

PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday**



High 73 **High 68** **High 64**
Low 52 **Low 39** **Low 39**

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.
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For the record

Sheila Beebe Gorman

Sheila Beebe Gorman passed away March 17, 2009 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at St.Catharine's Home, following a lengthy illness. She was 49.

Sheila was born July 25, 1959 in Dalhart, Texas. When she was a very young girl she moved, along with her parents to Bayfield, Colorado.

She attended most of her school years in Bayfield and graduated from Bayfield High School in 1977.

Later in her life she attended the University of New Mexico. At that time she obtained a Bachelor's

Degree in Criminal Law. She has lived in Albuquerque since 1984.

She had numerous friends there that will miss her dearly. Sheila had a very outgoing personality almost everyone she meet became a friend. She was always there trying to help them out when needed.

In later years while going to college she worked at the college to help her get through college. She set her goal and she achieved it.

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Sheila is survived by three children and four grandchildren. A daughter in Pampa, Texas Peggy D Baggett, her husband Glen, their children Kassadie and Kelton. A son in Blue Springs, Missouri Gary D Anderson his wife Kasi their children Jace and Kamryn, a daughter in Albuquerque, NM, Victoria Gorman, her parents Gary and Peggy Beebe, brothers Robert and Kyle Beebe,

sisters Tonya Moon and Debbie Bergt all of Bayfield and her sister Patricia Walker of Phoenix. She is also survived by her dear companion of many years, Terry Hatfield of Albuquerque N.M.

Cremation has occurred. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on April 4, 2009 in the chapel of Pine River Cemetery.

Gary Craig Richardson, 58

Texarkana—Gary Craig Richardson, 58, died March 18, 2009, in Winchester, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2009, at First Baptist Church of Pampa, with Dr. Billy G. Wheeler, pastor of River of Life Fellowship of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

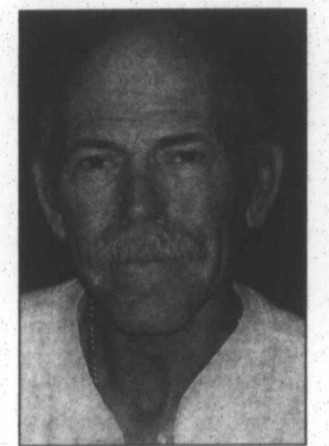
Mr. Richardson was born May 11, 1950 in Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1968 and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Gary was a former longtime member of First Baptist Church in

Pampa. He married Susan Nisbet on December 26, 1970 in Pampa. He was employed by TIC of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, as a startup engineer, and had lived in Texarkana for the past 18 years. Gary was a wonderful husband, father, son, grandfather, brother and son-in-law who loved his family and provided each with many years of happiness. He will be missed every day by those who loved him dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Richardson of the home, one daughter, Whitney Flowers and husband Philip of Marshall, two sons, Matthew B. Richardson and wife Tara of New Boston, and Grant N. Richardson and wife

Monica of Chester, Virginia, her mother and stepfather, Marguerite and Dub Clement of Pampa, one sister, Debbie Sewell of Pampa, two brothers; Charles L. Richardson and wife Jill of Denver, Colorado, and Michael Richardson and wife Zindi of Amarillo, one stepsister, Soni Thomas and husband Nathan of Oklahoma City, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bobbie and Scott Nisbet of Amarillo, five grandchildren; Joshua Flowers and Lainey Flowers, both of Marshall, Christian Richardson, Trinity Richardson and Gage Notley, all of New Boston and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his father: Bob



Richardson in 1976.
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Jimmy Wayne White

After a lifetime of loving and serving Jesus, Jimmy Wayne White went home to meet Him face to face on February 3, 2009.

Wayne was born August 23, 1925 in Jester, Oklahoma and moved to Pampa while very young. He attended B.M. Baker grade school, Pampa Junior High and Pampa High. He In 1943, at age 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he received many awards for action.

He attended Wayland Baptist College where he met his wife, Winnie Constance Dudley. After attending Wheaton and Baylor Universities he eventually received a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He pastored churches in Oklahoma and Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1963 he and his family moved to Mexico where he served as missionary for nearly 30 years.

He is survived by his wife and children; Laurie Lee MacLaren, Robin and Paul Tinley, Drs. Travis and Gay White, and Sandy Braem; ten grandchildren and spouses; and three great-grandchildren. Also sisters Lefa Colleen (Kitty) Arnold, Edna Rose (Patsy) and Eddie Gates, Oleta Mae and Hershel Williams; brother Otis D. and Betty White, and sister-in-law Vivian White.

He is preceded in death by a son-in-law, Guy Braem, a brother, Clyde Mickey White and nephew, Clifton Simms.



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In memory of my wife Eloise for 53 years of everlasting love and wedded bliss, "Praise be to God" ~Deck

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Workers Ron Albers, left, Mike Chavoya, center and Rod Wills secure the bronze statue of legendary Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry after it was removed from its site in front of Gate one at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, Friday, March 20, 2009. The statue will be placed in storage and later placed at the new Dallas Cowboys stadium in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Donna McWilliam)

For the love of music

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Other musicians join the core group some weeks at the Meredith House, but almost every Tuesday and Saturday Robert Brewer, Betty and Kenneth Crawford, Lucille Cozart, and Smith sing and play together for any interested listeners. "Normally about a dozen people come to listen," Smith said. "We are serious musicians, but we

aren't pursuing this. We just have a lot of fun." Different members of the group are motivated to perform for different reasons. Smith says he does it because he enjoys it, and his mother in law lives there. Flynn feels motivated to lead a bible student every week and performer for religious purposes. "As a minister, I have an obli-

gation to lift up people who can't come to church and spread joy and the gospel," Flynn said. "The Bible says Jesus went everywhere to bring comfort, we need to do the same thing whenever we can. I'm doing what I can for Pampa, Texas and I'm just looking to glorify God."

Legislature tackles Plan B

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on them, too?" But Corte's office says the legislation is purely about educating people who may not know Plan B could interfere with their beliefs.

"For a lot of people, it truly does not matter how it works," Seay said.

The FLA and gynecologists have said that a pregnancy begins when an egg takes hold, but Catholics and some other religious groups are among those who dispute that. They say life begins when an egg is fertilized.

"When the egg and sperm unite, that is the moment when a new human being is created," said Jennifer Allmon, associated director of the Texas Catholic Conference.

Though the Catholic conference doesn't have a

position on Corte's bill, it opposes Farrar's bill because of the implications for Catholic hospitals and Catholics who might work with sexual assault victims.

"Especially requiring a health care provider to act against their conscience in assisting anyone in an action that ends a human life would be gravely, morally inappropriate," Allmon said.

A similar bill to offer Plan B information to sexual assault survivors was left in committee in 2005 after strong opposition from Catholic organizations.

Supporters of the bill say it may work to prevent abortions because women who become pregnant after an assault often choose to end the pregnancy.

"The problem is not every woman is going to be able to access emergency contraception," Farrar said. "If she's in a small town, if she's not had a lot of exposure, or for some reason wasn't exposed to this information she won't know that she could avert a pregnancy and avert an abortion."

Torie Camp, deputy director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, says one in five women in the state have been sexually assaulted and pregnancy is one major concern. The group supported similar legislation in the past and wants to see rape victims have better access to Plan B.

"Pregnancy is obviously a concern of sexual assault survivors, and emergency contraception may help

Sheriffs asked for input

Border— cont. from page 1

Napolitano said the plan developed under the previous administration lacked local input.

"That plan was prepared but did not have input from the state and local law enforcement officials who actually police the border area," Napolitano said. "So I've sent Ted Sexton from the department down to the border, he's there now, to go through that plan and make sure we have their input."

Wiles, who met with Sexton a day earlier, said Sexton promised to send him a copy of the plan.

Wiles said he told Sexton that El Paso is a safe city and nothing has changed there in spite of the dizzying body count across the river in Juarez, Mexico. Last year drug-related violence claimed 6,290 lives in Juarez.

"The Juarez violence is 'drawing national attention to issues we've been dealing with for years,'" Wiles said.

While the federal government is responsible for border security, Wiles said he told Sexton his concern was that his agency have the necessary resources to support the federal agencies when needed without neglecting its own responsibilities.

For example, when someone is caught at the international bridge with a baggie of marijuana, the amount is not enough to

trigger federal prosecution so they call local law enforcement, which pulls deputies out of neighborhoods, he said.

"We asked for some consistent funding to provide additional officers, officers on overtime and equipment," Wiles said.

A week earlier, Sexton spent three hours on the other side of Texas with Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino.

Trevino said he tried to send one clear message back to Napolitano.

"There's absolutely no need to send federal troops to the border for enforcement action," Trevino said. Drug cartel violence has not spilled into the United States, he said.

Trevino said Gov. Rick Perry's request last month for 1,000 more troops for the Texas-Mexico border was "uncalled for."

Perry wants the troops to fill gaps that the state has been supplementing, and spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger defended his request Friday as a reasonable one. The governor is still waiting for an official response from Washington, she said.

Cesinger called Sexton's visit to gather local input is "a step in the right direction."

But Trevino does not think it is time for troops.

"We must exhaust all

federal, state, county and municipal assets before we ever think of bringing the military down here," Trevino said.

Trevino said the most likely scenario he sees now for spillover would be if cartel targets sneaked into the United States for refuge and their pursuers were able to find them.

Overall, Trevino said he sensed a clear change in the desire for communication with local law enforcement from Homeland Security. Sexton provided Trevino with a draft of the federal contingency plan and Trevino said he believes input from him and other border sheriffs will be incorporated.

"I'm extremely encouraged," Trevino said.

Sexton moved on to Arizona Friday for more meetings. Homeland Security spokeswoman Sara Kuban said.



