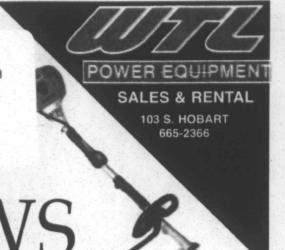


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## 2010 set for new school completion

by David Bowser dbowser@thepampanews.com

By the time school starts in August of 2010, sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be attending a new junior high north of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Haenisch said the journey has had its ups and downs, like any major project.

"In the summer, when steel prices were skyrocketing," he said, "every time they came in, we were spending a million dollars more than we had budgeted."

Haenisch said he feared that they would have to give up new office space for the district at the old

"We knew we would get the new junior high and school built," Haenisch said.

"We were always sure of

Fortunately, when the new junior high bids came

under what the school board has expected.

"That put us right back on track," Haenisch said. He said that in the 1995

bond issue, they ran short and a lot of money from the operating funds had to be used.

"They kept going over

and going over budget," Haenisch said.

The only thing that has pushed the timeline was the site work at the new

"If just took longer than we expected to get the site for the junior high,"

Haenisch said. "We had the offer of the land, but the process of getting that done

took a little longer than we anticipated.'

What started with concern for students' safety amid bricks falling off the old junior high school resulted in a \$48 million bond election, a new junior high and an

almost new high school. "I was moving in six years ago," said Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch, "the conversation in the board room was what are we going to do about the bricks that are flaking off of the junior high school?" That's where it began,

Haenisch said. The school board had

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staff photo by David Bowser Construction has begun on the new junior high school north of in, they were \$3 million Pampa Regional Medical Center. Completion is slated for 2010.

**Boy Scouts celebrate** 99th anniversary

by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com

the 99th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and the organization isn't slowing down any time soon.

The Pampa Chapter is significantly growing according to George Etier, Adobe Walls District Executive. Two new Cub Scout troops have formed in the last six months in Pampa at The Salvation Army and St. Vincents De Paul Catholic 'Church. Opening troops at these locations had made it possibel to recruit boys from within the church and outside the school community, where BSA usually focuses to recruit members. Etier said he wants the growth to continue and is looking for different

organizations to sponsor

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas

Supreme Court Chief

Justice Wallace Jefferson

told legislators Wednesday

the state should change its

system of electing judges

to reduce the influence of

money and straight-ticket

In his "State of the

Judiciary" speech to the

Legislature, Jefferson said

he supports a system that some other states have in

which judges are appoint-

ed based on merit then

held accountable with

elections to decide whether

they get to remain in

Texas has been electing

voting on judicial races.

in Pampa will be working together on March 28 for the "Scouting for Food" outreach. The Cub Scout and Boy Scouts are sent door to door collecting

food for local food banks. "This is a council wide outreach, all food collected in Pampa will stay at Pampa food banks," Etier explained. Pampa belongs to the Golden Spread Council, which includes 24 coutnties in the Texas Panhandle, and three from counties the Oklahoma Panhandle. The Adobe Walls District that Etier oversees includes Gray, over Carson, Wheeler, Hutchinson, Roberts, and Hemphill Counties.

Other major events planned for BSA in Pampa

judicial selection system

judges since 1876 and is

one of only seven states

that holds partisan judicial

elections, he said. There

are campaign contribution

limits for judicial races,

but statewide judicial can-

didates like Jefferson still

raise large sums of money

Jefferson said he shares

retired U.S. Supreme

Court Justice Sandra Day

O'Connor's concern about

the "corrosive influence"

of money on judge elec-

Even the perception that

money influences court

cases destroys public con-

fidence, he said.

to get elected.

Jefferson: Change

include two seperate sum-Along with opening new mer camps for the boy February of 2009 marks troop opportunities, troops scouts and cub scouts. The boy scout camp will be at the MK Brown Camp in Wheeler and will include a variety of activities including life-saving excercises, archery, nature explorations, and activites to improve scouting skills. "Camp is where the scouts learn to work together as they develop leadership skills," Etier said. The cub scout camp will be similar, but will last a week instead of a day. The cub scouts will be "family based," and a good opportunity for parents and the cub scouts to do activies together. Cub Scouts troops are for boys in first-fifth grade, aned Boy Scout troops are

> Venturers programs and Scouts - cont. on page 3

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Jefferson, to applause from

Republican Sen. Robert

Duncan of Lubbock

announced later in the day

he filed legislation that

would set up a judicial

appointment system like

the one Jefferson supports.

His proposal would grand-

Judges - cont. on page 3

said

campaigns,"

legislators.

for boys ages 11-18.

## **Highlights** from the Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas should require businesses like gas stations and nursing homes to have backup power generators to avoid massive disruptions like those caused by Hurricane Ike, according to a legislative panel's recommendations released Wednesday.

The House Select Committee on Hurricane Ike also recommended stronger building codes, expanding the sales tax holiday to include emergency survival items and putting \$250 million in the state's Disaster Contingency Fund. Many of the recommendations are expected to be taken up by the Legislature this spring.



