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Pregnancy in young teens up in Pampa

by Rachel Stennett
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Gray County Community Plan members met last week to discuss recovery programs, drug and alcohol counseling, and a rise in teen pregnancy in Gray County.

Each county in Texas is required to have a Community Plan by the Criminal Justice Division by the Governor's Office. The Gray County Community plan serves a population of 21,919,

including the cities of Lefors and McLean. The plan summary states that the group tries to close gaps in ways which will benefit the community and work to solve criminal justice problems. The group deals with social and criminal justice problems including drug and alcohol abuse, family

violence and child abuse/neglect, juvenile crime, sexual assault/dating violence, teen pregnancy, illiteracy, and funding for necessary services concerning these problems. Among the top criminal justice issues in Gray County are drug and alcohol abuse and child abuse and domestic violence.

The summary plan states that "in the Gray County area...(there is) an alarming increase in juvenile crime." In the areas of juvenile crime, a total of 13 resources are available to deal with crimes and work to prevent crimes, including the Genesis Plan— cont. on page 3

VACATION CONTEST WINNERS

The staff of The Pampa News had so much fun judging the first "On Vacation with the Pampa News" that two winners were chosen. "It really is less of a contest than a chance to show Pampans enjoying some leisure time," said Publisher Randy Pribble. "We enjoyed seeing them all." Selected to receive a free year's subscription to The Pampa News was the Murray family, who were featured in the paper in August at Mayan ruins in Rivera Maya, Mexico. Also designated winners by the staff were Ron and Cheryl Underwood, who were featured in an October issue posing at the Continental Divide marker in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.



Ron and Cheryl Underwood of Pampa took a motorcycle trip to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado where they snapped this photo.

The Underwoods were on a motorcycle trip. "It was wonderful to see where Pampans showed up around the world," said Editor Betsy Phillips. "We had photos from Caribbean cruises, from Disney World, from Greece, from Paris, and just about all the neighboring states. "We appreciate the fact that everyone took the time to take a copy of their hometown newspaper along for the ride. That was fun and we look forward to this year's vacation photos." The editor added that the vacation photo "contest" is really for individual families who are on vacation. "We received photographs from groups of people who were on church mission trips or at camps - and we loved getting



The Murray Family of Pampa traveled to Rivera Maya, Mexico. This picture is at the Mayan ruins at Tulum, south of Cancun, Mexico. From left is Harold Murray, Debbie Murray, and Macy Cochran.

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Warrant roundup begins next Tuesday

by Betsy Phillips
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Time is running out for residents with outstanding warrants. Officers will begin to come to homes and places of business to place them under arrest Tuesday, March 3. A significant number of Pampa area residents who had outstanding warrants have come forward since the announcement of the March 3 "warrant roundup." "There were more people coming in at first (after the Pampa News published the outstanding warrant list), "It's slowing down now," said Sgt. Colby Brown of the Pampa Police Department. "When we start going to people's homes and businesses, I expect that to pick back up again."

On March 3, efforts will be "changing from education to enforcement," Brown said. PPD officers started contacting residents with older warrants and are now moving on to the newer ones. Over 120 law enforcement agencies across Texas have joined together including Austin, Potter, Randall, Carson, Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Killeen, Lago Vista, Lakeway, Leander, Llano County, Liberty Hill, Lockhart, Manor, Marble Falls, McGregor, New Braunfels, Pflugerville, Rollingwood, Round Rock, San Antonio, San Marcos, University of Texas, Waco and Williamson County for the round-up. These agencies will combine forces to search for those with warrants. If you

have a warrant, you will be arrested in your home, at work, or wherever you may be found. In order to null a warrant with Pampa Municipal Court and Pampa Police Department and Gray County, appear in person at the Municipal Court in Pampa Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or mail payment to Pampa Municipal Court, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa TX: 79066. If sending payment, no personal checks or accepted. Pay in person, mail with cash or money order. Call 806-669-5785 to pay by Discover, MasterCard or Visa. The court has reported those with warrants to DPS for non-renewal of driver's license.

Father, son team busted for trafficking

by Rachel Stennett and Betsy Phillips
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A father and son were arrested yesterday (Feb. 23) for possession of 42 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, which carries a value of \$147,000. According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, the arrest occurred yesterday morning at 8:22 a.m. during a stop for speeding and not having mud flaps on I-40, at mile marker 127 near McLean. Steve Randolph Basalla, 59, of Knoxville, Tenn., and son Dustin Steven Basalla, 28, were driving a 2006 Dodge Ram 3500. The arresting trooper noticed the Basallas were acting in a suspicious manner. He asked for consent to search the vehicle which was granted. A K-9 officer was brought in and alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. Upon further inspection, the trooper found 42, one pound bricks of hydroponic marijuana, a high-quality expensive type, were stuffed inside the wheel wells of the truck. Hydroponic marijuana is grown using a high-tech irrigation system and nutrient rich solutions instead of soil and is much more potent than normal varieties. The father and son were driving from California to Tennessee transporting the marijuana. At press time the two remained in the Gray County jail, bond had not yet been set.

Meth, pot found in Pampa home

PAMPA— On Thursday, February 12, 2009 Pampa police served a narcotics search warrant at 403 N. Somerville. Suspected methamphetamine and marijuana were found in the residence along with numerous items of drug paraphernalia. Three people were arrested in connection with the search warrant: Jason Kelly Mulanax, 31, was charged with delivery of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance, both State Jail Felonies. Destiny Renee Fitzer, 17, was charged with delivery of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance, both State Jail Felonies. Steven Lee Cook, 51, was charged with possession of marijuana a Class B misdemeanor. Jason's two children were also in the residence at the time the warrant was executed. They were released to family members. An investigation into child endangerment continues. Pampa Police Sgt. Casey Ingersoll declined comment on the amounts of drugs involved or what led police to suspect narcotics were in the home.




AROUND TOWN TODAY

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-8 p.m. in St Matthews Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 727 Browning. Lovett Memorial Library will present a free Microsoft Powerpoint class at 6:15 p.m.

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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 55. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.

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FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today, Monday, Feb. 23
 6:35 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Bond on a med assist.
 4:22 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a LifeStar standby.
 6:38 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of Campbell, where an open flame was burning and put out due to the burn ban.

