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## Hwy 60 CRASH KILLS FOUR

*One more child injured*

By Betsy Phillips and Rachel Stennett

Four people were killed yesterday in a car/truck collision on Hwy 60 about four miles west of Pampa (February 18).

The crash occurred at 11:25 a.m. about a mile from the former Celanese plant.

Pronounced dead at the scene were driver Talina Welch, 30 and passengers Kayla Dorsey, 18, both of Amarillo, and Akhyla Williams, a two-month old infant, of Pampa.

Daven Daniels, 2, of Amarillo was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he died during the night following surgery.

Welch's son, and Hirshal Green, 5, was transported by LifeStar helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital. He was reported in stable condition Wednesday, his condition at press time was not known.

According to Daniel Hawthorne of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Welch, in a red 2001 Chevy Suburban, was driving west-

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staff photo by David Bowser

Emergency workers examine mangled wreckage, to be sure no one is trapped underneath, at the scene of a collision between a Suburban and 2008 Peterbuilt tractor-trailer rig on U.S. Highway 60 near Pampa. The engine of the Suburban lies where it landed after being ripped from the vehicle by the impact. Two women, a child and an infant were killed in the crash. One child is in Northwest Texas Hospital and reported to be in stable condition. The driver of the semi was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center with minor injuries.

## Perry to Obama: We'll take the money

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry will take the federal money, even if he has to pinch his nose with one hand while holding out the other.

Perry wrote President Barack Obama on Wednesday, telling him the state will accept its \$17 billion portion of the federal economic stimulus plan, noting he always intended he would work to get Texans' "fair share."

But Perry's letter also said he didn't like much of the \$787 billion stimulus bill signed into law on Tuesday.

A Republican, Perry said

"we will accept the funds ... and use them to promote economic growth and create jobs." The letter said he's against using them to expand existing government programs. It did not detail how he wants to use the money.

"I believe there are better ways to reinvigorate our economy and I believe (the plan) will burden future generations with unprecedented levels of debt," Perry wrote.

Even with its objections, the letter was a key step toward allowing Texas to get its share of cash to spend.

State leaders were just beginning Wednesday to learn exactly where that money is slated to go, including millions to edu-



cate homeless children and help poor families pay for child care.

Texas' share of the package is divided between education, health and human services, transportation, labor, criminal justice, and housing and infrastructure. Education gets the largest share with more than \$6 billion, closely followed by health and human services programs, which are slated to get about \$5.8 billion, according to a state analysis.

Meeting federal requirements to receive the money is becoming its

own quagmire.

For example, some transportation money must be spent within 120 days on projects ready to go. But \$5.4 billion in money for Medicaid would be divvied up through the end of 2010. The Legislature must fit each puzzle piece into the 2010-2011 budget, which they're now writing and starts later this year.

A special House committee is set to meet Thursday to pore over the details.

LEGAL AID  
Texas legal aid for the  
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## Who's Who WINNER



Louann Suttle of Pampa was the winner of The Pampa News' Who's Who contest. Louann matched pictures of employees with the business where they work and won \$150. The contest ran over four weeks in The Pampa News. The Pampa News would like to thank all the businesses that participated and residents who entered in the contest.

## LifeStar coming to Pampa Regional

By Rachel Stennett  
rstennett@thepampanews.com  
Pampa Regional Medical Center will hold a dedication ceremony tomorrow for a LifeStar air ambulance service that will be based at PRMC.

LifeStar, an air ambulance service based out of the North West Texas Health Care System, currently has one helicopter based at the Nwth Amarillo location, which serves the Texas Panhandle.

Adding a second helicopter to the region will allow for a larger demographic of people to be served, and will decrease travel time for patients in need, according to Todd Lorenz, CEO of PRMC.

"(LifeStar) looked at markets in this region to decide where to place a second helicopter to best meet the needs of residents in the Panhandle," Lorenz said. "Placing a helicopter at PRMC will allow them to expand their ability to serve the Panhandle and

other neighboring states."

Lorenz said that the decision to locate another helicopter at PRMC was "a lengthy process," which began last fall. Several hospitals were looked at, but PRMC ultimately was the partner of choice.

"We have the ability to meet LifeStar's needs and serve a significant population. We are willing to partner with them and willing to work to have a successful air ambulance service," Lorenz explained. PRMC serves a greater population than most other hospitals in other parts of the Panhandle, which will help them utilize the service appropriately and help more patients.

The PRMC site location will also be beneficial to the community, according to Lorenz. "Patients are going to get to necessary care faster in a lot of circumstances, this benefits our hospital and our community." In

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**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 14 and 24. Windy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 43. North wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 24. North wind around 10 mph becoming south.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 61. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**Emergency Services**

