

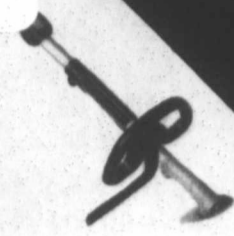
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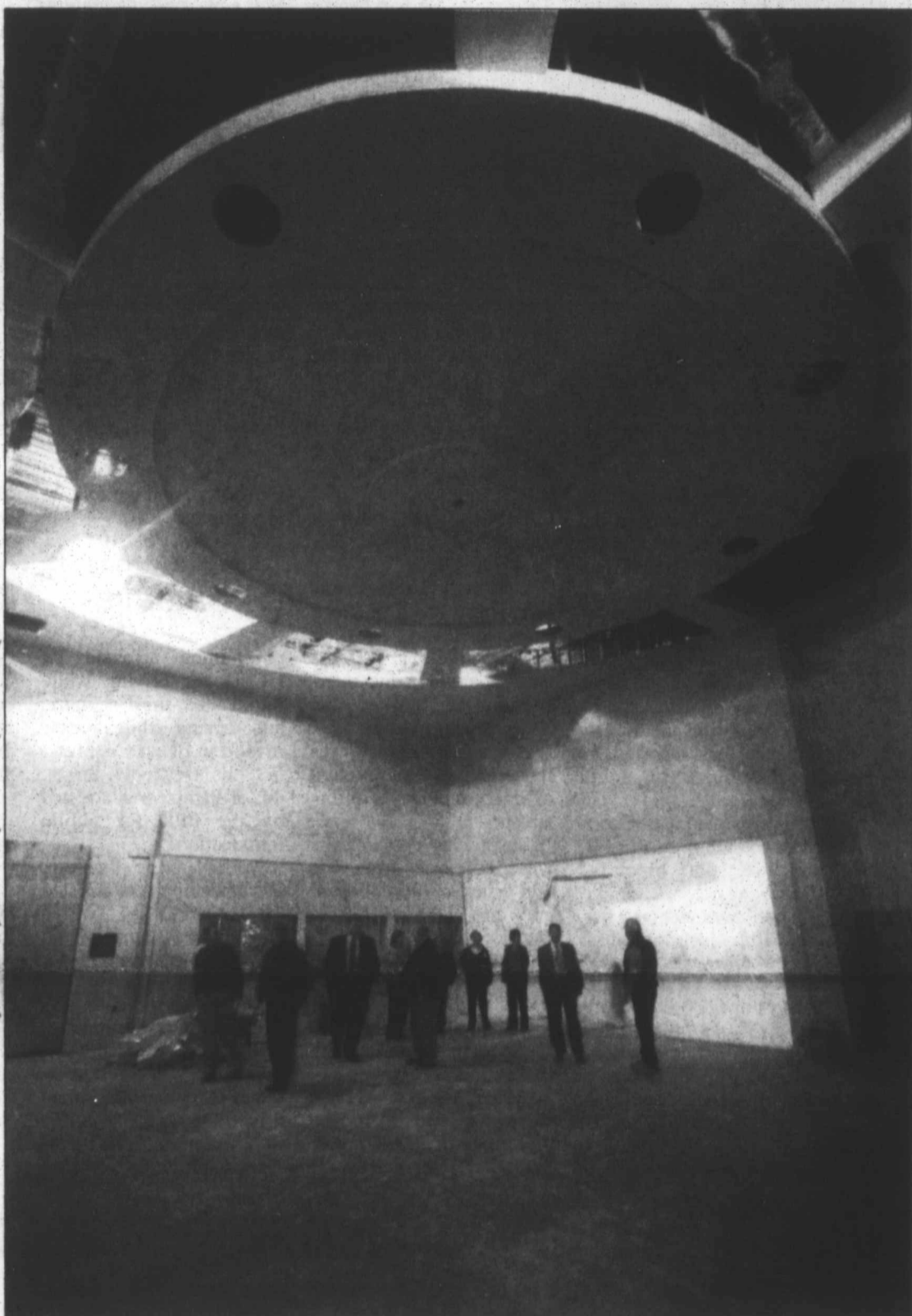
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PISD board tours HS construction



staff photo by David Bowser

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees took a tour of the high school Thursday before a regularly scheduled meeting. The Harvester statue will be moved into the new rotunda at the main entrance, shown here, within the next few weeks.

by David Bowser
 dbowser@thepampanews.com
 The high school renovation is on schedule to be completed by August in time for the new school year.
 Randy Stephenson, the school district's construction coordinator, told the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees the commons, kitchen and library should be finished at Pampa High School by May 15. The library will move into the new facility this summer.
 Board members toured the construction site Thursday afternoon prior to an appreciation dinner for them at the high school and their regular meeting, which had been moved from Carver Center to the high school's vocation building for the night. The tour led by Jeff Popp, construction coordinator for Western Builders, contractors for the project.
 Stephenson said renovation work would begin in the high school basement about May 18, two weeks ahead of schedule.
 He said work would begin on the roof of the high school near the end of March or first of April.
 "It's a 90-day project," he told the board.
 Stephenson acknowledged there were still some problems with the sewer system across Randy Matson from the high PISD— cont. on page 3

A special section

in this issue!