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Parent University - Friday, March 27 8:30 AM - 2:50 PM - Trinity Fellowship

Pampa High School

- March 23 • All Night Party Meeting
- March 24 • Swim Banquet • 7:00 p.m. • Briarwood Church

Pampa Junior High School

- March 23 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • Library
- March 24 • Student Council • 7:30 a.m.

Lamar Elementary

- March 23-27 • Scholastic Book Fair • 8:30-3:00
- March 24 • Kid's Café • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- March 24 • Open House • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 26 • Head Start Parent Meeting • 6:00 p.m.


Wilson

- March 23 • Kid's Café • 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- March 26 • Fitness Gram Testing •

March 26 • School Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar





We want to thank everyone in our communities for all the support we've received in concern for our nephew Alex Wilson. On Feb. 26th, we were granted full custody and guardianship for Alex. The last 14 months have been challenging. We could never have accomplished this on our own. We appreciate all the prayers, letters, gifts, donations, and encouragement we've received from so many people and churches. Thank you to Bro. Larry Mitchell and everyone at First Baptist Church of Wheeler, First Baptist Church of Stamford, and all the churches in The Double Mountain Baptist Association. Thank you to all our friends and co-workers. So many have taken a special interest in our family since Keny died, and we petitioned for custody of Alex. We are humbled by the care and kindness that you have given to our family. May God bless each one of you, just as you have blessed our family.

A special thank you to Vernon Devoll, Art Rhine, Robert and Marla Ford, all from Wheeler; Siri Livingood, Jeryl Ann Cooper, Cheryl Pittman, all from Stamford; Rosalie Brewer of Pampa; and Heather Brooks of McLean for traveling to South Carolina to testify on our behalf and for support. Captain Dellinger, Detective Dana Wingate, Angela Ruth, Adrian, and Major Simon and all the staff from the Lee County Sheriff's Dept. for their hard work and compassion. Thank you to Ms. Iris Broad and Sheri Hyler of South Carolina, for their generosity. I also want to acknowledge Harry and staff from the Holiday Inn in Florence for making us all welcome and taking a personal interest.

Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and students from Wheeler ISD for the thoughtful Welcome Home Alex signs and Banners. I also want to give a very special thanks to Shelly Malone for helping me with our DVD's. Thank you to Billy Richardson, Robert, Spencer, and Mitchell Ford, Ricky and Rolando Salas, Carley Owens, and all the members and wives of the Wheeler Fire Department for the party and fundraisers, and the escort when we arrived home. We are forever grateful to all of you!

~Loving Him Always~
 Bill, Joy, Cole, Clay, & Alex Wilson
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, March 21, the 80th day of 2009. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 21, 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

On this date:

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

In 1907, U.S. Marines arrived in Honduras to protect American lives and interests in the wake of political violence.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan began a four-day conference in Bermuda.

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators. In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1985, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings; the reported death toll varies between 29 and 43.

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.

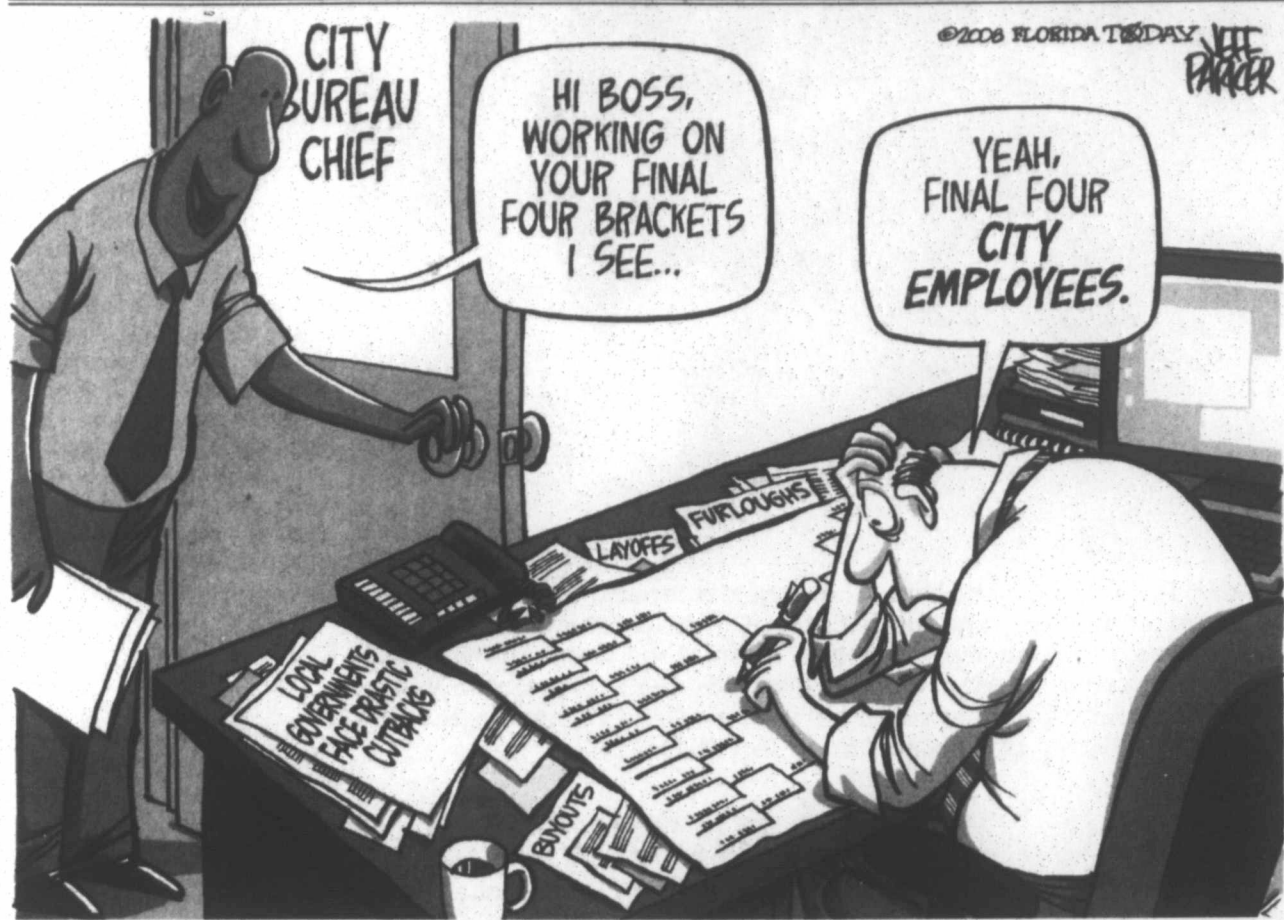
Ten years ago: At the Academy Awards, "Shakespeare in Love" won seven Oscars, including best picture and best actress for Gwyneth Paltrow; Steven Spielberg won best director for "Saving Private Ryan."

Five years ago: The White House disputed assertions by President George W. Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator, Richard A. Clarke, that the administration had failed to recognize the risk of an attack by al-Qaida in the months leading up to 9/11.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Freeman Jr. is 78. Violinist-conductor Joseph Silverstein is 77. Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 70. Singer Solomon Burke is 69. Actress Marie-Christine Barrault is 65. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 64. Actor Timothy Dalton is 63. Singer Eddie Money is 60. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 59. Rock musician Conrad Lozano (Los Lobos) is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. (The Stylistics) is 58. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 51. Actress Sabrina LeBeauf is 51. Actor Gary Oldman is 51. Actor Matthew Broderick is 47. Comedian-talk show host Rosie O'Donnell is 47. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 42. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 42. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 41.

'One friend in a lifetime is much; two are many; three are hardly possible.'

— Henry Brooks Adams
American historian and author



Analysis: Rhetoric, reality clash

By LIZ SIDOTI

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)— Barack Obama's optimistic campaign rhetoric has crashed headlong into the stark reality of governing.

In office two months, he has backpedaled on an array of issues, gingerly shifting positions as circumstances dictate while ducking for political cover to avoid undercutting his credibility and authority. That's happened on the Iraq troop withdrawal timeline, on lobbyists in his administration and on money for lawmakers' pet projects.

"Change doesn't happen overnight," Obama said at a town-hall style event in California on Thursday, seeming to acknowledge the difficulty in translating campaign pledges into actual policy. Asked by a campaign volunteer how his supporters can be most effective in helping him bring the sweeping change he promised, Obama said: "Patience."

The event was part of a weeklong media blitz that Obama had hoped would help sell his budget. At the foundation of the health care, education and energy changes he promised in the campaign. But his budget message was overshadowed for much of the week by the public furor over \$165 million in executive bonuses paid by American International Group Inc. after the insurance giant had received billions in federal bailout funds.

"There was a lot of excitement during the campaign and we were talking about the importance of bringing about change," Obama told the volunteer. "We are moving systematically to bring about change. But change is hard."

It's the same delicate dance each of his predecessors faced in moving from candidate to president, only to find he couldn't stick exactly by his word. Each was hamstrung by his responsibility to the entire nation and to individual constituencies, changes in the foreign and domestic landscapes, and the trappings of the federal government and Washington itself.

"Candidates make promises and presidents break promises, and that's a very predictable pattern," said Julian Zelizer, a Princeton University historian.

Once in the White House, presidents quickly learn they are only one part of the political system, not in

charge of it. They discover the trade-offs they must make and the parties they must please to get things done. Inevitably, they find out that it's impossible to follow through completely on their campaign proposals.

Like those before him, "Obama's shifting to the political realities," said Zelizer. That's not a bad thing, he said. "We want presidents to adjust to the realities of governing, to the realities of the environment."

For now at least, Obama's deviations have served only to invite occasional cries of hypocrisy from some Republicans and infrequent grumbles of disappointment from some Democrats. He has popularity on his side, and it seems people mostly are chalking up his moves to much-needed flexibility at a difficult time.