**PAMPA PD**

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

Tuesday, Feb. 17  
 Officers conducted a total of 10 traffic stops.  
 A total of 11 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 1500 block of North Nelson.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Evergreen, the 2400 block of Comanche Trail, and the 1900 block of North Evergreen.  
 Lost property was reported lost in the 1400 block of Hobart, where a wallet lost with an unknown estimated value in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.  
 Theft was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.  
 Traffic complaints were received in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway, the 300 block of West Foster, and the 300 block of North Cuyler.  
 Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn.  
 Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of East Murphy, and the 1100 block of Seneca.  
 Found property was reported in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.  
 Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2100 block of North Duncan, and the 700 block of North Zimmers.  
 Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of West 28th.  
 Harassment by phone was reported in the lobby of the PD.  
 Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 2600 block of Fir, the 1600 block of North Somerville, and the 1500 block of North Sumner.  
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.  
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.  
 A prowler was reported in the 900 block of North Gray.  
 Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 of North Duncan.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 18  
 Officers conducted 12 traffic stops.  
 A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300

block of East Brown.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Short and Carr, the 1000 block of North Frost.  
 A total of 13 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.  
 An assault was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.  
 Accidents were reported in the intersection of Starkweather and Kingsmill, the intersection of Highway 60 and County Road 3, the 2300 block of Rosewood, and the intersection of Hobart and Harvester streets.  
 A missing person was reported in the 200 block of North West.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Dogwood.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks.  
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia.  
 Thursday, Feb. 19  
 Officers conducted one traffic stop.  
 A suspicious person call was received from the 1400 block of North Hobart.  
 A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of north Carr.  
 Agency assistance was rendered in the intersection of 23rd and Price streets.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Graham, where a window screen was damaged valued at \$40.  
 A traffic complaint was received from the 500 block of North Yeager.

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**Obituaries**

**Billy D. Terry, 68**

Pampa, Texas — Billy D. Terry, 68, died February 18, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.  
 Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 20, 2009, at Fellowship Baptist Church, with Rev. Gary Worden, pastor, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Terry was born June 1, 1940 in Sayre, Oklahoma. He married Lou Pendergrass on October 23, 1958 in Pampa. He was the owner and operator of Terco Supply for 21 years, retiring in 2005. Bill worked for Clifton Supply part time after his retirement. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Bill was devoted to his church as well as his family, and through his relationship with Jesus Christ, he influenced many lives.  
 Survivors include his wife, Lou Terry of the home, two sons; Ronnie Terry and wife Jean, and Donnie Terry and wife Suzie, all of Pampa, two daughters; Sherry Payton and husband Rick of

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Woodward, Oklahoma, and Cindy Brown and husband Bill of Pampa, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one brother; Clarence Terry of Pampa, two sisters; Jean Grantham of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and LaVonda Brinkley of Erick, Oklahoma. Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Orville and Verna Terry and two sisters; Joella Day and Bobbie Corbet.



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**MEMORIALS:** Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis,

**Emergency Services**

**SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest.

Tuesday, Feb. 17  
 Kelley Louise Swanson, 39, of Pampa was sent to Texas Department of Criminal Justice, institutional division, on possession of marijuana.  
 Alan William Broadbent, 46, of Pampa was sent TDCJ on possession of a controlled substance.  
 Kayla Dawn Smith, 25, of White Deer was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.  
 Patrick Derle Mize, 27, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors Marshall for theft fo services, an ordinance violation for failure to comply with trash regulations, and no running water.  
 Terrance Earl Fite, 22, of Berger was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license, wrong lane/wrong way, expired registration, warrants on no driver's license, failure to maintain financial registration, and no insurance.  
 Amanda Jean Henderson, 19, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.  
 Sarah Marie Watkins, 26, of Lefors was arrested for theft of water under \$50, violations of ordinance for failure to pay for trash collection, and no

**AMBULANCE**

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

Monday, Feb. 16  
 10:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East 17th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
 11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Tuesday, Feb. 17  
 9:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Kingsmill and Starkweather and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Triumph.  
 11:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and County Road 3 and transported two patients to LifeStar.  
 1:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Zimmers and transported a patient to

3:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 3:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 4:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Red Deer. No patients were transported.  
 4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Faulkner. No patients were transported.  
 7:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 8:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

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 1:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Zimmers and transported a patient to

PRMC.  
 3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart. No patients were transported.  
 8:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Crest. No patients were transported.

**FIRE**

Wednesday, Feb. 18  
 9:09 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Kingsmill and Starkweather on a med assist.  
 11:44 a.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to Highway 60 and County Road 3 on a motor vehicle accident.  
 12:27 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Wells on a med assist.  
 1:12 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of North Zimmers on a med assist.  
 3:37 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Harvester on a motor vehicle accident.  
 6:34 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 800 block of East Francis on a med assist.

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## Four killed in crash

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bound on U.S. Hwy 60 when "she had a distraction in the vehicle."

Welch veered off the road to the right and then overcorrected left, sliding sideways across the center line, where her vehicle was struck by an eastbound semi. The impact was to the right side of the SUV

but was the equivalent in force to a head-on collision, according to Hawthorne.

The driver of the truck, Shannon Fore, of Cress was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center with minor injuries.

According to DPS Trooper Taylor Hawkins,

those involved in the crash had visited family in Panhandle and Pampa and were returning to Amarillo at the time of the wreck.

Welch and Dorsey were friends. Ahkyla Williams and Daven Daniels were Dorsey's niece and nephew.



staff photo by David Bowser

Pampa emergency services personnel work the scene of a crash that killed four people Wednesday, February 18, including two small children. A red Suburban collided with a semi about four miles west of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60. Occupants of the tractor-trailer rig were not seriously injured.

## Legislative highlights

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poor is in serious jeopardy and needs to be rescued by state lawmakers, the state's legal aid foundation said Wednesday.

Falling interest rates have depleted the fund's trust account to \$1.5 million from \$28 million in 2007.

Leaders of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation said they plan

to ask the Legislature for a \$40 million loan from the federal stimulus economic stimulus package.