Local credit union building new office

by Rachel Stennett
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 Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union will be relocating to a new building off the intersection of Sumner and Somerville in September.
 The credit union is one of three new buildings currently being erected in Pampa, along with Pampa Junior High and Hampton Inn, both north of Pampa Regional Medical Center. The credit union is relocating because of the expansion in business they have experienced within their current small location on 312 West Francis.
 Although Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union is for employees and employee family members only, membership has reached over 2,400 members. The credit union has expanded business to employees extended family members in the past three years, including aunts and uncles, children, etc. The Francis location is the only branch for the credit union, but Cabot & NOI are international organizations,

which creates the high membership numbers.
 According to Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union manager Janna Bentley and Chairman of the Board Denise Locknane, the credit union decided to build after attempts to remodel failed.
 "We looked at adding on to our property, but with the amount of property we have made it impossible," Bentley said. "The costs for remodeling a current building or building a new one ended up being the same."
 The new building will allow for the credit union to add drive-up banking and an ATM, which the current location does not have. The new location is also central in the city and is visible and not located on a busy street, which Locknane said were important considerations in the building process.
 The 6,000 square foot new location will feature more privacy, which was important to Bentley, who designed a lot of the build-
Credit— cont. on page 3

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



staff photo by Rachel Stennett
 Friends congratulate Jeanne Willingham after she was named Citizen of the Year at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 80th annual banquet Thursday night. For complete details see the special section in Saturday's issue of The Pampa News.

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 Tickets may be purchased at church or school office.

PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 49 Low 29	High 59 Low 30	High 54 Low 37

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 29. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 57. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Pampa Harvester Baseball is going to be having their Brisket dinner fundraiser this Sunday Feb. 22, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Optimist Club. The cost is \$10 for adults and 8 and under is \$7. Take out and drive-thru will be available.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 34-6-21-22. Bonus Ball: 33.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$750,000
 Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: \$1,712.
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 50. Prize: \$46.
 Number matching three of four: 1,342. Prize: \$24.
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 980. Prize: \$21.
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,410. Prize: \$7.
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,290. Prize: \$5.

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 11-19-18-8-2.
 Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$11,463
 Winning tickets purchased in: Sherman, El Paso
 Matching four of five: 101. Prize: \$102
 Matching three of five: 3,351. Prize: \$7
 Matching two of five: 29,859. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Austin man pleads guilty to sex charge

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin businessman and volunteer children's advocate has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting six children and will likely spend the rest of his life in prison.

Billy Dan Carroll, 54, is scheduled to be formally sentenced next week after pleading guilty to the sexual assault charges Thursday in state district court.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, he is expected to receive life sentences on five charges of sexual assault of a child and an additional 40-year sentence on a sixth charge. The agreement also includes a two-year sentence on a charge of improperly videotaping a 13-year-old girl.

Carroll's attorney, Bill Hines, said his client agreed to the plea to avoid the embarrassment of a trial. Carroll won't be eligible for parole until he is 104.

"He did that to save and spare his family the embarrassment and the expense

of going through a trial, as well as the victims," Hines said.

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For the Record

Obituaries

Marjie Holland, 78

Pampa, Texas— Marjie Holland, 78, died February 18, 2009 in Tomball, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

McLea— Walter Robert "Bobby" Sanderson, 55, died Wednesday, February 18, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in McLean with Ronnie Ferguson, Dean Williamson, and Gary Griffin, officiating. Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery. Robertson Funeral

Directors of McLean are in charge of arrangements. Bobby was born December 12, 1953 to Granville and Ollie Anderson Sanderson in Shamrock. He had been a resident of McLean most of his life. He married Robbie Lynn Turpen on March 17, 1988 at McLean. He was a lease operator for Linn Energy and was a member of the Cowboy Church and Arena of Life in McLean.

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Walter Robert "Bobby" Sanderson

He was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Velma Welch; and a brother, Junior Sanderson. Survivors include his wife, Robbie Sanderson of McLean; two daughters, Amanda Sparling and husband Frankie of McLean, Jamie Sanderson of Elk City, Oklahoma; two sons, Robert Sanderson and wife Fayedra of McLean, Shawn Sanderson of Chandler, Arizona; one brother, J. B. Sanderson of

Amarillo; five sisters, Hazel Gillespie of McLean, Mattie Holman, Vernell Hiller, Margie Johnson, and Bettie Ann Smith all of Amarillo; and 10 grandchildren.
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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today. Officers conducted six traffic stops. A stop in the 300 block of East Craven resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of 17 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Two attempts to serve papers were made. A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 200 block of South Tignor.

Harrassment was reported in the lobby of the PD, and the 1000 block of Crane.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather, and the 800 block of West 25th, where theft of checks was reported.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Alcock and Davis streets, the 500 block of North Roberta, the 400 block of North Wynne, the

intersection of Hobart and McCullough streets, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, and the 600 block of North Summer.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Public intoxication at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the intersection of Market and Wells streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the intersection of Harvester and Lefors streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of West Foster, and the 700 block of Denver.

Friday, Feb. 20. Officers conducted three traffic stops.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East Craven, and the intersection of

Kentucky and Hamilton streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 19
 Ronald Ray Harris, 42, **SHERIFF**

of Pampa arrested by GCSO for driving while intoxicated, third or more, and driving while license invalid in Bexar County.

Clint Dewayne Smith, 44, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for public intoxication.

Wesley Gene Franklin, 27, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for twelve charges for issuance of bad checks, and warrants for nod river's license, no insurance, no valid driver's license, and no insurance.

Jackson Lee Lisle, 24, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrants on no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Donald David Privitt, Jr., 19, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for no insurance, seatbelt violation, and failure to appear.

Daniel Jay Whittle, 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of controlled substance over one gram but less than four grams, and tampering with physical evidence.

Lance Allan Herr, 46, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of controlled substance over one gram but less than four grams, and tampering with physical evidence.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Feb. 10
 8:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

TYC may downsize state school

PYOTE, Texas (AP) — The Texas Youth Commission will keep open the West Texas juvenile prison where two administrators were accused of sexually assaulting male inmates, a scandal that prompted statewide reforms to the youth prison system.

