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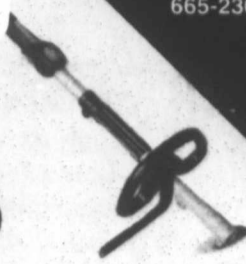
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Blizzard on the way

by Rachel Stennett
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 A late winter storm that could exhibit blizzard conditions is expected to hit the our area tonight. Storm conditions may last through early Saturday. The National Weather Service has predicted white-out conditions and at least 10 inches of snow during the event.

According to the NWS, the cold front will begin this afternoon, forcing significantly colder air into our region. The weather system will bring winds reaching 40 miles per hour, and gusts up to 50 miles per hour causing widespread blowing and drifting snow. Visibility conditions may drop below one quarter of

a mile. The snow and wind are expected to end on Saturday, but heavy amounts of snow are expected to fall before the storm ends. The moisture may begin Thursday night in the form of rain, and turn to snow early Friday morning. Emergency agencies in our county are making preparations for the worst condi-

tions and caution residents to do the same. City and county workers are preparing today for the possible storm, but if blizzard conditions arrive, citizens are urged to stay home as much as possible. "People should take precaution and not plan on being out in this," Sandra Martin, administrative assistant in County Judge

Peet's office, explained. "This is anticipated to be a significant weather event and every needs to be cautious and careful." Martin said that county offices will likely close if the storm hits, and she urged anyone who can avoid travel to do so. "People shouldn't plan on travelling tomorrow," she said. **Storm— cont. on page 3**

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OPTIMIST TRYOUTS



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Jacob Nelson, 12, left, throws the ball to Rhett Harden, 10, as they warm up Wednesday afternoon for try outs at Optimist Field. Despite forecasts for snow Friday, baseball season is about to start. The next couple of weeks will be for practice. Kevin Davis, the Optimist in charge of this year's baseball program, said games should begin in mid-April.

19 indicted by Gray County Grand Jury

by Rachel Stennett
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 A Gray County Grand Jury handed up 19 indictments in the 31st District Court on Thursday, March 19. Katina Ann Atchley, 31, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$7,500. On July 30, 2008, Atchley allegedly possessed methamphetamine in an amount less than one gram. Daniel Craig Baker, 29, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$10,000. On Oct. 7, 2008, Baker allegedly possessed methamphetamine in an amount greater than one gram but less than four grams. James Michael Brown, 36, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$7,500. On Aug. 6, 2008, Brown allegedly

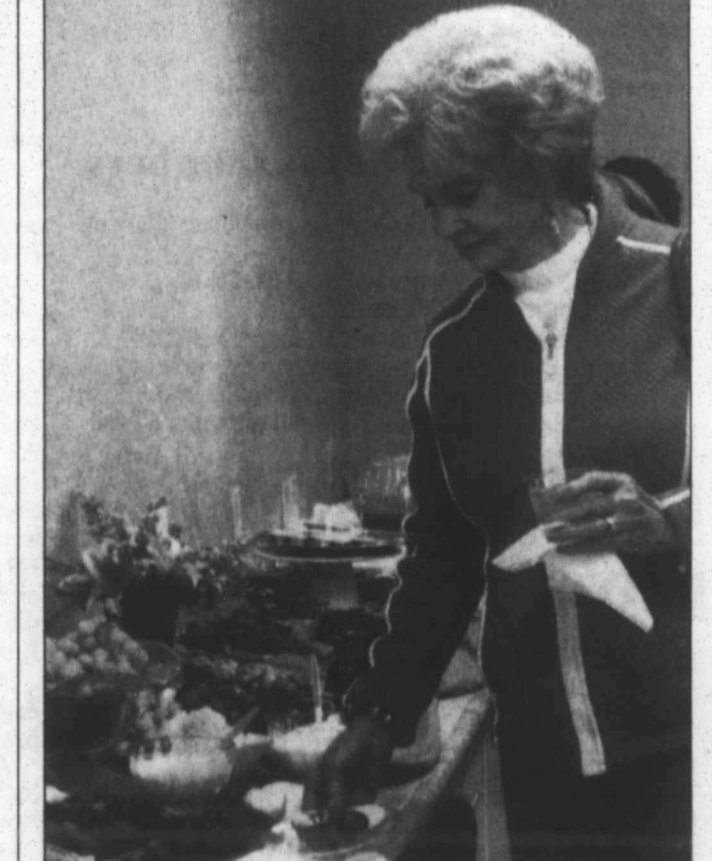
forged a writing with intent to defraud or harm another, for a check in the amount of \$35. Billy Bob Cain, 32, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony for \$7,500. On July 30, 2008, Cain allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram. Carlos Raul Carrasco, 31, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond was set on the state jail felony for \$7,500. On Oct. 27, 2005, Carrasco allegedly forged a writing with intent to defraud or harm another, by using a credit card that belonged to Wendi Choppi. Jeremiah Wayne Casey, 31, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram, enhanced. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$12,500. On July 6, 2008, Casey allegedly **Jury— cont. on page 3**