"That is a real crisis. That is not fabricated, that is not manufactured, that's reality," said James B. Sales, chairman of the foundation's policy making arm, the Texas Access to Justice Commission.

The foundation also

expects legislation to be filed over the coming weeks which would direct other funds to the foundation for longterm support of legal aid services.

Texans who earn less than \$11,075 annually are eligible to receive legal aid funds through the foundation. Sales said there are more than 5.2 million people who qualify.

## LifeStar comes to PRMC

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many cases, patients and transported by LifeStar that require needs that PRMC cannot meet due to special medical needs which require neurosurgeons, or cardiac surgeons that PRMC does not have on staff.

The public is invited to

attend the dedication for the air ambulance tomorrow (Feb. 20) at the front lawn of PRMC. The air ambulance will be there for public viewing (the outside of the helicopter). The dedication will recognize the EMS Foundation and Jim Hall, head of the

foundation, for the work they have done to bring the helicopter to Pampa. State Representative Warren Chisum will be in attendance as he has worked closely with the EMS foundation.

## Officials: Lubricant oil leaking off Calif. coast

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — A mixture of oil and water leaking Wednesday from an Exxon Mobil platform spread across a mile of ocean off the Southern California coast, federal and state officials said.

Initial reports indicated the leak on Platform Harmony came from a deck drainage tank where rainwater, lubricants and fluids drain into a sump, said Coast Guard spokeswoman Stephanie Young. She said the company reported the leak Monday and was still working Wednesday to stop the mixture from seeping into the Santa Barbara Channel.

It was unclear how much oil — which Young

described as a light lubricant, not crude oil — had spilled, although Exxon Mobil Corp. spokeswoman Margaret Ross said fewer than five gallons of a "water soluble product" had leaked into the ocean since the company discovered the problem Monday.

The U.S. Minerals Management Service, the federal agency that owns the platform about six miles off the California coast and leases it to Exxon Mobil, said the spill was 10 feet wide and stretched for about a mile.

The service and the Coast Guard were investigating the leak. Divers were examining machinery and other components underneath the platform to identify the cause, Young

said. There had been no effort to clean up the spill because the sun, waves and the nature of the lubricant were spreading the oil and making it difficult to recover, she said.

State Assemblyman Pedro Nava, D-Santa Barbara, said oil companies are responsible for monitoring their equipment for leaks and discharges and that Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil could face a "significant penalty" if it did not report and repair the leak promptly.

A 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara that killed thousands of birds helped prompt the federal Clean Water Act and a moratorium on offshore drilling.

## Death threats against police appear in Mexican border city

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police were on alert Wednesday after several signs appeared across this violent border city warning that more officers would be killed unless the police chief resigns, a day after the second-in-command and three other officers were slain.

Meanwhile, coroners conducted autopsies on the bodies of the four officers, including the city police

chief's right-hand man, Sacramento Perez.

Gunmen ambushed the officers Tuesday afternoon while they were sitting in their patrol car on a street near the U.S. consulate. No arrests have been made.

About 50 police officers have been killed in the past year in attacks blamed on drug gangs trying to consolidate territory. Many officers have quit out of fear for their lives, often after their names have

appeared on hit lists left in public in Ciudad Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas.

Mayor Jose Reyes Ferriz gave a news conference pledging to support Orduna, who has not made a public appearance since the killings. Ferriz put the force on "red alert" Wednesday, meaning no officer can patrol alone in the violence-plagued city of 1.3 million.

## UNT astronomers say they found 2 samples of meteor

DALLAS (AP) — Two samples of fresh material the "size of large pecans" from a meteor that alarmed numerous residents when it streaked across the Texas sky on Sunday have been found by two University of North Texas astronomers in a pasture east of the small town of West.

"The pieces that we found have beautiful ablation crust. And it's black like charcoal. Underneath this crust the color of the rock is concrete like gray," said Ron DiLulio, director of the planetarium and astronomy lab program at the University of North Texas in Denton.

DiLulio and Preston Starr, UNT's observatory manager, said they found the pieces Wednesday about 5 p.m. after starting their search from Fort Worth at 3 a.m. using calculations from all of the calls they had received.

DiLulio said they had just about given up looking and were driving back when a friend called and asked to meet them at a certain intersection. They said that coincided with conversations they had had earlier that day with citizens at a restaurant.

"We decided rather than

try to get permission from landowners, there would be pieces in a line that would spread out a mile across. We decided to just do the county roads and we just started walking down that road and it's fairly easy to see. It jumped out at us within 15 minutes," DiLulio said.

"We came back to where our gut instinct told us," Starr said. He said the McLennan County sheriff and deputies confirmed what citizens had told them.

"The sheriff told his deputy to take us out there," DiLulio said.

The astronomers placed the samples in ZipLoc bags to keep out the air. They plan to transfer the samples to membrane cases and take them to the university for additional study.

People on Sunday reported seeing a fireball streak across the sky and DiLulio said the reason it created such a fireball was because the meteor expanded and broke into pieces.

The pair said they were not alone in the search and ran into others including "a commercial meteorite hunter and we wanted to

get there so we could have it first for science," DiLulio said.

Starr said the pair had been gathering information since they initially learned of the meteor's appearance.

"We did a lot of pre-planning. We looked at the angles of what they saw in the sky and we were able to map it all out. We put a plan together and we drove around small country roads. Texas has lots of small farm to market roads," Starr said.

DiLulio said he thinks there are larger pieces still to be found.