The West Texas State School in Pyote will likely downsize and focus on treatment. About 70 percent of the students in the juvenile prison have chemical dependency problems, officials said.

The Sunset Advisory Committee, a state agency created to eliminate waste, duplication and inefficiency in government, had called last year for the Pyote facility to be closed, citing difficulty in keeping the prison staffed and saying the closing would save \$9 million.

Jim Hurley, a TYC spokesman, said Thursday the school's focus

would be as a "smaller, more intense treatment facility." He also said the facility will focus on youths from West Texas instead of throughout the state.

"It's the only facility in West Texas," he said for a story in Friday's editions of the Odessa American. "We need a presence out there."

He could not say how many students would be moved from Pyote or how many jobs might be cut.

The facility now houses 84 youths and has 144 employees, 81 of them juvenile corrections officer.

Monahans Mayor David Cutbirth said he liked the idea of focusing on West Texas youths but was disappointed in the planned cuts. He had wanted to see an expansion at the state school about 15 miles west of Monahans.

Cutbirth said one reason given for

closing the facility was a lack of available labor.

"That's certainly not the case today, and it's probably not going to be the case for a while," Cutbirth said. "It's certainly good that they're keeping it open. It's certainly good for Permian Basin and West Texas kids. It sure doesn't do any good to get angry at the politicians in charge of this deal."

Grain prices

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

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Board tours highschool renovations

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school, but he said he expects those to be straightened out by the summer.

There is also a question about what to do concerning the tennis team's building. It's a temporary building that may be moved across Randy Matson, north of the athletic building.

Carol Fields, the district's business manager, reported to the board that estimated of a permanent tennis building had come in higher than expected so the district was re-examining the project.

Board member Lee Porter said the tennis program needed to have something in place by the time their fall season begins.

"It's not an inconsequential space, we're going to need it," Porter said, noting that there were about 70 people, 35 boys and 35 girls, on the tennis team. "We need a permanent solution, not a temporary building."

"We're bound to do something for the fall semester," agreed Charles Smith, school board president.

The board authorized Superintendent Barry

Haenisch to execute an agreement with the Amarillo Regional Day School Program for the Deaf to provide required special education services.

Haenisch said there was one student in the program now and that while the travel to Amarillo was long, it was the most cost effective way to handling the learning process for students with auditory impairments.

The board elected to stay with insurance provided by the Texas Association of School Board insurance pool, which has provided the district's insurance before.

At \$107,308, TASB's bid was about \$3,000 higher than the low bid, but Fields noted that they have always gotten good service from TASB. She said the district would also lose some services and premium credits with a change.

The school board voted to move their May 21 meeting to May 19 in order to canvass the vote from the May 9 school board election.

The board approved another request to the Texas Education Agency for expedited waivers for the 2009-2010 school year

for fewer than 180 teaching days, for having up to six early release days and for allowing campuses to use a modified schedule on TAKS testing days so that only those students who are being tested are on campus during the testing periods. The Texas Education Agency has in the past approved such requests.

They also declared Texas Public Schools Week March 9 through 13.

The board also recognized 21 members of the Harvester swimming team that their won 10th straight district championship.

Ethan Addy, Kendall Aikien, Lindsey Cole, Brittany Covil, Jessica Covil, Colby Dennis, Spencer Estes, Jessica Gutierrez, Cole Guyer, Christian Hinkle, Cody Hudson, Tanya Kiper, Dustin Neef, Jayden Payne, Kenny Ramey, Ana Saucedo, Carmen Saucedo, Kelly Stoffel, Colton Sweat, Jonathan Taylor and Abby West were presented with certificates.

The board also recognized Jeremy Maxwell, Steven Botello and Robert Radke for qualifying for regionals in wrestling.

Maxwell and Botello also qualified for state.

The school board indicated that they would hold a budget workshop in the latter half of April as they begin their budgeting process for next year.

They also heard a personnel management report from — Evan Smith. She told the board that the district had 516 employees and 247 of them were teachers. She said the district hired 54 people in the past school year.

Beginning teachers salaries at \$34,500 were less than the area average of \$36,574.

Athletic Director Stuart Smith reported to the board that the cost per student athlete in each sport was down this past year. The costs were comparable to neighboring school systems of similar size. Pampa's cost per athlete was slightly more than Dumas but less than Borger.

Haenisch noted that the per student costs were lower for larger schools in Amarillo. They also tended to be higher for sports with fewer participants.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Since I printed the letter from "Deceived in Arizona" (Nov. 30), I have learned that not only individuals, but also some churches feel so strongly about separating the legal aspect of marriage from the religious that they have voted to only "bless unions," and their clergy no longer sign marriage licenses. Among them are member churches of the United Church of Christ, the Unitarian-Universalists and the Quakers. Instead, the model they follow is the one used in Europe, in which couples go to a courthouse to register their marriage, and then to a church or synagogue for a religious ceremony. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In this day and age, especially with jobs so scarce, a lot of young couples are finding that by becoming legally married they disqualify themselves from things like prenatal care, health care for their children and government assistance programs. In order to survive, many couples now opt to have the ceremony without the paperwork.

Another idea gaining in popularity is that unless everyone in this country has equal rights for marriage, no one should be getting married. Several couples I know have married without the paperwork because they regard the

alternative the same as sitting at a segregated lunch counter, and they are unwilling to support segregation.

