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## Fire destroys Lefors landmark



staff photo by Rachel Stennett

The Pickin' Shack in Lefors is a total loss after a fire early Saturday morning, March 14, along with a lot of memorabilia that was inside.

### Nothing left of Pickin' Shack

A Lefors landmark is in ruin after fire completely destroyed it over the weekend.

The Pickin' Shack caught fire early Saturday morning, according to fire officials in Lefors. Owner Eudell Gifford, who lives next door, was not injured. "The Pickin' Shack burned to the ground," said Bill Hulsey, a Pampa barber and long time friend of Gifford's.

Hulsey said there is nothing left.

"I feel terrible for Eudell," said Lindy Forsyth with the City of Lefors.

"We got the call at 5:35 in the morning," said Lefors Fire Chief Floyd Lott. "When we got to the fire the house was totally engulfed in flames."

The Pickin' Shack was long a home to bluegrass pickers and fiddle players.



Eudell Gifford, owner of the Pickin' Shack.

Musicians from the area would gather there on Friday nights in impromptu jam sessions. Visitors would bring food.

Guests were asked to

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## Blaze damages northside home

By Betsy Phillips

editor@thepampanews.com

An unoccupied home owned by Pampa businessman Dennis Caldwell sustained about \$11,000 in fire damage Tuesday afternoon.

A neighbor reported the fire at 2518 Duncan at 4:29 p.m. When Pampa firefighters arrived there was smoke coming from the rear of the property, but no flames were showing.

Suddenly, according to Fire Chief Kim Powell, the fire flashed in dry landscape material and immediately caught trees and the fence on fire. Flames shot up to 20 feet in the air and threatened the property across the alley. Firefighters quickly extin-

guished the flames, saving both structures.

About 30 feet of fence and part of a pool house in the back of the property sustained the heaviest damage.

On January 16, firefighters battled a fire at Caldwell Production, west of Pampa for more than 11 hours. The two properties are owned by the same person, but Fire Marshall Michael Ryan reported from the Duncan Street property this morning that he has no evidence at this time that the fires are connected in any way.

Ryan said the fire at the home seems to have started in the pool house, but it is still under investigation.



staff photo by Randy Pribble

Pampa firefighters extinguish a blaze Tuesday afternoon at 2518 Duncan Street. About \$11,000 damage was sustained to the unoccupied home owned by Dennis Caldwell.

## Tuesday's Texas legislature highlights

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Voting along strict party lines, the Republican-led Senate passed legislation Tuesday that would require Texans to produce a valid photo ID — or two alternatives — before being allowed to vote.

The measure was tentatively approved 19-12 after three hours of emotional debate, with Republicans saying the legislation was needed to combat voter fraud and Democrats warning it would rob eligible citizens of the right to vote.

Given the GOP's 19-12 majority, the bill's passage was a foregone conclusion in the Senate. But it did undergo slight changes Tuesday. Though the



financial impact of the bill was estimated at zero going into the debate, Republicans agreed to put at least \$2 million in funding behind a statewide voter education campaign.

Democrats say costs could climb because of provisions requiring the state to give out free IDs and because the law will trigger lawsuits from opponents.

In another last-minute change, author Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, agreed to make it clear that a voter registration card can serve as one of the two pieces of alternative identification for voters who don't show a valid photo ID.

Under the new legislation, a driver's license, passport or military ID are among the most common forms of photo ID that would allow citizens to vote.

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## Pampa man dies, another critical after crash

by Rachel Stennett

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A semi-truck verses motor vehicle accident occurred Sunday, March 8 which resulted in one fatality, and another person on life support.

Tommy Roby, 26, of Pampa was driving a 2005 Chevy Tahoe at 12:30 in the afternoon eastbound on SH152. Roby, Bruce Elwanger, 24, and Miguel Villegas, 24, all of Pampa, were all headed to work at an oil rig in Clinto, Okla. when the vehicle came over a high rise on a hill and clipped the rear end of a 2002 Kenworth

Semi-Truck preparing to turn left onto CR21. The semi was driven by Patrick Foster, of Pampa.

"I tried to avoid it, but it was in the middle of the road and it hit the rear passenger side," Roby explained.

Villegas was transported to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo, and died from injuries sustained in the accident at 8:45 on Thursday, March 12. His funeral was held Monday.

Elwanger is still on life support at NWTH. Roby was treated with minor injuries and released.

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**PAMPA FORECAST**

**Thursday**      **Friday**      **Saturday**



High 57  
Low 45



High 70  
Low 49



High 72  
Low 51

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Patchy fog after 4am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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**Cash Five Texas results**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 14-29-18-7-35.  
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,845  
Winning ticket purchased in: Rockwall  
Matching four of five: 65. Prize: \$172  
Matching three of five: 2,514. Prize: \$10  
Matching two of five: 24,732. Prize: \$2  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

**Grain prices**

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day.  
Wheat.....\$5.05  
Milo.....\$5.19  
Corn.....\$6.74

**Anti-child abuse group member faces porn charges**

ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — A former member of Bikers Against Child Abuse, a child abuse prevention organization, has been arrested for possessing child pornography.  
David Wayne Garvey, 50, was arrested Tuesday morning at a Baytown, Texas garage where he worked as a mechanic, according to the Texas Attorney General's office. Garvey faces third-degree felony charges, which each carry between two and 10-year prison sentences.  
The arrest followed a March 12 indictment by a Chambers County grand jury and an 18-month investigation by the Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit.  
The investigation started with a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which warned that an AOL user attempted to e-mail child pornography to another AOL customer on Sept. 16, 2007. That tip led investigators to Garvey's residence in Beach City, where a May 29, 2008 search turned up 83 images of child pornography on Garvey's computer, a CD and in e-mails.  
During the search, investigators also found a vest indicating that Garvey was a member of Bikers Against Child Abuse, which works to prevent child abuse. The Cyber Crimes Unit notified BACA, which then revoked Garvey's membership.  
Garvey is being held in the Chambers County Jail on a \$35,000 bond.