"We feel that there are probably several hundred pieces. What happens when these things fall — they may break apart. We want to find these early and study the primitive material before our atmosphere affects them," DiLulio said.

He said the pair planned on returning to the areas where they had searched.

"Everytime we find one we mark where it is on the map and we can measure how much material actually hit the surface of the earth," DiLulio said.

West is about 70 miles south of Dallas.

## Texas man brought to Okla. to face charge

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Texas man has been extradited to Oklahoma to face a charge of second-degree murder in the death of a 16-year-old girl killed in a high-speed car crash.

Joshua Lamar Dockins of Wichita Falls, Texas, was brought to the Oklahoma County jail and booked without bail Wednesday.

In addition to the murder count, the 23-year-old Dockins is charged with leaving the scene of a fatality accident and causing an injury accident while driving under the influence of alcohol.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press  
Today is Thursday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2009. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful monthlong battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

On this date:  
In 1473, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin, with J. Pinckney Henderson taking the oath of office as governor.

In 1881, Kansas prohibited the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

In 1934, the U.S. Army Air Corps began delivering mail after President Franklin D. Roosevelt canceled private contracts that had come under suspicion. (The hastily arranged, ill-equipped military flights claimed the lives of a dozen pilots, sparking a public outcry before they were dropped several months later.)

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the military to relocate and intern

*'In America everybody is equal, but some are more than others.'*

— Gertrude Stein,  
American author

U.S. residents, including native-born Americans, of Japanese ancestry. Japanese warplanes raided the Australian city of Darwin; at least 243 people were killed.

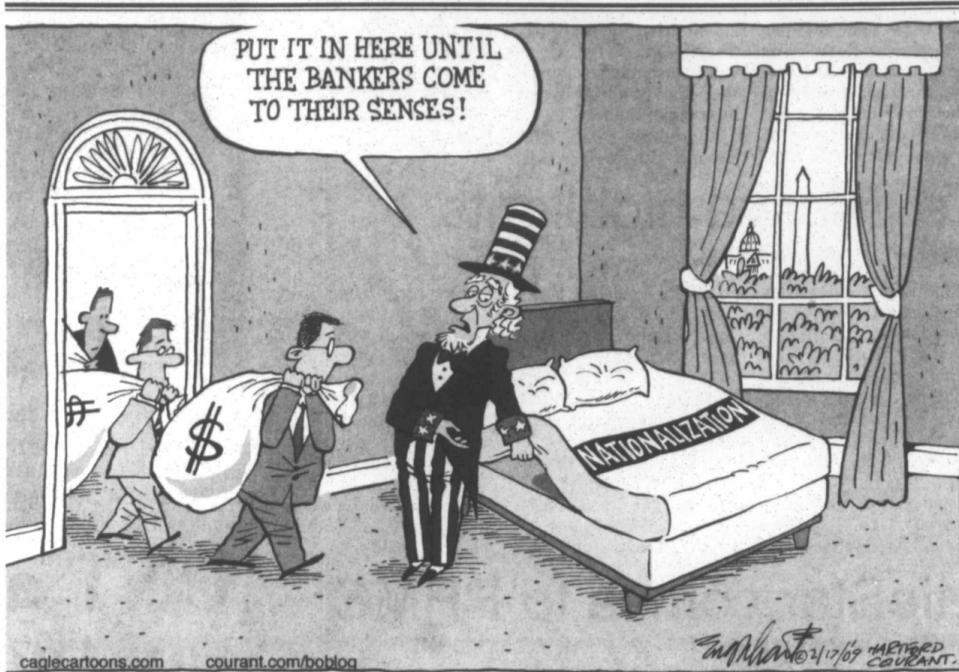
In 1983, 13 people were found shot to death at a gambling club in Seattle's Chinatown in what became known as the "Wah Mee Massacre." (Two Chinese immigrants were convicted of the killings and sentenced to life in prison.)

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died at age 92.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton posthumously pardoned Henry O. Flipper, the first black graduate of West Point, whose military career had been tarnished by a racially motivated discharge.

Five years ago: Former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling was charged in court with fraud, insider trading and other crimes in connection with the energy trader's colossal collapse.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Smokey Robinson is 69. Singer Bobby Rogers (Smokey Robinson & the Miracles) is 69. Actress Carlin Glynn is 69. Singer Lou Christie is 66. Actor Michael Nader is 64. Rock musician Tony Iommi (Black Sabbath, Heaven and Hell) is 61. Author Amy Tan is 57. Actor Jeff Daniels is 54. Rock singer-musician Dave Wakeling is 53. Talk show host Lorianne Crook is 52. Actor Ray Winstone is 52. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is 50. Britain's Prince Andrew is 49. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Hana Mandlikova is 47. Singer Seal is 46. Country musician Ralph McCauley (Wild Horses) is 45. Rock musician Jon Fishman (Phish) is 44. Actress Justine Bateman is 43. Actor Benicio Del Toro is 42. Rock musician Daniel Adair is 34. Pop singer-actress Haylie Duff is 24.



## Analysis: Meltdown could force college aid shift

By JUSTIN POPE  
AP Education Writer

Johnny's a middle-class student who worked hard to get good grades and a high SAT score. Jane's record isn't as good, but her family is low-income, and without help she might not be able to go to college at all.

Who should be first in line for help from the government to pay for college?

It's a debate that hits hot-button questions about fairness and opportunity, and lately, many experts think the middle class has been winning.