Many people feel there is a blatant disregard for separation of church and state and that "legal" marriages are not at all legal, but an example of government recognizing those with faith while disregarding those who have a different point of view on what family is. — REV. M.N.R. IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: Increasing numbers of us reject licenses from the state in favor of honoring God's word — and it's not just old people who want to hang onto welfare benefits.

Nowhere in the Bible does a servant of God ask permission from the government to marry. The Father is more than good enough. And while there are references to "what God has joined together," there is no similar praise for what Caesar has blessed.

The state may want to control and even redefine marriage. But a covenant before God, and witnesses, has been more than good enough for His people throughout most of history, and it has worked for my house for more than 30 years. — GOD IS OUR WITNESS IN COLORADO

New home for credit union

Credit— cont. from page 1

ings cosmetic features. Some of the unique features of the location include a basement which will provide fireproof and tornado proof security for the credit union servers and equipment. There will also be a covered patio for business gatherings between members and employees, a board room which will offer educational seminars to members,

and more privacy for members to discuss financial business.

According to Bentley, one of the main traits of the credit union that sets them apart from banks is the member-employee relationship.

"We have strong relationships," Bentley said, who has been with the company for ten years. "We do whatever we can

for our members. We know our members by names, not deposit slips or account numbers." The goal for the credit union is to grow in a controlled fashion according to Locknane, to keep a successful business but maintain the same personal report.

The credit union was established in 1931. Credit unions are non-profit organizations. Cabot &

NOI Employees Credit Union has a volunteer board of directors, all of which are employees or retired employees of the companies. They have \$24.5 million in assets and the equivalent of nine full time employees work at the credit union. The business functions like profit financial organizations, but they do not offer IRAs or CDs.

Bill Mullican joins PGCD as consultant

Mr. William F. (Bill) Mullican III, who formerly served as Deputy Executive Administrator for Water Science and Conservation at the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin, has joined Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District as special consultant. Mr. Mullican was born and raised in Canyon, Texas and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Broadfield Science-Education from Texas Tech University. In 1981, he received his Master of Science in Geology from Texas Tech University.

Before his tenure with TWDB, Mr. Mullican was employed as a research scientist associate at the Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) at The University of Texas at Austin. During the time he was employed at BEG, he also did consulting work for the Panhandle Groundwater District.

Throughout his career, Mr. Mullican has provided invited testimony to the United States Congress on four occasions, over 25 occasions to the Texas Legislature, and authored and co-authored over 135 scientific books, articles, and reports, and two Texas State Water Plans. In 2005, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Mr. Mullican to

the Rehabilitation Council of Texas, as an advocate for people with disabilities in the vocational rehabilitation process.

He was appointed as a member of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology in 2007, to advise the EPA Administrator on environmental policy technology and management issues. He was also nominated by the Dallas Morning News as a finalist for Texan of the Year 2007 as Texas top water planner.

Earlier this month, Mr. Mullican was awarded the Commanderis Award for Public Service, at the

Texas Water Day Reception, in Washington, DC.

As special consultant to PGCD, Mr. Mullican will assist with many ongoing projects, such as the Desired Future Conditions (DFC) process; the regional water planning process; conduct a thorough and systematic review of previous and ongoing hydro-geologic research conducted on the Ogallala Aquifer in the PGCD region; work with and mentor PGCD technical staff; and on occasion will represent PGCD at congressional, legislative, federal and state agency meetings.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:


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I would like to thank everyone who sent a love offering to the John Videon Memorial. Your thoughts and prayers were appreciated.

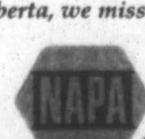
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Accolade Home Care to offer complimentary heart screenings for
National Heart Awareness Month


In an effort to detect heart health, Accolade Home Care is offering confidential Heart Health screening to Pampa residents on February 20 at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX from 8am to 6 pm.

Each year in the U.S. 6 million people are hospitalized due to cardiovascular disease. The number of excess deaths from coronary Heart Disease is projected to rise from 59 in 2020 (an excess of 9%) to 3,600 in 2035.

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Accolade's program benefits patients by reducing hospital readmissions, ER visits, and enables the patient to better manage their condition. It monitors vital signs such as blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, temperature and weight. Accolade nurses are connected to patients seven days a week utilizing this vital information to improve early detection.

For more information about Accolade Home Care's complimentary heart health screenings, please contact Kristen Kennedy at Kristen.kennedy@fms-regional.com or (940)231-3777.



Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press
 Today is Friday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2009. There are 314 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 Two hundred years ago, on Feb. 20, 1809, the Supreme Court, in *United States v. Peters*, 9 U.S. 115, ruled that no state legislature could annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.
 On this date:
 In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.
 In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.
 In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.
 In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

'There is no hope of joy except in human relations.'

— Antoine de Saint-Exupery
 French author-aviator

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard the Mercury spacecraft Friendship 7.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 2003, a fire broke out during a rock concert at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

Ten years ago: The United States and five other nations agreed to extend by three days a deadline for a Kosovo peace agreement. (NATO had threatened airstrikes against the Serbs if they did not reach an agreement with Albanian insurgents.) Movie reviewer Gene Siskel died at a hospital outside Chicago at age 53.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 85. Actor Sidney Poitier is 82. Actress Marj Dusay is 73. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 72. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 68. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 67. Movie director Mike Leigh is 66. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 63. Actress Sandy Duncan is 63. Rock musician J. Geils is 63. Actor Peter Strauss is 62. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 59. Country singer Kathie Baillie is 58. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 55. Actor Anthony Stewart Head is 55. Country singer Leland Martin is 52. Actor James Wilby is 51. Rock musician Sebastian Steinberg is 50. Comedian Joel Hodgson is 49. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Charles Barkley is 46. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 46. Actor French Stewart is 45. Actor Ron Eldard is 44. Model Cindy Crawford is 43. Actor Andrew Shue is 42. Actress Lili Taylor is 42. Singer Brian Littrell is 34. Actress Lauren Ambrose is 31. Actor Jay Hernandez is 31. Actress Majandra Delfino is 28.



