a



litany of health and safety code regulations. Legislators make decisions all the time that limit the liberty of individuals and business owners so that the health and safety of the patrons and workers are protected.

This legislation does not take away anyone's right to smoke. All we are asking is that smokers respect the rights and health of Texas workers. In Texas, it is not illegal to drink alcohol, but we all understand the dangers involved with drunk driving. However, it is a shock for most people to realize that secondhand smoke kills more than three times the number of people as drunk drivers. How do we rationalize that?

The debate is truly over. Secondhand smoke kills. As Lance Armstrong recently stated, in 10 years we will look back at this debate and wonder, "What were we debating, and why did it take Texas so long?"

State Rep. Myra Crowover, R-Denton, and State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, are the authors of smoke-free bills House Bill 5 and Senate Bill 544 in the 81st Texas Legislature.

Opinion from across Texas

By The Associated Press

The Dallas Morning News on Texas' regional rail transit project:

Sen. John Carona has taken ownership of the North Texas initiative to build a major expansion of the regional rail transit network.

It couldn't have come at a more critical time or from a better-positioned lawmaker in Austin.

As chairman of the Senate's transportation panel, the Dallas Republican saw that the five-year effort was in danger of losing momentum. The Regional Transportation Commission delivered a funding proposal to lawmakers for the \$5 billion undertaking, but dissenting voices some with legitimate gripes threatened to slow progress just as the legislative session was getting under way.

Carona has chosen an effective strategy to advance the plan, integrating it into a wider effort to address urban traffic congestion and anemic transportation funding statewide.

North Texas leaders are looking for voter-approved revenue sources to add 200

miles of rail transit and, in Dallas and other DART cities, build other transportation projects to unsmear traffic. The list of possible sources has been ever-changing, but almost certainly will include a local motor-fuels tax and surcharges on car registration and driver's licenses. Voters could also decide to levy new fees on parking facilities.

There is no politically perfect combination. Asking the public for more money guarantees some backlash. The important thing is the ability to make a case to voters for improving the region's mobility as quality-of-life and economic matters.

At the same time, Carona makes a strong argument that lawmakers must come to grips with the gasoline tax's evaporating buying power. The statewide road grid faces daunting maintenance and improvement needs, yet the gasoline tax has been stuck at 20 cents a gallon since 1992, and motorists are consuming less fuel per car.

The results: more toll roads, more overdue bridge and road projects. Times being what they are, Carona is backing off

his call for an immediate boost in the gas tax. His fallback proposal to index the tax to the rising cost of construction is reasonable and justified.

The transportation chairman, never short on ambition, also wants lawmakers to nurture new technologies and use of alternative fuels both solid long-term goals.

We hope the overall message sinks in as the Legislature nears warp speed: The transportation system badly needs modernizing, a job best done on many fronts.

El Paso Times on high tuition:

Lawmakers in the Texas Legislature are saying that the increasing cost of tuition is one of the most common complaints they're hearing from their constituents.

That's hardly surprising. Legislators handed over tuition rate-making authority to universities, and since then tuition has risen an average of 53 percent. Using the University of Texas at El Paso as an example, in the past five years, tuition and fees have gone up 57 percent for 15 credit hours, from \$1,837 to \$2,877.

That's worrisome because of the danger of pricing young people out of higher education. We need bright, college-educated people in every stratum of Texas life, from business to government.

UTEP is applauded for meeting the financial crisis head-on, having implemented cost-saving measures such as freezing hiring and travel, and stopping construction and renovation projects. That's the right thing to do in the face of economic crisis.

Also, UTEP has an optional tuition-freeze program, and students whose families make less than \$30,000 a year get free tuition under UTEP's Promise program.

Yet, as UTEP President Diana Natalicio said, quality of education has to be maintained, and with the state short on money this year, tuition is one of the few places to turn. She said, "We're between a rock and a hard place."

That's for sure. But a way has to be found to maintain a balance so that education is adequately funded without pricing potential students out of an education. URL: <http://www.elpasotimes.com>

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Pay TV providers fret over penny-pinching

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Porter McConnell gave up on pay TV last summer after noticing that monthly rates kept creeping up.

Now with no satellite or cable TV, she watches her trusty old TV set with an antenna or she goes online to catch her favorite programs. Once in a while, she buys shows from Apple Inc.'s iTunes service. McConnell also updated her subscription to Netflix Inc.'s movies-by-mail service so she gets two DVDs at a time instead of one, for \$15 a month.

"Part of it is, I've got to economize," said the 30-year-old Washington, D.C., resident who works at a nonprofit.

McConnell is the kind of consumer who makes cable and satellite TV operators lose sleep. While a weak economy invariably makes people pinch pennies, this is the first time that viewing shows online has become a viable competitor to pay TV, making cutting the cord easier.