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today, Monday, Feb. 23
 Officers conducted 21 traffic stops. A stop in the intersection of Prarie and Crawford streets resulted in at least one arrest.
 A total of 11 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.
 Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Kentucky and Charles streets, the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, the intersection of Hobart and Somerville, and in the lobby of the PD.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.
 Criminal trespass was reported in the lobby of the PD, and the intersection of

Hobart and Somerville streets.
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60, the lobby of the PD, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.
 A suicide attempt was made in the 400 block of East 17th.
 A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of South Prarie. The vehicle was a 1986 blue Toyota truck.
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1600 block of North Sumner.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Frost, where a trash barrel and equipment was burned with an estimated value of \$215.
 A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1 500 block of Williston.
 A burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Houston.
 Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.
 Theft was reported at United Supermarkets, 1420 North Hobart, where a bag of dog food was stolen with an estimated value of \$9.73.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Terry, and the 300 block of South Miami.
 Found property was

For the Record

Obituaries

Mildred Irene Bean, 83

Mildred Irene Bean, 83, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 21, 2009 in Levelland. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am, Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at First Assembly of God in Levelland with Pastor Robert Burns, and Rev. Leland Lewis of Pampa officiating. Burial will be in City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of George Price Funeral Home, Levelland.
 Mrs. Bean was born on April 8, 1925 in Hugo, Oklahoma to Bert and Florence Baze. She was raised in Paris, Texas and then later moved to the West Texas area. She married Albert Bean on March 27, 1943.
 She was an active member of the Assemblies of God wherever she resided, serving as Sunday School

teacher, Missionettes leader, Women's Ministries Director and as the church Secretary-Treasurer.
 Mrs. Bean was a hairdresser by occupation and owned her own shop called Beans Beauty Bar in Levelland.
 Survivors include her husband; Albert Bean of the home, three daughters; Darlene Lewis and husband Leland of Pampa, Mary Stucks and husband, R. C., Brenda Hubbard and husband James, all of Odessa, a son; Steve Bean and wife Anita of Haskell, two sisters; Ruth Hicks and husband, Loyce of Paris, Emma Chumley of Maybank, and a brother, Ira Baze and wife, Georgia of Seminole. She was abundantly blessed with seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

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Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; Bert and Florence Baze, a daughter, Charlotte Ann Bean; a brother, Curtis Baze, and a sister, Oneata Hicks.
 The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Hospice, 1717 Norfolk, Lubbock, Texas 79416 or to the First Assembly of God, P. O. Box 1054, Levelland, TX 79336



Bean

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Emergency Services

reported in lobby of the PD.
 A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Dwight.
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of North Coffee, and West Highway 152.
 Tuesday, Feb. 24
 Officers conducted 13 traffic stops.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Bradley.
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Neel.
 A suspicious person call was received from the 1100 block of West Aleock.
 A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

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 12:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East 17th and transported a patient to PRMC.
 1:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Doyle and transported a patient to PRMC.
 5:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.
 7:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
 8:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.
 10:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.
 Tuesday, Feb. 24
 6:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today, Monday, Feb. 23
 8:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 8:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East Browning. The call was cancelled.
 10:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of Highway 60 East and transported a patient to the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in

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Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas would close some of its large state homes for the mentally disabled and move residents into community settings under bills filed Monday to fix a system wracked by reports of abuse and neglect.

Although closing any of the 13 facilities known as state schools could be several years away, the bills were sure to ramp up the emotional debate of how best to care for nearly 5,000 residents.

Some activists have called for putting a moratorium on admissions or closing schools, where many of the residents are severely disabled. But several families of residents reject attempts to shutter schools they say are the best places for their loved ones to live.

A Justice Department report released in December found at least 53 residential facilities in Texas' large residential facilities died in 2007 from preventable

conditions that were often the result of lapses in care.

It concluded that the Texas facilities violate residents' constitutional rights and called the number of injuries to patients "disturbingly high."

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, declared improving care at state schools a legislative emergency. The Senate is scheduled to hear testimony Tuesday on a separate bill to beef up investigative powers and oversight of state schools.

The authors of the bills filed Monday, Rep. Patrick Rose and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, both Democrats, called the state schools system "unsustainable, financially, legally and morally." Rose is the chairman of the House Committee on Human Services.

STIMULUS MONEY

A key state lawmaker questioned officials from the Texas Department of

Transportation on Monday over the selection of projects that will receive federal rescue money.

The Texas Transportation Commission is considering how to use as much as \$1.2 billion in stimulus funding and is expected to vote later this week even though the state has at least 120 days.

Amadeo Saenz, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, said the state agency has been working with local metropolitan planning organizations for the last year to rate projects to receive stimulus money based on factors such as safety, congestion relief and economic development. President Barack Obama signed the massive economic rescue package last week.

Texas expects to get about \$2.3 billion in federal economic stimulus money to be used on transportation.

Community Plan issues

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House, PISD Teen Parenting Program, and Student CrimeStoppers.

The plan discusses narcotics violations and rehabilitation services in Gray County. In 2008, there were 49 narcotics violations calls reported by the Pampa Police Department.

In an effort to deal with the amount of narcotics cases, new services are being developed for people recovering from drug and alcohol abuse at the Victory House, which is a half-way house for adult recovery and the Genesis House, which is sponsoring a counselor to come twice a week and speak with juveniles on probation.

Laramore explained that the expansion of such programs is important, but Social Security funding is being cut, making expansion difficult.

"We are losing money to be able to send people to this, even though it is an

effective way of dealing with the problem," Laramore explained.

Teen pregnancies were another topic of concentration in the Community Plan meeting. Specifically, there has been an increase of teen pregnancies at the junior high level in 13 and 14 year olds. The Pampa Pregnancy Support Center reported a total of 819 clients in 2008, 330 under 19 years of age. These numbers do not account for all teen pregnancies in Pampa, only those who are clients of PSC.

The number of pregnancies as a whole is lower than it has been in five years, reporting a record high of 393 pregnancies in the category in 2005. The total number of pregnancies has decreased, but the number of pregnancies for younger teens has increased significantly, Laramore said. The group discussed the rise of pregnancies possibly being a

result of the loss of the Planned Parenthood organization in Pampa.