**Dallas judge criticized for racially charged quote**

DALLAS (AP) — The top judge in Dallas' municipal court system is receiving criticism for writing that "black folks have been cleaning up white folks' messes for hundreds of years" in his column in a weekly newspaper with a mostly black readership.  
Administrative Judge C. Victor Lander apologized Tuesday. A member of the Dallas City Council, which appoints all municipal judges, has called for his resignation.  
Lander, who is black, said he wrote his column earlier this month to praise the reform efforts of Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins, the state's first black DA.  
Watkins has gained national attention for allowing the Innocence Project of Texas to systematically review post-conviction requests for DNA testing, which has helped Dallas County toss aside the guilty verdicts of 20 wrongly convicted men, a national high.  
Lander, a municipal judge for 12 years and the court's administrative judge for the last 10 months, said he has written for the Dallas Weekly since about 2004 or 2005.  
In a February column about Jeremiah Wright, President Barack Obama's former pastor, Lander told

**For the Record**

**Obituaries**

**Dora Taylor Reeves, 83**

Pampa, Texas — Dora Taylor Reeves, 83 died on March 14, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.  
Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.  
The burial will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
Mrs. Reeves was born October 24, 1925 in Pampa where she was a graduate of Pampa High School in 1944. She married James A. Reeves on October 25, 1946 in Pampa. She retired from Pampa Independent School District after 20 years of service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was involved in 4-H, FFA and Cub Scouts for many years.  
Survivors include her husband, James A. Reeves of the home; 2 sons: James H. Reeves of Pampa and Ted T. Reeves and wife Kim of Cleburne; two sisters, Doris Walsh and Ida Ruth Price, both of Pampa; four grandchildren, Matt

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Reeves and wife Savannah of Dublin, Michel Simer and husband Bob of Axtel, Cody Reeves of Canyon and Casey Reeves of College Station; three great-grandchildren. Dora was preceded in death by a brother: H. B. Taylor, Jr.  
MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.  
Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)



Reeves

**Jane Ann 'Mama Jane' Purvis, 68**

Lefors, Texas — Jane Ann "Mama Jane" Purvis, 68 died on March 16, 2009 in Lefors, Texas.  
Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Memorial Heights Cemetery, with Gene Gee, minister of the Church of Christ of Lefors, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
Mrs. Purvis was born March 14, 1941 in Murphy. She attended and graduated from Garland High School. She married Kenneth Purvis on February 14, 1986 in Pampa. Jane Ann worked as a nurse's aide in the medical field for many years. She attended the First Baptist Church in Lefors. Her family was co-founders of the famous Mesquite Rodeo in Mesquite and her mother, Neva Robbins Cookston was the first sweetheart of the Dallas Rodeo. Jane Ann participated in the rodeo parades and was involved with horses all her life. In her spare time, she liked to do arts and crafts, and she was the owner and operator of the "Pearls in the Attic" in Lefors. Her greatest joy was being a grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the love of Kenneth's life.  
Survivors include her husband Kenneth Purvis of the home, three sons Mark Everage, Shayne Hendrickson and wife Carmen, and Sonny Purvis and wife Thelma, all of

Lefors; five daughters, Sherry Bowman of Stroud, Oklahoma, LeaNan Sparks of Pampa, Kenya Tittsworth and husband Gary of Okemah, Oklahoma, Jamie Purvis and Shayna Purvis, both of Lefors; five grandsons, James Ray Sipes, Chad Clardy, Brandon Woodward, Chris Woodward and Kody Hendrickson; five granddaughters, Krista Klien, Casey Everage, Cheyenna Tittsworth, Brianna Tittsworth and Alicia Whitehead, one great-grandson, Hayden Klien; two great-granddaughters; Baylee Talamante and K'Lee Clardy. Jane Ann was preceded in death by her parents James and Neva Cookston; and her grandparents, Dee and Mae Robbins.



Purvis

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia 22312.  
Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)

**Emergency Services**

**PAMPA PD**  
Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.  
Tuesday  
Officers conducted five traffic stops.  
A total of 15 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.  
One attempt to serve papers was made.  
One alarm was investigated.  
Criminal trespass was reported in the lobby of the PD.  
Fraud was reported in the 900 block of South Banks, where a credit card was used without permission, value \$59.  
Burglaries were reported in the 700 block of North Lefors, where a door was ripped off a frame, value \$250; and the 1500 block of North Christy.  
Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Hamilton, and the 1200 block of North Hamilton.  
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Lefors.  
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of West Foster, the 2400 block of North Charles, the 1000 block of South Wells, and the 1900 block of

North Dogwood.  
Traffic complaints were received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60, and the 900 block of East Browning.  
Thefts were reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart, where a bicycle was stolen, value \$125; and the 600 block of East 19th.  
A motor vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky.  
Lost property was reported in the 500 block of West Foster.  
Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1800 block of North Lynn.  
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.  
Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.  
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson, where the back of a window was shot out of a vehicle, value \$450.  
A prowler was reported in the 200 block of East Thut.  
Wednesday  
Officers conducted four traffic stops. A stop in the 400 block of North Dwight resulted in at least one arrest.  
Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets, and the intersection of Wilksand Faulkner streets.  
A prowler was reported  
**SHERIFF**  
Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.  
Tuesday  
Enrique Marquez, 28, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury, family violence.  
Michael Dewayne Hood, 24, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for fraudulent use possession of identification info.  
Corey William Young, 29, of Lubbock was arrested by the GCSO for theft under \$50 over \$500.  
Edward Lee Briley, 30, of Memphis was arrested by the GCSO on a bench warrant.  
Johnathan Frank Cole, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for illegal dumping.  
Amy Dominique Carter, 40, was arrested by the GCSO for unlawful carrying of a prohibited weapon, possession of marijuana two ounces or less, tampering with serial number, possession of a dangerous drug, and warrants in Potter County.  
Wednesday  
Judah Benhamin Hart, 25, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for public intoxication.  
Lewis Ernest Yearick, 34, of Rosewell, N.M. was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated, second.  
**AMBULANCE**  
Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.  
Tuesday  
4:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.  
5:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Duncan and transported two patients to PRMC.  
7:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Varmon and transported a patient to PRMC.  
9:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1400 block of Somerville.

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# Pampa Powers past Randall

by Kevin Hunt

Behind 3 home runs and 7 RBI's from Pampa center fielder Mitchell Killgo, the Harvesters beat Randall by a score of 14-13 in the first district 3-4A game for both teams. Pampa continually found themselves behind, but battled back time and time again and then held on in the end for the victory.

Down 2-0 in the bottom of the 1st, Blake Sieck hit the first pitch he saw for a triple off the right center field wall. He would later score on a sacrifice fly to center field by Ryan Funderburg.

In the top of the 2nd, Randall would add 4 runs to take a 6-1 lead. Pampa would battle back and score 3 runs in the bottom of the 2nd. Braden Hunt walked and scored from 1st base on a double by Madison Wilson. Jeremy Maxwell followed with a walk. A fielders choice moved Wilson to 3rd and he would score on a fielders choice by Casey Trimble. Sieck would eventually drive in Maxwell on a fielders choice. At the end of the 2nd inning, the Harvesters found themselves down 6-4.