Cable operators are starting to notice. Glenn Britt, chief executive of Time Warner Cable Inc., voiced his concern Wednesday in a quarterly earnings discussion with analysts.

"We are starting to see the beginning of cord cutting," he said. "People will choose not to buy subscription video if they can get the same stuff for

free." It's tough to pin down how many people actually have given up cable. Most of the evidence remains anecdotal, and which customers moved to a competitor.

Still, Time Warner Cable, the nation's second-largest cable operator, lost 119,000 basic video customers in the fourth quarter, even after excluding subscribers it gave up from the sale of some cable systems. The company also posted slower growth in new digital cable TV, Internet and phone subscribers.

More details will emerge as other cable and satellite TV operators report earnings in the coming weeks.

This is not to say that the cable business is in trouble. It's a mixed picture in this economy. While there will be some people who will completely give up their pay TV service, many folks will keep the subscription but cut back instead of going out to the movies. They also might give up a movie channel or two and buy fewer pay-per-view shows.

But pay TV providers are right to be alarmed. Not only has a flood of TV shows and movies become available online, but the video quality has gotten better. Netflix is expanding its service that lets subscribers stream movies and shows from the Internet at

no additional cost. And more and more people have home broadband. About 57 percent of American adults, according to the Pew Internet and American Life Project.

Throw in the worst economic slowdown in nearly a century and people question whether they still want to pay for cable or satellite. As of January 2008, the average monthly home cable bill was \$84.59, up 21 percent from two years earlier, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

"You've got these factors aligning at the right time," said Bobby Tulsiani, senior analyst at Forrester Research. "This time there is a real, viable alternative" to cable.

To be sure, there can be drawbacks to canceling pay TV. Watching shows on a PC still isn't as comfortable as watching TV while relaxing on a couch. The quality of Internet video, while improving, still isn't as good, especially for live events, in which video and audio might not be in sync. While some game consoles, Blu-ray players and other devices enable video to be seamlessly delivered over the Internet to a TV, hooking up a computer to the TV to watch the full gamut of online shows on a big screen can take some technical savvy.

Family Finance: Elders may need help with finances

NEW YORK (AP) — At first you might notice a pile of unopened mail. Your normally fastidious mother may be getting sloppy with her checkbook. Your elderly uncle may be behind on his electric bill.

The signs are often subtle, but they may indicate that aging relatives are no longer able to handle their personal finances.

Family members who sense this may want to step in and take over, but that could set up an emotional confrontation. It could also make older relative fear losing their independence.

There are options to provide help, but they all start with having a conversation that can be difficult.

OPENING THE DOOR: "Don't wait for the signals to begin having the conversation," advised Kevin Gahagan, a financial planner with Mosaic Financial Partners in San Francisco, who said he has dealt with such situations both professionally and personally.

"I encourage our clients who are older to have discussions with their children," he said, "and I encourage our clients who are younger to have discussions with their parents."

Those who aren't proactive in talking about finances may be met with resistance. One strategy is to see if a non-family member who has a relationship with the elder relative, such as a doctor, attorney or financial planner, is willing to get involved.

But don't assume that everyone will refuse help if it's offered, noted Laurie Siebert, a financial planner with Valley National Financial Advisors in Bethlehem, Pa.

"A parent might be afraid that they're going to be bothering you, that you're too busy," she said.

In fact, some older folks may want to broach the issue themselves if they sense they're having trouble, but could be reluctant or too embarrassed.

Once the conversation is started, be sure to discuss a budget, their income,

assets and insurance policies. It can also be a good time to make sure that a will is in place, and discuss whether a health care power of attorney is appropriate.

HELPING TO BOOST INCOME: Bill paying problems may stem, at least in part, from the person living on a fixed income. If that is the case, a range of local, state and federal programs are available that can help cover heating and other utility bills, provide meals, pay for prescription drugs and even reduce taxes.

"There are lots of benefits programs out there that people are eligible for" but don't take advantage of, said Wendy Zenker, a vice president of the National Council on Aging. She cautioned that older relatives may need help applying for those programs. Sometimes the issue is confusion, but there is also often a reluctance to share personal information.

If they have applied for programs in the past and been turned down, some people may now qualify because of the recession. "I think it is fair to say that yes, people who were otherwise not eligible are finding that they are now eligible," she said.

Another potential source of funds is unclaimed pension benefits. The federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. returned \$137 million to more than 22,000 people between 1995 and 2007. The most recent data available showed the agency, which handles pensions of bankrupt companies, held \$133 million in unclaimed benefits for 32,000 people, averaging nearly \$5,000 per person.

Moreover, some companies fail to pay benefits because of paperwork foul ups and other matters. Nancy Hwa, a spokeswoman for the Pension Rights Center, a nonprofit organization that handles pension and 401(k) issues, said more than \$85 million in unpaid pensions was recovered through various programs in the last decade. Labor unions can also help track down miss-

ing pension funds.