But the economic meltdown could be shifting the playing field, as the government and colleges themselves are forced to focus on helping the neediest students and try to head off a wave of dropouts.

Some experts think that could prove one of the few beneficial outcomes of the downturn.

"For a long time, the discussion was about the middle-income squeeze, wealthy people could pay for (college), poor people were getting grants, people in the middle were having a hard time," said Vanderbilt University education professor William Doyle. While ideally college would be cheaper for everyone, he said, the research is clear that "the most efficient way to spend the money is to focus on the margins, people who wouldn't otherwise go."

Over the last decade, nearly every state has started or expanded politically popular "merit aid" programs that reward students with high SAT scores or GPAs, even those whose families could afford college costs.

Colleges have done the same with their own money, dangling financial aid to attract students who will improve the college's ranking and reputation. But sometimes that means well-off students get both a free ride and a new ride (when their parents reward a scholarship by using the college fund to buy them a car).

The federal stimulus package President Obama signed into law Tuesday, however, was notably focused on helping the poorest families through college, with the largest increase ever to the Pell Grant program, which mostly supports students from families earning under

\$30,000 a year.

Merit-based aid, meanwhile, has taken a hit in several states. New Jersey recently imposed tougher standards and cut back on its Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship. Michigan may have to reduce its Promise scholarship. Nevada has already moved money out of a program that gave as much as \$10,000 to top high school graduates.

Cutting merit aid won't necessarily translate into more need-based aid in these tough times. But there are signs it's a higher priority. In Virginia, Gov. Tim Kaine's proposed budget would boost need-based aid \$26 million even as it imposes big cuts elsewhere to close a two-year, \$2.9 billion budget hole.

Some educators criticize merit-aid programs for distributing public money where it is not necessarily needed, but they also do a lot of good.

They raise the academic reputations of state universities by keeping bright students from moving elsewhere. And they encourage high school students to work hard, knowing there's a financial reward.

And of course, students from low-income families who get good grades are eligible, too (in some states, merit scholarship programs have need-based components).

But many people are surprised to learn how much financial aid ends up helping families who aren't necessarily the neediest.

Twenty-eight percent of state financial aid was awarded for merit in 2006-2007, up from 15 percent a decade earlier, according to the National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs.

The trend is more pronounced when colleges hand out their own money. Families earning more than \$100,000 get grants that average \$6,200, the most recent federal figures show. That's \$1,500 more than colleges' average award to families earning under \$20,000. (One reason is athletic scholarships, which are tilted toward sports well-off kids play; there are 900 more NCAA scholarships available for golf and tennis than there are for basketball).

To be sure, middle-class families

have legitimate gripes about college costs, which hit \$6,585 this year at the average four-year public college.

For the middle 20 percent of families, that means college now costs 25 percent of income, even after financial aid, according to a recent report from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. That's up from 18 percent of income nine years ago.

But for the lowest 20 percent of families, the real cost of college has risen from 39 percent of income to 55 percent.

Merit aid programs, while desirable, may be deemed a luxury in tough times.

In West Virginia, a report found efforts to control costs by toughening standards for the state's PROMISE scholarship program have come at the expense of lower-income students, and asked the legislature to cap the awards at \$4,500. A private college president there called the program a welfare program for better-off families.

Meanwhile, the stimulus plan raises the maximum Pell Grant, from \$4,731 currently to \$5,350 starting July 1.

"I hate that it comes because of a recession and this is the only way we can get the Pell increase, but I think it's going to help a lot of students," said Lloyd Dixon, interim financial aid director at Mississippi Valley State University, where about 95 percent of students receive Pells, "Ai among the highest rates in the country."

The stimulus also helps low-income families by making the tuition tax credit partly refundable to those who don't earn enough to pay taxes. Currently, about 60 percent of the benefit goes to families earning more than \$100,000.

Some experts, like Penn State's Donald Heller, think merit aid programs are too popular for the balance to change much. But Doyle, the Vanderbilt professor, is cautiously optimistic.

"If we come out of this with a recognition of where the college access problems really are, that's going to be a good foundation," he said.

### To the editor

Editor,  
I have a few things to say about our town! When did it come to the point that all people have to do is sit around and complain about one thing or another? If it's not about animals or mostly dogs it's about people. Kids or old people. If it's not about people it's about trash or houses. When is it all going to end? We've sure got a lot of people scared of dogs. I understand about the big dogs. They should be penned up for their protection. We've sure got a lot of people scared of little ones. Tiny ones. These you see going down the middle of the street yes they should be kept from getting run over.

The people walking first because somebody don't like their looks. Everybody has the right to walk on public streets don't they? People stop in their cars or their cars quit, what happens then? How many don't like kids anymore and say they never done nothing or their kids won't do this. Ha! The older people get taken out of their homes. Just because they don't live up to par to suit somebody. Babies taken out of their homes because a lot of parents aren't perfect or don't have jobs enough to give them high dollar homes. I agree some are abused but not all. The weeds and trash and run down houses! There's sure a lot of

complaints about that! Just call the city don't try to help clean the town up. Charge people that can't live there \$240. How much junk is hid behind these wooden fences? Anybody can just go on any property now and take what they want and get by with it but can't afford to exert themselves to help out. I rode around town recently looking for a great big steel porch. I couldn't find it but it was bound to be behind one of these wooden fences. But while I was driving I never saw so much junk in peoples yards in my life. Six or eight disabled cars, anything done about that? This thing and that? Any thing about that? No a big

fat no! This is these people rights? Yet they can complain about everything and everybody. Do you see them helping anybody with anything or making the town better? Not on your life. They're just gonna keep complaining talking about how bad the people are and how dirty the town is just keep filling their own yards up with what they stole and reporting every thing they see. Is that all they've got to do is complain and gripe. Is that what they get their pleasure from? Wouldn't this be a dull world if everybody was the same?  
Sue Meeks  
Pampa