TCEQ concerned about bacteria levels in creeks

by David Bowser
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 The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is concerned about two creeks feeding into the Canadian River and one feeding into the North Fork of the Red River. In a draft report released this week under the Texas Clean Rivers Program, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Red River Authority reported elevated levels of bacteria and low levels of dissolved oxygen in Dixon Creek around the Phillips Petroleum Plant at

Borger. They also reported elevated levels of bacteria in Rock Creek at Borger. Stretches of both creeks are on the state's impaired waters list. TCEQ officials said the levels might not reflect increased bacteria but rather improved testing. They called for more study and information in concerning both Dixon Creek and Rock Creek. The rest of the Canadian River from Lake Meredith to **Water— cont. on page 3**

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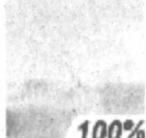
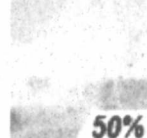



staff photo by Betsy Phillips
Jeanne Autry enjoys refreshments yesterday at the Open House of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's new headquarters at 106 N. Cuyler. CEO Clay Rice described the event as "Really awesome— we had a great turnout with a tremendous amount of fellowship, we all had just a terrific time." Rice said he wants to commend the board for locating this office where they did. "It's easy to find, easy to access and it's downtown. We welcome people to stop by and visit anytime, it's very important to us that they know what we're doing here. Pampa won't be built by one organization or one group of people, but by the entire community coming together over a period of time."

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RECYCLE OLD PHONE BOOKS AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PLACES:
 (Ending on Sunday, March 29, 2009)
 Corner of Foster and Houston - South end of the Lovett Memorial Library
 Recycling Center - Hobart St. Park
 Trinity Fellowship Church between the Hobart entrances
 Calvary Baptist Church in the West Parking Lot

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
100%	50%	
High 26 Low 24	High 43 Low 34	High 67 Low 40

Friday: Snow and widespread blowing snow. The snow could be heavy at times. Temperature falling to around 26 by 4pm. Wind chill values between 10 and 16. Windy, with a north northwest wind around 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of around 6 inches.

Friday Night: Snow and widespread blowing snow before 1am, then snow likely and areas of blowing snow after 1am. Low around 24. Wind chill values between 9 and 14. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Saturday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day.

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Milo.....	\$5.10
Corn.....	\$6.67

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 5-35-25-14-31.
 Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$12,621
 Winning tickets purchased in: Houston, Bellaire
 Matching four of five: 75. Prize: \$152
 Matching three of five: 2,569. Prize: \$10
 Matching two of five: 24,398. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Winning Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 50-34-19-37-26-32.
 Number matching six of six: 0.
 Number matching five of six: 21. Prize: \$1,721.
 Number matching four of six: 840. Prize: \$63.
 Number matching three of six: 19,069. Prize: \$3.
 Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$7 million.

Police delayed NFL player as relative died

PLANO, Texas (AP) — A police officer was put on desk duty after pulling over Houston Texans running back Ryan Moats when the NFL player was hurrying to see his dying mother-in-law and holding him in the hospital parking lot as she died.

Dallas police officer Robert Powell stopped Moats' SUV outside Baylor Regional Medical Center during the early hours of March 18 after Moats rolled through a red light. Moats and his family had gotten a call saying his mother-in-law was dying.