But the shifts could take a toll over time if they become a persistent pattern and the public grows weary. His overall job-performance marks could suffer and jeopardize his likely reelection campaign in 2012. People could perceive him as a say-one-thing-do-another politician and the Democratic-controlled Congress could see him as a weak chief executive.

Obama's moves and maneuvering for political cover run the gamut.

He spent most of the campaign promising to bring combat troops home from Iraq 16 months after taking office, though he left himself wiggle room.

After directing his commanders to map out a responsible pullout, President Obama adjusted that timeline to 19 months and said 50,000 troops, about one-third of the current force, would remain.

While campaigning, Obama frequently swiped at lobbyists, saying, "When I am president, they won't find a job in my White House."

Then he took office and had to fill thousands of positions. He did allow former lobbyists to join his administration. But he imposed ethics rules barring them from dealing with matters related to their lobbying work or joining agencies that they had lobbied in the previous two years. In several cases, he has made outright exceptions.

Obama the candidate pledged to curb spending directed at lawmakers' pet projects; they're known in Washington as "earmarks." Obama the president signed an "imperfect" \$410 billion budget measure that included 8,500 earmarks.

He had little choice. The measure, a holdover from last year, was needed to keep government from shutting down. But to blunt the fallout, Obama outlined guidelines to ensure tighter restraints on the spending and made a new promise: Future earmarks won't become law so easily.

As for politics, Obama campaigned as a new-style leader who chastised partisanship and renounced divisiveness in Washington. But as president, Obama's White House aides wasted little time pouncing on Republicans and mocking conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh as the Republican Party's leader.

On fiscal matters, Obama the candidate urged Americans to tighten their belts. Once in office and saddled with recession, though, he signed a \$787 billion stimulus measure and outlined a \$3.6 trillion budget plan that will plunge the nation deeper into the red. But again he paired the proposal with a new promise, to cut the deficit by more than half by the end of his first term.

"It's far easier to campaign in a purist kind of way than to govern," said Thomas Cronin, a presidential scholar at Colorado College. "Reality shapes what presidents do."

Franklin D. Roosevelt ran for office promising to balance the budget. But he reversed course when he took over a country in depression and doled out a spending prescription to revive the economy. He made other shifts as well.

The ailing public didn't view him as wishy-washy or politically calculating, but rather as a president who was experimenting in hopes of finding policy to fix the problems. His charm and communication savvy allowed him to get away with it.

Historians agree that seems to be the model Obama is trying to emulate. A charismatic orator, he's trying to govern with a pragmatic posture while projecting a willingness to compromise.

His mantra these days: "We will not let the pursuit of the perfect stand in the way of achievable goals."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Liz Sidoti covers the White House for The Associated Press and has covered national politics since 2003.

Letters to the Editor

Pampa News editor, This is a subject that should be of great importance to every American citizen, but obviously it is not.

As a man who has honorably served his country, I find it more than disrespectful to all veterans, and to our great country to fly the American flag in a distressed condition— torn to shreds, faded colors and barely hanging by a thread!

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Thank you,
Tim R Fisher
U.S. Navy Veteran
Proud American

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Sports

Dons squeak by Harvesters

Killgo suffers ankle injury

by Kevin Hunt

After an emotional win over Randall on Tuesday, Pampa was shocked by the Palo Duro Dons Friday by a score of 10-8 in Amarillo.

For Pampa, it was an error-filled game on defense as well on the base paths. Pampa had four base-runners picked off at first base, three by the Palo Duro pitcher and one by their catcher.

Pampa center fielder Mitchell Killgo left the game after colliding with Trimble on a fly ball to right center field.

Killgo suffered an ankle injury and his status is unknown.

Pampa scored two runs in the top of the first, when Blake Sieck led off with a ground rule double. Brett Powell walked and Ryan Funderburg doubled off the right center field fence to score Sieck and Powell.

In the top of the third, and still leading 2-0, Pampa added three more runs. Powell singled and took second on a wild pitch. With two outs, Mitchell Killgo singled

Powell home and Killgo went to third, when the right fielder missed the ball. Braden Hunt followed with his fourth home run of the season, over the left field fence, that scored two runs, and gave Pampa a comfortable 5-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third, Pampa's defense began to unravel. Two errors, coupled with two hits allowed Palo Duro to score three runs.

In the fourth, Pampa added on run when Jeremy Maxwell walked and then stole second base. He scored on an error by the Palo Duro second baseman on a grounder hit by Casey Trimble.

In the top of the fourth, PD tied the game on a 3-run homer. In the fifth, Pampa again captured the lead when Hunt walked and went to third after an errant pick-off throw from the pitcher. Hunt then scored on a wild pitch. That gave Pampa a 7-6 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Palo Duro reeled off

five consecutive hits, coupled with three Pampa errors and the Dons took a 10-8 lead going into the final inning.

In the seventh, Pampa managed to get one runner on base, but could not rally to score. The Palo Duro pitcher, Weatherton, pitched a complete game against Pampa, throwing over 150 pitches, striking out 10 and walking nine.

Hunt started on the mound for Pampa going four innings, giving up 6 runs on 6 hits, walking one and hitting two batters. Hunt struck out three. Maxwell pitched 1/3 of an inning, and gave up one run on 1 hit and he walked two. Sieck pitched the final 1 2/3 innings, giving up three runs on five hits. Sieck didn't walk a batter and he struck out three. Sieck was charged with the loss, his first of the season.

Pampa was charged with seven errors and four base running mistakes. Palo Duro's defense was charged with two errors.

The Harvesters have a bye on Tuesday, so they will have to taste this loss for a full week before they will play again.



Harvester third baseman Jeremy Maxwell, 11, tags a Palo Duro runner during the Pampa-Palo Duro game Friday at Palo Duro.

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Harvester catcher Ryan Funderburg tags one Palo Duro player at home and looks to third for another. Palo Duro won 10-8.



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- A. Earn Your PHD in Parenting
- B. Love Notes
- C. Qué Hacer Cuando Su Niño no Sigue las Reglas (En Español Sólomente)
- D. Understanding Generational Differences

SESSION 4 1:00-1:55

- A. College Preparation
- B. Listo...Lee!! (En Español)
- C. Tools for Helping Grieving Children
- D. Burnout to Parent Power... Coping with the Stress of Parenting

SESSION 5 2:00-2:55

- A. Violence in the Media
- B. Child Abuse, What is it & What Can I Do About It
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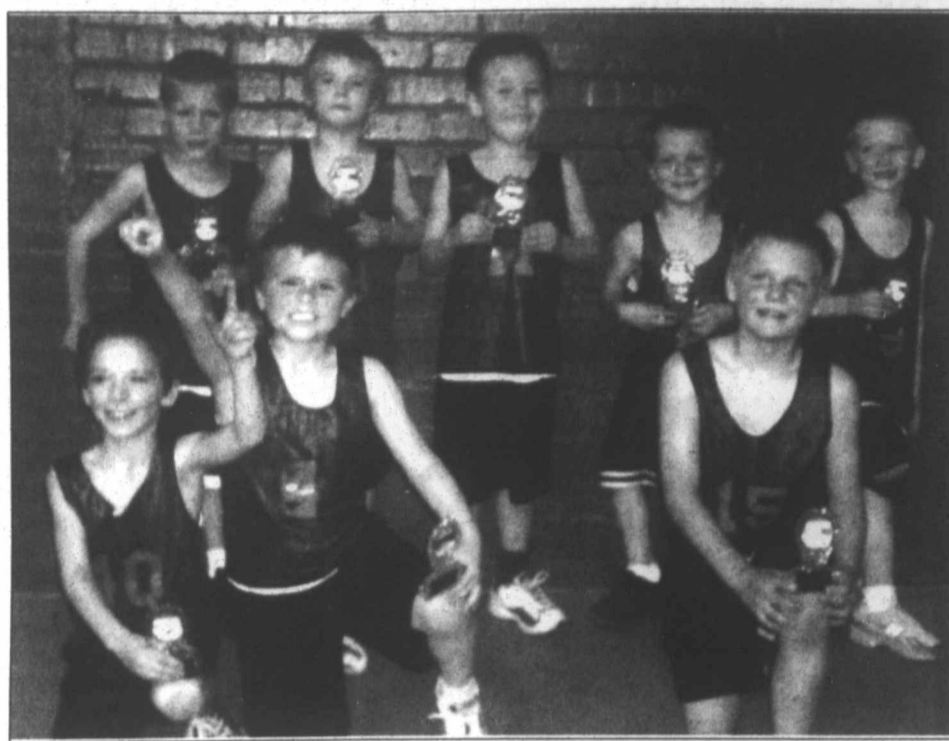
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UTSA gets Big 12 champ in 1st round

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas-San Antonio has earned consecutive automatic bids to the NCAA women's tournament. The Roadrunners must be thinking they're the automatic opponent for the Big 12 champion.

The school's second trip to the NCAAs will start Sunday night with another first-round game against an in-state power that won the Big 12 tournament. This time it's second-seeded Baylor. The Roadrunners lost to No. 2 seed Texas A&M 91-52 in the first round in 2008.

"Last year, I think we were in a lot of shock," UTSA coach Rae Rippettoe-Blair told the San Antonio Express-News earlier this week. "I think that experience will help. We won't be as overwhelmed."

South Dakota State (31-2) is where UTSA was last year, playing its first NCAA tournament against 10-seeded TCU in Sunday's opening game. The Jackrabbits, the only team playing in Lubbock that's not from Texas, are seeded seventh and have won their last 17 games.

The winner of each game will advance to play in Tuesday night's game for a chance to move on to the Raleigh Regional semifinals.

The Bears beat the Aggies 72-63 to win the Big 12 tournament and they did it without leading scorer Danielle Wilson (15.1 points, 9.6 rebounds per game) who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first half of the Bears win over Texas in the season's final week.