"The state must be more involved in emergency preparation and the recovery process," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, chairman of the committee. "We need to be proactive when the next hurricane strikes and we can't wait for the federal government to take care of our citizens after a disaster."

Ike slammed the Gulf Coast near Galveston on Sept. 13, killing dozens and causing widespread

To minimize the potential for power loss in future storms, the panel recommended phasing out wooden electrical poles, encouraging more underground power lines and requiring utility companies to submit plans to improve their systems. The panel also suggested legislation to require back-up generators at water plants, gas stations and certain health care facilities in storm-prone areas.

To help people better prepare for catastrophic storms, the committee recommended expanding the annual sales-tax holiday to exempt generators, batteries, ice chests and other survival gear from taxes. The panel found shortcomings in the availability of emergency housing after the hurricane and suggested creating a new Division of Emergency Housing to facilitate housing recovery efforts.

**HUMAN CLONING** 

Rep. Mark Homer, D-Paris, filed a bill Wednesday that would ban human cloning. The proposal states that it would be against the law to place in a woman's womb a human embryo created by a method other than fertilization.

The bill would make human cloning a first-degree

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

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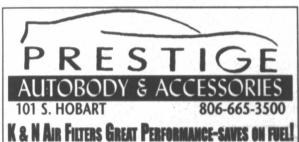
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 54. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. Windy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 25 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. North northeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

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## Grain prices

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## Winning Lotto Texas numbers

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

Winning numbers drawn: 15-21-23-27-38-52.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Number matching five of six: 10. Prize: \$4,193 Number matching four of six: 1,213. Prize: \$51.

Number matching three of six: 24,794. Prize: \$3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$18

### Cash Five Texas results

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-12-14-19. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$11,704 Winning ticket purchased in: Giddings, Fresno Matching four of five: 114. Prize: \$92 Matching three of five: 3,146. Prize: \$8 Matching two of five: 28,865. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

## Emergency services

### PAMPA PD

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

Wednesday, Feb. 11 A total of 15 calls and/or stops concerning

animals were made. A missing person was reported in the 1800 block of North Lynn.

An assault was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Criminal mischief was reported in the lobby of the PD, the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets, and the 500 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1900 block of North Russell, and the intersection of Frost and

Starkweather streets. Theft was reported at Supermarkets, United 1420 North Hobart, where beer, steaks, papergoods, and cleaning supplies was stolen, estimated value

Traffic complaints were reported in the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets, the 8200 block of FM 2300, and the 700 block of North Doucette.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of East Twiford, and the 100 block of West Foster.

An accident was reported in the 1100 block of West Crane.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of North Frost. Thursday, Feb. 12

Suspcious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1400 block of North Hobart, and the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2200 block of West Alock.

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests. Wednesday, Feb. 11

Gene Harold Pendergrass, 70, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying expired regis-

tration, and 911 abuse. Jesus Maria Velasquez, 39, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for theft of property over \$50 but

under \$500. Leo Dan Badillo, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GSCO for no driver's license and expired regis-

tration.

# For the Record

## **Obituaries**

## Freda H. Martin, 74

Pampa, Texas — Freda H. Martin, 74, died February 11, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Martin was born May 10, 1934 in El Dorado, Kansas. She married Cliff Martin on December 30, 1950 in El Dorado, Kansas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1955. She was a homemaker and a loving mother and animal lover.

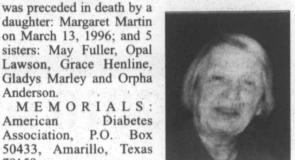
Survivors include her of Goodwell, Joanne Mary Atchley, great-grandchildren. Freda

husband, Cliff Martin of the home, six daughters; Alice Hall and husband Jim Oklahoma, Willoughby and husband Gary, Shirley Ledford, and Judy Cox and husband Kenneth, all of Pampa, and Joyce Penny and husband Dan of Alamogordo, New Mexico, one sister; Daisy Anderson of El Dorado, Kansas, 17 grandchildren and 31

Cemetery & Mausoleum of Pampa 665-8921 was preceded in death by a daughter: Margaret Martin on March 13, 1996; and 5 sisters: May Fuller, Opal Lawson, Grace Henline, Gladys Marley and Orpha Anderson. MEMORIALS: Diabetes American P.O. Box Association,

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#### "Willie" Estes, 85 Mary Willodean

White Deer- Mary Willodean "Willie" Estes, 85, died Monday, February 9, 2009, in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in White Deer with Brother Alan Wilson, Pastor, and Harold Wayne Moore of Wellington, officiating.

Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean

Arrangements ar under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors McLean

Mrs. Estes was born on July 13, 1923 in Marshal, Arkansas and had lived in the Texas Panhandle area for over 30 years. She had worked as a waitress. She was very involved in the White Deer Senior Citizens Association and loved to sew and make baby blankets. She was a member of First Baptist Church in White Deer.