Video from a dashboard camera inside the officer's vehicle revealed an intense exchange in which the officer threatened to jail Moats.

He ordered Moats' wife, Tamishia Moats, to get back in the SUV, but she ignored him and rushed inside the hospital. She was by the side of Jonetta Collinsworth, 45, when her mother died a short time later.

"Get in there," said Powell, yelling at 27-year-old Tamishia Moats, as she exited the car. "Let me see

your hands!"

"Excuse me, my mom is dying," Tamishia Moats said. "Do you understand?"

Moats explained that he waited until there was no traffic before proceeding through the red light and that his mother-in-law was dying, right then. Moats couldn't find his insurance paperwork, and was desperate to leave.

"Listen, if I can't verify you have insurance..." Officer Powell said. "My mother-in-law is dying," Moats interrupted.

As they argued, the officer got irritated. "Shut your mouth," the officer said. "You can either settle down and cooperate or I can just take you to jail for running a red light."

By the time the 26-year-old NFL player received a ticket and a lecture when he and Collinsworth's father entered the hospital, they learned Collinsworth was dead.

The Moatses, who are black, said they can't help but think that race might have played a part in how they were treated

For the Record

Obituaries

Charles "Buddy" Cauthorn

Pampa, Texas — Charles "Buddy" Cauthorn, 83 died on March 23, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

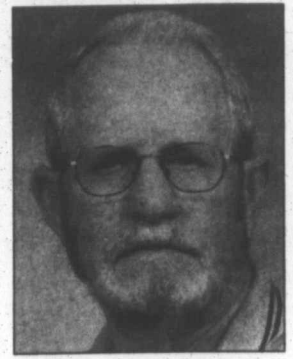
Entombment will be at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with military honors courtesy of the U. S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cauthorn was born November 29, 1925 in Electra. He married Mary Ferreira on December 14, 1946 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Buddy was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. Buddy worked for Halliburton for 25 years and later was the owner and operator of the Ranch House Motel for 19 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Cauthorn of

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Cauthorn

Annette Brown Craig, 61

Lubbock, Texas — Annette Brown Craig, 61 died on March 24, 2009 in Lubbock, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2009, at Memory Lanes Cemetery in Anadarko, Oklahoma with Pastor Ray Perryman of the Cowboy Church of the South Plains in Lubbock, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Craig was born May 18, 1947 in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She was a 1965 graduate of Pampa High School.

Annette worked for C. J. Johnston Allstate Insurance Agency in Pampa and later opened her own Allstate Agency in Borger.

Survivors include her husband, Riley Craig of the home; two sons, Phillip Brown and wife Kim of Lubbock and Paul Brown and wife Kim of Morrison, Colorado; father, Tom Eddy of Franklin, Louisiana; one sister, Jo Nell Lind of Ft. Collins, Colo.; one half-sister, Andrea Upshaw of Guymon, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, Madison Brown, Jackson Brown,

and Reagan Brown, all of Morrison, Colorado, Colton Brown, Zack Plunkett and Matt Plunkett, all of Lubbock; three aunts Barbara Laws of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jeanette Gibson of Alma, Kansas, and Jeanelle Lucas of Norman, Oklahoma; one uncle, B. D. Vaught, Jr., of Anadarko, Oklahoma. Annette was preceded in death by her mother, LaVerne Eddy in 1969.

MEMORIALS: Cowboy Church of the South Plains Youth Group, 406 County Road 7300, Lubbock, Texas 79411.



Craig

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

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

Wednesday
 Officers conducted four traffic stops.

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

Five attempts to serve papers were made.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson, and the 1200 block of East Francis.

Theft was reported in the 2600 block of Beech, and the 600 block of North Summer.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of South Anne.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 1600 block of West Kentucky, the 500 block of East Francis, the 900 block of South Wells, the intersection of Duncan and Harvester, the 300 block of North Somerville, and the 700 block of West Brown.

A threat was made at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Naida.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of West Foster, the 500 block of West Cook, and the 500 block of North Summer.

A narcotics violation was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Forgery was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 2400 block of North

Charles.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of North Deane.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Hobart.