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Analysis: Obama offers carrots for mortgage firms

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS and ALAN ZIBEL

Associated Press Writers
 WASHINGTON (AP)— The same mortgage lenders that candidate Barack Obama accused last year of causing the housing mess would get a windfall from President Obama's government under his foreclosure rescue program.

The \$75 billion plan announced Wednesday has the potential to be far more effective than past federal efforts to help struggling homeowners lower their mortgage payments and stay in their homes. But for that to happen, investors in complex mortgage securities have to agree to participate, something the government has so far failed miserably to persuade them to do.

That's where the goodies for the much-maligned industry come in.

Companies would get \$1 million for agreeing to give a strapped homeowner a lower monthly payment instead of foreclosing, more if the borrower hasn't yet fallen behind on what they owe. They can get up to another \$3,000 over the next three years. And they get government insurance to cover part of the money they might lose if the homeowner ultimately defaults on the house anyway.

Last October in Reno, Nev., Obama vowed, "I won't let banks and lenders off the hook when it was their greed and irresponsibility that got us into this mess." But the outlines of his plan were an acknowledgment that he will need cooperation from firms that collect mortgage payments. "If he intends to reach his goal of preventing up to 9 million foreclosures.

"The truth is that at the end of the day, loan modification remains voluntary, so the servicers need to see it as sufficient incentive to participate," said Andrew Jakobovics of the Center for American Progress, who has worked with Obama's team on housing issues.

Still, Jakobovics called some of the payments an "unnecessary wind-

fall" that is "overly generous", particularly since avoiding a costly foreclosure is a financial imperative for mortgage servicers anyway.

"You still have the very serious question of what kind of incentives you're providing for what's essentially bad behavior," said David C. John, an analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Even tough mortgage industry critics concede, however, that such enticements are necessary to get companies to step up and help homeowners, given the legal and financial challenges that modifying home loans can pose.

"It's just what needs to happen, wherever the blame lies" for the housing mess, said Debbie Goldstein, the executive vice president of the Center for Responsible Lending, a consumer group.

The plan also abandons an aspect of the Democratic-written foreclosure rescue program enacted last year that proved anathema to mortgage holders: requiring that they take a loss up front before the government would help renegotiate a loan. The program failed miserably, helping fewer than 40 homeowners compared to the 400,000 promised.

Under Obama's new plan, mortgage holders only have to take a hit on the interest payments they receive each month, and would in most cases be made whole by the government for the value of their loans.

"It's a veritable garden full of carrots," said Howard Glaser, a mortgage industry consultant who served in the Clinton administration.

A key element would loosen lending rules at government home loan giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to let as many as 5 million homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth refinance to bring down their monthly payments. But that's little comfort to many borrowers in places like Arizona, California, Nevada and Florida, they owe far too much to qualify.

The plan "seems to offer little help to borrowers whose loan exceeds their property value by more than 5

percent," John Courson, chief executive of the Mortgage Bankers Association, said in a statement.

The plan beefs up the role of Fannie and Freddie, which were seized by federal regulators last year, allowing them to hold an additional \$50 billion each in mortgage investments.

The plan isn't all about sweeteners for mortgage holders. Obama's plan also requires that any financial institution benefiting from the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout develop plans to help homeowners avoid foreclosures. Those rules apply to the largest banks, which are also the largest holders of home loans.

Yet some doubt that even those new rules will prod financial players that have so far been unwilling to help homeowners to do so now.

"It maintains a voluntary system of compliance," said John Taylor, chief executive of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, a consumer group. "The investors and banks have shown great hesitancy in voluntarily participating in these mortgage programs."

Many Democrats and housing analysts believe that the only true way to force mortgage holders to help strapped borrowers is to give judges power to modify bankrupt homeowners' loans, cutting the total they owe and their monthly payments. Obama is backing that move as part of his housing plan, although it will be up to Congress to work out the details.

Meanwhile, housing specialists say the mortgage industry will be slow to act on the new incentives Obama has laid out for helping homeowners "if they end up working."

"It's going to be a long, slow process because these mortgages have to be redone one by one," the Heritage Foundation's John said. "You can't just snap your fingers and solve this one."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Julie Davis covers Congress and lobbying for The Associated Press. Alan Zibel covers housing.

Letters to the editor

Editor's note: We received this from a former resident. If anyone can help him with this project, please contact him.

My name is Donald Carlson. I grew up in Skellytown during the 1940's and 1950's. We did all our shopping in Pampa. I went to White Deer High School and graduated in 1956.

Our class of 1956 is having a class reunion this year. We would like to have some pictures of Skellytown as it existed in the 1940's and 1950's. I am trying to put together a booklet of pictures of our town so we can show our children and grandchildren. They have no idea what our town looked like. Nearly all of us moved away.

There are only 8 remain

class members that lived in Skellytown. (We are all getting old.)

I have looked high and low for pictures. I would have never believed that no one has pictures but that seems to be the case.

There were several refineries in the area. I know that we had Cabot

Carbon Black plant, a Shell Refinery and Skelly had two refineries.

Most of our fathers worked for one of these companies. No one has pictures of these refineries.

Do you have any pictures that would show what Skellytown looked like in that time period?

If so how can I obtain a copy. This booklet will not be published. It is just for our own use.