Family members should also check safe deposit boxes for savings bonds and other assets. And if elders have left mail unopened or failed to cash checks, also search for unclaimed funds with the state comptroller or department of state. "I have a client who never opens her mail, and when we added up all the checks that weren't open, there was more than \$10,000," said Siebert of Valley National Financial.

GETTING ORGANIZED: Make sure direct deposit arrangements are in place for Social Security, pensions and other income sources. Likewise, automatic bill payments for utilities, rent and other bills should be set up.

When possible, family members might want to arrange for duplicate bank statements or bills to be sent to them, so they can track spending, service fees and other transactions.

Family members who do not live near elderly relatives or encounter resistance may consider bringing in a bookkeeping service or a daily money manager.

Roberta Gosier, president of the American Association of Daily Money Managers, explained a daily money manager will meet with the person and help the get their financial affairs in order. Typically, visits take place a couple of times a month, she said, and most of the time they get permission from the client and don't need a power of attorney or other legal arrangement.

Gosier warned that hers is still a largely unregulated profession. "It is a new field, and it's also a field where there's potential for financial exploitation, especially with an elderly, vulnerable population," she acknowledged. Her organization has created a certification program intended to qualify credentials and standards of practice.

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Dear Abby... Ex-TV producer who paved way for women dies at 91

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a private person by nature and avoid doing a lot of posting on the Internet because of it. My problem is a friend I'll call "Maria," who constantly posts pictures of our outings with friends on her Web site for everyone to see.

The photos themselves are not embarrassing, I just prefer not having my face plastered all over the Internet. Most recently, Maria posted photographs from my wedding without asking me, and it really bothered me. I understand that she is an outgoing person who enjoys sharing details of her life, but I feel like my privacy has been invaded.

I am not the only person in our group that feels this way. How do we ask her to stop posting these images without offending her? -- OVEREXPOSED IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR OVEREXPOSED: You do it by telling Maria -- with a smile -- that posting your pictures on her Web site makes you uncomfortable and to please stop it.

If you don't have the courage to confront her one-on-one, then do it as a group. Should Marie "forget" and continue posting pictures you'd rather not appear online, remember to duck when she whips out her camera.

DEAR ABBY: Would you mind settling a debate? My friend Tony was born in New York. His parents moved the family to Florida when he was 6.

Tony's wife was born and raised in New York, and he says he is "from New York." She disagrees and tells him he is from Florida because he was raised there.

When someone asks, "Where are you from?" (geographically), what is the correct response? -- BORN IN JERSEY, RAISED IN FLORIDA

What often prompts that question is a regional or a foreign accent, and some people become defensive when asked where they are from. In states like Florida, Arizona, Nevada and California the question often comes up because so many residents have moved from somewhere else.

When Tony is asked, it might be more accurate to respond, "I was born in New York and raised in Florida," and his wife should not need to correct him. (Dear Abby rule for a successful marriage: Don't start arguments over things that are inconsequential.)

DEAR ABBY: I am married for the second time and have added two boys to my three. My stepsons are great, but I do have one challenge. Their mother can sometimes be "excessive." She buys them expensive gifts for no reason, allows them to drink sugary soft drinks, etc. This is very different from how I parent my sons.

Yesterday, the younger one was showing us his wiggly tooth (his first) and said he would be taking it to his mom's house because she leaves \$20 while we only give \$1! So far, I have taken the grin-and-bear-it route. I'm curious as to your take on the situation. -- TOOTH FAIRY IN GAITHERSBURG, MD.

DEAR TOOTH FAIRY: Your husband's ex may feel guilty about the divorce and be using gifts to make it up to her boys, or she may be trying to one-up you. It is also possible that this is the way her mother raised her -- in a household where \$20 for a lost tooth was not unusual and sugary soft drinks were a staple. So keep smiling and try not to let it get to you.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Doris Ann Scharfenberg, who paved the way for women when she began working as a television producer for NBC in the 1950s, died last month at a care center where she resided. She was 91.

Scharfenberg died Jan. 4 at the James L. West Alzheimer Center where she had lived for the past seven years, said Kay Sharp, the center's director of resident services.

Scharfenberg left New York and moved to Fort Worth to be near friends after retiring from NBC in 1980, ending an award-winning three-decade career.

"She was promoted ahead of men because of her intellect and no-nonsense approach," John Stevens, a writer who worked with Scharfenberg in the early days, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "She

put NBC on the map with the public service broadcasting and Emmys. I don't know of anyone else who has even come close to that."

She grew up an only child in a small town in New Jersey, graduated from Bucknell University with degrees in psychology and sociology in 1938, and eventually found her way to New York City and the personnel department at NBC. She was promoted to produce religious programming in 1951: The Catholic Hour and Frontiers of Faith for Christian viewers, and The Eternal Light for Jewish viewers.