To deal with the increase of pregnancies in younger age brackets, the Community Plan is working with PISD and other organizations to make resources available to help young parents. PISD is holding Parent University Classes to help teach educate teen parents. PISD is looking at funding for new pre-kindergarten programs so that "children born of teen mothers can start seeing what's ahead," Laramore said. The schools are also looking at abstinence programs.

Members who attended last week's meeting include: CASA, Pampa Police Department, Adult and Juvenile Probation, Pampa Independent School District, the District Attorney's Office, and the Texas Rangers.

Contest winners named

Contest— cont. from page 1

them and ran them as part of the vacation promotion," she said. "However, we want people to know that if you have a group photo of any kind of activities like that, we would be happy to run

them on their own merits. "In other words, if your group is on a mission trip, send us some photos. You don't need a copy of the newspaper. That's something we'd love to run, anyway."

"Thanks to everyone who took part this first year," Pribble said. "Remember to pack a copy of The Pampa News along with the sunblock and send those snapshots to us this year!"

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 Decemebr. Visitors are welcome.

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

at (817) 991-8090.

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

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail

cwgilles45@aol.com.

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Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

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

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

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2009.
There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:
In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the Plan de Iguala, their declaration of independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1946, Argentinian men went to the polls to elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1983, a congressional commission released a report condemning

'Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind.'

— Henry James
American author

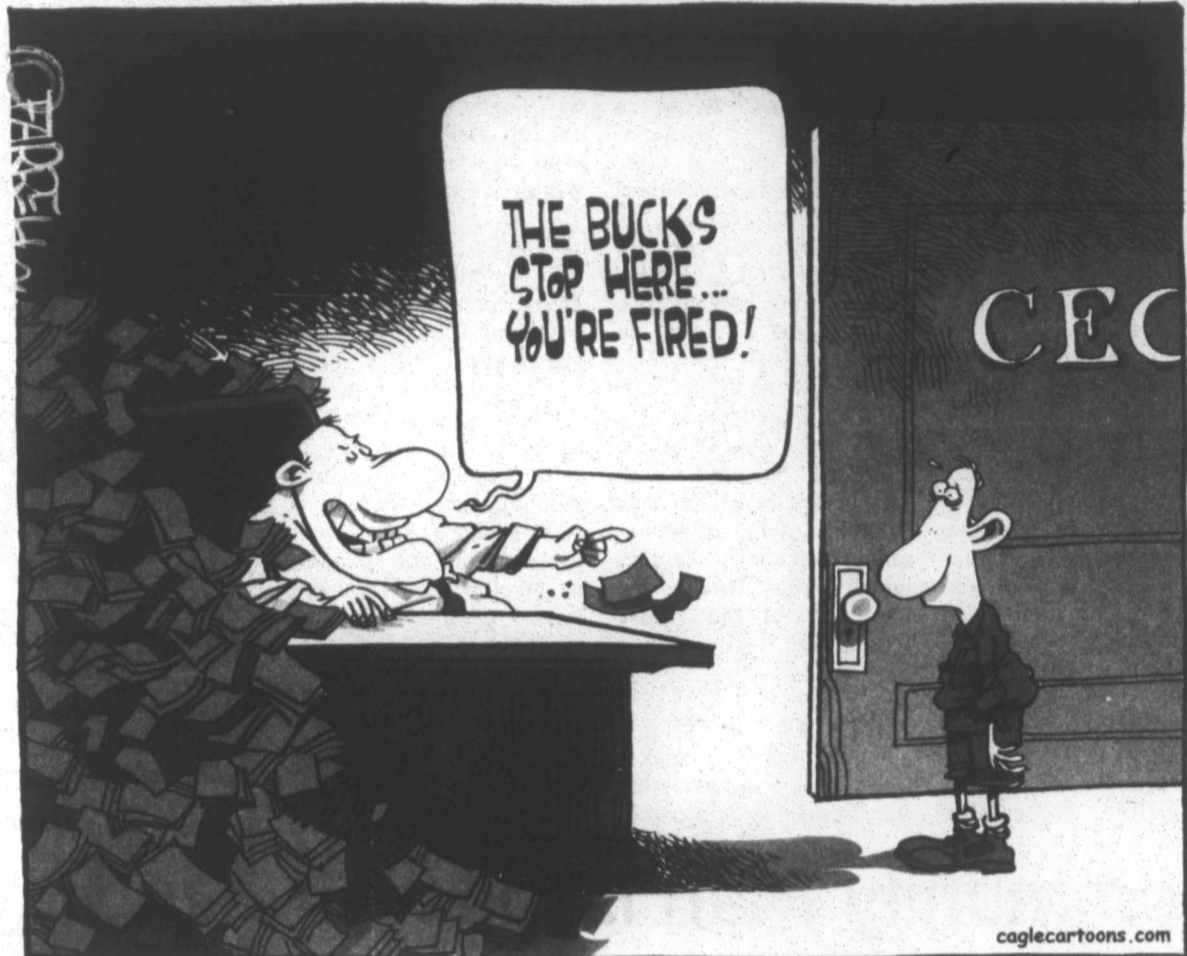
the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and publisher Larry Flynt.

Ten years ago: The Senate voted by a lopsided 91-8 margin to approve the package that would give the military a 4.8 percent pay raise on Jan. 1, 2000. (The raise was included in the fiscal 2000 defense bill later signed by President Bill Clinton.) Laurn Hill won five Grammys, including album of the year and best new artist, on the strength of her solo debut album, "The Miseducation of Laurn Hill."

One year ago: "No Country for Old Men" won the Academy Award for best picture, best director and best screenplay adaption for Joel and Ethan Coen and best supporting actor for Javier Bardem; Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor for "There Will Be Blood," while Marion Cotillard was named best actress for "La Vie en Rose." A suicide bomber struck Shiite Muslim pilgrims south of Baghdad, killing at least 56 people. Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel. Ralph Nader announced a fresh bid for the White House on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 88. Actor Steven Hill is 87. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese is 78. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 77. Actor James Farentino is 71. Actor Barry Bostwick is 64. Actor Edward James Olmos is 62. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 62. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 59. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 58. Actress Helen Shaver is 58. Apple CEO Steve Jobs is 54. News anchor Paula Zahn is 53. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 51. Singer Michelle Shocked is 47.