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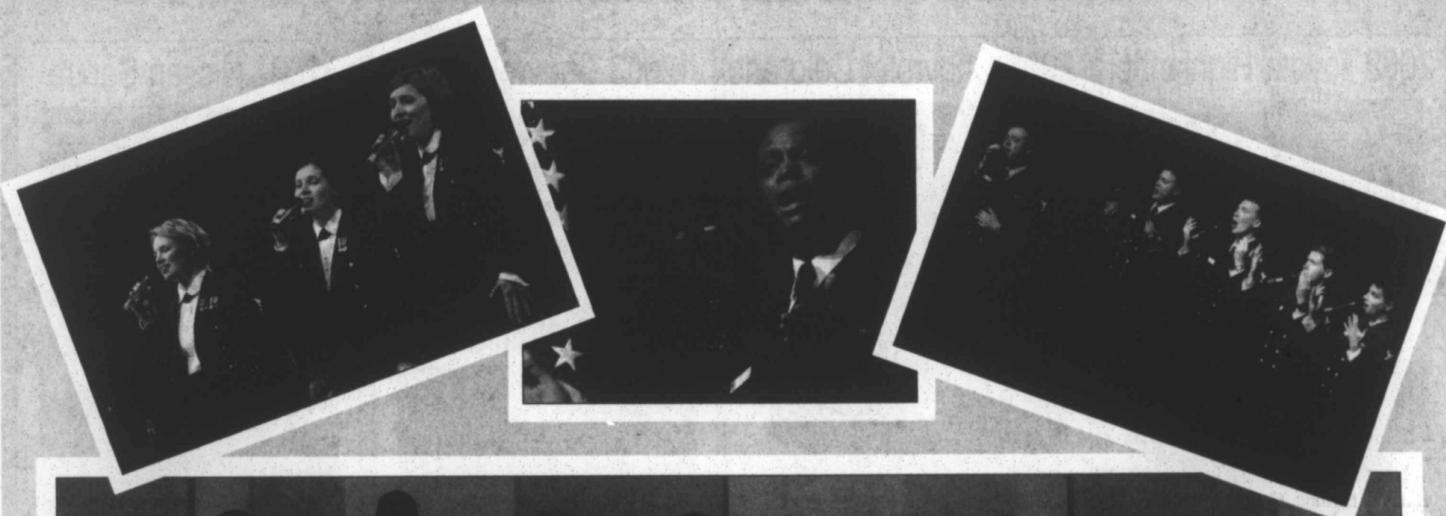
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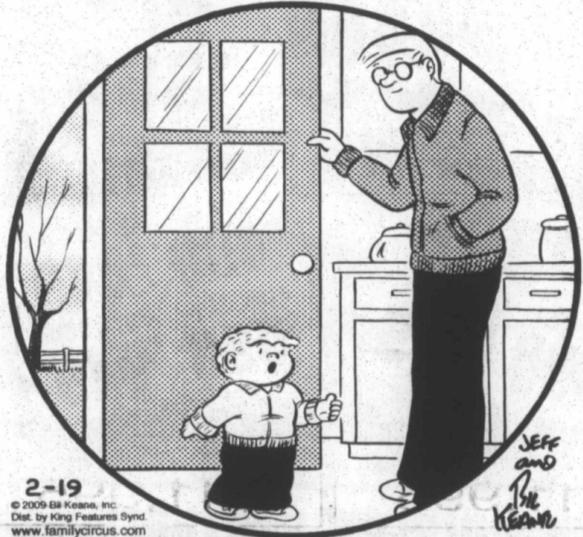


## Flo & Friends



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Mommy, is it OK if Daddy tags along with me to the park?"

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 2 Hand or foot
  - 1 Hearts, e.g.
  - 5 Hubbub
  - 11 Last Stuart ruler
  - 12 Texas town
  - 13 Basic idea
  - 14 Grommet
  - 15 Leave angrily
  - 17 Tell tales
  - 18 Lab container
  - 22 Ribcage setting
  - 24 Annual visitor
  - 25 First name in horror
  - 26 Church topic
  - 27 Cinema statuette
  - 30 Malice
  - 32 Gaggle members
  - 33 Chum
  - 34 Nightspots
  - 38 Cope
  - 41 Dangling spot
  - 42 Made flat
  - 43 Parcel of land
  - 44 Launch site sight
  - 45 Dispatch
- DOWN**
- 1 Droops

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### Yesterday's answer

- 7 Singer
- 8 Singer
- 9 Lyric poem
- 10 Go bad
- 16 Got together
- 19 Without talking
- 20 Fighting
- 21 Highway division
- 22 Plumbing problem
- 23 Radiator part
- 28 Climb
- 29 Library patron
- 30 Relaxing site
- 31 Winter garments
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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• **Pampa Soccer Association** spring season registration will begin February 16 and close March 9. The fee is \$55 and includes a uniform. Returning players do not need to register again. You will be placed on the same team as in the fall season. Practices begin March 16. Games will begin in April. For more information visit: <http://pampasoccerassociation.googlepages.com> or call 486-1646.