In the top of the 3rd and with Brett Powell on in

relief of Sieck, Randall went 3 up 3 down. In the bottom of the 3rd, Pampa would tie the score. Powell drew a walk and Killgo hit his 1st home run of the game to tie the game, over the right center field fence.

In the top of the 4th, Randall would explode for 4 runs giving them a 10-6 lead. Not to be outdone, Pampa scored 5 runs to take their first lead of the game. Maxwell and Trimble each doubled and then Sieck hit a 2 run home run over the left-center field fence. With 2 outs, Funderburg singled and Killgo followed with home run number 2 and an 11-10 lead.

In the 5th, Randall tied the game at 11. Pampa went in order in the 5th and the score remained tied 11-11.

In the top of the 6th, Randall scored 2 more runs giving them a 13-11 lead. But in the bottom of the 6th, Pampa added 3 runs to take a 14-13 lead. Powell reached on an error and Funderburg singled. Killgo then hit his 3rd home run of the game, a 3-run shot to give Pampa a 14-13 lead.

In the top of the 7th, the lead off hitter for Randall doubled. With 1 out, the

runner moved to 3rd on a ground out to Sieck at short. With 2 outs, Powell got the clean up hitter to ground the ball to Maxwell at 3rd base who threw across the diamond to Hunt at first base for the final out of game.

Sieck started on the mound for Pampa, giving up 6 runs on 3 hits, walking 2 and hitting 2 and he did not record a strike out. Powell came in in the 3rd and was credited with the win. Powell pitched 5 innings, giving up 7 runs on 9 hits. Powell walked 2 and he also did not record a strike out. Pampa's infield was solid all game long only committing 1 error.

Killgo's 3 home runs give him a total of 7 on the year. For Sieck, it was his 3rd home run of the year. Pampa has now hit a total of 15 home runs on the year.

With the win, Pampa improved their overall record to 14-3 and 1-0 in district. Randall falls to 0-1. Randall has been unbeaten in district 3-4A action for the past 2 years, but now find themselves in an early hole.

Pampa will travel to Palo Duro on Friday to play the Dons at 5 p.m.



staff photo by David Bowser

Harvester shortstop Blake Sieck catches a Randall Raider in a squeeze play between second and third during Tuesday afternoon's game in Pampa. The Harvesters won 14-13.

## Pickin' Shack a total loss

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sign the ceiling of the old house that Gifford, a retired oil field worker, had moved in to provide a home for his musical passion.

Among the autographs lost in the fire was Arlo Guthrie, who had stopped by to join a jam session one Friday night several years ago.

"He was a picker," Gifford said at the time.

"We were down there Friday night," Hulse said. "They had about eight or

ten good musicians." Hulse said all the old records and photos in the Pickin' Shack were destroyed in the fire.

"All the tapes and all of his music and guitar," Hulse said, "it's just gone." "There was a lot of history lost in that fire," Forsyth said.

"There was a lot of memorabilia that went down the tubes," Lott said. "My heart's with him."

Among the items report-

ed lost in the fire was a guitar that Gifford's brother gave him on his 70th birthday. Gifford said it was the first new guitar he'd ever gotten.

Gifford lived next door to the Pickin' Shack. Hulse said Gifford wasn't hurt nor was his home damaged.

"He was in his house next door," Forsyth said. "They got him out."

"We got him out in good shape," Lott said.

## Legislative highlights

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Those who don't have a photo ID could produce two alternative documents — including bank statements, mail from a government entity, a marriage license, a voter registration certificate or cards used for

obtaining government benefits.

**UTMB STUDENTS' PLEA**  
Dozens of students from the University of Texas Medical Branch at

Galveston made the rounds of the Capitol Tuesday, asking legislators to support plans — and roughly \$300 million — to rebuild the school on the hurricane-ravaged island.

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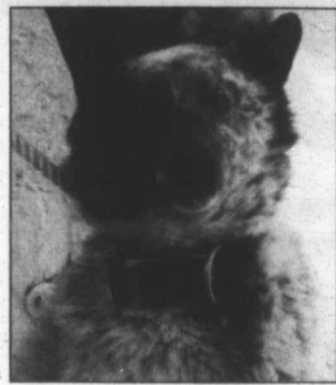
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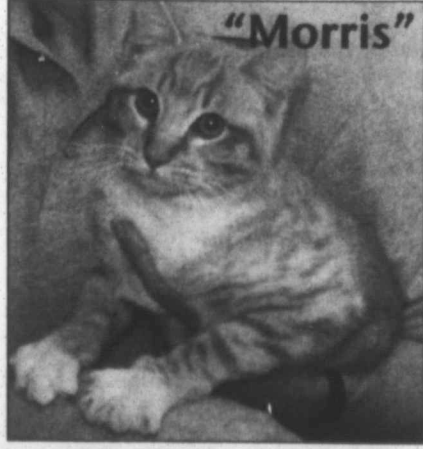
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 77th day of 2009. There are 288 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 18, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

**On this date:**  
In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.  
In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.  
In 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a short-wave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.  
In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years in prison for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)  
In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

*'Liberty is from God, liberties from the devil.'*

— Old German proverb

In 1938, Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized his country's petroleum reserves and took control of foreign-owned oil facilities.  
In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