Octomom fell fast from Miracle Mom to punch line

By JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP)— It seems so long ago now, but for just a day or two last month Nadya Suleman was known as Miracle Mom, the amazing woman who gave birth to the longest-surviving set of octuplets.

But in short order the public learned that Miracle Mom was also Single Mom, Unemployed Mom and Welfare Mom. And as fast as you could Twitter "I hate Nadya Suleman," scores of Web sites were dedicated to denouncing the so-called Octomom, others to making fun of her, a rap music video lampooned her ("pops 'em out like a toaster/needs a pacifier holster") and angry citizens threatened to kill her publicists.

"In terms of reaction to her, I would say not in my experience have I ever seen anything like it. And I would add that I was involved in public relations for Three Mile Island after the accident," said publicist Mike Furtney, who quit representing Suleman after receiving death threats. (Lest anyone forget, the Three Mile Island accident of 1979 involved the partial meltdown of a nuclear reactor that for a time threatened to prompt the evacuation of a wide swath of Pennsylvania.)

Not that Suleman is the first person to go radioactive overnight. Don't forget O.J. Simpson.

But as pop culture historian Leo Braudy points out, Suleman has never been accused of killing anybody.

"This is not something that is usually considered a crime," Braudy, who teaches at University of Southern California, said of giving birth to children. "It's something that in the past was celebrated. People

would say congratulations." Of the nearly 50 Suleman discussion groups found on facebook.com this week, however, not one was headlined "Congratulations, Nadya!"

Instead there were titles like, "Nadya Suleman Should Be Sterilized," "Nadya Suleman Disgusts Me," and "Stop Idiot Moms Like Nadya Suleman." (And those were the printable ones.)

To be fair, there were also a handful of pro-Suleman groups, although the "Leave Nadya Suleman Alone" one had only 64 members on Tuesday compared with the 3,530 people who had joined the "What Nadya Suleman Did Was Totally Wrong" group.

Although never venerated as a candidate for mother of the year, Suleman was, for about two days after the Jan. 26 birth of her octuplets, more the subject of curiosity than of ridicule and scorn.

That began to change as it became known she was a single mother with 14 children who was living on a combination of food stamps, student loans and disability claims while her elderly mother, who was caring for Suleman's six older children, couldn't make her mortgage payments.

It didn't help, either, that Suleman's own parents have publicly criticized her decision to have so many kids, or that Suleman bears a striking resemblance (some speculate a plastic-surgery-enhanced one) to that other famous mother, Angelina Jolie, and that she's been said to be looking for book, TV and movie deals.

That prompted Los Angeles Times blogger Elizabeth Snead to joke that Suleman, like Jolie, might someday become a U.N. goodwill ambassa-

dor. "Probably not," Snead quickly concluded. "I don't think there's a paycheck involved."

Elsewhere on the Web, Jodie Rivera, a popular YouTube parody singer known as VenetianPrincess, put up a video of herself looking eerily like Suleman. As she sang, a doctor in scrubs (also Rivera) used a baseball glove to catch flying newborns.

"It was all in good fun, to bring a laugh to a situation people are taking very seriously," said Rivera who herself acknowledges she doubts Suleman is capable of caring for 14 children and perhaps should give some up for adoption.

The site momlogic.com, which provides both lighthearted and serious reports on motherhood, also got into the act, offering eight suggestions for reality shows Suleman might do. One example: "Fear Factor: Octuplets Edition," in which contestants are lowered by harness into the Suleman home.

"Whoever can demonstrate the guts and determination to endure one round of octuplet diaper changes wins the grand prize. A lifetime supply of birth control."

Some people have offered to help Suleman, including a church pastor, a nonprofit and even the man who says he was a sperm donor for her when they were dating in the 1990s. Although Suleman has denied that Denis Beaudoin is the sperm donor who fathered her children, he told ABC he still stands ready to help.

The majority of reactions have been less than charitable, however. A USA Today-Gallup poll last week found that 70 percent of those surveyed weren't sympathetic.

Star power fuels Clinton trip to Asia

BEIJING (AP)— U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton charged through Asia determined to remake America's image abroad, raising eyebrows and a few hackles with charm and candor as she spread the Obama administration's message that change has come to Washington.

In Japan, Indonesia, South Korea and China, the former first lady used her superstar status to press points on North Korea's nuclear program, reassure jittery allies and neglected friends of U.S. support, and push cooperation on climate change and the global financial crisis. She returned to Washington Sunday night.

On her first overseas trip as President Barack Obama's chief envoy, Clinton also hit a few bumps as she championed

the administration's idea of "smart power," which combines traditional diplomatic contact with elites and hands-on encounters with the masses.

She infuriated many supporters by toning down the traditional U.S. emphasis on China's human rights record. She alarmed State Department purists with a candid, on-the-record assessment of a previously taboo topic, a possible change in leadership in secretive North Korea.

In unusual public comments, she likened much of diplomacy to a high-stakes stare-down and dropped in a healthy dose of criticism for President George W. Bush and his foreign policy team. She accused them of needlessly alienating much of the world with arrogance and ignorance.

Clinton, who split time

in Asia between official meetings and informal group gatherings with students, civic leaders and journalists, was unrepentant. And, she unabashedly said she would use her and Obama's personal popularity to make their nation's case.

"A lot of international diplomacy is a head game," she told reporters in Seoul, South Korea.

Her comments, midway through the frenetically paced trip, came after she had enthralled young audiences in Tokyo, Seoul and Jakarta, Indonesia, with anecdotes about her childhood, her husband and her daughter, and charmed leaders in each capital with her ebullience.

"It's glorious to meet you," a Tokyo University student told Clinton at her first town hall meeting. It turned out to be a preview

of the joyous receptions she would get in both public and private settings.

In Indonesia and South Korea, crowds seemed enraptured by her presence. Audiences asked questions well outside the realm of foreign policy, about motherhood, romance, career choices, beauty tips and her musical tastes.

"Such a great honor for me to be here," one Indonesian journalist gushed. "My question is you are probably the most popular U.S. secretary of state here in Indonesia. How do you deal with this and how do you think this would affect Indonesia-U.S. bilateral relationship?"