One alarm was checked.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Lowry.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of East Francis, and the 800 block of East Locust.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Thursday
 Officers conducted two traffic stops.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of West Brown, and the 300 block of North Hobart.

One building was checked.

A prowler was reported in the 200 block of West Craven.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Wednesday
 Brandy Elaine Devine, 54, of McLean was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property.

Gaye Bryant Jones, 43, of North Hollywood, Calif., was arrested by GCSO for insufficient bond for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

April Ruth Goldthrite, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for insufficient bond for possession of a controlled substance.

Christiana Acevedo, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to display license.

Tobias Jajuan Rich, 28,

of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrants.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday
 9:22 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Russell on a med assist.

1:29 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 700 block of West Brown on a motor vehicle accident.

4:52 p.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 600 block of Gordon on a medical call.

5:50 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Duncan and Harvester on a motor vehicle accident.

6:19 p.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 700 block of Lowry on a lift assist.

Thursday
 12:20 a.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a med assist.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday
 7:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 19000 block of North Russell. No patients were transported.

1:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700

block of West Brown. No patients were transported.

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Gordon and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

9:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday
 12:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Doucette and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perry Lefors Airfield and transported a flight crew to PRMC.

2:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry Lefors Airfield.

2:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Nwth.

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Grandmother admits murdering grandson, 4

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 46-year-old San Antonio woman has pleaded guilty to murder and accepted life imprisonment for fatally beating her 4-year-old grandson.

Santa Magdalena Campos had been on trial on a capital murder charge. Her attorney, Jack McGinnis, says her plea Wednesday keeps alive her hope for receiving a parole after 30 years. Even though prosecutors weren't seeking a death sentence in her case, a capital murder conviction would have still meant a life sentence without parole.

Prosecutors say paramedics found 4-year-old Jeremiah Santos bruised and unconscious in his

granmother's home in January 2007. Medical examiners determined he died of internal bleeding of the brain.

Campos was carrying for the boy and five other grandchildren after her daughter and son-in-law were imprisoned for drug convictions.

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PHS 50TH REUNION SET



The Pampa Senior High School Class of 1959 Reunion Committee, held a planning meeting at The Lovette Memorial Library Tuesday, March 24, for the upcoming 50th Class Reunion. Which will be held October 2 and 3. In attendance were; Larry Holmes, Judy Davis, Helen Allison, Ralph Bynum, Pat Ritthaler, and Jo Ann Jones, Larry Ingram, Tom Pace, Jerry Daniels, Art Rohde, Linda Holt, Kathleen Greene, and Clo Ann Bynum.

Winter storm headed our way

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said, "white out conditions are expected, which could likely mean that there won't be cell phone service." Martin said those who have to travel should make sure cars are prepared for an emergency situation with blankets, snacks, water, and a cell phone. People need to make sure pets have proper covering, and that neighbors who might be shut-ins are taken care of.

Donny Hooper, Director of Public Works, said that city personnel are preparing today for the possible storm and that crews will be ready if the weather hits.

"As always when we have a weather situation in front of us, the street department and their crews are always getting prepared ahead of time" he explained.

"If there is snow in the overnight hours, they will sand major intersection before traffic is out on the streets. They have a routine and plan that they implement, and it's a good plan."

Hooper recalled the last

major weather event with large amounts of snow in December of 1989, 20 years ago. Eighteen inches of snow fell in a 24-hour period and the National Guard was called in.

If conditions warrant, City Manager Richard Morris will make the decision on whether or not to close city hall on Friday. Hooper said TV,

Although exact conditions won't be known until the weather arrives, Paul Braun of the Texas Department of Transportation said the crews along I-40 are preparing ahead of time for the potential blizzard.

"Our crews are getting ready today for the storm. Because of the short duration of the storm, we will have full crews out for the entire storm," Braun explained. Crews will begin pre-treating bridges and over passes tonight, and equipment is already ready to "move if we have to," Braun said. Crews from the Lubbock District of the TxDOT may be called in as a part of a new augmented partnership

Cancellation

PISD has cancelled Parent University, at Trinity Fellowship Church, due to the impending storm. The event has been rescheduled to Friday, April 3. Schedules during the event remain the same, only the date has changed.

between TxDOT districts.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haensch said that school delays and closures are a possibility, but the decision won't be made until 5:30 tomorrow morning.