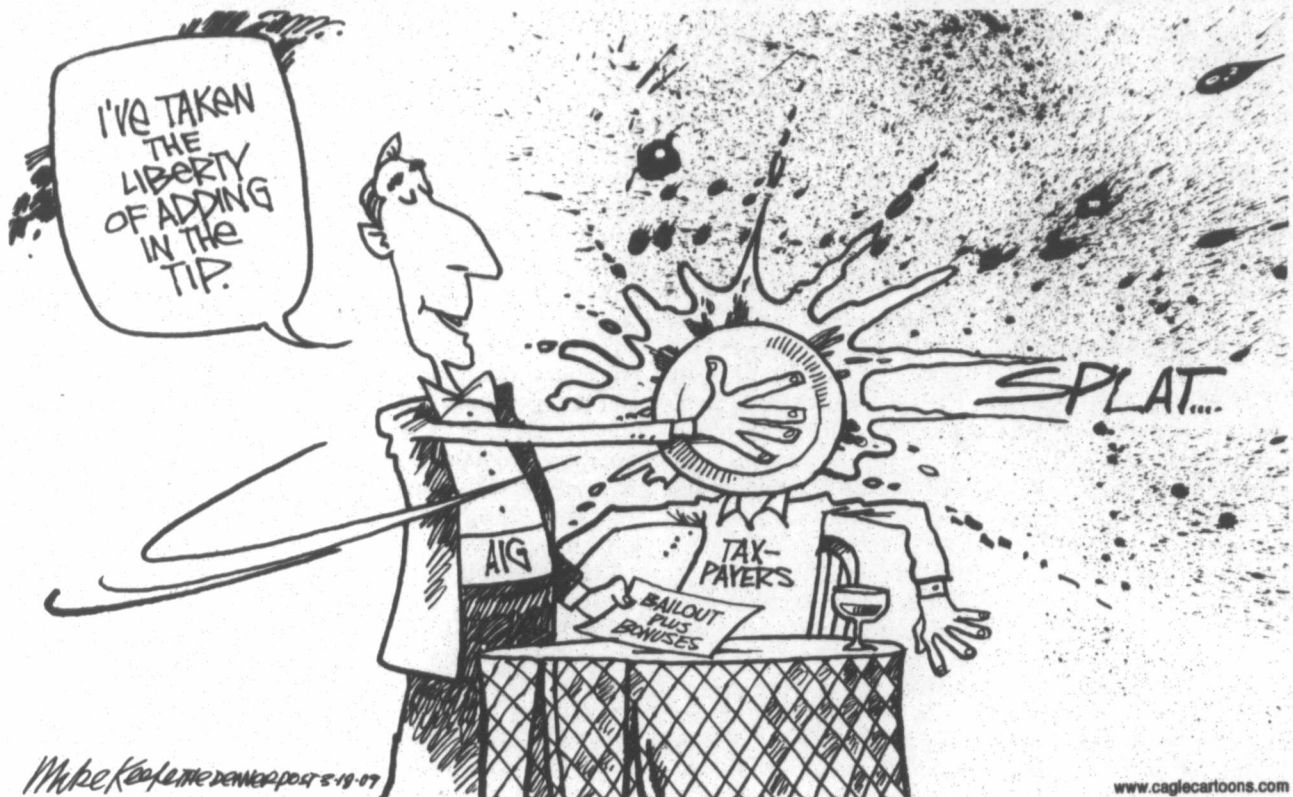
In 1962, France and Algerian rebels signed a cease-fire agreement, which took effect the next day.  
In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.  
In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

Ten years ago: The Kosovo Albanian delegation signed a U.S.-sponsored peace accord following talks in Paris; the Clinton administration warned NATO would act against Serb targets if Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic rejected the agreement.

Five years ago: Addressing thousands of soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., President George W. Bush warned that terrorists could never be appeased and said there was no safety for any nation that "lives at the mercy of gangsters and mass murderers." Overruling its staff, the Federal Communications Commission declared that an expletive (the "F-word") uttered by U2 frontman Bono on NBC the previous year was both indecent and profane.

One year ago: Democrat Barack Obama confronted America's racial divide head-on with a speech in Philadelphia in which he urged the nation to break "a racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years."

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Peter Graves is 83. Country singer Charley Pride is 71. Actor Kevin Dobson is 66. Actor Brad Dourif is 59. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 58. Singer Irene Cara is 50. Movie writer-director Luc Besson ("The Fifth Element") is 50. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 47. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 47. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 46. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 45. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 42. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 39. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 37. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 35. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 32.



## Analysis: White House, Dems backpedaling on AIG

**By DAVID ESPO**  
AP Special Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time since last fall's election, Democrats and the Obama administration are backpedaling furiously on an issue easily understood by financially strapped taxpayers: \$165 million in bonuses paid out at bailed-out AIG.

Republicans, struggling to regain their political footing, are content to let Democrats try to dig their way out of this mess on their own.

Professing shock at the bonus payments, Democrats have embarked on a hurry-up effort to impose what amounts to confiscatory taxes on the bonuses, a maneuver that almost surely will be tested in the courts.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner won a strong vote of confidence Wednesday from President Barack Obama, whose administration has been struggling with the controversy since the weekend.

But the mood is less charitable among congressional Democrats. And Republicans have made Geithner their top target, not surprising given Obama's continued high approval ratings.

"It's shocking that they would, the administration would come to us now and act surprised about these contracts," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Senate GOP leader. "This administration could have and should have ... prevented this from happening. They had a lot of leverage two weeks ago."

That would be when the Treasury Department decided to make an additional \$30 billion available to American International Group Inc., the huge insurance conglomerate deemed too big to fail by two administrations.

Which goes to the crux of the Democrats' current political problem.

Gone are the days when they could merely bludgeon the Bush administration and promise to seek bipartisan solutions to the nation's

economic problems.  
Now, in control of the White House and Congress, they are struggling to come up with an explanation for what no one in either party seems moved to defend.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said AIG stands as a symbol of "greed and perhaps corruption."

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., scoffed at AIG's claim that the money represents retention pay. "There are enough bright people in this country that would do the job for an honest salary, and enough honest taxpayers demanding that we put an end to this stuff. You can bet I'll make sure justice is served," he said.

But the bonus payments occurred on the Democrats' watch, and for Republicans, AIG seems politically providential.

Their overwhelming opposition to last month's stimulus bill appeared to be gaining little traction as Democrats showcase every shovelful of dirt that is turned 'Ai all in the name of economic recovery.

Criticism that Obama and Democrats are embarking on a new era of tax-and-spend is undercut by the lack of a budget alternative from Republicans 'Ai the party that presided over a historic run-up in the federal debt earlier this decade when it controlled both the White House and Congress.

Less than 100 days into the Obama administration, polls have brought little good news to Republicans.

While a recent Pew survey found some slippage in Obama's support, it also registered only 28 percent approval for the job being done by GOP congressional leaders, the lowest in nearly 14 years. And a separate survey by CNN and Opinion Research Corp. put support for the president's handling of the economy at nearly 60 percent.

Against this backdrop, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs sought to explain AIG.

He told reporters that Geithner "last week engaged with the CEO of AIG to communicate what we thought were outrageous and unacceptable bonuses," and "received a commitment to lessen some of the bonuses for senior executives."

Asked directly if Obama is satisfied that he found out about the bonuses in a timely fashion, Gibbs said: "Yes, the president is satisfied."

The president "has complete confidence" in his Treasury secretary, Gibbs added, although Geithner's early tenure has been anything but smooth. The Cabinet official's introduction of a new plan to bail out the financial industry was widely panned, and his confirmation was held up earlier when it was disclosed he had paid \$34,000 in back taxes.