If you can help I would greatly appreciate it.
 Donald Carlson
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In 2009 Lent begins on Feb 25 and ends April 11. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, exactly 40 days before Easter, not counting the Sundays; 46 days before Easter, counting the Sundays.

It is a season of repentance, a special time to draw near to God with a humble heart, a chosen time to meditate on the sacrificial price paid by Jesus for our sins.

Most notably it is accompanied by the giving up of something that is good and that we have the perfect right to, so that we might specially focus on something more important.

Many Protestant churches ignore Lent, not seeing the personal significance that it can have in the lives of every believer. And yet some Catholics and Protestants who do observe Lent make it trite, almost a game by giving up something incredibly trivial, something that makes no impact on their personal life.

The key in Lent is giving up something that is very significant in the individual believer's life so that they will be constantly reminded to draw near to the Lord in a special way.

At our church we have people who have adopted Lent with their all their hearts and have given up some very peculiar things. I know someone who gave up "eating out at fast food restaurants". That sounded kind of trivial when I first heard it, but not when I realize that her work schedule was so tight that "fast food" was the only way she would normally get any lunch. It almost became a kind of fasting time for her. It wouldn't have been significant for me, but it surely was for her.

Others in our church have given up: trivial spending, soda pop, coffee, ice, wearing a watch, using the computer, cell phone, i-pod, all sweets, all food, 30 minutes of sleep, their favorite music, candy, meat, etc. In each of these cases the thing given up was personally chosen by a believer who knew themselves well and picked something that would impact and alter their life on every single day of Lent.

So what will you choose to give up for Lent so that you can focus more on a special season of repentance with the Lord? Do it for the Lord! Do it for yourself! Do it for your family! Do it for your church!

When I moved back to Pampa in 1992 I didn't have a clue about Lent and now I can't imagine my walk with God without it.

God bless. Mike

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Feb. 24

Each year in preparation for the Lenten season, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa sponsors the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

This year, the event will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24 in the Parish Hall of St. Matthew's, 727 W. Browning.

"For centuries the Church has observed Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday-Carnival as a way of enjoying one last fling with worldly pleasures before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday," said The Rev. Linda Kelly, Rector of St. Matthew's. "Join us at St. Matthew's on Tuesday, February 24 and help us with the task of consuming the bacon and pancakes (meat, eggs, butter) that at one time were forbidden during Lent. We must eat up all these foods so there will be nothing in the pantry to tempt us during the great fast. Bring your friends and family and indulge with us. Then we invite you to return and join us in worship on Ash Wednesday at 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 6:00 p.m. to mark the beginning of a holy Lent."

This will be the 53rd year the local church has been holding the pancake suppers. On Feb. 14, 1956 St. Margaret's Guild, of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, sponsored the first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held in the Parish Hall. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon are \$5 and may be purchased at the church office, from church members and at the door. Children five and under eat free.

Since 1976, all proceeds have gone to St. Matthew's Day School Scholarship Program which is used for the education of young children. Scholarships are provided to assist pre-school and pre-kindergarten students in attending the Day School.

Classes are currently offered for 3 yr. olds and Pre-K 4 yr. olds. Day Care is also available for children 18 months old and up. During the morning other learning experiences include daily chapel, music and gym, Spanish, computer, and Good Shepherd class. In the afternoon Pre-K classes have Reading Rocks, Art, Tumbling, and Science. Some children participate in the Kindertots program.

The Day School Support Group will be having a Bake Sale and Scholastic Book Fair during the Supper. You will also be able to purchase chances to win a "Big Fat Pig" to be given away by the school on March 27.

Trinity Fellowship Church to host national marriage simulcast conference

Focus on the Family's first ever national marriage simulcast event will be hosted by Trinity Fellowship on February 28 beginning at 8:30 am.

Speakers will discuss marriage as it relates to Christ and the Church, the Trinity, and everyday changes that can be made to strengthen the relationship between a husband and wife.