Baylor (27-5) won four of its last five without Wilson but it's clear to coach Kim Mulkey that the NCAA tournament selection committee took the late-year injury into consideration.

The school's media relations department got a call from the committee about Wilson's status.

"We've had enough time to prove that we earned that right to get a high seed, and we can win without her," she said. "I can live with a two seed..."

The Roadrunners (24-8) come into the game on a nine-game win streak, including three to win the Southland Conference tournament for the automatic bid.

Baylor will need to guard against the 3-point shot as UTSA has relied on it heavily this season.

Leading scorer and conference player of the year Monica Gibbs (15.6 points per game) said players will be better prepared than last season.

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FRIDAY • MARCH 27
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SATURDAY • MARCH 28
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SOFTBALL

FRIDAY • MARCH 27
Lady Harvesters VS Dumas • 5:00 pm at Pampa
Lady Harvester JV VS Dumas • 6:30 pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • MARCH 28
Lady Harvesters VS Caprock • 1:00 pm at Caprock
Lady Harvesters JV VS Caprock • 3:00: 4:30 pm at Caprock

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Lefors little champs

by Roy Lott

For the second time this season the Mighty Lefors kindergarten thru second grade basketball team brings home the trophy. The boys competed in the annual MAYO Tournament held in Miami April 6 and 7.

Dropping their first game to Darouzzette 13-12, Lefors went on a winning streak. Knocking out Whitedeer, Valley, and the hometown Miami team.

Lefors then found themselves in the championship game against the same Darouzzette team.

After a full day of entertainment these two teams were prepared to deliver one more exciting game. Trading baskets the entire ball game, Lefors found themselves down by two points with under a minute to play but somehow Pampas Mason Wilson found the bucket to tie the game. Dakota Helfer stole

the ball with 10 seconds and drove to the basket but could not capitalize forcing a tie breaker overtime period. In a scoreless OT period, Wilson threw up a one point shot with 30 seconds left and then tenacious defense from the Lefors squad kept Darouzzette from scoring giving the boys the win 14-13.



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Pampa Art Club members Norma Hinkle, Linda Johnson, Madeline Gawthrope, Sarah Crim and Karin Sutherland recently attended Sam Sidders watercolor workshop at The Art Center in Dumas. Work completed at the workshop by these artists will be shown at the annual Pampa Art Club Exhibit in May.

Fallen Heroes Foundation plans 3,000 mile walk

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX. The Texas Fallen Heroes Foundation will be building a 10 acre Memorial in north Texas honoring all deceased United States Military Personnel who have sacrificed their lives in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The Chairman of the Fallen Heroes Foundation, Walter R.E. Coleman will start his solo endeavor to seek donations of a Quarter from every Texas. These Quarters will fund the Grassroots Campaign to build the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Texas.

On April 30, the walk will start on the outskirts

of Fort Worth and proceed northwest to Wichita Falls, west to Amarillo, south to Lubbock, south to Big Spring, west Midland and Odessa, west to El Paso, southeast to San Antonio, south to Laredo, McAllen, and Brownsville, north to Corpus Christi and through to Galveston, north to Houston, north to Austin, northeast to Longview, and west to Dallas and home to Mansfield.

The trip will be over 3,000 miles and will take an estimated 5 months. In addition to raising funds for the Memorial, the Fallen Heroes Quarter Walki hopes to kindle support and awareness from

the Texas business community.

To honor the sacrifice of these Fallen Heroes and their Families, this solo endeavor will go unaided by a support team.

Trash-off April 4

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Saturday, April 4, 2009 is the single largest one day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, held annually from March 1 through May 31.

In 2008, more than 57,000 volunteers picked up 5 million pounds of litter to help keep our state beautiful.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is part of the partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful, Keep Pampa Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation <<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/trv/aah/trashoff.htm>> Get involved <<http://www.ktb.org/programs/great-american-cleanup.aspx>> now! We need your help!

Keep Pampa Beautiful has adopted a 2-mile stretch of Highway 60 from Carbon Black to Celanese and will be meeting at 9:00a.m. (at the beginning of the stretch nearest to carbon black, look for the Highway adopted sign) and will be picking up trash on the highway shoulders. They will provide snacks and drinks for volunteers as well as trash bags and safety vests. The clean-up is expected to last only a few hours depending on the amount of volunteers that show up. Volunteer hours can be earned, for more information please call the Keep Pampa Beautiful Office prior to the Trash-Off.

We encourage all of Pampa Citizens to get involved in this Annual Trash-Off event. For more information, please contact Keep Pampa Beautiful at (806) 665-2514.

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PCC golfers sink holes in one

Lynn Hancock sank his fourth hole-in-one at the Pampa Country Club this week.

Aaron Simon sank his first. Butch Gatlin, assistant pro at Pampa Country Club, said today that Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, got his fourth hole-in-one Tuesday on the 12th hole of the country club course, a 210

yard hole. Gatlin said Hancock used a six iron.

Simon got his hole-in-one Thursday on the Number Five hole, a 160 yard hole. Gatlin said Simon used a pitching wedge. "I was playing with Pastor Hancock," Gatlin said. "It was a good shot."

West Texas blaze burns 1,000 acres

GREENWOOD, Texas (AP) — Authorities say an evacuation order has been lifted in a West Texas fire that burned approximately 1,000 acres and is about 80 percent contained.

The fire was reported near Midland about 4 p.m.

Friday and melted some oil flow lines in the area before authorities could get it under control.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Phillips said approximately 100 homes were evacuated, but none were dam-

aged and no injuries were reported. No oil wells caught fire in the blaze and the cause is unknown.

Midland is about 255 miles east of El Paso.

Slight rise in average Texas gas price

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A weekly survey shows little change in the average retail price of gasoline in Texas.

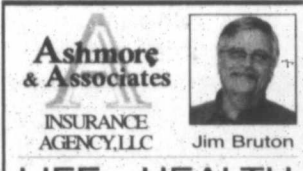
The weekly AAA Texas survey released Thursday showed the average pump price of regular self-serve rose by 2 cents from last week to \$1.82 per gallon. That's still well below the national average of \$1.93

per gallon, which is virtually unchanged from last week.

San Antonio had the cheapest gas at \$1.77 per gallon, a penny more than last week. El Paso had the most expensive at \$1.96 per gallon, down 2 cents from last week.

Auto club spokesman Dan Ronan says gas prices often start to rise dramati-

cally in May with the onset of the summer vacation season. But he says the recession is a still-unknown influence in that pattern.



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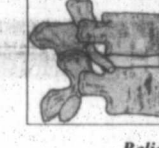
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RYAN STOFFLE
Ryan was instrumental in our second half resurgence against Caprock. He assisted in our lone goal and was great in the air challenging for every 50/50 ball.

CINDY MENZA
Cindy was an important part of our team this year while learning a new position. As a central defender she was responsible for making and shutting down the other team's forwards while also starting our counter attack. Cindy did a great job and I expect to be able to depend on her next year as well.

SALVADOR LOPEZ
Salvador did a great job being the link between the offense and defense this year. He gave every ounce of energy he had defending and also beginning the transition of offense in possession through our midfield.

Summer's coming: Are pool drains safe for kids?

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Nearly three months after a federal deadline to make public swimming pools safer, many have yet to be fitted with equipment aimed at keeping children safe from the powerful and sometimes deadly suction of drains.

Industry groups say public pools were given too little time to comply, and manufacturers of drain covers and pumps weren't able to keep up with heavy demand from the new law.

The high cost of retrofitting some pools has also been a problem, along with some state and local officials still trying to figure out how to enforce the law.

It's not clear how many noncompliant pools are open or will reopen this spring. Neither the commission nor industry and

safety groups has statistics on compliance, but they agree the number in violation of the law is large.

"A lot of people are being quiet about it. They're just making their own internal decisions about what risk they're willing to live with," said Tom Lachocki, who heads the National Swimming Pool Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers safety and educational training for pool operators.

The United States has nearly 300,000 public pools, with nearly half in California, Florida and Texas, according to industry figures. Lachocki estimated about 30 percent of pools currently comply with the law, based on "people who speak to us informally."

The federal law, which doesn't cover private pools, was named for Virginia Graeme Baker, a 7-year-old granddaughter of former Secretary of State James Baker III who drowned in 2002 after being trapped by the suction from a spa drain.

Her mother, Nancy Baker, lobbied five years before Congress approved the law in 2007, also motivated by the grievous injury of a Minnesota girl by a pool drain that year. Though compliance is mixed, Nancy Baker said she's encouraged.

"It'll take time, but it's going in the right direction," she said.

One reason compliance has been slow is that while President George W. Bush signed the law on Dec. 19, 2007, the safety commis-

sion didn't issue final regulations until just six months before it took effect. Lachocki said that left little time for manufacturers to design and ramp up production of drain covers and pumps that meet the new specifications, or for pool owners to line up contractors. He said many pool owners and local authorities are still confused.

But the Pool Safety Council says the equipment is getting easier to find. Spokesman John Procter said the group recently surveyed manufacturers and found they're catching up. And while the industry cites costs of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to retrofit some pools, he said most can be fixed for \$1,000 to \$1,500.