Notifications of a decision to delay or cancel school will be on Amarillo television stations, radio stations and the Pampa ISD website (www.pampaisd.net).

Xcel energy is working on logistical preparation today for the possible storm, which includes figuring out extra crew workers, vendors, and stock piles of supplies, according to Wes Reeves, Xcel public

information officer.

"We always try to be prepared when we know something big is coming," Reeves said. Reeves said that as far as electricity is concerned, the worst winter weather is ice storms because ice accumulates on power lines. Blizzard conditions could likely effect response times of emergency power crews though, and make it harder to work. Reeves instructed people to call the emergency line 1-800-895-1999 if power goes out, and to do a self-diagnosis of the problem by looking in their back yard to give a more detailed report to call agents, is possible.

Indictments

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possessed methamphetamine in an amount less than one gram. On April 16, 2008, Casey was convicted of possession of a prohibited weapon, and he was convicted of burglary of a habitation on July 1, 2002.

Claudia Renate Frame, 64, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On May 30, 2009, Frame allegedly forged a writing with intent to defraud of harm another, by writing a check purporting to be Donald M. Jones, a deceased individual, who did not authorize the act. The check was for \$46.30. On the same day, Frame allegedly wrote another check on purporting to be Jones for the amount of \$42.21. Bond was set for the second charge for \$7,500.

Frame was indicted for a third offense, fraudulent use, possession of identifying information, concerning Jones. Frame allegedly wrote 19 fraudulent checks using Jones names, using his FirstBank Southwest account and his driver's license. Bond was set for the third offense for \$20,000.

Steven Wayne Frye, 37, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram enhanced. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$12,500.

On July 31, 2008, Frye allegedly possessed methadone in an amount less than one gram. On the same day, Frye also possessed a firearm, even though he was still a felon from a previous conviction. Bond was set for the firearm indictment at \$12,500. On May 2, 2001, Frye was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, and on Dec. 10, 1996 Frye was convicted of possession of a forged instrument.

April Ruth Goldthrite, 20, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On July 1, 2008, Goldthrite allegedly possessed cocaine in an amount less than one gram.

Amber Nicole Graves, 28, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in an amount less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony for \$12,500.

On July 6, 2008, Graves allegedly possessed methamphetamine in an amount less than one gram.

Derrick Wayne Hollon, 26, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Bond was set on the state jail felony for

\$2,500.

On July 16, 2008, Hollon allegedly intentionally or knowingly operated a motor-propelled vehicle, an automobile, without the consent of Joe Richardson, the owner.

Jerry Joe Isbell, 40, was indicted for deadly conduct, discharge of a firearm. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$10,000.

On Jan. 1, Isbell allegedly knowingly discharged a firearm at one or in the direction of an individual, Justin Isbell.

John Allen Jeffries, 19, was indicted for unauthorized use of a vehicle. Bond was set on the state jail felony for \$7,500.

On Jan. 8, Jeffries allegedly intentionally or knowingly operated an automobile without the consent of Diana Rigsby, the owner.

Sharon Louise Jones, 35, was indicted for injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$10,000.

On Nov. 23, 2008, Jones allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to a child 14 years of age or younger, by hitting with a belt.

Early Franklin Knotts, 28, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

On Oct. 21, 2008 Knotts allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram.

Michael Francis Lyons, 22, was indicted for possession of marijuana, greater than five pounds, but less than 50 pounds. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$20,000.

On July 19, 2008, Lyons allegedly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana in an amount greater than five pounds but less than 50 pounds.

Nicholas Martinez Benito, 22, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$25,000.

On July 20, 2008, Martinez allegedly intentionally or knowingly threatened Robert William Vaughn with imminent bodily injury by swigging a bat at Vaughn.

Jodie S. Mathews, 27, was indicted for possession of marijuana, greater than five pounds but less than 50 pounds. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$20,000.

On July 19, 2009, Mathews allegedly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana in an amount greater than five pounds, but less than 50 pounds.