She is survived by two daughters, Jeanine Hawkins and husband Jerry of Amarillo and Letha Salinas and husband David of Weatherford, Okla., four sons; Jerry Don Horton and wife Sharon of Wheeler, Larry Estes and wife Lynda of Willows, Calif., Harold Estes and wife Linda of Wheeler, Dan Estes and wife Rhonda of Wheeler; one sister Mae Duncan of Gentry, Ark., 16 grandchildrenand 31 great grandchildren. MEMORIALS -White

Deer Senior Citizens Association or the First Baptist Church in White Deer. Sign our guest book



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## Martha E. Woodruff, 96

Panhandle, Texas— Martha E. Woodruff, 96, died February 11, 2009 in Panhandle, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Woodruff was born January 7, 1913 in Wilson County, Kansas. She married Henry Woodruff on February 1, 1958 in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1990. She had

been a resident of Pampa from 1937 until 1996 when she moved to Oklahoma. Geronimo, She moved to Panhandle in December of 2002 when she became a resident of St. Ann's Nursing Home. Martha loved to walk, dance at the nursing home, and play with babies and dogs.

Survivors include two daughters; Barbara Anderson and husband

Roy of Geronimo, Oklahoma, and Wanda Ellis and husband Jim of Panhandle, one son; John McKee of Amarillo, one sister; Violet Robertson of Arkansas, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and four great-greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, two sisters and a grandson.

The family would like to thank the nurses and

CNA's for all their loving care of Martha these past seven years at St. Ann's' Nursing Home.

MEMORIALS: Ann's Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1179, Panhandle, Texas 79068. Sign the on-line register-

at www.carmichael-whatley.com Daned Blokers och patens or contributions. THESE PROFITORIES.

## William Harvey Martin, Jr.

Pampa, Texas- William Harvey Martin, Jr., 75, died February 12, 2009, in Pampa, Texas

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

## Leona Ray, 79

Pampa, Texas — Leona Ray, 79, died February 12, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

### **Emergency** services

Lance Allan Herr, 46, of Pampa was arrested by the **GSCO** for possession/transport of dangerous chemicals with intent to manurfacture controlled substance and

#### no valid driver's license. **AMBULANCE**

Guardian EMS ambulance service report the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday.

2:46 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Russell and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:19 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hosptial in Amarillo. 10:24 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC. 11:09 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH. 2:39 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 2000

block of Williston and

transported a patient to

PRMC.

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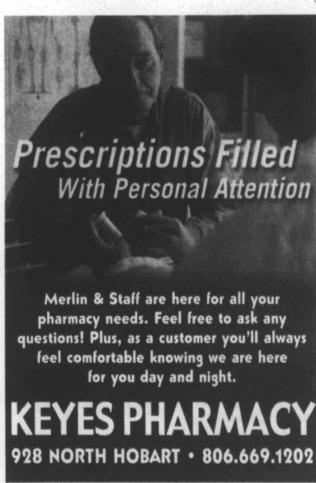
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## Jr high to be completed in 2010

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While they were talking about the bricks at the junior high, they were also taking bids to raise the floor of the junior high.

The floor in the hallway and in the classroom that is the choir area," Haenisch said, "the floor had fallen about six inches.'

As a person new to Pampa, Haenisch said he thought there might be more problems than just the bricks falling off the building.

Nobody seemed to know why the floor had fallen.

'We were trying to jack it back up," Haenisch said. The school board at the

time continued to discuss problems, Haenisch said he was at a school board convention the following year and found out that the Texas School Board Association has a service that for a fee would send trained people

to evaluate local facili-

"I came back and talked to the board about this," Haenisch said. They brought in a person

from TSBA and he spent about three months looking at every facility the district had from a teaching perspective.

'He wasn't looking at structure," Haenisch said. "He was just looking at are these facilities capable of educating kids for the 21st Century. He gave us a report card on our facilities."

Basically, what the report said was that the areas where the board had spent money on in a bond issue in the mid-1990s were in good shape.

"That bond issue, spent on the elementary schools, accomplished a lot, Haenisch said. "For the most part, those campuses were in pretty good shape."

But the junior high and high school were severely lacking.

Essentially, the TSBA report gave failing grades to the high school, the junior high school, and the Carver site where the district's administrative offices are located and the

With the limits that the state put on bonded indebtedness, the district couldn't afford it. The board had to decide which was the most prudent way to go.

The board decided that the best way to solve a lot of the problems would be to build a new junior high school.

That would leave the old junior still with lots of problems, but also a lot of space.

"It would be a place where we could bring all of our central offices to the same spot," Haenisch said.

The committee decided that the only way to solve the problems before it was to float a bond issue.

"They came to the board and called for a bond election," Haenisch said. The board called for the bond issue and began holding a series of public meetings to explain the problems and the plan.

The \$48 million bond issue passed the following November. Originally, \$17.8 million was to be spent on the high school. The new junior high was estimated to cost \$25.9 million. About \$3 million was relegated to refurbish the old junior high for office and warehouse

"As it turned out," Haenisch said, "the high

space.

school went over. The junior high is going to come in under.'

They will still have the \$3 million to spend on the old junior high.

Not only was the price for the new junior high less than expected, but the district got six additional classrooms beyond what had originally they planned plus additional items like a weight room and concrete parking lot instead of asphalt.