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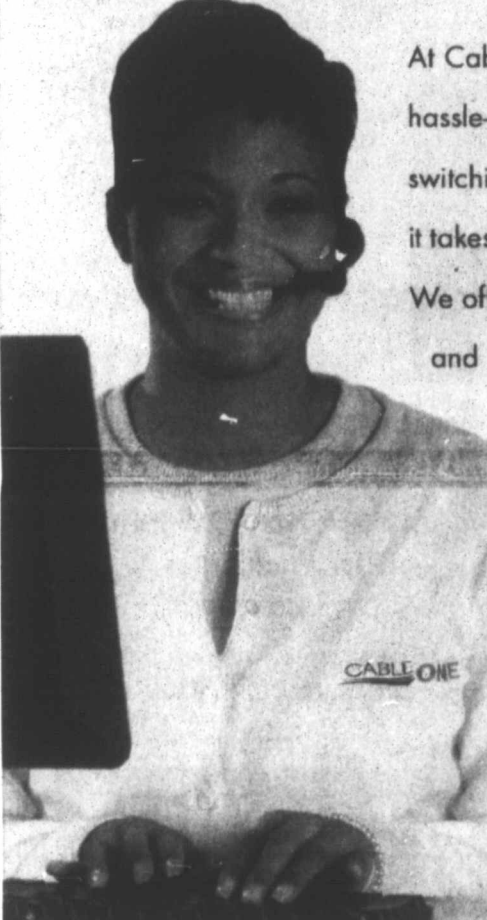
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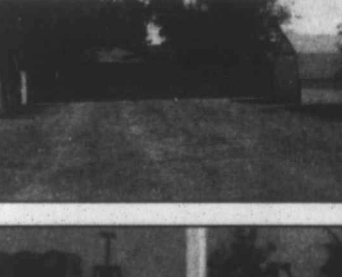

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Walgreens discrimination suit appealed in Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Two years after Bruce Johnson lost a racial discrimination suit against Walgreens Co., the Houston resident says he has some unfinished business with the drug store chain that he claims owes him more than an apology for the insulting treatment he and three friends received at a photo counter.

Johnson not only is eager to overturn the ruling that left him owing \$253,926 in court costs and attorney fees, he wants to right the wrong he claims was committed against the four black men in 2003.

Now he thinks he has the evidence he needs to convince a jury that a witness for Walgreens lied when he said a clerk did not shout a racial slur at the men who had complained about the poor quality of photographs they received after having their film processed at a downtown Reno store.

"It's not about money anymore. It's about justice. It's about telling the truth," Johnson, 46, said in a recent telephone interview from his home.

In court documents, Johnson and co-plaintiff Mark Mills said they learned over the past year that the then-manager of the store, Jeffrey Pinto, was "under investigation for fraud and embezzlement" at the time he testified for Walgreens against the four men. Pinto was fired about 10 days after the trial, Johnson said.

Johnson claims Walgreens improperly withheld that information from the judge and jury. In recent motions filed after an August appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court, he charges that Pinto may have slanted his testimony

to appease corporate officials and try to save his job.

Johnson's appeal says Walgreens never brought any criminal charges against Pinto, but that Pinto was aware of the company's internal investigation.

"If the jury had heard Mr. Pinto was going to be fired the next week, it definitely would have changed things," Johnson said.

Walgreens officials have declined to comment on when Pinto left the job or why he no longer works at the Reno store. They say it is not relevant to Johnson's case.

Walgreens said in court documents that the appeal is "utterly devoid of merit."

"We are not going to provide any information on Jeff Pinto because of the ongoing litigation," Michael Polzin, a spokesman for the Deerfield, Ill.-based company, told AP.

"The plaintiffs have been given every opportunity and more to present their case. They lost the trial before a jury," he said.

"After getting a pretty large judgment for fees and costs against them, they decided to appeal. And now they are making these other allegations against someone who has nothing to do with their claims so we are not going to respond to those other allegations," he said.

In the original lawsuit seeking \$2.5 million, the four men — two of whom have since died — claimed that the photo lab clerk shouted a racial slur, slammed a door and denied them service after they complained about the photos.

Pinto and Walgreens' lawyers acknowledged the clerk slammed a door and walked off the job but denied the clerk uttered the n-word. Walgreens argued the incident was a case of poor customer service, but not an example of racial bias.

The jury agreed in an unanimous verdict that capped a dramatic seven-day trial during which the judge repeatedly admonished both legal teams. At one point Johnson was taken from the courthouse by ambulance when he suffered an asthma attack after aggressive cross-examination.

Johnson said he's challenging the \$253,926 he has been ordered to pay in lawyer fees and court costs because his appeal alleges Pinto was forced to reimburse Walgreens for some of the money it spent to defend the company and company employees, including Pinto.

Johnson said that means the amount of money he owes the company should be reduced.

Johnson, a gospel singer, said pursuit of justice in the case became his calling and he launched a Web site, stopalldiscrimination.com, to help others facing a similar plight. He maintains the stress of the saga helped contribute to the death of his friends.

"After more than six years and enduring the untimely deaths of two dear friends and co-plaintiffs, Cadarell Freeman and Michael Price, we vowed to one another to never give up or give in to Walgreens. ... and never stop fighting for justice and due process," he said.

A ruling on the appeal is expected in coming months.

WEEKLY MENUS

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Boston creme pie or pineapple squares
Hot rolls or cornbread

Wednesday... Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice
Mashed potatoes, buttered corn, spinach, butter beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Hurricane oatmeal cake or lemon pie
Hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday... Chicken strips or liver and onions
Potato salad, fried squash, California blend, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Peaches and creme cake or blackberry cobbler
Hot rolls and cornbread

Friday.... Catfish and hushpuppies or beef enchiladas
Potato wedges, cheese hominy, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Chocolate pudding cake or tapioca cups
Garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, cornbread

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Monday
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Baked beans
Potatoes salad
Applesauces
Tuesday
Meatloaf
Scalloped Potatoes

Peas Pineapple

Wednesday
Stew
Cornbread
Pears

Thursday
Ham/dressing
Corn
Green ebans
Cranberry salad

Friday
Tuna salad
Pickled beets
Cottage cheese
Apricots
Briarwood Kid's Cafe
March 26
Hamburger stew
Cornbread
Dessert
Drink

Lamar Kid's Cafe
March 24
Frito Pie
Beans
Salad
Dessert
Drink

Wilson Kid's Cafe
March 30
Enchilada Casserole
Salad
Dessert
Drink

PISD Menu
March 23
Steak fingers or pizza

Green beans, sliced carrots

Pineapple tidbits
Hot roll
Breakfast: biscuit/gravy

March 24
Macaroni and cheese or chicken nuggets
English peas
Tossed salad
Peaches
Hot roll
Breakfast: French toast sticks

March 25
BBQ on a bun or pizza
dippers
Baked beans, carrot sticks
Mixed fruit
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast

March 26
Fruit and spicy chicken strips or beef and cheese nachos
Corn, broccoli florets
Applesauce
Breakfast: Waffle sticks

March 27
Bean and cheese burrito or hamburger
French fries
Burger salad
Fresh fruit
Chocolate cake
Breakfast: cereal/toast

Agents find nearly \$3 million on bus

LAREDO, Texas (AP)— U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents found nearly \$3 million hidden beneath the floorboards of a commercial bus crossing into Mexico.

Agents found about 75 tape-wrapped bundles of cash Thursday in a makeshift compartment after a dog smelled it in the bus's floorboards at the spot where an X-ray scan revealed odd shapes.

No one was immediately arrested or detained, but the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agency will investigate further, CBP spokeswoman Mucia Dovalina told the San Antonio

Express-News. The money, totaling \$2,997,510, was not claimed by anyone on the bus.

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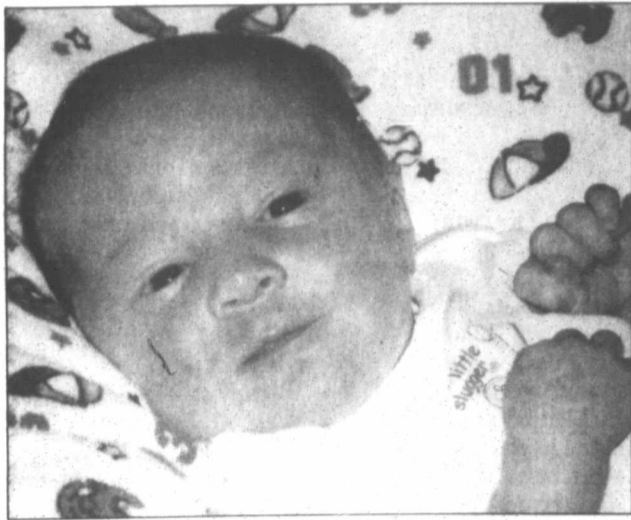
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Kamden Ross Snelgrooes



Kamden Ross Snelgrooes was born to Kaleb and Becky Snelgrooes at 5:53 a.m., March 10, 2009 at Pampa Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds 15.8 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Kamden is welcomed by grandparents Pat and Nita Aderholt and Steve and Alicia Snelgrooes, all of Pampa and great grandparents Ethel Morgan, Nathan and Nelda Lancaster and Shriely Sweeney, all of Pampa and Ray and Evelyn Aderholt of Frtich.



Dwight, Sheperd engagement announced.

Dan and Susie Dwight of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Dwight to Tyler Sheperd, of Dallas.

Lisa and Tyler will exchange vows Saturday, April 18, at the Halbot House in Corsicana. The bride-elect is a graduate of Pampa High School and Midwestern State University with a BA in mass communications. She is employed as a loss mitigation associate with GMAC.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Corsicana

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The groom's parents are Tom and Diane Sheperd of Seabrook.

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Despite a long lasting drought, flowers like these Bluebonnets along Loop 286 in Paris, Texas, Thursday, March 19, 2009 are still coming up in large patches all around the Red River Valley attracting bees and other insects. (AP Photo / The Paris News, Sam Craft)

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Red Cross on track to erase deficit

DENVER (AP) — The American Red Cross says it's on track to erase a \$210 million deficit and balance its budget by next year.

Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern said during a stop in Denver on Wednesday that despite difficult economic times, the charity has passed the \$85 million mark in a \$100 million fund drive launched in September.

She said the deficit will be whittled down to \$135 million this year.

"People just come through for the American Red Cross," McGovern said. "So many people have been helped by the American Red Cross, they want to give. It's amazing."