Environment officials concerned

Water— cont. from page 1

The Oklahoma state line was listed in the 2008 Texas Water Quality Inventory for Water Bodies with Concerns for Attainment and Screening for ammonia concerns. The draft report, however, said there is a downward trend in ammonia, nitrates and phosphorus.

Again, the TCEQ called for more information concerning the situation.

Lake Meredith was cited for high levels of chloride, as was the Canadian River coming out of New Mexico and flowing into the lake.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has an on-going federally

funded project to reduce the chloride levels where the salts enter the river below Logan, N.M., but the TCEQ said that because the river channel has been saturated with salt, it may take to desalinate the river.

East of Pampa, in the Red River watershed, the draft report reported that Sweetwater Creek was impaired because of elevated levels of bacteria. While they

said that the sources of the bacteria were not known, they speculated that the bacteria could be from cattle feeding operations above the creek, livestock operations along the

creek, wildlife or bird roosting in the trees over the creek.

Where the North Fork of the Red River begins just south of Pampa, the TCEQ said in the draft report that they did not find any impairments, although they reported some elevated bacteria levels in McClellan Creek. They attributed the increased bacteria to livestock and wildlife in the area.

They reported no impairment of Lake Greenbelt, but they said there was evidence of increased levels of bacteria in the Salt Fork Branch of the Red River flowing east from Greenbelt.

The report said that the water quality in the Canadian and Red River Basins, however, remain overall fairly healthy.

The draft report calls for further development of bacteria genotyping, tracking the DNA of bacteria to find its source; expanding conservation measures such as brush control; continuing chloride control projects; collecting more data and maintaining monitoring of the creeks and rivers in the region.

More information on the report can be found at the Red River Authority's website at www.rra.dst.tx.us.

Lawmaker concerned about tribe's men-only voting rule

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A rule that allows only men to vote in Tigua tribal council elections has caught the attention of a state lawmaker and threatens to derail legislation that would allow the tribe to restart gambling at its shuttered casino.

Tigua leaders said women have never voted in the 300 years of tribal elections and said any call to change that process would be an insult to the 1,500-member tribe.

"We don't go out there and judge any other group of people," said Tigua Lt. Gov. Carlos Hisa.

Rep. Valinda Bolton, D-Austin, said the practice of allowing only men to cast ballots concerned her, but she welcomed a meeting between Tigua women and female legislators — a meeting hastily arranged by Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, after Bolton ques-

tioned the custom.

"The right to vote is a basic human right, and the tribe has economic development issues," Bolton said. "Those are true things; they are both true at the same time. So I am looking forward" to talking to the women.

The Tiguas are lobbying legislators to approve legislation that would allow them to reopen a casino shut down after then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, now a U.S. senator, successfully sued in

2001. The tribe said the casino put \$800 million into the local economy and provided about 800 jobs.

Two House committees are expected to consider the measure next week.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 26, the 85th day of 2009. There are 280 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1793 - Holy Roman Empire declares war on France.

1885 - The Eastman Dry Plate and Film Co. of Rochester, New York, forerunner of Eastman Kodak, manufactures the first commercial motion picture film.

1881 - Romania becomes a monarchy, and King Carol I, of the German house of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, is proclaimed king.

1895 - Japan occupies Pescadore Islands in Formosa Strait.

1913 - More than 1,400 people perish in floods in U.S. states of Ohio, Indiana and Texas.

1931 - Treaty of friendship is signed between Iraq and Transjordan.

1953 - American Dr. Jonas E. Salk announces new vaccine to immunize against polio.

1970 - Foreign ministers of Islamic countries decide at Jordan meeting to establish permanent secretariat.

1971 - East Pakistan proclaims its independence, taking the name

'When elephants fight it is the grass that suffers.'

— Kikuyu proverb

Bangladesh.

1975 - South Vietnamese government announces arrest of several people for plotting to overthrow President Nguyen van Thieu.

1977 - A KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashes into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife, killing 582 people.

1979 - Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat sign the Camp David peace treaty at the White House.

1994 - OPEC agrees to freeze oil production for the rest of the year after failing to find a formula to cut output and push prices up.