She also produced documentaries in Moscow and Hong Kong for the Fort Worth-based Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. She collaborated with Baptists for programs set in Israel and traveled to Brazil to televise a Billy Graham

program there. She went to Rome to supervise NBC's traditional broadcast of Midnight Mass from the Vatican.

Among the awards throughout her career was a 1973 Emmy for outstanding achievement in religious programming for "Duty Bound," a one-hour special in which she was executive producer.

Scharfenberg was named Woman of the Year by McCall's magazine, and she earned similar recognition in 1958 from the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Metropolitan New York. But those awards did not matter to her, former colleagues said.

"She was just doing the job she was given," former NBC director Frank Nash said.

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This year, discover the many possibilities that your life has to offer. Your biggest issue will be making the right decision, as each choice eliminates a road. Staying at a standstill might be close to impossible and a bad idea. If you are single, your life takes a new, exotic tone, where you will want to be with others. Relax; the right person will come forward. If you are attached, a newfound closeness draws the two of you together. Trust your partner, even if you are very different. His or her ideas could be significant. VIRGO wants to get to the bottom of a problem.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You cannot deny the seriousness of a situation. If you make light of it, others will feel that you are not honoring their priorities. Express your issues, and listen to the feedback. You don't need to reach an agreement, but you do need to respect each other's views. Tonight: Off to the gym, or squeeze in some exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your playful side emerges with a boss or someone you look to as in charge. Though you might not be totally in sync with what is going on, you can go with another's ideas. Communication flourishes at an unprecedented level. Tonight: Play as if there is no tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Basics play a strong role in upcoming events. Don't go off on mental

fantasies; rather, stay practical and logical. You will be much happier with the end results. There will be plenty of time to use your intellect. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Holding back will get you and others nowhere. How you phrase your sentiments makes a considerable difference in their reception. A partner plays a big role in bolstering your ego and making you feel very cared about. Tonight: At a favorite hangout.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be taken aback by all the options that surround you. Still, don't commit unless you are sure about the financial implications. The unexpected runs riot if you're not careful. Don't risk past bingo! Tonight: Treat yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You'll make what you want happen with a little help from a friend or two. Communication flourishes. What a great time to clear the air. Delight in another's efforts and caring. Tonight: As you wish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Know when to do something totally different — like right now. You'll do best away from the madding crowd. Investigate an offer that sounds too fun and perhaps too good to be true. Expect to be surprised and delighted. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A meeting inspires you to head in a new direction. A brainstorming session points you in a new direction. Know when you have had enough. Success touches nearly anything you touch. Tonight: A party starts where a

party is. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You cannot skip work or a major obligation. If you think in terms of growth, you will see this obligation as an opportunity. Your perspective could change radically. Listen to suggestions, but still do what you want. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance, or perhaps you might need to find an expert. Be willing to push beyond your normal extremes. Success will greet you if you walk a new path or take a reasonable risk. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You work better as a team. Someone you trust gets needed information and will share it. The direction you head in could vary considerably after you hear the whole story. Know what works, and don't hesitate. Tonight: In the thick of things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could have difficulty getting a word in edgewise and might feel more than pressured. If you relax and go with the flow, you might find a situation amusing. Some thoughts are best kept to yourself. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

BORN TODAY

Inventor Thomas Edison (1847), Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin (1964), actress Jennifer Aniston (1969)

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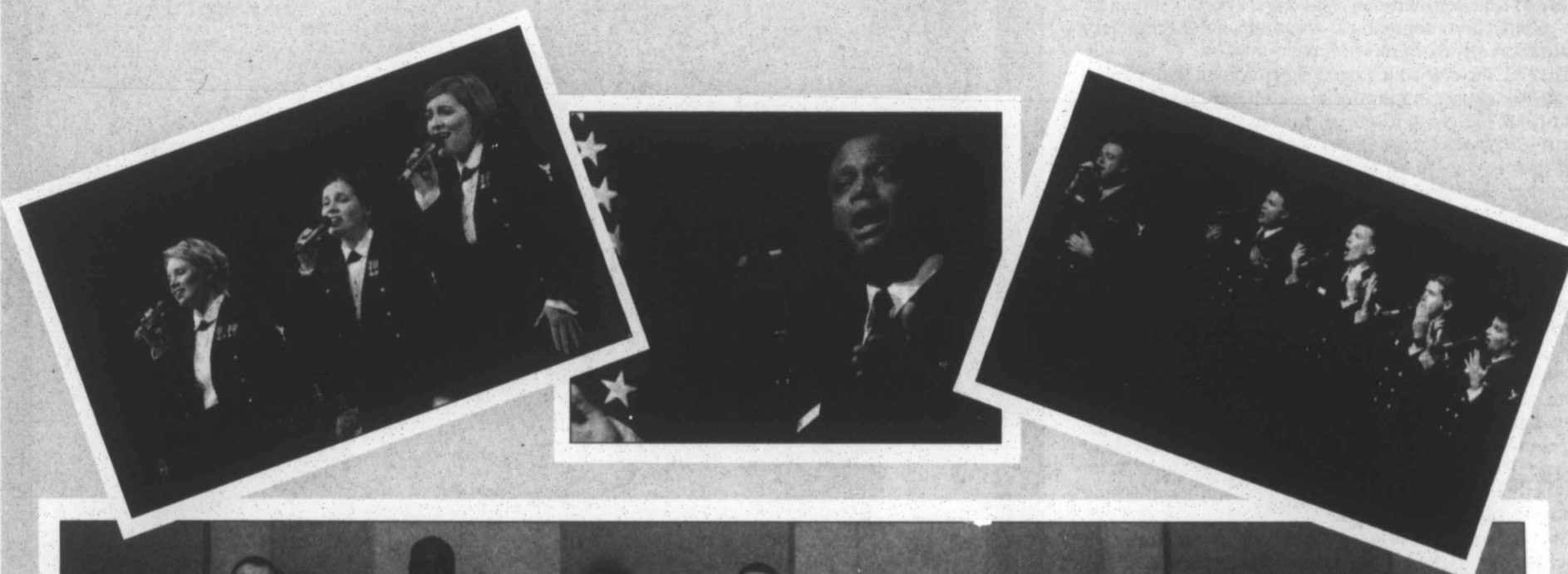
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Smelter's decision sinking in for families