The organization also made an unusual appeal to Congress last year that produced a one-time, \$100-million infusion for its disaster relief program.

Last year, the group dealt with floods in the Midwest and six named coastal storms. At one point 60,000 people took refuge in Red Cross shelters after hurricanes Ike and Gustav hit Texas.

While disasters usually trigger spontaneous donations to the Red Cross, the

financial meltdown and other news stole the spotlight last fall, McGovern said.

"The American public wasn't really in tune to it (the relief effort) because it hadn't made the headlines," she said.

In addition to fundraising, the Red Cross is cutting costs, she said.

A third of the 3,000 employees at the group's Washington headquarters were laid off last year, and managers are looking to cut vendor costs, travel and other non-salary expenses.

"Anything that is not nailed down, we're looking at," said McGovern, a professor of marketing at Harvard Business School who previously held top management positions at San Antonio-based AT&T Corp. and Fidelity Investments.

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Amish builder takes skills to Bolivar Peninsula

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Construction is not an unusual sight along the Texas Gulf Coast these days, but recently on Bolivar Peninsula, residents were seeing something a little different at one site.

Bearded men in broad-brimmed hats and suspenders were building what likely is the region's first beach house that uses a frame traditional to Amish barns.

Missouri resident Danny Schwartz, a member of the Old Order Amish sect, came to Texas in hopes of bringing his building skills to the monumental task of rebuilding the Gulf Coast.

He found out about the need from a neighbor who returned from Bolivar after helping with the debris cleanup.

"He said, 'What they need is what we've got,'" the 54-year-old Schwartz said.

Schwartz' first clients were Blake and Bunny Rising, a couple who had lived in Lafitte's Landing for several years. They returned from evacuation to find nothing but a few timbers where their beloved home had been.

"It's like a hole in your heart," Bunny Rising said.

"This is home for us," said Blake Rising, a district manager for Spec's liquor stores. "I moved a thousand miles to be on this spot. For the people who live here, this is a lifestyle most people would envy."

But this time around, they are doing their best to make the house as strong and high off the ground as possible. They raised it from 18 feet to 22 feet above sea level, and decided to go with the Amish style frame for practical as well as aesthetic reasons.

They first heard about the



Brothers Pete Schwarz, center top, and Emanuel, second right, maneuver beams as their father, Danny Schwartz, right, an Amish builder from Missouri, directs from the ground in Crystal Beach, Texas on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Schwartz is visiting Crystal Beach to help rebuild the two story beach home of Blake Rising using traditional Amish style framing. (AP Photo/The Beaumont Enterprise, Dave Ryan)

benefits of the Amish building style from the Missouri man who had come down for the cleanup.

The Risings did a little research and by November, Schwartz had come to Texas and met them. He started working with engineers and other Southeast Texas contractors to adapt his frame design to Gulf Coast standards.

The frame was engineered to withstand wind speeds of 185 mph, 25 mph above the 160 mph required by Texas code, said Chris Waters of Boumans Construction.

Another Gulf Coast requirement was additional tie-downs. Using a binder containing examples of his work, Schwartz showed photos of a home whose frame he had built that subsequently was hit by a F5 tornado.

On the Fujita scale, F5 is ranked as an "incredible tornado" with wind speeds of 261 to 318 mph.

Siding and shingles had been torn away, but the frame stayed intact. The mortise-and-tenon

style is the way Amish barns traditionally were constructed, using heavy timber beams carved to fit together to hold the building up. The mortise is the cavity hollowed to fit the tenon, which is the end of the interlocking beam, shaped to fit smoothly into the mortise. The two are held in place with pegs.

In the beach house, the beams are made of Douglas fir and are held together with ash pegs, Schwartz said.

"We're hoping to build a lot of them," Schwartz said. "We don't want to intrude. We want to use local people. My wish is to help out, not hinder."

Learning this type of building simply was part of his upbringing, Schwartz said. He became a general contractor when he was 20 and discovered that an interest in the exposed beam style was becoming fashionable.

He was amazed to see builders looking for ways to support the beams, when of course the purpose of beams is to support build-

ings. Schwartz oversaw the work from floor level, assisting at such tasks as he

could from there while three of his sons worked up on the beams of the rising structure. More than 30 feet above the ground, Emanuel, Jonas and Pete Schwartz moved about comfortably on the frame, guiding preassembled parts made at home in Schwartz's shop into place and hammering in the pegs to hold them there.

Soon the graceful lines of the simple structure began to emerge.

The couple agreed their new house will be better than the one lost in Hurricane Ike's surge.

While the exposed beams will give the inside of the house a distinctive appearance, the outer finish does not appear ostentatious among the beach houses around it.

A deck on the front of the house shows off some detail of the exposed beams.

"To me it looks beachy," Blake Rising said.

Schwartz said he and his family, along with his wife and one of his son's wives came

along, excited some curiosity among Southeast Texans, who have a lot of questions about what being Amish means.

Their clothing is noticeably different, and as is common among Old Order Amish, the house his family lives in has no electricity or running water.

However, for business reasons, Schwartz has had to begin using a cell phone. He explained that doing business in the cellular age requires the very prompt return of phone calls to clients in order to keep their business.

Similarly, although he and his sons work only with hand tools, a crane operator is hired to help hoist the preassembled parts of the frame into place.

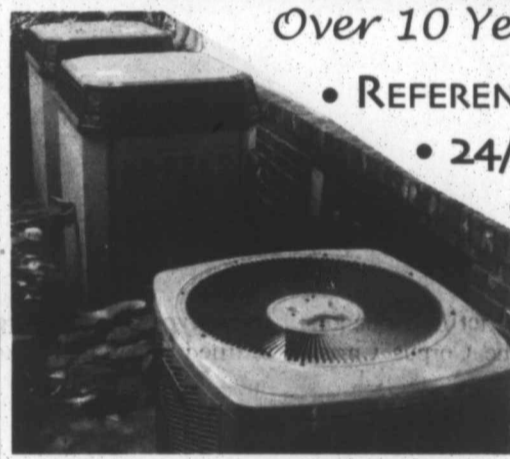
It's something that would be done by hand at a traditional Amish barn raising, but isn't always possible at construction sites.

The Amish don't avoid technology for its own sake, but because of the way it tends to splinter families and communities.

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Space station's new solar wings open easily

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts successfully unfurled the newly installed solar wings at the international space station Friday, a nerve-racking procedure that went exceedingly well and brought the orbiting outpost to full power.

To NASA's relief, both wings went out smoothly, one at a time. Nothing hung up, and none of the panels stuck together like they had on previous panels.

The wings stretched more than 240 feet, a glistening golden hue in the sunlight and a dazzling sight for the astronauts and everyone else involved.

"It's just really amazing," said Mike Fincke, the space station's skipper. He said there was "a shout of triumph" aboard the linked station-shuttle complex once the two wings were fully extended.

The work was a highlight of shuttle Discovery's mission. Completed 220 miles above Earth, the new panels are the final pair of electricity-generating wings and should boost the amount of science research at the orbiting outpost.

"Great work, guys," Mission Control told the astronauts. "We've got a whole bunch of happy peo-

ple down here." The long, deliberate procedure began the morning after this last set of solar wings was hooked up to the orbiting complex.

Right on cue, astronaut John Phillips pushed the button that commanded the first wing to start unfurling. It slowly stretched out like a folded-up map. When the wing was halfway open, Phillips stopped the motion for nearly an hour so the panels could soak up sunlight and be less likely to stick.

The second wing, which had been boxed up for years, opened just as easily. A slight crinkle was spotted near the bottom, but flattened when the wing was stretched out.

Most if not all the astronauts watched the wings unfold, peering out windows and through camera lenses, ready to hit the "abort" button in case of trouble.

Flight controllers as well as managers anxiously monitored everything, given the past problems. The last time a solar wing was unfurled in 2007, it caught on a guide wire and ripped. Emergency spacewalking repairs were needed to fix it.

"We learned from that and made it very smooth-

ly," Fincke said.

After 10 years of assembly, the space station now has eight full wings. Altogether, the wings will be capable of generating enough electrical power for about 42 large houses, according to NASA.

On Thursday, a pair of spacewalking astronauts hooked up the \$300 million framework that holds the wings. This last major American-made addition increased the mass of the space station to 670,000 pounds; it is now 81 percent complete. Construction is scheduled to wrap up next year with the retirement of NASA's shuttles.

The second of three planned spacewalks will take place Saturday. Also, astronauts inside will test a new processor that converts urine into drinking water. The processor was delivered by the shuttle to replace a broken one and was to be installed Friday evening.

Discovery is due to leave the space station Wednesday. Its landing, though, may be moved up a day to preserve science samples being returned from the station. Right now, touchdown is scheduled for March 28.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 23, 2009:

You often take charge and move key issues forward. No one doubts your leadership abilities, but you might need time off from universal concerns to look at personal ones. You are in a year in which you can create much more of what you want. Simply focus and make it happen. Networking and friendships play big roles as well. If you are single, you will meet your next sweetie through socializing. Make sure this person is emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan a special event or commitment. Working together bonds you even closer. **AQUARIUS** is always your friend.