Clinton appeared to blush, then composed herself and replied: "Well, we will get along very well."

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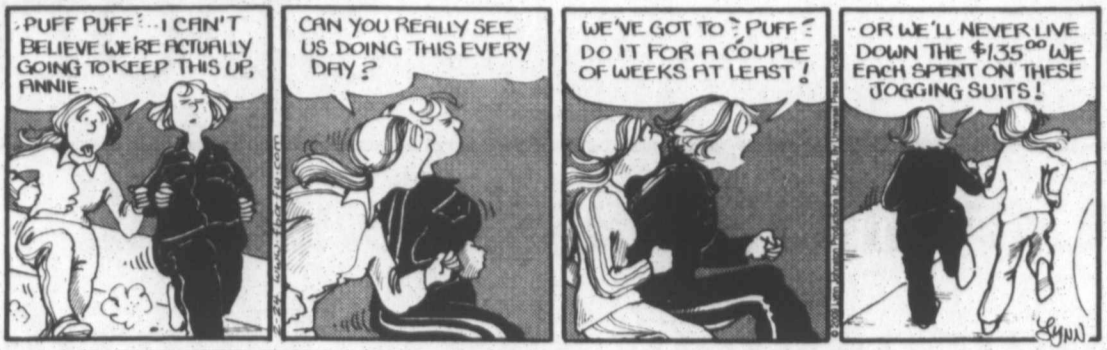
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"Is it okay if Marmaduke woofs me a story?"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"We're gonna need to get more peanut butter!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Belt settings
- 7 Work the fields
- 11 Singer Cass
- 12 Track event
- 13 Some fliers
- 15 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
- 16 Bar staples
- 18 Fence part
- 21 Gasp for air
- 22 Small chicken
- 24 The whole amount
- 25 Buddy
- 26 Metal source
- 27 Carter's successor
- 29 Pooch
- 30 Russian denial
- 31 Drunks
- 32 Easy two-pointer
- 34 Some orchestra members
- 40 Way to go
- 41 Get back
- 42 Flying start?
- 43 Like Duane Eddy's guitar

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Yesterday's answer

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Sports

Cavalier Classic baseball tournament starts Thursday

by Kevin Hunt

The Pampa High School baseball team will officially kick off their season Thursday as host of the annual Cavalier Classic Baseball tournament.

The tournament consists of two separate pools.

Pool A consists of teams from Pampa, Palo Duro, Borger, Bushland and Fritch. All pool A games will be played at Harvester field.

Pool B is made up of teams from Caprock, Tulia, River Road, Plainview and Dalhart. All pool B games will be played in Amarillo at Caprock's field.

The top two teams in each pool will then play Saturday in Pampa in a winner take all, single elimination tournament.

The games in Pampa, kick off bright and early on Thursday morning as Palo Duro and Bushland play at 8 am. That game is followed by Fritch and Bushland at 10 a.m., Palo Duro and Borger at noon, Pampa and Fritch at 2 p.m. and finally Pampa and Palo Duro at 4 p.m.

Friday, Fritch and Borger square off at 8 am, followed by Borger and Bushland at 10:00 am, Palo Duro and Fritch at noon, Pampa and Bushland at 2:00 and finally Pampa

and Palo Duro at 4:00.

Saturday the action starts at 9 a.m. as the #1 seed from Pool A will play against the #2 seed from Pool B.

At noon, the #1 seed from Pool B will square off against the #2 seed from Pool A.

That will set up the Championship game at 3:00 between the winners of both semi-final games.

The coaches and players would like to invite the public out to support the Harvesters. Last year's squad tied for third place in District 3-4A. Pampa returns many of their starters from that team.



photo submitted by Synda Foreman
Harvester Jack Ware competes in Midland tournament at the Midland Country Club.

JV TEAM TROUNCES HEREFORD



2009 Pampa Lady Harvesters JV Softball Team after a 17-2 win over the Hereford Whitefaces Friday Night. Names of the team members were not available.

photo submitted by Charla Shults

Competition tough at Midland Open

The Pampa tennis team faced their toughest challenge of the year in Midland last weekend.

Competing in the Midland Open Friday and Saturday, Pampa came away 13 out of 16 teams after facing to the top 5-A school teams.

"We played well," said Coach Sarah Corse, "but the competition was tough."

The best finish was Holly Gage and Lauren Coutts. They were 11th out of 32 girls doubles. Sammi Finney was 15th out of 32 girls singles.

Rachel Lee and Jack Ware finished 21st in mixed doubles.

Hilary Acker and Mikala Furgason were 23rd in girls doubles.

Myles Foreman and Alyssa Hoelting were 24th in mixed doubles.

James Vaid and Sergio Salazar were 25th in mixed doubles.

Landon Karbo and Logan Karbo were 28th in boys doubles.

Savannah Smith was 28th in girls singles. Aaron Silva was 31st in boys singles.

The Harvesters tennis team travels to Canyon this week for the Canyon Open Tennis Tournament Friday and Saturday.

TEXAS SPORTS BRIEFS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Women Oklahoma-Texas A&M COLLEGE STATION — Takia Starks hit a layup in the lane with 6 seconds left to lead No. 12 Texas A&M to a 57-56 win over second-ranked Oklahoma on Monday night, ending the Sooners' 20-game winning streak. The Aggies (21-5, 9-4 Big 12) trailed by one before Starks got the ball at the top of the key and drove into the lane for the winner. She also had a long jumper with 2 minutes left to get Texas A&M within striking distance.

TEXAS TECH KNIGHT SUSPENDED KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Big 12 Conference suspended coach Texas Tech coach Pat Knight for

Wednesday's game against Texas for complaining about the officials after a loss to Texas A&M over the weekend. Knight was hit with a technical foul for arguing a foul call during the second half of Saturday's 79-73 loss to Texas A&M, then told reporters afterward that the officials should have to stand at the podium and be grilled by the media.

BASEBALL: RANGERS SURPRISE, Ariz. — Michael Young is moving all over the place this spring. He not only played his new position during the Texas Rangers' first intrasquad game Monday, the All-Star shortstop-turned-third baseman also had a new spot in the batting order.