Obama himself has been vocal on the need to do everything possible to recoup the money paid out in bonuses, and so far, no Democrats in Congress have tried to hold him to account.

But the Treasury Department isn't immune, even from Democrats.

"I'm outraged by this," said Baucus in a statement. "At one point the Treasury was in a position to stop these bonuses. Those were the terms of TARP, terms that I helped draft."

But talk of legislation only leads to more uncomfortable questions for Democrats.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., won passage of a provision earlier this year that they said would have prevented the type of payments now at the center of a storm.

It was dropped without explanation in the final compromise on the economic stimulus measure, replaced by a less restrictive set of conditions backed by Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and accepted by the White House.

"The president goes out and says this is not acceptable and then some backroom deal gets cut to let these things get paid out anyway," said Wyden.

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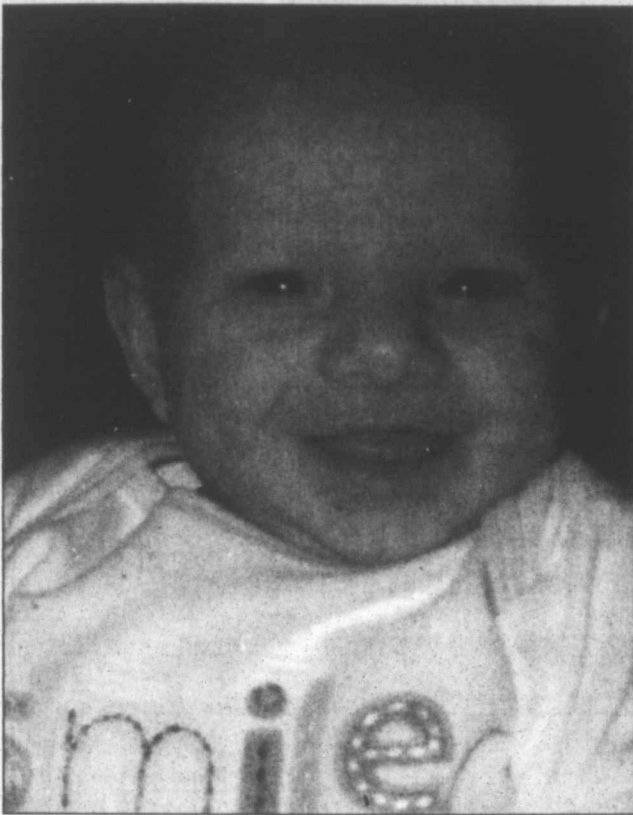
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# WELCOME



**Gunter Jax Thomas**

Gunter Jax Thomas was welcomed into the world on December 12, 2008 at Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo, Texas by parents Justin and Casey Thomas and grandparents Ray and Tammy Fisher of Columbus, Ohio, Leslee Jewett of Pampa, and Charley and Cathy Thomas of Pampa. Gunter weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz, and was 20.5 inches long.

## Lawmaker sees fight in tanning bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A proposal that would make it harder for Texas teenagers to enter the tanning bed was compared to legislation against Big Tobacco in testimony before a House panel Tuesday.

"In the United States and Texas, we don't allow our teens to purchase cigarettes until after they are 18 because it is a carcinogen," said Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton. "Yet we don't do that for tanning beds, which can expose teens to the same risk for cancer."

The bill would require anyone under 18 years old to get a doctor's note before using a tanning bed and would require a parent be with them in the salon.

Dermatologists and melanoma survivors pressed that tanning beds are a proven risk for skin cancer including melanoma, and teens are at particularly high risk for such damage.



## Colley, Saucier to wed March 27

Hugh and Elda Campbell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Nicole Colley, of Pampa to Chris Lee Saucier, son of Brenda Davis of Sierra Vista, Ariz. The couple plan to wed on March 27, 2009 at John Stiff Memorial Park Gazebo in Amarillo. The bride to be is an employee at Clifton Supply, and the groom is an employee of SWM.

## Insurance workers collect Mega Millions prize

WHITEHOUSE STATION, N.J. (AP) — It's official: Ten co-workers at an insurance company in New Jersey have in fact won a \$216 million Mega Millions jackpot.

A day after the March 3 drawing, the group showed off the winning ticket outside the Chubb Insurance office where they work in

Whitehouse Station. New Jersey Lottery officials say the group came forward on Friday and officially claimed their prize. Lottery officials say New Jersey's newest millionaires chose the cash option, which means they'll split approximately \$140 million before the 25 percent federal withholding tax.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Gray County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decemeb. 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.
- 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: 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.
- Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals.

- Fawn Lake will pay their postage.
- Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United 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.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, my parents had a framed poem from your column hanging on our kitchen wall. None of us kids could miss it because it was right next to the telephone. Before we moved out to start families of our own, Mom gave each of us framed copies of it to remind us of family values.

Won't you please run it again for your readers? The title of the poem was "Success." Young couples today would find it as beneficial as my parents did. It worked for my sisters and brothers and me. -- MIMI IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR MIMI: I'm glad to oblige. The poem, which was penned by Martin Buxbaum, is included in my "Keepers" booklet, which is a collection of favorite letters, poems and essays that have appeared in this column over the years. It was assembled because so many readers said the items were meaningful to them, and requested that they be compiled as a booklet. Read on: SUCCESS

You can use most any measure

When you're speaking of success.

You can measure it in fancy home, Expensive car or dress.

But the measure of your real success

Is the one you cannot spend.

It's the way your kids describe you

When they're talking to a friend.

The booklet is titled "Keepers" because so many Dear Abby readers kept the poems, essays and letters to re-read. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby -- Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

"Keepers" covers subjects from temptation to forgiveness, animals, children and human nature. Filled with down-to-earth nuggets of wisdom, both witty and

philosophical, it's a quick and easy read, and an inexpensive, welcome gift for newlyweds, pet lovers, new parents or anyone recovering from an illness because it touches on a variety of subjects.

DEAR ABBY: My single, 40-year-old cousin, "Gail," has two teenage daughters. Four years ago she built a beautiful three-bedroom house that she has never moved into. Instead, she lives with her mother and stepdad in a rundown farmhouse where her girls share a bedroom.

Gail's mother is afraid to ask her to move out, and the rest of the family can't understand why she would allow her house to stand empty. Let me add that Gail has an annual salary of almost six figures.

What's wrong with this woman? -- PERPLEXED COUSIN IN N.Y.

DEAR PERPLEXED COUSIN: Which woman? The mother or the daughter? I suggest that you ask them that question.