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)

**** If you make up your mind and focus, manifesting becomes easy. Push comes to shove with a boss if you aren't careful. You have the diplomatic skills necessary to make what you want happen. Be more forthcoming and upbeat. Tonight: Study a problem, and view all different sides before coming to a conclusion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Others push to have you see a situation their way. The more pushing, the more likely you are to pull back and look for a better response. Let a difficult associate know exactly what you are thinking. Toss out this same issue in a meeting. Tonight: Where people are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Your ability to deal with others could be mitigated by an associate who is

very challenging, demanding and controlling. Fatigue marks your decisions later today. Mobilize supporters to achieve greater leadership and effectiveness. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Work with a partner directly. He or she can be your best friend if approached properly. Don't let another's power play drop immediately. Rethink a decision when news and new facts head in your direction. Tonight: Seek out an expert; surf the Web; find new solutions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Let others seek you out and ask for advice. You have a lot going on around you, and are sorting out your priorities. Do you feel as if someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes? You just might be right! Be diplomatic if you're stretching to find alternatives. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Accomplish as much as you can. Your creativity emerges and might actually be disconcerting to someone. If you feel under the weather, let someone else pitch in. You don't need to do everything. Let someone else pick up some of the overflow. Tonight: Listen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your imagination knows no limits on a good day. Charge this endless resource into problems, especially those involving a security-related matter. Others can be demanding, if nothing else, and you need to go with the flow. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You come from a very solid point of view, and you know it. Being confident is one thing; being cocky is another issue. Add a touch of modesty, and your message will come through. Your cre-

ativity bubbles forth later in the day. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your ability to get past a problem and work within the social constraints could be more important than you realize. You might sense where someone else is coming from and understand a lot more about his or her motives than he or she does! Tonight: Happily head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Be aware of expenses and what is happening around you, though you might not want to believe that your personal life has the implications that it does. Be aware of what others feel as well. Communication flourishes late today. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Be yourself, above all. Though many people have trouble digesting your multifaceted personality, you should not change. Be aware of naturally imposed limitations. You might have more flex in these areas than you realize. Tonight: Pay bills first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You could feel a little under the weather. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Also, know that you can make a difference by not stepping forward just yet. Listen to what is going on, and act on this information tomorrow. Tonight: Do what feels natural.

BORN TODAY

Actress Joan Crawford (1905), musician Ric Ocasek (1949), singer Chaka Khan (1953)

Bond reduced in state school case

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A former employee accused of organizing fights among a state school's mentally disabled residents had his bond reduced Friday at a hearing where his cell phone videos of fights were shown.

Among the scenes of videos from Timothy Dixon's cell phone were two Corpus Christi State School residents repeatedly punching each other while staff members cheered. The residents

tried to choke each other before one threw the other to the floor. An employee then kicked the resident on the floor.

Dixon, 30, is among six facing charges of injury to a disabled person over fights allegedly organized for the staff's entertainment. His bond was lowered by half to \$15,000 by state District Judge Sandra Watts, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported.

Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez argued against the bond

reduction for Dixon.

"The inhumanity that's exhibited on that video is horrifying," Valdez said.

Four of the six current and former employees have been arrested. Two others were believed to have moved out of state before the investigation, police said.

Corpus Christi Police Detective Curtis Abbott testified Friday that Dixon apparently shot the videos and narrated the bouts.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Heidi," is 17 and pregnant. She is going to an alternative high school and doing well. My daughter is proactive about her pregnancy and excited about the new baby. This will be my first grandchild, and I am excited too.

My problem is, when I express my joy, others act like I am crazy for being happy. At a baptism in church, I told my husband how happy I will be when our grandson is baptized and that I can't wait until he's born. He responded that he is not excited at all because of the expense and upheaval this new addition will cause.

I know there will be hardships with a new baby. We don't have much room in our house, and a new member will bring some burden. I do not have my head in the clouds -- but when I see the ultrasound image and hear that heartbeat, I am filled with joy.

Am I wrong to be happy? And if not, what can I say to people who tell me I am? -- PROUD ALMOST-GRANDMA

DEAR ALMOST: You are entitled to your happiness. However, please understand that unwed teen mothers and their children can face challenges, and this may be what people are alluding to when they seem to question your joy.

Frankly, I am troubled by the fact that nowhere in your letter have you mentioned how your daughter plans to raise her son, how she will provide for him, whether she plans to complete her education, what the involvement of the baby's father will be emotionally and financially, or whether she will need aid from the state. Nor have you mentioned what the impact of the new arrival will have

on your marriage. That's why, although your heart is filled with joy, you need to look ahead with your eyes wide open -- and that's what I am advising.

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 40 and single -- no children. My friend, "Amanda," is in her 20s. She has two beautiful children, ages 6 and 2, and spoils them with an overabundance of toys and by giving them whatever they want.

I wouldn't interfere, but "giving them what they want" includes allowing them to ride in her vehicle without wearing a safety belt or child restraints.

I love Amanda and her children dearly. They wear their safety belts when they are with me. I'm afraid their mother will get into an accident and one of the children will be severely injured or die.

How can I convince Amanda to keep her children safely restrained when traveling without coming across as a "know-it-all"? I don't want to alienate her, but I want her kids to be safe. -- CARING FRIEND, MOBERLY, MO.

DEAR CARING FRIEND: Tell her exactly what you have told me. I thought that by now all states had seatbelt and child safety laws in place. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles and find out if yours is one of them.

Amanda may be a loving and generous mother, but in my opinion, she is guilty of child endangerment. There are worse things than hearing a child protest being buckled in. One of them is losing a child, or having him or her maimed for life because of parental negligence.

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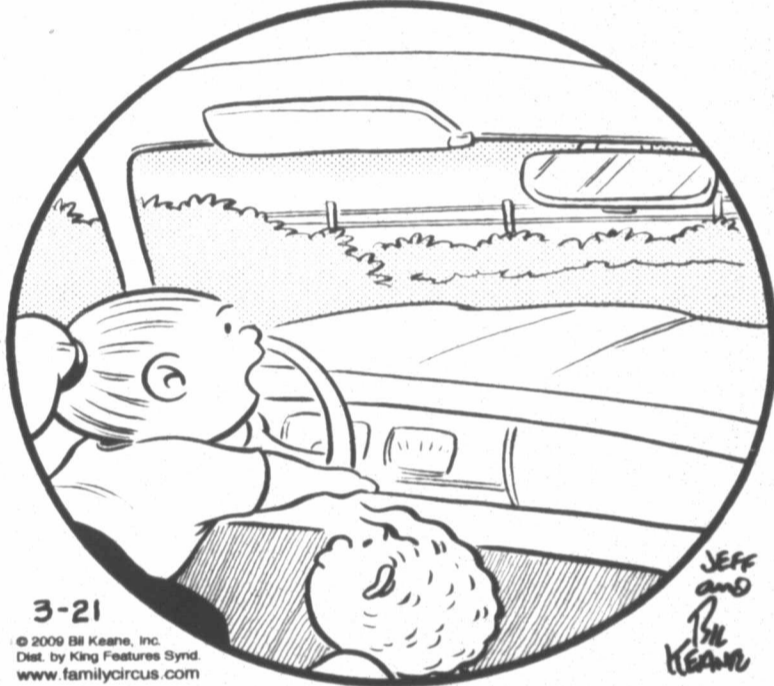
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"Why can't you act like a bear and hibernate all winter?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

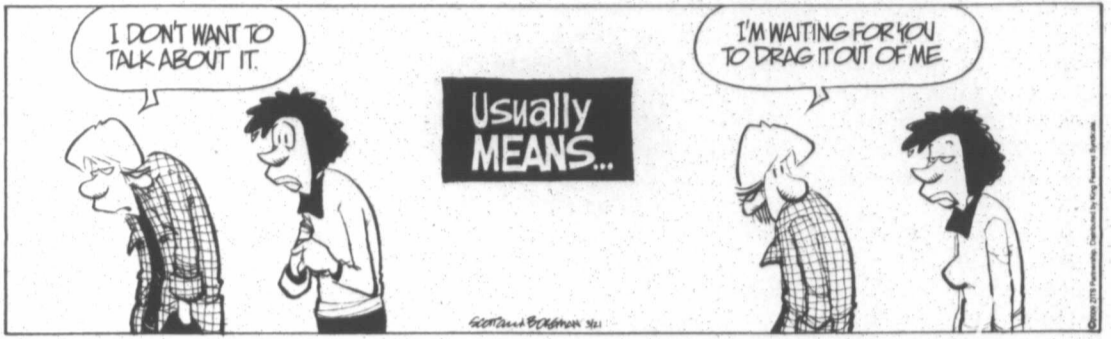


"Cars have rear-view mirrors so mommies can see what their kids are doin' in the back seat."

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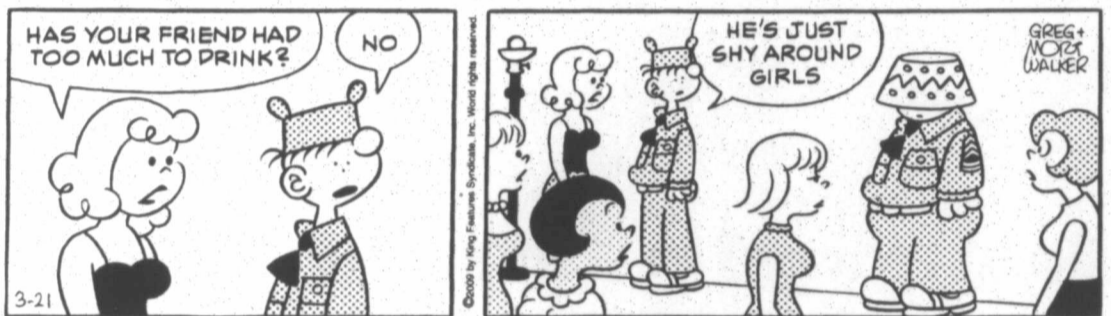
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Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Unable to eat another bite
 - 6 Old coin
 - 11 Dote on
 - 12 Last letter
 - 13 "The Bourne Identity" star
 - 14 Strong winds
 - 15 Response to a joke
 - 17 Squid's squirt
 - 18 Confession item
 - 19 Familiarizes
 - 22 Trendy
 - 23 Frees of lather
 - 24 Layout units
 - 25 Makes scallopini
 - 27 — Moines
 - 30 Use the wrong key
 - 31 Juan Perón's wife
 - 32 Mouse alert
 - 33 Sacred beetle
 - 35 Like excited fans
 - 38 Rust, for one
 - 39 Pact
 - 40 When pigs fly
- DOWN**
- 1 Salad add-in
 - 2 Slow passage
 - 3 Instigate
 - 4 Run
 - 5 Rank
 - 6 Pound occupant
 - 7 John's "Pulp Fiction" co-star
 - 8 Singer Dion
 - 9 Hollywood bunch
 - 10 Chores
 - 16 Arm muscles
 - 20 Soon
 - 21 Scroll-work shape
 - 24 Place range
 - 25 Rugged
 - 26 Invite on a date
 - 27 Obtain
 - 28 Ducks
 - 29 Fencing weapons
 - 30 Abattoir array
 - 34 Personnel head, at times
 - 36 Good serve
 - 37 Roulette bet

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 22, 2009: Accomplishments and gains naturally seem to happen this year. Your focus, thought and manner mix to become a winning combo, no matter what you do or who you are with. Matter what you do as you want, and broaden your circle of friends, associates and connections. Keep your goals in mind, and you won't go wrong. If you are single, friends and romance mix in some manner. Value both. If you are attached, are you friends too? Work on your friendship. Is the old spark there? If not, re-create some of your first dates. Bring the magic back; plan a second honeymoon. **AQUARIUS** is always your friend.