HOKEY SHARKS-STARS DALLAS — Devin Setoguchi scored with 12:05 remaining, Evgeni Nabokov stopped 29 shots for his 45th career shutout, and the San Jose Sharks extended their winning streak to four games with a 1-0 victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night. Setoguchi stickhandled up the right side to get free and fired a low shot from the circle that beat Dallas goaltender Marty Turco to the stick side for Setoguchi's 25th goal of the season.

COLLEGE BASEBALL: BYU-BAYLOR — Pinch-hitter Landis Ware scored on a passed ball with two outs in the top of

the ninth Monday night to give Baylor a 7-6 win over Brigham Young.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Solo in Florida" (Dec. 26) saddened me. The writer, a confirmed bachelor, wrote about not wanting to be a role model for a 14-year-boy, "Kyle," who became attached to him at church.

While I agree that the boy's parents have placed an unfair burden on this man, I'm sorry you didn't remind him how few people have the chance to positively impact the lives of others, particularly the lives of young children. Although "Solo" does not intend to have children of his own, he does have a chance to pass on something of equal value -- his wisdom and life experience.

Please remind "Solo" a bachelor is still a member of a community, and it takes a village to raise a child. -- HUMANIST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEAR HUMANIST: Your point is well stated, and many readers agreed with you. However, "Solo in Florida" said he loves his freedom, has no desire to be a mentor, and may not possess the temperament to be one. While it is clear that "Kyle" is lacking something in his life, it is not Solo's responsibility to provide it. And Kyle's parents should not be pressing him into service. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My son fits "Kyle's" description. He is intelligent, articulate, has few friends and looks

to adults in our community for conversation and friendship. I'm sure he has annoyed more than one person at church, school or in other activities.

My son has Asperger's syndrome, a high-functioning form of autism. As a rule, individuals with Asperger's are very literal and lack the ability to read vocal inflections, body language and gestures. They frequently misinterpret conversations and situations.

If a diagnosis proves my hunch, Kyle's family should look to someone who works with individuals with autism who can teach him the tools he needs to communicate with others -- including "Solo" -- without violating social boundaries. Everyone will be happier for the effort. -- MOM OF ASPIES IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: It is possible that Kyle may be dealing with gay issues. Quite often, and especially in families involved in church, there are few if any role models for a teen who thinks he (or she) is gay. It may be that this man's kindness and the fact that he is unattached would make him the closest candidate for a role model. -- CURTIS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Because Kyle's mother is asking "Solo" to share meals with them in an effort to "con-

nect" with the boy, she seems to feel that this approach has merit. Solo could tell her that while he is honored her son has chosen him as a mentor, he does not wish to take on that commitment, and suggest that she contact Big Brothers to find someone who does. -- JANE IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps "Solo in Florida" should become a little less "solo" at church a few times. If he arranged to arrive with and sit between or among some other adults there, he might be able to put a little distance between himself and the boy. -- GRAMMY IN HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: Male teens who behave like Kyle often suffer from depression, undiagnosed ADD/ADHD and may be at risk for drug abuse or suicide. Involving the spiritual adviser is a good first step in helping the boy. Kyle needs a psychiatric evaluation, the family needs counseling, and his parents could benefit from some parenting classes. -- ADVOCATE IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Just a few words and a friendly smile can often do far more than one can ever imagine for a person who seems starved for attention. Even if "Solo" doesn't do anything to help that boy, I hope he at least will NOT do anything to offend or hurt him. -- DELAWARE READER

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF GRAY By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 223RD DISTRICT COURT of GRAY County in the following cases on the 3rd day of February, 2009, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 AM on the 3rd DAY OF March, 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official door of the Courthouse of said GRAY County, in the City of PAMPA, Texas, the following described property, to wit: Cause No. TAX-2515 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. MERTEL MARY E Tract 1: Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and Fifteen (15), all in Block Fifty-four (54), Original Town of McLean, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: Lot Twenty-two (22), in Block Sixty-five (65), Original Town of McLean, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2533 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. BLACKMAN JENNIFER N Tract 1: Lot Nine (9), in Block Four (4), Ward, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2566 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. DAVIS MUD & CHEMICAL INC Tract 1: The West One Hundred and twenty feet of Lot Two (2), in Block Twenty (20), Southside Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2619 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. HILL HENRY O ESTATE Tract 1: Lots Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), in Block sixteen (16), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2630 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. MUNGIA DAVID & SYLVIA Tract 1: Tract B, also known as the west seventy-two feet (W 72') of Lot Eleven (11), in Block Three (3), Channing, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2651 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. ORTEGA, ESIDRO P. & MARY L. Tract 1: Lot Twelve (12), in Block Forty-six (46), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: The North 136.6 feet (N 136.6') of Lot Fifteen (15), in Block Forty-six (46), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 3: The North 136.6 feet (N 136.6') of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), all in Block Forty-six (46), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 4: The North 136.6 feet (N 136.6') of Lot Seventeen (17), in Block Forty-seven (47), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 5: The North 136.6 feet (N 136.6') of

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Lot Eighteen (18), in Block Forty-seven (47), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 6: Lot Three (3), in Block Sixteen (16), Wilcox, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 7: Lot Four (4), in Block Sixteen (16), Wilcox, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 8: Lots Five (5) and Six (6), in Block Sixteen (16), Wilcox, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2664 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. VARGAS, JOHN HERNANDEZ Tract 1: Being a part of parcel F in Plot 66 of the Suburbs of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, according to the map or plat shown of record in Volume 1, Page 48, of the minutes of the 84th Judicial District Court of Gray County, Texas, particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point in the easterly line of that certain parcel of land conveyed to W.E. Fleming by Pampa Independent School District by deed dated April 30, 1948 and duly recorded in Volume 116, Page 176, of the Deed Records of Gray County, Texas, such point being a distance of 60 feet NW from the SE corner of said parcel of land, Thence NW along the Easterly line of said W.E. Fleming tract a distance of 64.1 feet to a point for the NE corner of this tract; Thence SW along a straight line a distance of 160.2 feet to a point in the Easterly line of Ballard Street for the NW corner of this tract, which point is a distance of 4 feet South-easterly from the intersection of the easterly line of Ballard Street with the Northerly line of said Parcel F; Thence SE along the Easterly line of Ballard Street a distance of 72.1 feet to a point in the Northerly line of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Clint Holt and wife, Ona Faye Holt, by deed dated July 28, 1949 and duly recorded in Volume 120 at Page 569 of the deed Records of Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2734 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. HILLMAN, DON G ESTATE Tract 1: Lot Two (2), in Block Two (2), Country Club Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: Lot Thirteen (13), in Block Five (5), Wynnelea Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2774 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. LOWRANCE PATTIE K. Tract 1: Lots Thirty-two (32), Thirty-three (33), and Thirty-four (34), in Block Eleven (11), Finley banks, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2807 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. ONTIVEROS JULIAN C ESTATE Tract 1: The South One Hundred twenty feet (S 120') of Lot Seven (7), and all of Lot Eight (8), all in Block One (1), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2808 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. LEAL CIRILDO JR Tract 1: Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), and Thirteen (13), all in Block Two (2), Haggard, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), and Fourteen (14), all in Block One (1), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 3: Tract B, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2876 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. DAVIS BRENT Tract 1: Lot Five (5), in Block Forty-seven (47),