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The 2008 "Pride" photo contest winner was this photo of one-year-old Emma Grace Searl, sent in by Linda Searl.

## PHOTO CONTEST

The Pampa News' annual amateur photo contest will feature two categories this year - "Family and Friends" and "Gray County Scenes."

**Family and Friends**

Photos should be non-posed snapshots of people doing things together. They can also be individual shots, but the key is to make them candid photos that show a slice of life in Gray County. The photos that "tell a story" will also be given a higher rating.

**Gray County Scenes**

Send us your best shots of local scenery. Photos may be sunsets, storms, old buildings, cityscapes, wildlife or domestic animals.

**The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Friday, March 20.**

Winners in each category will be selected by our editorial staff. The top photographers in each category will receive \$100 and their photos will be published in the newspaper's annual "Pride" issue to be published in March. Second place winners in each category will receive \$50. Third Place winners in each category will receive \$25.

Any photos submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting them and must have been taken in Gray County since Jan. 1, 2008. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest.

You can submit as many photos to the contest categories as you like.

The best way to submit your photo is to send them via E-mail, as an attachment, to editor@thepampa.com. The photos should be in a .jpg format, preferably shot on the "fine" setting on a digital camera or higher.

Do not edit the photo. We need to make changes in resolution to run photos in the newspaper. If you are entering more than one photo, please send them individually as an E-mail attachment.

Include your name, address, telephone number for verification and a description of the photograph. Identify the people in the photo if possible. Any photo without this information included will be disqualified.

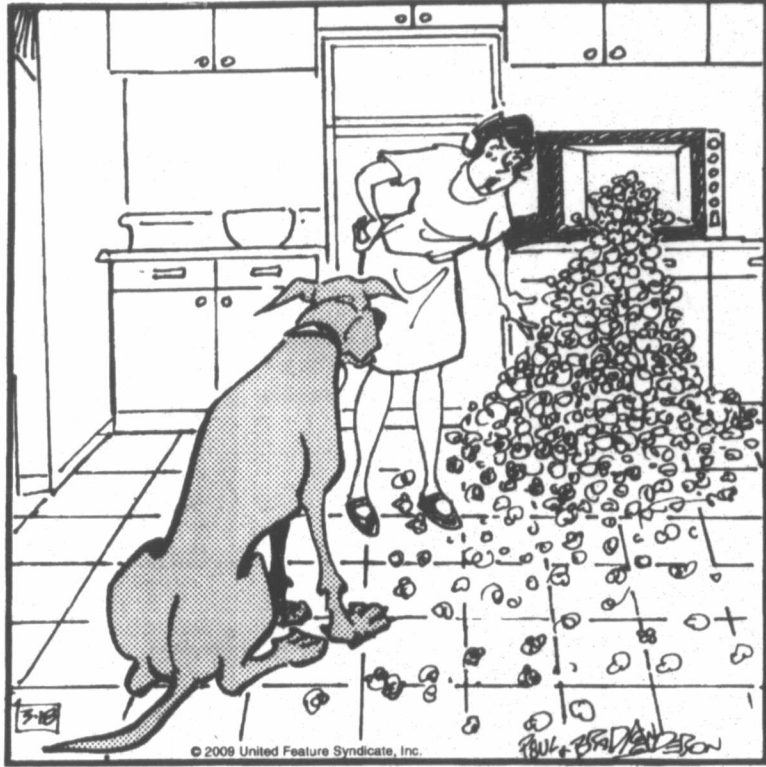
If you would rather submit your entries as prints, send them with the information to: Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison Avenue, Pampa, TX. If you wish the prints returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry.

The Pampa News will publish the winners and many of the other submissions in a special section of our annual Pride issue in March.



# Comics

## Marmaduke



"From now on, I'll microwave the popcorn."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"If you break one, you'll have bad luck in seven years."

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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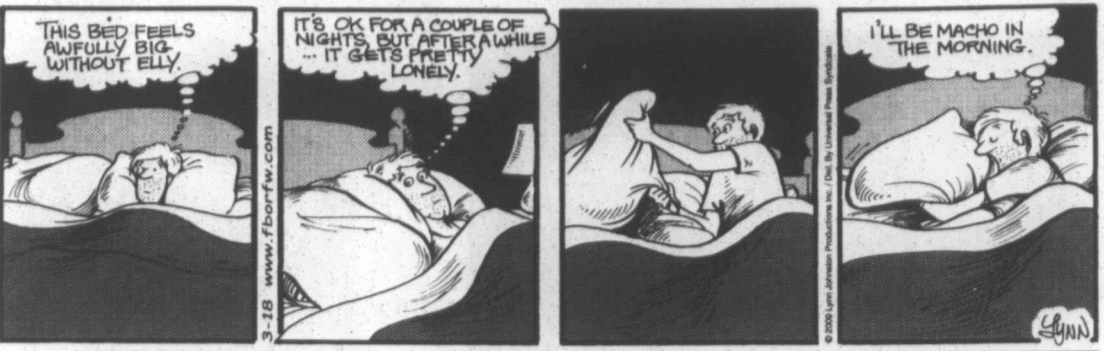
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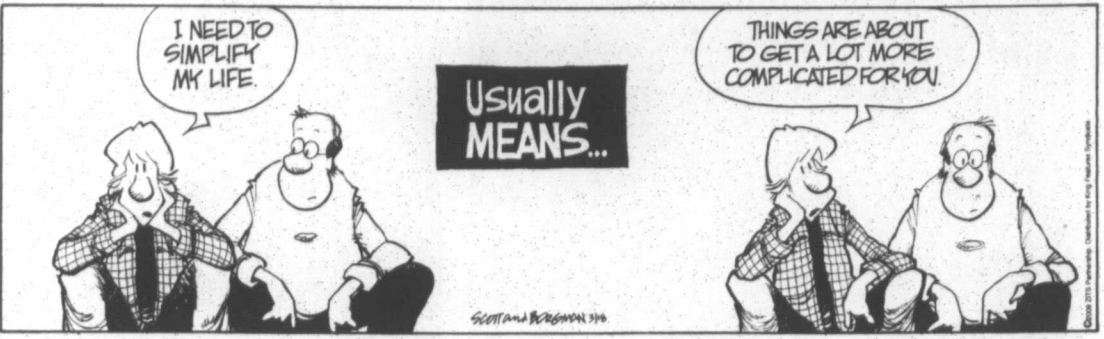
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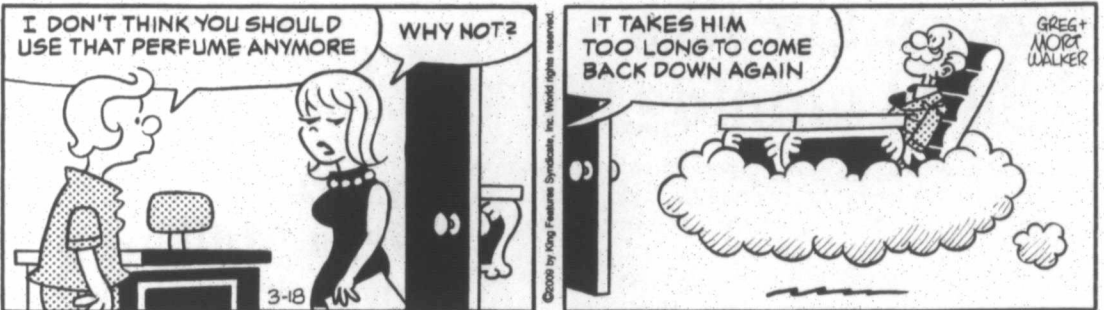
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Marsha Lynne Holland Baumann, Independent Executrix Estate of Marjie West Holland, Deceased  
c/o Don R. Lane  
P.O. Box 1781  
Pampa, TX 79066-1781  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
DATED the 16th day of March, 2009.  
Marsha Lynne Holland Baumann  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, March 19, 2009:  
Be aware of what you have to offer. Sometimes you sell yourself short. Don't. On the other hand, be aware of what doesn't work for you anymore. Try to make a needed adjustment. If you simply cannot tinker with a situation and adjust it, you might have to let it go. If you are single, do check out anyone you want to hook up with. Give a relationship a year before you decide this is it. You might be surprised by what comes out within a year. If you are attached, spend more time together as a couple. You will enhance your relationship as a result, especially with additional respect. CAPRICORN has your best interests in mind.