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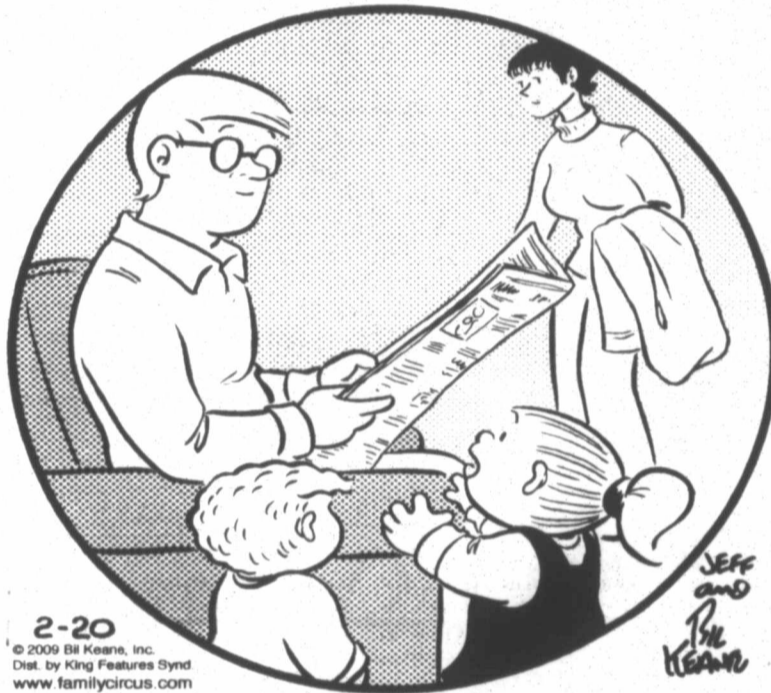
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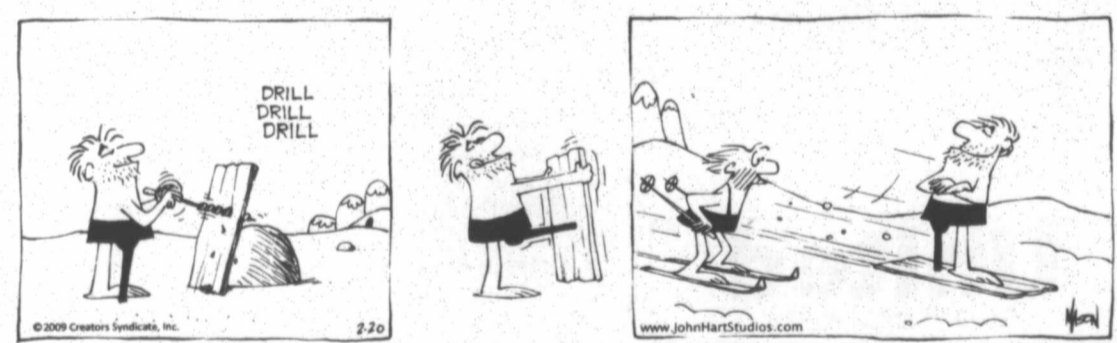
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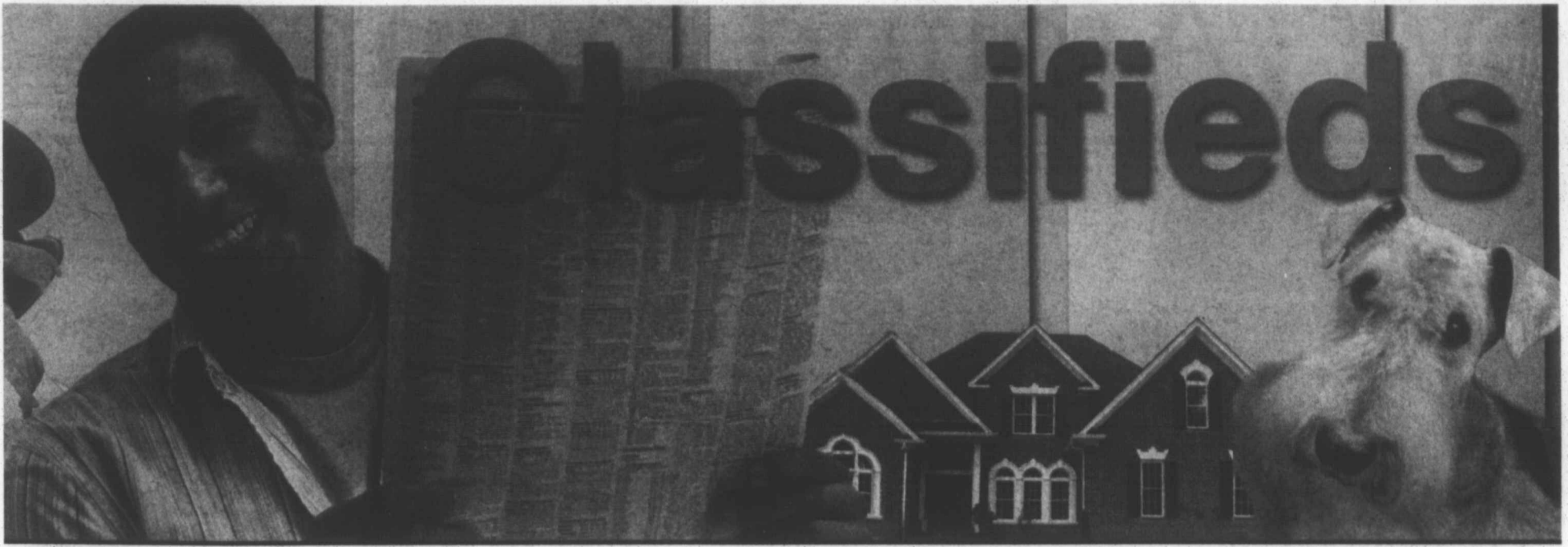
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009:

This year, focus on what you want. You often sell yourself short. Remain optimistic and positive, no matter what happens. Friends surround you and often dominate your thoughts. A partner still might be somewhat withdrawn, but that could change this year. If you are attached, you might want to be understanding of what your significant other experiences. If you are single, you could meet your next sweetie through your friends. If you feel as if you need to network more, do — others remain highly responsive. AQUARIUS understands you well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Take charge and don't let a major change throw you off. The unexpected occurs involving an authority figure. Remember how much your actions set the pace for many around you. Let others see your true personality, even if you are handling a lot. Tonight: Once more, you are found in the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You could feel as if you must be more grounded and practical than usual. Instead, be more open and innovative in how you view the situation. The more dynamic you are, the better the end results. Take off your blinders. Tonight: Try a new restaurant or type of entertainment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Continue to relate on an individual level, even with a key person who at times might push your buttons. Try to

empathize a bit more, and perhaps this person could take the same step. An offer into the unknown seems irresistible. Tonight: Opt for a new pace, a different approach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Defer to others and gain insight through a conversation. You see people transforming in front of you, or at least a key person in your life is changing. The unexpected jolts your thinking, allowing insights that open you up. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Dive into a project and get it done. Your creativity will put the finishing touches on a project. If you are clear, you will be able to accomplish a lot. A close friend's or loved one's reactions might seem a bit off-the-wall. Tonight: So many ideas ... now what?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your stability means a lot to a child or loved one. People close to you understand that you can be counted on through thick and thin. Your ability to relate to the unpredictable emerges once more. Use your imagination when clearing out a project. Tonight: Rent a movie and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Think about what goes on behind the scenes, and be aware of how much unseen currents impact you, your decisions and your home life. You might just opt to make a big change, not because of the currents, but because you want to. Tonight: Add that touch of romance to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have the right words to deal with the moment. You can make a difference, and you will if you use your ingenuity in expressing your deeper feel-