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Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2915 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. NACE OTIS Tract 1: The East eighty feet (E 80') each of Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), and Ten (10), all in Block Seven (7), Original Town of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-2939 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. MATHENY FLOYD ESR Tract 1: Lots Four (4) and Five (5), in Block Thirty-six (36), Wilcox Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3032 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. WATIE, ANNETTE L. Tract 1: Lot Fifteen (15), in Block Six (6), Northcrest 1, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3047 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. EPPERSON, GARY LYNN Tract 1: A tract out of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 66, Block 3, I&GN RR Company Surveys in Gray County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at an iron rod set in the south right of way line of US Highway 60 and the West line of said NE/4 of Section 66, from which the NE corner of Section 66 bears North 0° 10' 18" West, 50.0 feet and North 89° 11' East, 2635.56 feet; Thence South 0° 10' 18" East, 160 feet along the West line of said NE/4 to an iron rod for the SW corner of this tract; Thence North 89° 11' East, 100 feet parallel with the North line of said Section 66 to an

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iron rod set for the SE corner of this tract; Thence North 0° 10' 18" West, 160 feet parallel with the West line of said NE/4 of Section 66, to an iron rod set in the South right of way of said U.S. Highway 60; Thence South 89° 11' West, 50 feet along the South right of way of US Highway 60 and 50 feet South of the north line of Section 66 to the place of Beginning. Cause No. TAX-3049 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. GRAYS, PATRICE Tract 1: Lots Forty (40) and Forty-one (41), in Block One (1), Hunter, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3055 GRAY COUNTY vs. ROBERSON DAVID Tract 1: Lot Twenty-two (22), in Blocks Eighty-one (81) and Eighty-two (82), Original Town of McLean, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3090 GRAY COUNTY vs. VILLAGRANA ROSA Tract 1: The West 255.3' of Lot Six (6), in Block One (1), Carlson Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3093 GRAY COUNTY ET AL vs. JOHNSON MARY JANE & REX ROSE Tract 1: Lots One (1) and Two (2), in Block Twelve (12), Original Town of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3130 GRAY COUNTY vs. THOMPSON CASPER F Tract 1: Lots Thirty-eight (38), and Thirty-nine (39), in Block

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Thirty-five (35), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: Lots Forty (40), and Forty-one (41), in Block Thirty-five (35), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3141 GRAY COUNTY vs. DELATORRE, JOSE Tract 1: Lot Four (4), in Block Two (2), Hindman, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3155 GRAY COUNTY vs. GUILL, GARY Tract 1: The Governor mobile home measuring 14'x62', located at 512 E. Foster, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3157 GRAY COUNTY vs. PAMPA CITIZENS ON PATROL Tract 1: The West 226.7 feet of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), all in Block One (1), Carlson, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3161 GRAY COUNTY vs. OLSEN, TRENT H Tract 1: Lot Four (4), in Block One (1), Parkhill, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3163 GRAY COUNTY vs. ROSSITER, LEROY Tract 1: Lots Three (3), and Four (4), in Block Three (3), Gordon, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3165 GRAY COUNTY vs. MCCAIN OATY SR. Tract 1: Lots One (1), and two (2), in Block Twenty-eight (28), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray

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County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3172 GRAY COUNTY vs. ROBINSON, DON Tract 1: The East Thirty-four feet (E 34') of Lot Eight (8), in Block One (1), Allam Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3184 GRAY COUNTY vs. CLEMESHIRE & REDDEN Tract 1: Lot Sixteen (16), in Block Thirty-six (36), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3190 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. TERRY, EDLIE LEE Tract 1: Lot Eight (8), in Block Eight (8), East End, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: Lot Seven (7), in Block Twenty (20), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3193 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. MARSHALL, JACKIE & SHERRIE Tract 1: All of Lot Thirteen (13), and the North 28.9 feet of Lot Fourteen (14), all in Block Four, Wood, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3197 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. HELPER, KEITH Tract 1: Lot Five (5), in Block One (1), Ayres Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Cause No. TAX-3200 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. ROLAND, PATRICIA ESTATE Tract 1: Tract E, Plot No. 62 of the Suburbs of Pampa, Gray County, Texas

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Cause No. TAX-2717 GRAY COUNTY vs. TUCKER, JAMES JR. Tract 1: Lot 5, Block 1, Harlem Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Tract 2: Lot 24, Block 9, Prairie Village Addition, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE. Levied on the 3rd day of February, 2009, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3rd day of February, 2009. Don Copeland SHERIFF, GRAY County, Texas By Joe B. Hoard Deputy The minimum bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgment(s) against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or the tax collector. C-29 Feb. 10,17,24,2009