Haenisch said they had the basic building in the plans and then the district had a wish list of things. they would have liked to

"It was everything on the wish list," Haenisch said.

Haenisch said that for such a large and complex project, it has gone fairly smoothly.

There were times when it didn't look like it would," Haenisch said, "but what they gave us for the date is going to be pret-ty close." He said the architects and the builders, Western Builders out of Amarillo, have done a nice

Haenisch said officials from Western Builders kept telling him last summer that the high school would be open when the first day of school started.

'There were days no one believed that," Haenisch laughed. "I think there were days that they didn't believe that."

Western Builders is projecting 14 to 16 months before the new junior high

will be ready. 'That's the summer of 2010," Haenisch said, "we will be moving into the new junior high school. It will be ready for the 2010-2011 school year."

When the students have moved into the new junior high, then remodeling work will start on the old junior high.

Haenisch said he expects to move the administrative offices and Pampa Learning Center into the old junior high sometime during the 2011-2012 school year.

"Everything except the bus barn will be at the junior high," Haenisch said.

While the final decision hasn't been made concerning Mann or the old Baker school, Haenisch said they will probably be demolished at some point because the cost of maintaining them is expensive.

## Boy Scouts anniversary

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co-ed programs are available for people ages 14-21 which focus on community service exploring, and career adventures. Etier also is trying to launch a medical based program opportunity in Pampa, similar to one that has been established in Borger.

Etier encouraged adults to play a role in BSA too. At the council reception

held this week in Amarillo, two honoraree boy scouts from Pampa were honored. Mark Freles was given the Distirct Award of Merit and Bill Gething was given an award for 70 years of Boy Scout involvement.

BSA will be celebrating the 100th anniversary in a nation-wide program "A Year of Celebration, A Centry of Making a

Difference," beginning on Sept. 1 and lasting through Dec. 31, 2010. The program will focus in the impact of the scouts programs and foundations have had on the country thoughout the century of operation. BSA core focuses are on leadership, character, community service, achievement, and

the outdoors.

## Justice wants reform

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father all current appellate justices into the new system and make them subject to a retention election when their current terms expire.

'We need to take the money and politics out of our judicial system," Duncan said. "No one should have to fear the justice system based on campaigns or contributions."

Consumer and government watchdog groups called Wednesday for such a change in the Texas judiciary before Jefferson's speech. One of those organizations, Texans for Justice, later Jefferson's praised remarks.

"Chief Justice Jefferson's acknowledgement that the Texas judicial election system is 'broken' is the first step in restoring faith in Texas courts," said Craig McDonald, director of TPJ. He urged the governor, lieutenant governor and Legislature to act swiftly on Jefferson's calls

Previous Texas Supreme Court chief justices Tom Phillips and John Hill also advocated a merit selection

for merit selection of

Jefferson, a Republican initially appointed to the court by Gov. Rick Perry and later elected, said he also worries that straightticket voting determines judicial election winners based on party affiliation. Partisan sweeps in urban counties in recent elections have caused qualified district judges to lose elections, he said.

And, he said, his recent re-election may have been much because Republican presidential candidate John McCain did well in Texas as his judicial credentials.

Qualified Democrats and Republicans should have the chance to serve, he said.

"Justice must be blind it must be as blind to party affiliation as to the litigant's social or financial status. The rule of law resonates across party lines," he said.

On another subject, Jefferson said he supports creating a commission to investigate every case of DNA exoneration and to establish statewide reforms.

Jefferson's Texas Supreme Court handles, civil cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals is the state's highest criminal appeals court.



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## **EPC Correction**

judges.

Yesterday's story headed LEPC names new officers stated that Linda Stanton was approved as Emergency Coordinator for Gray County. that statement was incor-

At the LEPC meting February 10, 2009, Linda Stanton took over as chairperson of the LEPC for 2009. Under the bylaws of the LEPC, the chairperson alternates between the Gray County EMC, Lefors EMC, McLean EMC and Pampa EMC. The LEPC chairperson does not become the Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator. Joe Millican remains as Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator regardless of who is the chairperson of the LEPC.

LEPC officers for 2009 are:

Linda Stanton, Chairperson

Carol Trolinger, Vice-Chairperson Sandra Martin, Secretary

Fred Courtney, Treasurer

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We regret any inconvenience to LEPC members and our readers.