• **Lovett Memorial Library** will present free classes: Microsoft Powerpoint: Tuesday, February 24, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. For more information call the library, 669-5780.

• **Gray County Genealogical society** will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decembr. Visitors are welcome.

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

• **"Live On Stage" Community Concerts** of Pampa's final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My

Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• **Confidential heart health screenings** are being offered free of charge from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, February 20, at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, by Accolade Home Care as part of Heart Health month, a national initiative of the American Heart Association. Accolade screenings take roughly five to ten minutes and will include a five panel screening that will measure: blood pressure, O2 saturation, weight, cholesterol and BMI. Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and the results from the screening will be made available to participant. Accolade will also provide individuals with informational sheets explaining their numbers from the screenings.

For information, call Accolade Homecare in Pampa at 806-665-9700.

• **The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference** will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension

wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.

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• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.

• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.

## PHS Business Professionals qualify for state competition

The Pampa High School Business Professionals of America attended regional competition on Friday, January 30, 2009, at Frank Phillips College at Borger, Texas. This competition enhances the knowledge and skills learned in Administrative Procedures. The members did an excellent job representing Pampa High School competing with all schools from the panhandle. Sponsor of Business Professionals of America at Pampa High School is Beverly Jordan. Those qualified to attend state competition are:

State Qualifier 2nd Place and Procedures	Whitney Webster	Advanced Office Systems
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State Qualifier 2nd place	Kim Silva	Database Applications
State Qualifier 2nd Place	Senecia Becker	Legal Office Procedures

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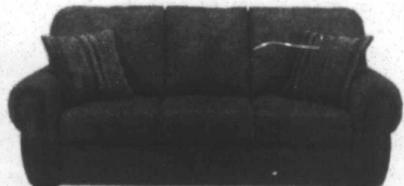
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to the letter from "Deceived in Arizona" (Nov. 30). I agree the couple shouldn't have misled their guests and should have let them know it wouldn't be a state-sanctioned wedding. But these days, many couples choose not to legally wed, and for others it is not a choice.

Most gay and lesbian people do not have the opportunity to have a state-sanctioned marriage, and many progressive couples choose not to legally wed because of unequal marriage laws. Other couples view marriage as oppressive and prefer not to invite the state into their relationship.

Also, some churches will no longer perform state-sanctioned marriages until marriage is available to all couples. If members of those churches decide to be legally married, they must go to the courthouse.

My advice to that stepmother: Get over it!

Celebrate the fact that your stepdaughter found her life-long companion and is happy. And be thankful your new grandchild will have loving, committed parents. -- BETHANY IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR BETHANY: Thank you for writing. When I printed "Deceived's" letter I had no idea I was catching a hot potato. The mail from readers about this has been most interesting and enlightening. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Oh, boy, did you open a can of worms with that one! Don't you know that many gay people are frustrated with the government's refusal to grant them a legal marriage? And many couples today no longer have any desire to "register" their union with the government, and have decided to forgo the legal benefits associated with it. They stand together to publicly celebrate their joy and commitment to each other. A "government-approved" marriage means

far less to them than one affirmed by God, family and community. -- ALEXANDRA IN OAKLAND

DEAR ABBY: "Deceived," who complained about the marriage ceremony that was "not legal," pointed out the difficulty we have here in the United States where marriage is the only sacrament that is completely entwined with civil law. What we need is separation of church and state.

Governments should allow the CIVIL marriage of any two individuals who want to take on the rights and responsibilities of marriage. Churches should provide a RELIGIOUS marriage to those couples who satisfy their requirements for a religious marriage. That way the government would be out of the religious sacrament business and only in the business of conferring legal rights and responsibilities upon committed couples. -- BECKLEY, W.VA., LAWYER

DEAR ABBY: You

should know that the minister, priest, judge (or whoever) does not "marry" the couple. They only "officiate" -- and that's it. In many places around the world people declare in front of family, friends and/or community that they take each other as man and wife -- and they are legally married. They do, at some time in the future when the official comes around, go ahead and go through the "formality," but they have already been married all that time before the official shows up.

Depending upon where this couple "pretended they got married," they may very well be married.

Keep up the good work, Abby. You're doing a heck of a good job. -- DONALD H., ST. JOSEPH, MO.

DEAR DONALD: Thank you for the kind words. Readers, I'll have more on this tomorrow. It appears "the times may be changin'..."

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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# Woman works to help children

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — As a child, Lorraine Le Mon made a pact with God that she would find the secret to a better life.

Decades later, she literally has touched the lives of thousands of students and children across the globe.

Le Mon was born and raised in Detroit, Mich., where she was the least dysfunctional in a mostly dysfunctional family and was exposed to alcohol and drug abuse daily.

"In that environment, I was happy but knew that things were going to change," Le Mon said of the days when her father turned the house into a juke joint.

She was right. "I made a decision to graduate from high school at 16. My sisters were already out of the house and pregnant," she said. "I didn't want to graduate, and I asked myself, 'Why can't I be like everyone else?'"

Le Mon did graduate. However, college was delayed.

"I ended up a single mom with a child," she said. "Then I was with two children, single and on welfare, while working."

Her paychecks were subsidized and, according to Le Mon, that meant living off \$400 a week for everything (food, rent, etc.)