**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)  
\*\*\*\* You might think you don't care about others' judgments. Friendship helps you remember what really is basic, giving you a sense of what is important. Stay open to other ideas. Avoid sarcasm, as it will get you nowhere. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Events pressure you to see beyond your normal scope. Avoid the negativity of others. Listen to suggestions, but ultimately do find the experts. Avoid excessive indulgence. Tonight: Relax to a favorite piece of music.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\* Work with individuals rather than groups. You could feel more strongly about a key friend or associate. Push to see different issues and get past a prob-

**lem.** You might get overboard when encouraged by a friend! Tonight: Visit over dinner.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\* Give up thinking that you are in control. Others seem destined to do whatever it is they deem necessary. A key associate might try to explain his or her actions. Just let it be, and refuse to challenge this person. Tonight: Decide who, where and when.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Relax with others, and you will find that much more gets done. Your intellectual curiosity continues to push you to break into new types of thinking. Brainstorm with people you consider intellectually challenging. Curb over-indulgence. Tonight: Let's be disciplined. Exercise time.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Taming your endless imagination just cannot happen. Remain sure of yourself, even if an idea or two doesn't hold up. Invite a loved one out for an early dinner, as your mind probably won't be on business. Tonight: Acting like it is the weekend, and do you care?  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Get down to fundamentals. Your mind keeps putting you into another land of thought. Try to focus; jot down random thoughts to keep them under control. Your high energy and clarity could be challenged by a partner, associate or friend. Tonight: Happily head home.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\* How you deal with someone could change radically because of what you hear and see. A family member knows how to push your buttons, and will do just that. Remain centered and direct. Tonight: Hanging out could be fun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\* Be aware of what others are asking. You have a way that draws many. Be aware that people around you might not be looking at you, but at what you have to offer. You might not want to change this outlook within business circles. Tonight: Pay bills.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\* Your winning ways carry you far and help you get past many problems. Stay on topic and focus on what must be done. Laugh and relax. Dabbling personality into the mix works better, especially as many people are not special like you. Tonight: All smiles.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\* Know when to pull back and question more. What do you want and desire? You have a way that makes everyone think you are his or her friend. Be willing to make your own inroads right now. A quiet meeting could be more fruitful. Tonight: Do your thing.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\* Don't hesitate to zero in on what is important. Negativity between you and another person could produce a coldness that you would prefer not exist. Consider a way of getting around this barrier. Discuss it with an understanding person. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Glenn Close (1947), actor Bruce Willis (1955), actress Ursula Andress (1936)  
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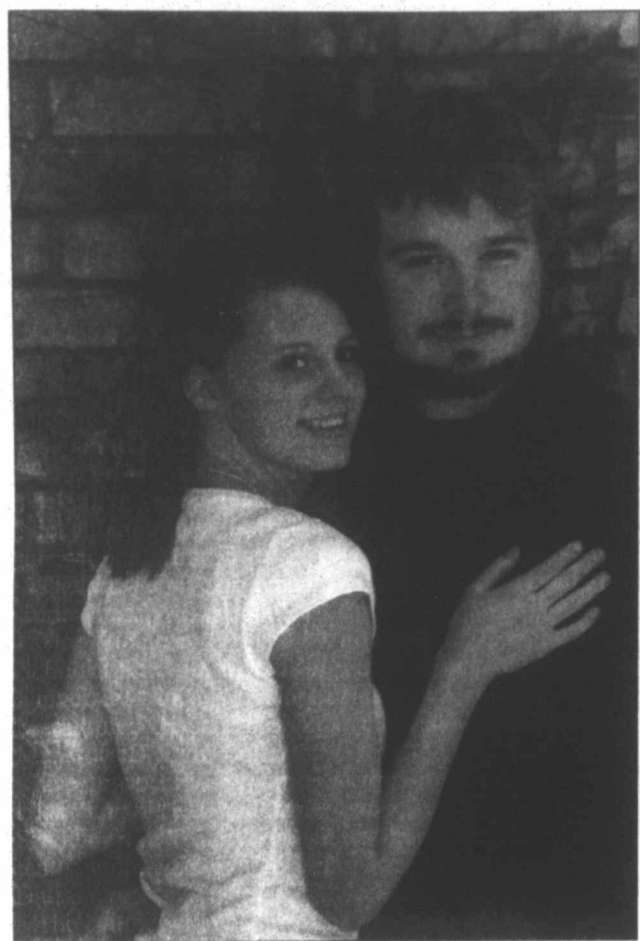
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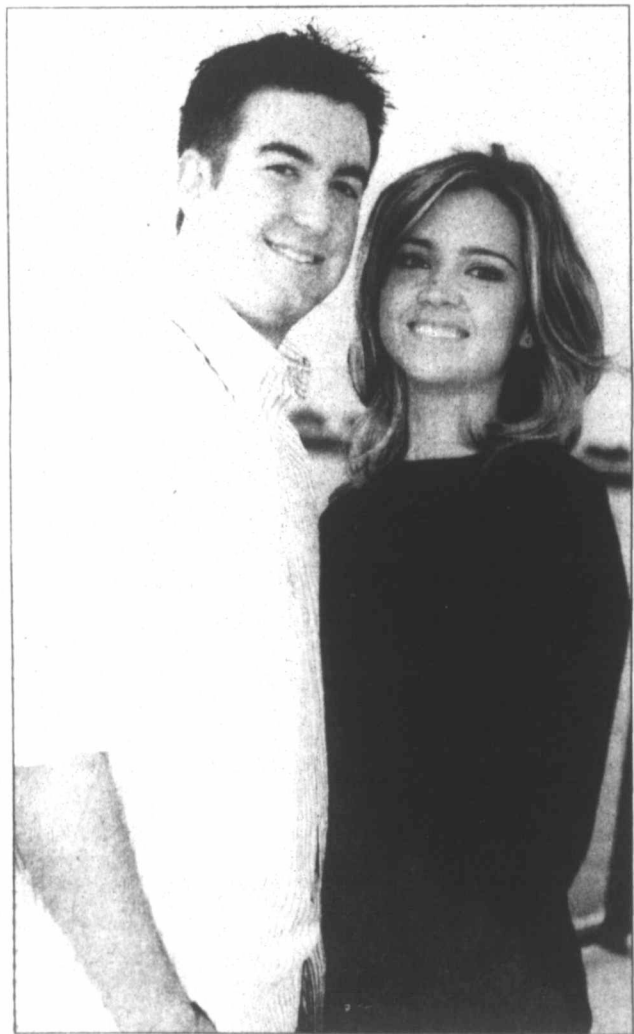