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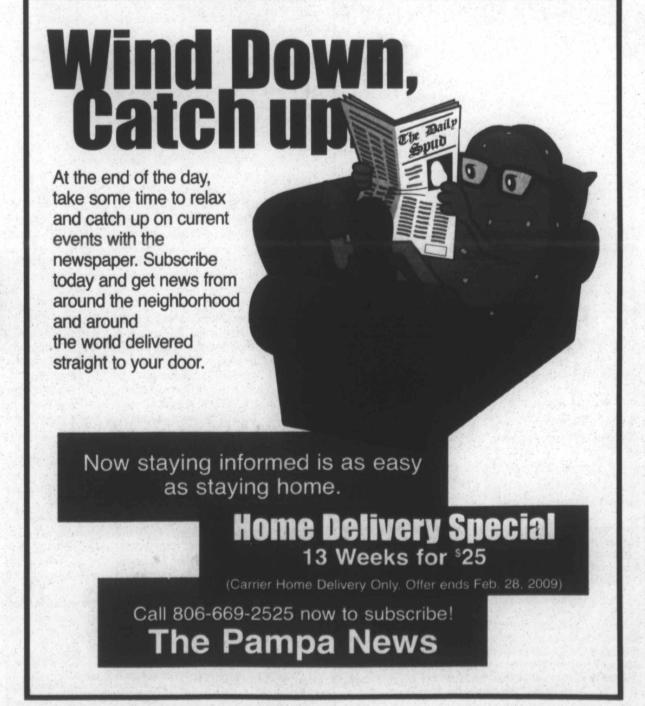
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Thursday, February 12 By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2009. There are 322 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1554 - Lady Jane Grey, who claimed the throne of England for nine days, is beheaded after being charged with treason.

1689 - Declaration of Rights in England, in which William and Mary are proclaimed King and Queen

1733 - James Oglethorpe and a group of unemployed and newly freed British debtors land in Savannah, Georgia, as part of England's colonial expansion plan.

1870 - Women in the Utah Territory gain the right to vote.

1909 - The National Association for the

'No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent."

> — Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Advancement Colored People is founded in the U.S.

1912 - Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, abdicates, ending more than 2,000 years of imperial rule.

1915 - The cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial is laid in Washington, D.C.

1924 - George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"

premieres in New York City.

1973 -The first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict takes place after American and Vietnamese representatives meet in Paris and sign an agreement in January.

1974 - Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Soviet Nobel Prize winner, is arrested at his Moscow apartment and is exiled the following day.

1994 - Norwegian Edvard Munch's painting "The Scream" is stolen from a museum in Oslo. It is recovered three months later in a police sting opera-

1996 - More than 300 cars pile up on a fogshrouded highway in northern Italy, killing at least 11 people and injuring hundreds.

1998 - Cuba releases "several dozen" prisoners, whose freedom was sought by Pope John Paul II during his January trip to Cuba.

2000 - "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz dies at 77 following a battle with colon cancer, just as the last original comic strip of his half-century career was being published in newspapers worldwide.

2002 - Pakistani authorities arrest Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, a British-born Islamic militant, as the prime suspect in the January kidnapping of Daniel Pearl, a U.S. reporter for the Wall Street Journal newspaper.

2003 - At least 30 people die and 160 others are injured in riots in La Paz, Bolivia, as striking police officers and protesters clash with the military.

Today's Birthdays:

Charles Darwin, English scientist (1809-1882); Abraham Lincoln, U.S. president (1809-1865); Franco Zeffirelli, Italian director (1923-); Michael Ironside, Canadian actor (1950-); Christina Ricci U.S. actress (1980—); Josh Brolin, U.S. actor (1968--).

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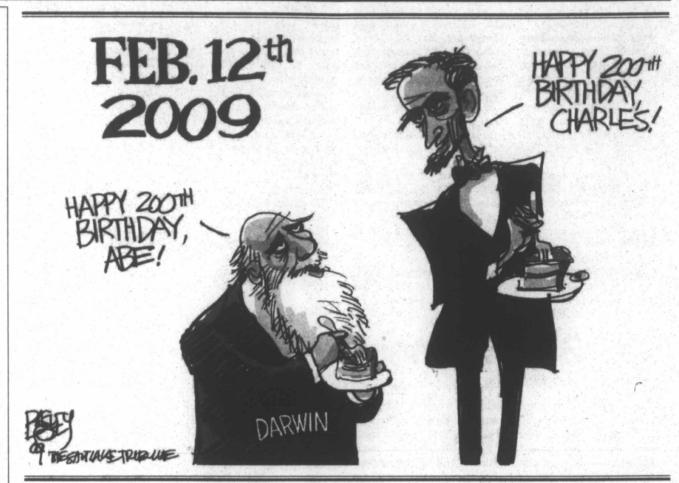
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## Seeking Lincoln, and finding the Lincoln Memorial

**AP National Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two hundred years after the birth of Abraham Lincoln, we still seek him in words and in action, in lessons from his life, in reminders of his legend, and in pilgrimages to the temple built in his honor.

We are drawn to the Lincoln Memorial in so many ways.

Protesters stand among hundreds of thousands as civil rights are invoked, or peace demanded; the great, godlike head looks on from above as if nodding in approval. Barack Obama makes a surprise appearance just days before taking office, communing with the statue as if to offer a blessing to a muchinvoked predecessor and somehow be blessed in return.

Ordinary visitors stop rainy winter's night, as fog and bluish clouds suspend like a canopy over the National Mall: a student from South Africa; a chemical engineer from Amsterdam; a group of American teachers in training, wondering how they might relate to the most human and most mythic of presidents.

"It does have that deified aspect," says 26-year-old Tim Laughlin, who as a native of Gettysburg, Pa., has lived with Lincoln history for much of his life. "And that's a fine line, because you don't want to look at him as a perfect person, but at the same time you want students to recognize why leaders like Lincoln matter to us.