"I was working overtime and was only getting \$400 a week, so one day I walked into welfare services and told them to take me off it," she said. "I made a decision at that moment that life was going to be about my kids."

That decision turned Le Mon's life around.

She began working at Blue Cross Insurance, went back to school and became active in the community.

Her volunteerism would lead to Art 2 Heart in Kerrville.

"I would put on shows with costumes," she said. "It would turn me on to see how people got motivated and could move from point A to point B, using (the fine) arts. It became a viable force in my life."

After working at the Blue Cross for three years, fate stepped in, and she met her husband and soulmate.

"I started going to juvies and jails and performed for them," Le Mon said.

It was during this time that she met Ric, who seemed to have the same passion and gift for healing damaged people through the arts.

"We formed the Agape Ministry Group together. He proposed to me in March of 1979 and I accepted in May," Le Mon said.

They've been married for 30 years.

Le Mon and her husband began creating things together. They opened a coffee shop and went to Gatesville Prison, where they had prisoners organize a musical. Lorraine finally found a safe and happy life in Detroit.

Before long, the Le Mons were traveling to various states and bringing cultures together through their art. When they visited Galveston in 1987, they fell in love with Texas and knew they wanted to make the Lone Star State home. They just didn't know where or when.

Then, in 1992, they met a man at church who was part of a life-training center in the Rio Grande Valley who was looking for a black couple who worked in the arts and would be interested in doing on-site counseling with children and teaching drug prevention.

In 1995, the Le Mons moved to the Rio Grande Valley and became involved with motivational speaking at a "load of

schools."

Listening to a Hill Country Youth Orchestra CD, she liked what she heard so much that she called about the CD and she was asked by Joyce, an HCYO worker, to attend the musical.

"So we went to check them out, at which point we saw how beautiful the Hill Country was," she said.

They had found their true "home sweet home" it seemed.

Joanne English who worked for the former Integrity Remax, now known as Kerrville Real Estate, was familiar with the Le Mons' work and felt they needed to move to the Hill Country.

The LeMons finally gave into English's persistence, in spite of having no money and being uncertain about their future.

"We moved to Center Point because Joanne English was just so damn persistent. That's the bottomline," Lorraine said. "So we just prayed and waited to see what God (did)."

The LeMons quickly realized they had nothing to fear.

"Next thing we know, we

were moving into our house and my husband was building a recording studio Lemonsuit Recording Studio."

For Lorraine, traveling across the nation to talk to kids about drug and alcohol abuse prevention wasn't enough. There was a void in her professional and spiritual life, she said, and her life seemed to have lost purpose.

"My motivational speaking was getting smaller and smaller and smaller, and I started wondering, Am I ever going to get to that small number of kids?"

In the past, Lorraine had led a leadership seminar for a few kids. She called it Art 2 Heart, but it had only been a one-day thing.

Once in the Hill Country, she talked to people who shared her interest in reaching out to children in the community, and they came up with the grand plan.

"They told me, Why don't you take this leadership thing (former Art 2 Heart) and put it together with this art thing and call it Art 2 Heart?"

And Art 2 Heart was reborn.

## Tower shooting survivor, music teacher dies

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lana Kay Leeds Swanson, who survived the 1966 University of Texas Tower shooting and went on to teach voice, theater and piano, has died of pancreatic cancer. She was 63.

She died late Sunday, according to family and close friends.

An alumnus of the University of Texas music department, she was 21 when Charles Whitman riddled the UT-Austin campus and surrounding area with bullets from the university tower.

Known as Lana Phillips then, the college student was struck on the shoulder when she was outside a clothing store on Guadalupe Street, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The injury kept her from playing the organ, her primary musical instrument, for a time.

"I wasn't scared until I got shot," she told a newspaper reporter in 1966.

## Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 54-25-52-39-37-45.  
 Number matching six of six: 0.  
 Number matching five of six: 17. Prize: \$2,608.  
 Number matching four of six: 1,020. Prize: \$65.  
 Number matching three of six: 21,631. Prize: \$3.  
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$20 million.

## Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 25-4-31-14-29.  
 Number matching five of five: 0.  
 Matching four of five: 79. Prize: \$488  
 Matching three of five: 2,395. Prize: \$11  
 Matching two of five: 25,067. Prize: \$2  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

## Basin, Western Fuels win BNSF rate case

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The federal agency that regulates railroads has awarded \$345 million in damages and rate reductions to cooperatives in Bismarck and Denver in a rate case against BNSF Railway.

The Surface Transportation Board said it is the single-largest award the board has given to a so-called captive shipper — one that is forced to rely on a railroad that has no competition.

Wednesday's decision was unanimous and bipartisan, board Chairman Charles Nottingham said in a statement. He said it shows the commitment to "strong regulatory oversight over the freight rail market when necessary to protect captive shippers from monopoly pricing."

Bismarck-based Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Denver-based Western Fuels Association Inc. filed the complaint in October 2004, saying BNSF had doubled the shipping rates for hauling coal to a Wyoming power plant owned by Basin that provides power for people in nine states.

BNSF said at the time that its rates were reasonable. The railroad said late Wednesday that it was working on a response to the Surface Transportation Board ruling.

The board ordered BNSF to reimburse Basin and Western Fuels \$100 million for overcharges from 2004 through 2008. The Fort Worth, Texas-based railroad also must lower its transportation rates by about 60 percent and keep them lowered through 2024.

"The ultimate beneficiaries of this decision are consumers," Nottingham said.

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