## Bowers, Douglas to wed March 28



The late Sidney David Bowers, of Pampa and Lisa Lang, of Pampa announce the engagement of Ashley Bowers, of Pampa to Reese Douglas, son of Robin and Russell Douglas, of Pampa. The couple plans to wed on Saturday, March 28, 2009 on the Seventh Day Adventist church of Pampa.

## Nickell-Robben engagement announced



Bill and Paula Robben of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Matthew Paul Robben to Brianna Marie Nickell.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Debbie Nickell, of Coppell and the granddaughter of Mr. Forrest Nickell and the late Mrs. Lois Nickell of Dallas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Rust Sr. of Gun Barrel City.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Engel of Loretta, Kan.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Coppell High School. She graduated in 2008 from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. She is currently working at Park Place Mercedes Benz in Dallas.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Pampa High School. He graduated with a B.S. in Construction Science from Texas A&M University in 2007. He is currently employed by McCarthy Building Companies in Dallas.

The couple will celebrate the sacrament of marriage in April of this year at the Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas. The couple is looking forward to sharing this celebration of love with their family and friends. After a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in the Dallas area.

## McLean Dance Club offers live music

The McLean Dance Club hosts dances on every second and fourth Saturday of every month to live Country and Western music, from 7:30 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. Charges are \$8.00 per person, dress is casual. All dances are open to the public. Located in McLean, Texas just north of the Red River Steak House and left after the cemetery on FM 273. Watch for sign on the west side of the road. For more information call 806-323-8515.



Carol Smith Headerick

## Annual book review slated

Chapter CS, the local chapter of the P.E.O. sisterhood, will again present its annual book review with Carol Smith Headerick at 1:30 p.m. March 29 at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Ms. Headerick will review "The Life of Ellen H. Richards — Pioneer in Conservation by Caroline L. Hunt.

Ellen Richards lived from 1842-1911. Friends and co-workers who gathered following Mrs. Richards' funeral to share their loss and memories decided to create a permanent record of the influence she had on their lives. This book, published in 1912, was the result. Richards was the first woman accepted as a student to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Through her scientific studies, she became a national authority on air, water, and food. She established the profession of dieticians and was the founder of Home Economics.

Carol Smith Headerick is a Texas native and a speech-language pathologist. She reviews one book each spring and has been presenting book reviews to the public for 16 years. She memorizes text and presents the review in first-person.

The book review will be open to the public. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the door. To purchase a ticket in advance, please contact Judy Stutton at 665-7064. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the chapter's scholarship fund.

## Rally for rain

The Cross in Groom, Texas is having a prayer service for rain at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. The lack of rain in the Texas Panhandle is creating such a hardship for local farmers and ranchers affecting the economy of the entire Panhandle. Since we know that the Bible declares that rain is a gift from God, Cross Ministries, along with local and area Pastors are joining hands in prayer, coming together as the Body Of Christ to formally petition for his precious gift of rain. Area Pastors Mike Sublet of Pampa and Father Ron Matthews of Prayer Town are among some of the invited guest speakers. On behalf of Cross Ministries we would like to invite area residents to come and join us for a most important time of prayer.



### FORD FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC WELCOMES JOSH LINK, MSPT



Joshua J. Link, MSPT

In a continuing effort to accommodate practice growth and demand, Ford Family Chiropractic is pleased to welcome Joshua Link, MSPT, who has recently joined our practice and will be providing full service physical therapy procedures.

Josh is a native of Texas and received his MSPT degree from Walsh University in Canton, OH and is licensed by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

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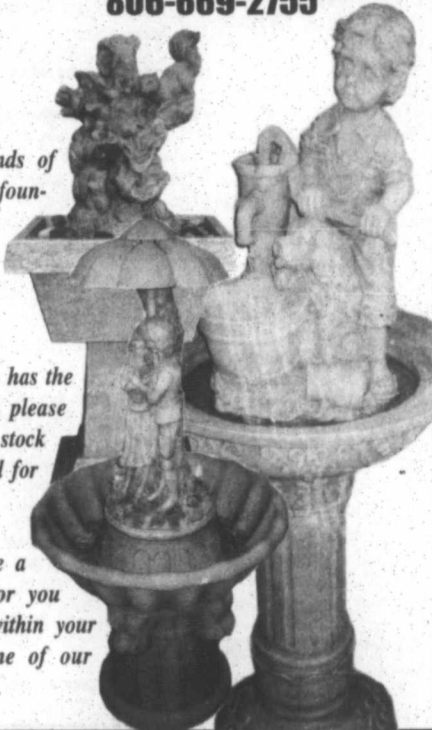


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