We measure presidents by how they represent ourselves, and how we wish to be. Lincoln, the rail-splitter raised to destiny by war and to near-divinity by assassination, embodies both. Lincoln is our sage and aspiration, the ordinary and unexpected man of greatness, the victor and martyr of the great American narrative, the Civil War.

The Lincoln Memorial, like the Greek temple it was modeled upon, presides stoically above the clashes and climate of worldly affairs. "Quiet, and yet a voice forever," the poet Langston Hughes once wrote in tribute to the stern, marbled colossus, 19 feet tall.

It is a first stop for many who visit Washington, an unofficial mecca for organized dissent and as much a minting of the Lincoln image as his profile on the penny.

"It's a wonderful monument. It's overwhelming, magnificent, beautiful. It's deeply, deeply moving," says historian David Herbert Donald, whose "Lincoln" is widely regarded as the best of the endless Lincoln biographies. "It's a symbol of nonpartisan unity, of what the country is capable of at its best."

Decades ago, around the time the memorial was dedicated, H.L. Mencken mocked "the growth of the Lincoln legend" and the transformation of flesh into plaster. Mencken and other skeptics have labeled Lincoln a racist, an imperialist, a dictator, a buffoon.

But the legend of Lincoln has held, and even grown, if only because we have thought so much harder about him.

"Lincoln's accomplishments and a century and a half of mythologizing have had Lincoln's image so capacious that you can find anything there," says historian Henry Louis Gates, editor of "Lincoln On Race and Slavery" and producer of a new PBS documentary on Lincoln. "Any constituency looks in the mirror and sees Lincoln staring back at them."

The first of the Lincoln mythologers was Abraham Lincoln, born Feb. 12, 1809, in what was indeed a log cabin in Hodgenville, Ky. He was poor, but not humble. His ambition, wrote law partner William Herndon, was "a little engine that knew no rest." However self-deprecating his personality, he didn't need war, the presidency or elective office of any kind to imagine belonging to the ages.

In his lifetime, Lincoln was regarded as very much a man, sometimes less. He was called "the ape baboon of the prairie," a "coarse, vulgar joker," and the "craftiest and most dishonest politician that ever disgraced" public office. His assassin. John Wilkes Booth, was far from the only man who thought Lincoln a tyrant.

Sainthood began with Lincoln's murder and evolved over the decades following, in apocryphal stories from ex-slaves of Lincoln visitations, in speeches that referred to him as a Christlike soldier for freedom and nation. Upon the centennial of his birth, children in Springfield, Ill., chanted his legend:

"A blend of mirth and sadness, smiles and tears;

A quaint knight errant of the pio-

A homely hero, born of star and

A peasant Prince, a masterpiece of

Presidents of both parties have honored him, and, in doing so, hon-

themselves. Republican Theodore Roosevelt, as much a man of flesh as Lincoln was of bone, praised Lincoln for the "courage and willingness to self-sacrifice" that Roosevelt believed he, too, possessed. Democrat Woodrow Wilson, among the most idealistic and selfrighteous of leaders, identified in Lincoln a "very holy and very terrible isolation."

Franklin Roosevelt hired dramatist Robert Sherwood, whose plays included "Lincoln in Illinois," to write speeches that cited Lincoln as a foe of isolationism. And no president has more openly compared himself to Lincoln than Obama, who announced his candidacy two years ago on Lincoln's birthday and identified Lincoln, and himself, as "a tall, self-made Springfield

Artists and activists also beheld Lincoln as one would gaze into a mirror. Booker T. Washington, a champion of black self-help, honored Lincoln for his "rise from the most abject poverty and ignorance. Leo Tolstoy, a proselytizing pacifist in his latter years, regarded the president who tenaciously presided over the Civil War as a fellow spirit who "loved his enemies as himself." Carl Sandburg imagined a humble soul of the soil, a creature of myth and poet-

lawyer.'

"It's amazing how Lincoln affects people," says historian Harold Holzer, whose Lincoln books include "Lincoln: President-Elect"

and a new Library of America anthology of writings about the president. "He's Sandburgesque in Sandburg's writing, Whitmanesque in Whitman's poems.'

Others have applied their chisels, or sledgehammers, to the Lincoln bust. C.A. Tripp's "The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln" speculated to the point of insistence that Lincoln was gay. In his best-selling "Lincoln," novelist Gore Vidal drew upon historical records to conclude that Lincoln was often constipated. Others have theorized that he suffered from chronic depression, mercury poisoning or syphilis.

Some of the strongest points against the Great Emancipator have come from blacks. Abolitionist Frederick Douglass personally admired Lincoln, but still labeled him "the white man's president, entirely devoted to the welfare of the white man." In 1968, Ebony editor Lerone Bennett Jr. pronounced Lincoln a "firm believer in white supremacy" and charged, as Mencken had, that "myth-makers had buried the real Lincoln."