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Viviano Villalobos wiped away tears from his 80-year-old eyes, tears of sadness at imagining that the gigantic Asarco copper smelter smokestacks may disappear someday.

"Asarco is my life," he said. News that Asarco is becoming history is beginning to sink in among scores of families who depended on "la smelta" for their livelihoods — for generations.

Two days ago, Asarco, an El Paso landmark since 1887, announced that it will not reopen the controversial plant — mothballed for almost 10 years.

The news ripped an emotional nerve in Villalobos, who grew up and still lives in the shadow of the smokestacks in La Calavera, a Mexican-American barrio just a stone's throw from Asarco. The plant, just a five-minute drive from Downtown El Paso, has been perceived as a historic lifeline that paid union wages for countless Mexican-American families and that was cursed by politicians and others over the years as an environmental menace.

"To this day, I still have my Asarco pension and insurance," Villalobos said outside his humble hillside home with a panoramic view of the smokestacks. "I was always treated right — no complaints."

Villalobos worked almost 39 years at Asarco, first as a janitor and later as a messenger.

He followed his father, Elias, into the plant because in El Paso working for Asarco had been a generational thing, a family tradition. Elias Villalobos retired after 45 years at the smelter, which at one point processed copper, lead and zinc.

Countless unmarked graves and white crosses dot the Smelertown Cemetery on the northern side of Asarco, the only visible proof that Smelertown, once a thriving Mexican-American community, existed along West Paisano across from Asarco, its industrial benefactor. Many of Smelertown's ancestors were buried here, near the plant, and sometimes forgotten until cemetery restoration efforts in recent times.

In 1972, the city condemned Smelertown and relocated all remaining families after various medical studies confirmed high lead levels in children. Now, a sign on a chain-link fence warns against trespassing in the vacant plot that used to be Smelertown.

Former Asarco workers and ex-Smelertown residents digested breakfast burritos with coffee and reminisced at the Buena Vista Grocery, about a mile west of Asarco. Some displaced Smelertown families resettled in Buena Vista, near Sunland Park.

"Some people are saying it's a shame Asarco is gone when the city needs jobs," said Salvador "Chava" Villalobos, the convenience store owner.

Jesus "Tore" Sarabia, 74, born and raised in Buena Vista, started working in 1966 at Asarco. He retired 10 years ago as a diesel mechanic.

"We made a good living. Many of us sent our kids to college. It was good for our community," he said. "With Asarco being in the middle of town now, it's something that probably had to happen."

Sarabia recalled drinking beer at Joe's Place in Smelertown and playing baseball on a diamond the community helped build.

Roberto "El Pia" Zubia Jr., 65, was born and raised in Smelertown. His family later owned Rosa's Cantina, a popular watering hole in the area made famous in Marty Robbin's Western ballad "El Paso."

Zubia's Smelertown memories consist of playing basketball and checkers at a neighborhood YMCA, checking out the three pool halls and swimming in the nearby Rio Grande. He worked only three years at Asarco, but the smelter provided jobs for many of his relatives.

"Smelertown was a place where you could leave your doors unlocked, all Mexican-Americans," Zubia said. "The community was always together, happy all the time."

Maria Saavedra, 88, a Buena Vista resident, lived 20 years in Smelertown before her family moved out in 1942. Her father, two brothers and a string of nephews worked at Asarco for years.

"I can't say anything bad about Smelertown. We had plenty to keep us entertained," Saavedra said. "I'm saddened that Asarco isn't coming back. Many people benefited from good wages and good benefits."