ings and ideas. Getting the message heard might be more important than getting a yes. Tonight: Make it early if you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Think about revising your budget. You might not be comfortable with all the bills and expenditures heading down your path. Consider working more hours or getting a second job. Tonight: Nap and then put your best foot forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Keep smiling and greeting change positively, not that it is always that easy. What comes in from out of left field could leave you stunned for a while. Stop and do nothing reactive. Realize what you have to offer. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Use the daylight hours to the max — to socialize, complete a project or whatever is important. Your exhaustion comes on quickly, and afterward, you might seek quiet. A walk could revitalize you. Tonight: Just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Listen to another's sharing, and be sure you want what is coming down the path. You could jump out of the way. Be spontaneous yet reasonable. Friends have very strong opinions. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

Born today

Politician Barbara Jordan (1936), record producer David Geffen (1943), guitarist Andres Segovia (1893)

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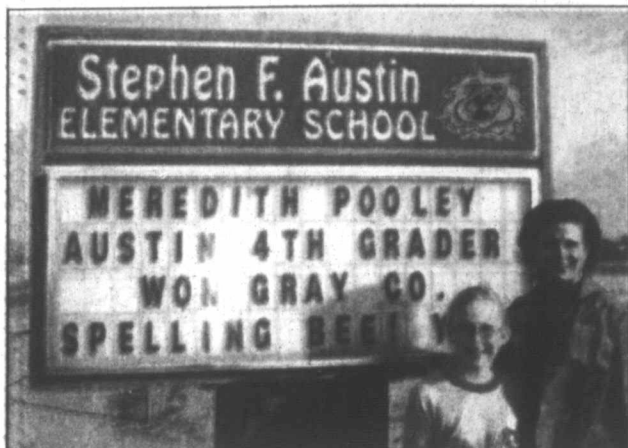
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Pooley wins Austin Elementary spelling bee

Meredith Pooley, fourth grader, won the Austin Elementary School Bee taking first place in the junior division and first place overall.

She won the bee spelling the words stationary and precede. The following week she competed in the Gray County spelling bee against the junior and senior winners from Austin, Wilson, and St. Vincent's schools.

Meredith won the Gray county bee spelling the words discipline and canine. She will now advance to the regional bee in Canyon on March 7, where she will compete against the county winners from over 30 counties.

These winners range in grade from fourth to eighth. The winner of the regional bee advances to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. In preparation for the next bee, Meredith has been studying a list of approximately 800 words.

Amarillo Symphony offers imaginative journey

The Amarillo Symphony will take audiences on a journey through the imagination in its Feb. 27-28 concerts.

The concert weekend features Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," a vivid saga that is one of the most popular works in the classical canon. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.

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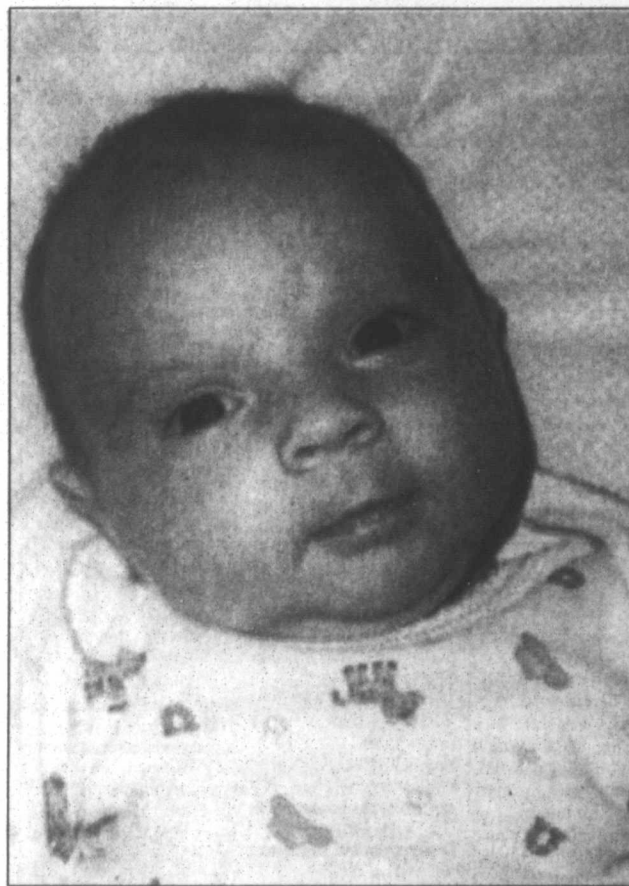
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Allison Leigh Terras

Allison Leigh Terras was born to Matt and Jennie (Rogers) Terras of Montgomery, Tx, December 22, 2008 at 8:11 p.m., in the Conroe Womens Center; Conroe, Tx. She weighed 5 lbs 11 ounces at birth and was 18 inches long.

Allison was welcomed by her grandparents, Stephen and Debby Rogers of Dobbin, Tx. Ron Terras of San Jose, Ca. and Lori and Rex Hammond of Healdsburg, Ca.



David, Coward to wed

Daniel and Bama Coward of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Bandi, to Clay David.

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