"It's very dangerous to idealize Lincoln and it's contrary to his real legacy," says Joshua Wolf Shenk, author of "Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness" and coeditor of "In Lincoln's Hand," a compilation of original manuscripts released in conjunction with a Library of Congress bicentennial exhibition.

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"Lincoln was someone who looked to see the whole truth and was trying to fashion a true and lasting narrative. And a true and lasting narrative of Lincoln has got to take into consideration that he had views on race that today are seen as totally retrograde."

The memorial is itself a maker of myth, from the actual sculpture to an exhibit one floor below where the walls display inspiring quotations by Lincoln about blacks.

The memorial, like Lincoln, once was subject to the passing indignities of politics. First proposed in 1867, it was successfully stopped for decades by Southerners and other Democrats. Only at the turn of the 20th century, when enough time had passed to make Lincoln acceptable to both parties, was funding approved.

Architect Henry Bacon designed Doric columns for each of the 36 states in the union (including the defeated Confederacy) at the time of Lincoln's death. The statue, con-ceived by Daniel Chester French and sculpted out of Georgian marble, presented Lincoln as a symbol of imperial muscle, a commoner king.

The inscription above honors Lincoln the nationalist, the American Bismarck, over Lincoln the emanci-

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## ANNIVERSARIES

## Halls celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hall will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009.

Chuck and the former Charlotte C. Launch were married February 14, 1959 in the First Christian Church in Pampa.. They are both life-long residents of the city.

Mr. Hall retired from C-E Natco after 25 years. He was then employed the TExas Department of Criminal Justice and the Gray County Sheriff's Office as a jailer. Charlotte Hall is a registered nurse.

The family owned Agape Home Health for many



Chuck and Charlotte Hall in 1962

years.

Both are members of Briarwood Full Gospel Church. Mrs Hall has served as church pianist and organist for the past 35 years.

The couple is planning a spring cruise with their three children and their spouses to celebrate their 50 years together.

The Halls children are: Becky and Robert Pamplin, Janet and Apolo Anguiano, all of Pampa and Kevin Hal and wife Pam of Orlando, Fla..

They have 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



John and Suzanne Wagner

## Wagners observe their 25th anniversary

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John and Suzanne Wagner of Pampa celebrated their 25th anniversary February 11, 2009 in Negril, Jamaica.

The Wagners have been Pampa residents for over nine years. John has worked for Atmos Energy for 24 years and Suzanne at St, Matthews Day School for eight years.

They are both members of ST. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and are involved in the chamber of commerce, Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club, Knights of Columbus and the United Ways. The couple has two children; Jessica and Serina Wagner, both of Pampa.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my husband of 25 years, "Glen," discovered that I'd had an affair 10 years earlier. After he found out, he couldn't sleep or eat, had recurring nightmares about the affair and was suicidal. He says it is still the first thing that pops into his mind when he wakes up and the last thing he thinks about when he goes to sleep. Neither of us thinks he will ever be

able to get over it.

Glen doesn't want to be married to someone who would lie and cheat, and I don't want to be married to someone who can't love me. Actually, I don't think I love him, either. We have discussed divorce many times but it always comes down to our kids.

They are all on their own, but they would be devastated if we divorced - especially if they knew what caused it. We don't want them to go through the pain that Glen has gone through. We love them and cherish the times we still have together as a family. If we were to divorce, it

would never be the same.

Are we crazy to stay together for the kids? -GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR GOING: I am not the person who should answer that question. Only you and Glen can do that. I can, however, advise you that you and your husband are two years overdue for couples therapy.

Infidelity is painful, but it is possible to recover from it, heal a marriage and emerge stronger than ever as a couple. However, if it is not possible to do that, then divorce is a preferable alternative to the marriage you have described.

DEAR ABBY: I have a simple answer for "Frustrated in Pennsylvania" (Nov. 30),

whose wife forgets to enter her check amounts into her check register. I had the same problem when I was first married.

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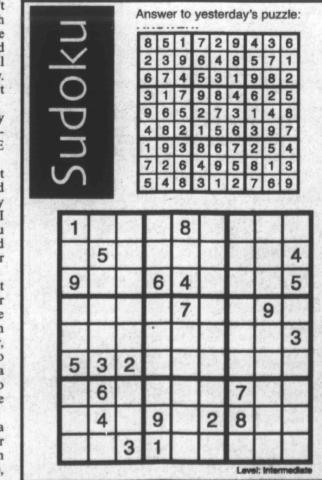
DEAR BOB: Many readers wrote, as you did, that duplicate checks are the solution to this common problem, which, by the way, affects both men and women. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Here's what I did with my husband. We got duplicate checks. Having a copy of

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I could never resolve our conflicts over finances. We have more arguments about money than any other subject. We finally resolved it by getting three separate accounts: hers, mine and "household," to which we both contribute equally. -- GERALD IN LA QUINTA, CALIF.



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"Mommy, can you please move the refrigerator? My grape rolled under it."