Viviano Villalobos clings to his memories on a hillside in "La Calavera," which still contains a wooden shed that Asarco technicians erected on his property long ago to house instruments that monitored air pollution.

"They checked every week but never detected anything," Villalobos said. "I guess the smokestacks blew all that stuff away."

Trial of Texas fundraiser begins

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — An influential Democratic fundraiser and owner of a South Texas law firm presented himself as a lawyer despite no evidence of a state licence to practice law, a prosecution witness testified Tuesday.

Mauricio Celis, a major Democratic fundraiser and contributor whose favored candidates include Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, faces 23 counts of impersonating a lawyer. He is not licensed to practice law in the United States.

His attorney, Tony Canales, told jurors during his opening statement Tuesday that he will show that his client was an attorney in Mexico and did not tell people he was licensed in Texas while working at the CGT Law Group International, in which he holds a controlling interest.

The prosecution's first witness, Manuel Orlando Narvaez, a Corpus Christi attorney who employed Celis as an investigator, testified that Celis showed him a document in 2000 that suggested he was a lawyer in Mexico.

"He put it on the wall in his office," Narvaez said. "I concluded that it was a Mexican license to practice law."

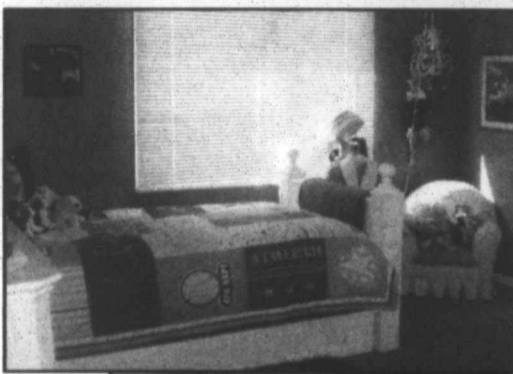
Celis has claimed he is a lawyer in Mexico, where he was born and studied judicial science at La Universidad Regio Montana in Monterrey. But he testified in May 2007 in another case that he did not have a cedula, the Mexican equivalent of a bar license.

Texas law prohibits anyone from owning a controlling interest in a law firm without a law license.

Celis is expected to be tried on other charges including money laundering, theft and impersonating a peace officer in separate trials.