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY For Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009: This year, you make a difference. Understand the possibilities and don't get stuck in negativity. With the power, energy and creativity available to your sign, you can face obstacles and go right around them. Your mind works overtime, and sometimes you make mountains out of molehills. If you are single, you will discover the many admirers who would like to be closer to you. Choose your next sweetie with care. If you are attached, the two of you build a stronger bond. Be more sensitive to your sweetie than in the past; he or she could easily become depressed. Learn from another PISCES. He or she reflects a side of you. 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 your time and rethink a change. You are positive and upbeat in general. Communication between you and a key associate lights up your thoughts. Don't allow negativity to grasp your mind. Tonight: Extra private time. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A new friend lights up your day. Be willing to share more and not personalize a loved one's attitude. This person is having a hard time and might need to pull back and rethink an issue. Open up your thoughts. The unexpected pops up. Tonight: Where the action is. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Don't hesitate to take the lead. Push to the max and take a step forward. Your laughter and ease in social situations are assets. Juggling your personal needs with work could be overwhelming. The unexpected occurs at work or with someone in charge. Tonight: A must appearance. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Reach out for others. Do take a risk and get past wanting to shut down. You might want to rethink a problem with new information or seek out an expert or two. Unexpected news eventually will lead to a new opening or opportunity. Remain upbeat. Tonight: Take in new ideas. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Sometimes dealing with others and responding to their concerns could be overwhelming. Don't question your resourcefulness or abilities. Think positively. Investigate what seems surprising or off-kilter. Tonight: Be easygoing. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Stay on top of your game. If you need some feedback, listen and be aware. You are about to get some. Be in touch with the fact that your tendency toward negativity often makes others want to bypass communication with you. Tonight: Midweek break. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your easy give-and-take could make a huge difference. Think in terms that you want more creative play and an audience — be it regarding a loved one, a romance or a project. You are on top of your game. If you feel that someone is not understanding your thoughts, you could be right. Tonight: Indulge. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your imagination takes you down many an odd path. If you want to think through a situation, you need to slow down, and quickly at that. A family member or roommate wants to put his or her two cents in. What goes on could change rapidly. Tonight: Act like how you feel. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Center on what is important and what is happening. You'll find life more interesting and dynamic than in the past. Just watch! Tonight: Easy does it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You are able to mobilize your energy and accomplish a lion's share of work, if you want. Understand what you have to offer and what you are capable of. Push comes to shove. The unexpected pops up from out of left field. Tonight: Hang out. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Be more aware and continue to take good care of yourself, remaining on top of your game. You will see a big difference in what goes on. Don't feel as if you don't have any choices. You do. You just might not see them. Tonight: Pay bills. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles, despite problems or any negativity. It might be amazing to see how you could transform a situation through your attitude and reframing the problem. Open doors and greet options. Tonight: All smiles. BORN TODAY Tennis player Bobby Riggs (1918), tenor Enrico Caruso (1873), former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (1888) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2009 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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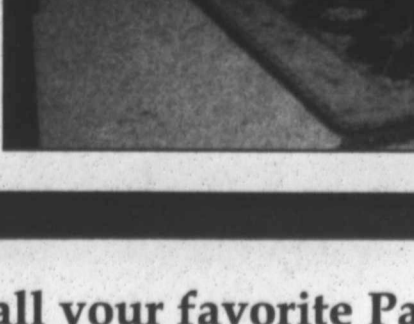
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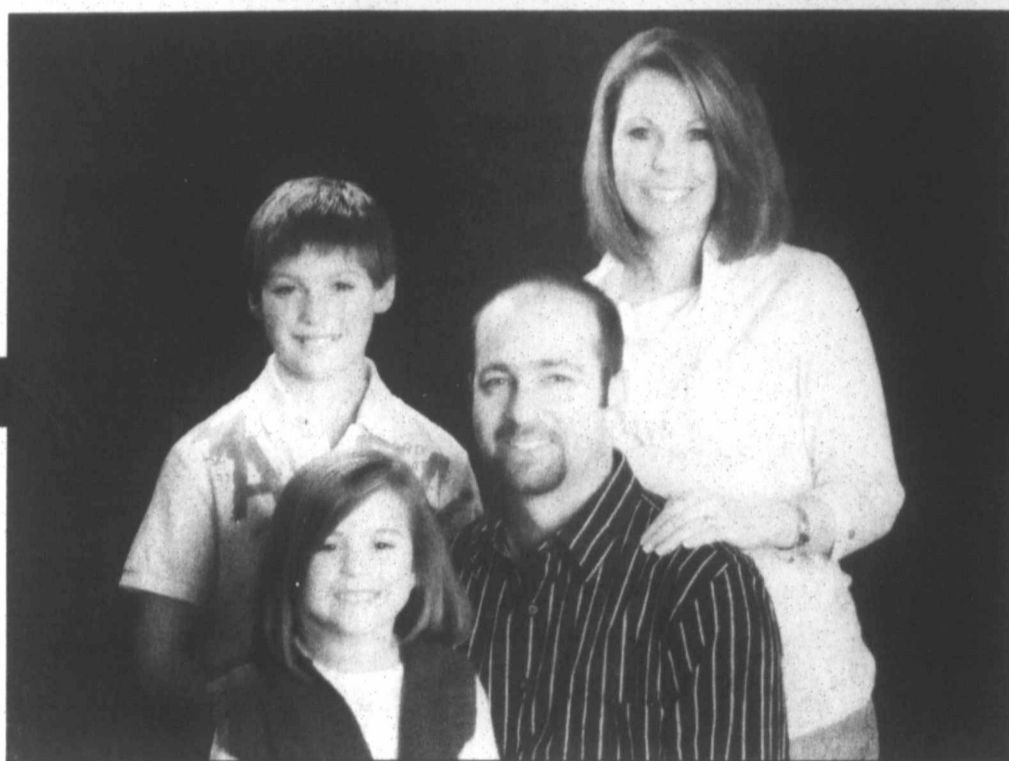
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Rasco Construction's new owners are Kevin and Alissha Jefferis pictured here with their two children Kolton and Taylor.

Rasco Constuction Announces New Owners, Kevin & Alissha Jefferis

Rasco Construction, located at 1211 S. Price Rd., announces new owners: Kevin and Alissha Jefferis. Kevin was employed with Celanese for 10 years. Alissha was employed with Keyes Pharmacy for 12 years. They have 2 children - Kolton and Taylor.

Kevin and Alissha would like to congratulate Gerald and Joyce on their retirement and wish them well!

Selling and installing overhead doors both residential and commercial as well as the door operators is one of the main functions the trained staff at Rasco Construction provides for their customers. MIDAMERICA doors and LIFTMASTER overhead door openers may be purchased from Rasco. Rasco Construction keeps door and operator parts in stock.

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