### **Daily Crossword Puzzle**

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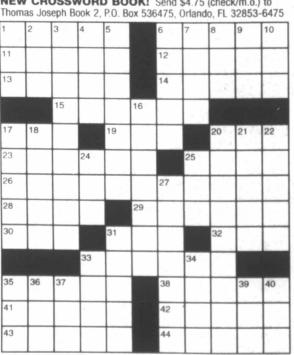
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Work with a situation with the knowledge of your direction. No one else seems to know which way is up, forward or down. Laugh and delight in a special friend's company. You might be surprised by others' reactions. Tonight: Dare to live a dream

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Play it even and aboveboard. Evaluate a change openly with a friend or trusted associate who could be in a similar situation. Getting feedback might be more important than you realize Tonight: Relax. You never know what is about to happen GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Let your imagination, wit and sense of fun merge. This attitude could be distracting at work: know that you are on top of your game. Take off early or make some important phone calls. Tonight: Take the untrodden path. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Basics play out. Do your values reflect you? Question what you want from a situation. Let someone you care about poke holes in your thinking Remain sure of your thinking and opinions. Tonight: Allow more fun to happen. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Keep conversations flowing, even if you are sure about where some-

one else is coming from. You might be

instincts are right-on about someone in your life. Don't kid yourself - that person reads you just as clearly, too. Tonight: Hang out with a special friend. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Juggle your schedule, knowing that you would like to have some extra change right now. Do some price comparison as you try to come up with a

solution. Be easygoing; not everyone can meet your ideas. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Decide on your budget before you go out. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You are all smiles and open to change. Others intuitively sense this transformation. Go for more of what you want from a situation. You are more in

sync than you realize. Let your playfulness emerge. Tonight: Let the good times SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\* Take your time before you launch

into action. You might not realize just how much you are doing or what is important to you. Evaluate and think through a family member's suggestion. It might not make sense. Tonight: Vanish. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Opt for the very different or offbeat. You could be exhausted by recent events and decisions. Your sixth sense comes into play when you least expect it. You seem to know who is going to call before they do. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Your willingness to step up to the plate puts you ahead of the game. You might wonder what to do with someone who seems testy and difficult. Put your signature on any business dealing. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Your instincts will pay off if vou follow them. Though many people don't get what you see, think and feel, it doesn't mean that you aren't right-on. Your imagination can lead you down very interesting trails. Tonight: Act on an

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Get down to the basics; consider a new attitude with a problem individual. Not all of your good ideas are right-on, but it appears this one might be. Don't allow the superficial to distract you. Tonight: Make togetherness the

**BORN TODAY** Actor George Segal (1934), talk-show host Jerry Springer (1944), first lady Bess Truman (1885)

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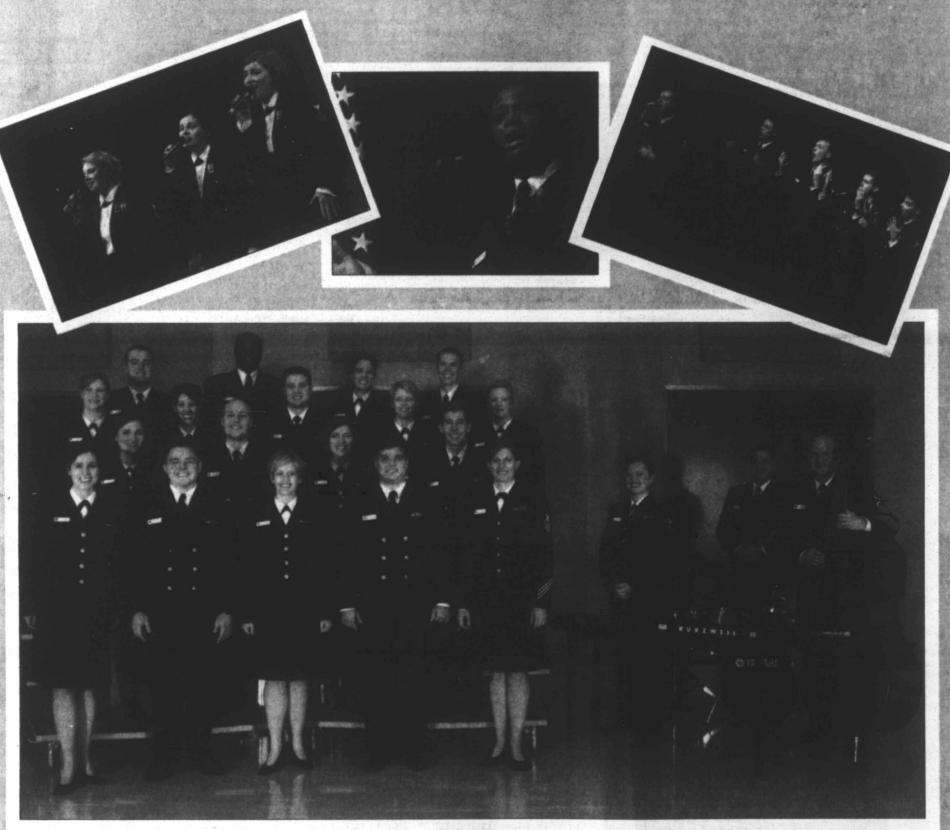
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