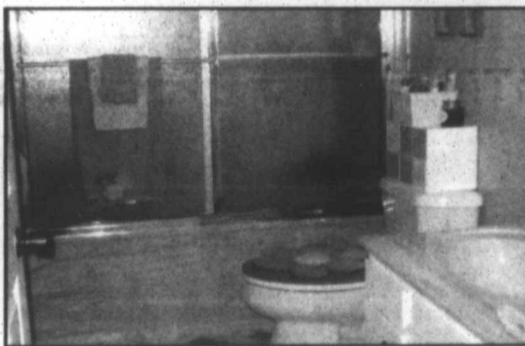
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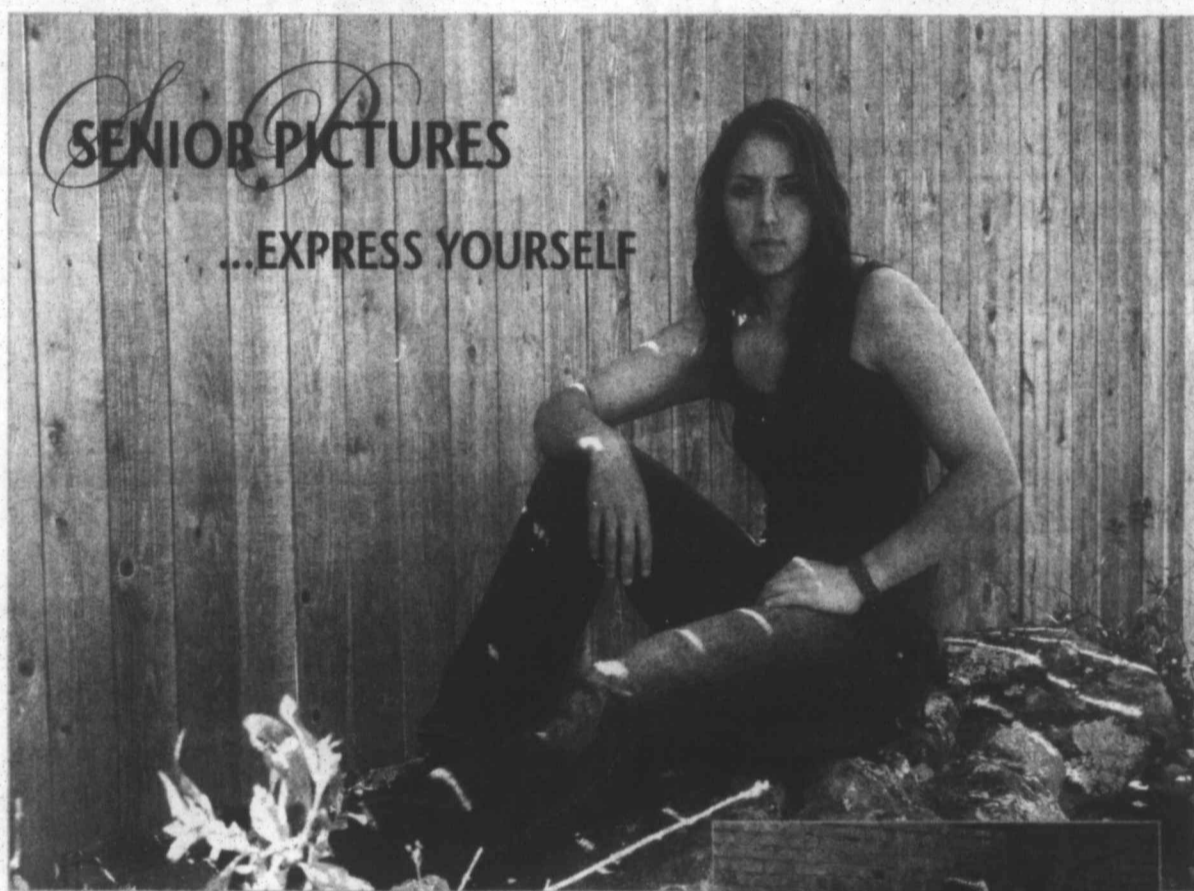
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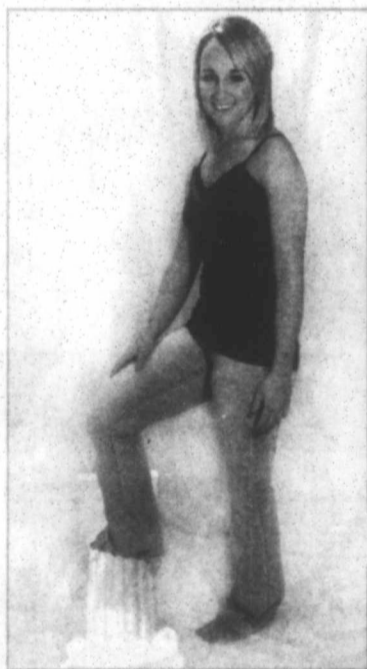
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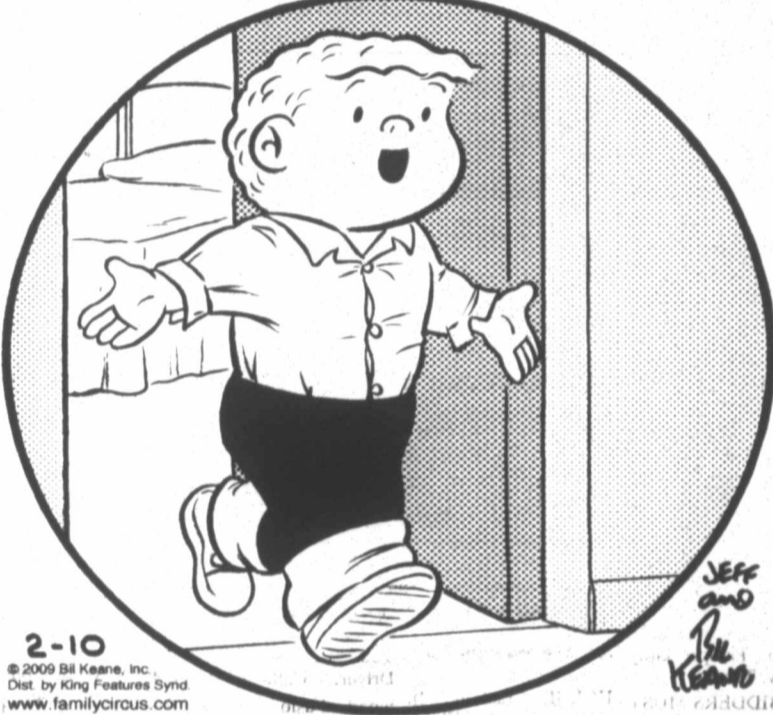
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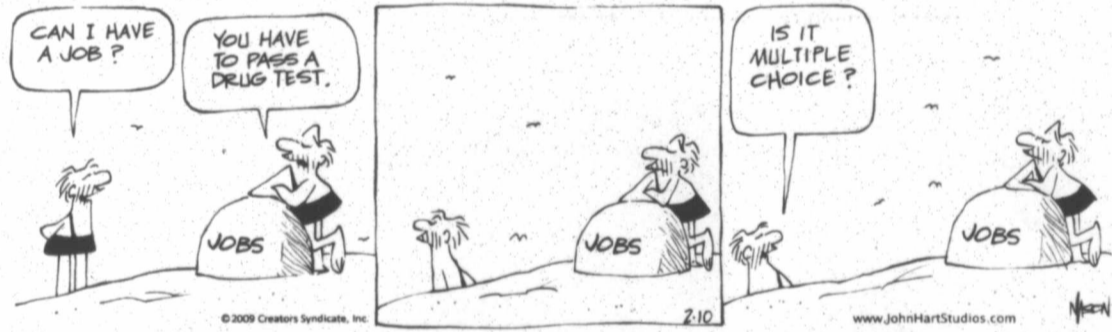
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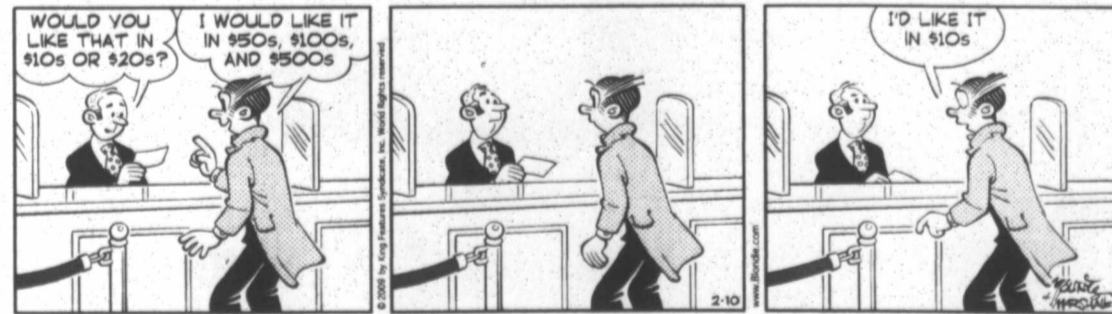
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 - 13 Chess start
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 - 16 Maiden name label
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 - 21 Garden section
 - 22 Singer Seeger
 - 23 Fire aftermath
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 - 27 Bar order
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 - 29 Golf goal
 - 30 Red on TV
 - 34 Shade tree
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 - 36 Quarter-back Manning
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 - 40 Bar mixer
 - 41 Bert's pal
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 - 7 Tattoo setting
 - 8 Put in for more
 - 9 Go off course
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 - 22 Pharmacy unit
 - 23 Facets
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PHS places second in Andrews tourney