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)

★★★★ Where your friends are determines where the action is. Your creativity flourishes with contact with your pals and loved ones. You radiate, and others are drawn in. The more people around you, the happier you are. Tonight: Don't think about tomorrow.

This Week: Monday and Thursday, you are unstoppable, but in between, slow down and avoid making decisions. Do research.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Bring family together for a get-together, meal or fun afternoon. Inevitably, you choose the right activity for this group. Stay steady with someone who often pushes your buttons. Express your concern and caring. Tonight: A must appearance.

This Week: Your success comes from being on top of your game. Tuesday and Wednesday, success naturally greets you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you care about. He or she has become evasive and difficult. Could you have possibly hurt this person's feelings? Do your best to encourage a talk. Don't worry about hostilities. Tonight: Plan a vacation for the near future.

This Week: Let your mind wander to new realms and open doors. Thursday, you finally get that most beloved prize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Once in a while, scheduling a full day with a loved one can reconnect you on an even deeper level. Whether opting for a drive or going out to an especially beloved place for a meal makes no difference. Just be together without distraction. Tonight: Chat over a relaxing dinner.

This Week: Monday, hear out a partner's Tuesday on, work with this person's fundamental ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You don't need to wonder. You will have direct communication. On another level, you could be overwhelmed by everything that you need to absorb and all the people in your life who seem to show up simultaneously! Tonight: Sort through invitations, and then decide.

This Week: Others dominate. Don't fight city hall. Thursday, finally you engage someone in a majestic debate or talk, regaining center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Get into a long-overdo project that could make the following weeks better or happier. Some might look at spring cleaning, while others might want to finish their taxes. You are clearing the path of boulders. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: Dive into work Monday before you become too distracted. Networking and meetings play a big role too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Respond to your inner energy, and you will be all smiles. Spontaneity works, and you grin from ear to ear. In this mood, how could anyone say no to you? So ask, with the expectation of your request being fulfilled. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live today.

This Week: Settling in could be difficult, but by Tuesday, you are in the swing of life again. A new beginning becomes possible in a relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ There's nothing wrong with being a couch potato for a day. Get as much rest and relaxation as you can. Understand what you are really saying to someone. Sometimes you might not realize the true meaning behind your words. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

This Week: Keep your opinions to yourself Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday, your ingenuity adds to a plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Express yourself without hesitation. The need to do for others emerges. Just pitch in when you want because you want to. Refuse to put in any heavy energy, as the people involved could be sensitive. Tonight: Return calls. Catch up on a friend's news.

This Week: Meetings are best on Monday and Thursday, when you get a dynamic audience. Use in between to reconsider a plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Go off and finish your shopping, be it a few new items for spring or something for a child. But don't spend money before the check arrives. Use that tonight for which you are admired. Tonight: Out to a neighborhood haunt.

This Week: Your expenses could get out of control without self-discipline. Discussions might be even more confusing. Ask for clarity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Use your natural charisma to warm up the day, not only for you, but also for others. Follow a premonition or sixth sense. Curb a tendency to go overboard, whether it is eating or a favorite indulgence. Tonight: Draw in what you want.

This Week: All smiles, you make a difference Monday. Others feel your energy. Discussions take a creative and interesting twist.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use today as a day of rest. Don't have qualms about relaxing with your Sunday paper and making calls to loved ones. Feel free to do only what you want and recharge your batteries. Put on a great movie. Tonight: Curl up with a good book or surf the Internet.

This Week: If you can take Monday off, do. Tuesday, you hit your power days of the month. Need we say anything more?

BORN TODAY

Comedian Chico Marx (1887), pantomime artist Marcel Marceau (1923), Grammy-winning singer Stephanie Mills (1957)

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pampa will conduct a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2009 at City Hall, 201 W. Foster Street, Pampa, Texas on the 3rd floor in the City Commission Chambers. This will be a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the following request:

Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa requests to re-zone the following described property from Single Family 2 and Commercial and Commercial: All of Block Numbers Thirty (30), Thirty-One (31), Thirty-Four (35), and all of Lot Numbers Twelve (12) through Twenty-Two (22), inclusive, out of Block Number Twenty-Eight (28); and all of Lot Numbers One (1), Thirteen (13) through Twenty-One (21), inclusive, and the North One-Half (N/2) of Lot Number Two (2), all in Block Number Twenty-Nine (29); all of said Lots and Blocks being a part of the said Section IV, North Crest Addition, an addition to the City of Pampa, Section 117, Block 3, I&G.N. Survey, Gray County, Texas, the above associated Blocks, Lots, Streets and Alleys are all included. The applicant proposes to use the property for the future development of the property to include an assisted living facility and potential multi-family apartments. The Public is encouraged to attend this hearing. Public comments on the proposed zoning change are welcome and will be heard.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Texas Democrats at crossroads in 2010

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The once-mighty Texas Democratic Party was essentially broke and flirting with fringe status when wealthy trial lawyer Fred Baron rescued it in 2005.

Democrats have since come within two seats of a majority in the Texas House, made a rare net gain in the state Senate and, in 2008, saw the four most populous Texas counties flip to their column in the presidential contest for the first time since 1964.

But the election that Baron and his strategists had identified as the dramatic turning point — next year's 2010 contests — approaches with more than the usual dose of pre-fight jitters. Baron died unexpectedly of cancer last year, throwing his 2005 master plan into doubt and raising questions about who will fund and oversee their comeback efforts.

Perhaps the most telling sign of the uncertainty is the Internet homepage of the Texas Democratic Trust, the fundraising vehicle Baron used to slowly pull the party out of oblivion. Pasted prominently on the site is Baron's obituary.

"Fred's death is certainly a challenge to overcome," said Matt Angle, the strategist who directs the Trust and is credited with engineering the Democrats' recent advances. "We are working hard and having some success in bringing in additional people ... that job is ongoing. I don't want to pretend that it's done."

No comparably large state, nor any neighboring state for that matter, has seen its Democratic Party sink so low for so long. Texas Democrats haven't had a breakthrough year since 1990, when Ann Richards was elected governor, and they haven't won any statewide contests since 1994, when George W. Bush defeated her and later helped lead his party to an uninterrupted series of statewide sweeps.

A few months after Bush left for the White House, the Democrats moved their party headquarters out of an expensive downtown office into a mold-infested building that sits next door to a beauty shop — appropriately named the Fringe Salon.

"We were running things on a shoestring, really," said former party director Mike Lavigne. "We were in the depths of Democratic depression." That's when Baron, who had observed the stunning Democratic comeback in Dallas County in 2004, stepped in and pulled out his checkbook.

In May 2005, with Baron's blessing and guidance, Angle wrote a confidential memo to potential donors and party insiders. It laid out a five-year plan to make the party a competitive statewide force again, first by focusing on

state House races and then on roaring back into power before the Legislature redraws district boundaries for state lawmakers and members of Congress after the next Census.

"Most believe it is reasonable to project that by 2010, Democrats could have an opportunity to seriously contest for statewide offices and for legislative majorities," the memo said. Like a detailed business plan, Angle's memo spelled out specific steps that needed to be taken, everything from hiring opposition researchers to dig up dirt on Republicans to honing a unified communications strategy.

It all seems a bit prophetic now. The Trust went on to raise over \$8 million, more than half of it from Baron — money that was largely used to rebuild the Democratic Party infrastructure in Texas. Democrats now have 16 paid employees in Austin, more than double the full-time political staff in 2005. Other groups, like Annie's

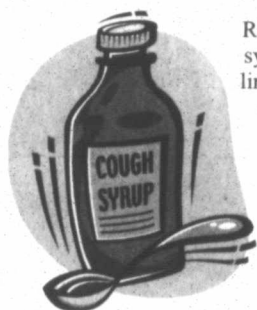
List, pitched in to help Democrats chip away at the GOP House majority, taking it from 88-62 to near parity — or 76-74 — today. Two-thirds of the Democratic pickups were female candidates who got financial help and campaign support from Annie's List, formed to help women Democrats get elected in Texas.

But the math is what it is: In raw political terms, Democrats are going into the pivotal 2010 elections with nothing. Not a single statewide office. Neither chamber of the Legislature. No U.S. Senate seats.

That hasn't stopped Democrats talking about fulfilling Baron's vision of a comeback in 2010. High-profile Democratic candidates have turned up for the Senate seat vacated by Kay Bailey Hutchison if she, as expected, challenges Gov. Rick Perry in the Republican primary.

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