Pampa High's tennis team finished second overall its first competition of the season in the Andrews Tennis Tournament February 6 and 7.

Jack Ware won the boys singles competition and Sammi Finney took second place in the girls singles match. Lauren Coutts and Holly Gage took second place in girls doubles play and Myles Foreman and Alyssa Hoelting placed third in mixed doubles.

Other player finishes include:

- Girls doubles, fourth place— Hilary Acker and Savannah Smith
- Mixed doubles, seventh place— Mikala Furgason and Aaron Silva
- Boys doubles, seventh place— Landon Karbo and Collin McClendon
- Boys doubles, eighth place— Logan Karbo and David Moore
- Girls singles, 11th place —Erin Buck
- Boys singles, 13th place -Sergio Salazar

"This was a great start to our season play," said coach Sarah Corse.

This weekend, February 13 and 14, the team competes in the Odessa Invitational.



photo submitted by Synda Foreman

Members of the Pampa High School tennis team celebrate with their medals after the Andrews Tournament last weekend. Team members include: Myles Foreman, Jack Ware Sammi Finney, Alyssa Hoelting, Holly Gage, Lauren Coutts, Collin McClendon, Landon Karbo, Logan Karbo, David Moore, Mikala Furgason, Erin Buck, Sergio Salazar, Aaron Silva, and Hilary Acker.



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Sammi Finney competes during the Andrews Tournament Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7. Finney won second place in girls singles.

Support your home town teams!

Enrollment deadline for prepaid college tuition program near

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds parents that the current enrollment period ends Feb. 28 for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's new prepaid college tuition program. Enrollment opened last September for the program, which allows families to lock in college tuition and required fees at current prices of Texas public colleges and offers many flexible options to prepay those expenses before a child is ready for college.

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Peanut company shuts 2nd plant

ATLANTA (AP) — The peanut company at the center of an investigation into a deadly national salmonella outbreak said Tuesday it has suspended operations at a second processing plant.

Peanut Corporation of America said in a statement it was voluntarily suspending operations at its Plainview, Texas, plant while state and federal health officials complete an investigation into procedures and food safety records there. The plant is operated by a subsidiary, Plainview Peanut Co.

The company is working with Texas health officials, who allowed Peanut Corp. to voluntarily shut the plant Tuesday, said Doug McBride, spokesman for the Department of State Health Services. Peanut Corp. closed its plant in Blakely, Ga., last month after federal investigators identified that facility as the source of the salmonella outbreak.

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