1995 - Tens of thousands in Manila line the funeral route of a 42-year-old housemaid executed in Singapore for murder, despite recent evidence that she was innocent.

1997 - The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who committed suicide are found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

2006 - Somali radical Islamic militiamen and rivals bury their dead and bring in more fighters during a lull after four days of combat on Mogadishu's outskirts that witnesses say killed at least 93 people and wounded nearly 200.

Today's Birthdays:

Robert Frost, U.S. poet (1874-1963); Syngman Rhee, South Korea's founding president (1875-1965); Chips Rafferty, Australian actor (1909-1971); Tennessee Williams, U.S. playwright (1911-1983); Leonard Nimoy, U.S. actor (1931-); Erica Jong, U.S. writer (1942-); Diana Ross, U.S. singer (1944-); Steven Tyler, U.S. singer (1948-); Keira Knightley, British actress (1985-).

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Analysis: Geithner, market get much-needed boost

WASHINGTON (AP)— Like the market, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner was in need of an uptick.

He got it Monday when the Dow Jones industrial average shot up nearly 500 points after he unveiled his private-public partnership to help relieve banks of the toxic assets that have plunged the financial system into its crisis. But with credit markets frozen, a public in high dudgeon and a Congress on a populist crusade, Geithner still has lots to prove.

Unpaid back taxes cost him votes in the Senate during his confirmation. Bonuses for executives at embattled American International Group Inc. drew Republican calls for his resignation. And the Wall Street that proved so friendly Monday could just as easily turn on him, as it did last month when his broad outlines for a rescue plan landed with a thud.

No stranger to tough times, Geithner this week faces yet another test of his short Cabinet tenure.

The multitasking Geithner is not only rolling out a new relief plan for banks, he's also juggling an overhaul of the regulatory regime for the financial sector, facing a couple of potentially contentious hearings before Congress and planning the agenda for the April 2 summit of top world leaders in London.

So far, so good. "He fed the beast enough details to keep the beast happy. Ai today, today," said Robert Litan, senior fellow for economic studies at the Brookings Institution, emphasizing the fickle nature of the stock market. "It's a very hungry beast and it's a very forgetful beast."

In a televised news conference last month, Obama promised Geithner would unveil details of a banking rescue. When Geithner offered only a sketch of a plan in a badly reviewed speech, the markets tanked.

This time, Geithner easily spelled out details of the plan off-camera to a

roomful of reporters at Treasury and granted an interview to CNBC. Then Obama placed his own stamp on the plan, making brief televised remarks at the White House with Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke at his side.

"This is one more element that is going to be absolutely critical in getting credit flowing again," Obama said. "It's not going to happen overnight. There's still great fragility in the financial systems. But we think that we are moving in the right direction."

The rescue plan might still need a good sales pitch. The Dow's surge notwithstanding, Geithner and the administration are facing an ideological attack from the left and the right. Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the second-ranking Republican in the House, called the plan "fundamentally flawed."

"In its current form, Secretary Geithner's plan is a shell game that hides the true cost of the program from the taxpayers that will be asked to pay for it," Cantor said.

And liberal economist Paul Krugman, whose views as a columnist for The New York Times influence opinion in Congress, said the plan was "more than disappointing" in his Monday column. "In fact," he added, "it fills me with a sense of despair." He called for the government to take temporary control of insolvent banks. "That's what Sweden did in the early 1990s," he wrote.

The Obama administration has not hidden its disdain for Krugman's criticisms, and Geithner made his clear on Monday. "We are the United States of America," he said tartly. "We are not Sweden."

Moreover, Congress' attempts to rein in compensation for companies that receive financial aid has made some private investors wary of entering into a partnership with the federal government. Geithner will be

walking that tightrope Tuesday when he testifies before the House Financial Services Committee.

The hearing is billed as an examination of the bonus payments of at least \$165 million made last week to employees of AIG's financial products division. The House last week overwhelmingly approved legislation setting a 90 percent tax on bonuses for employees of companies that receive federal financial aid. Over the weekend, Obama's economic team warned of possible dangers of such a targeted tax measure. Geithner, doubtless, will be asked to explain.

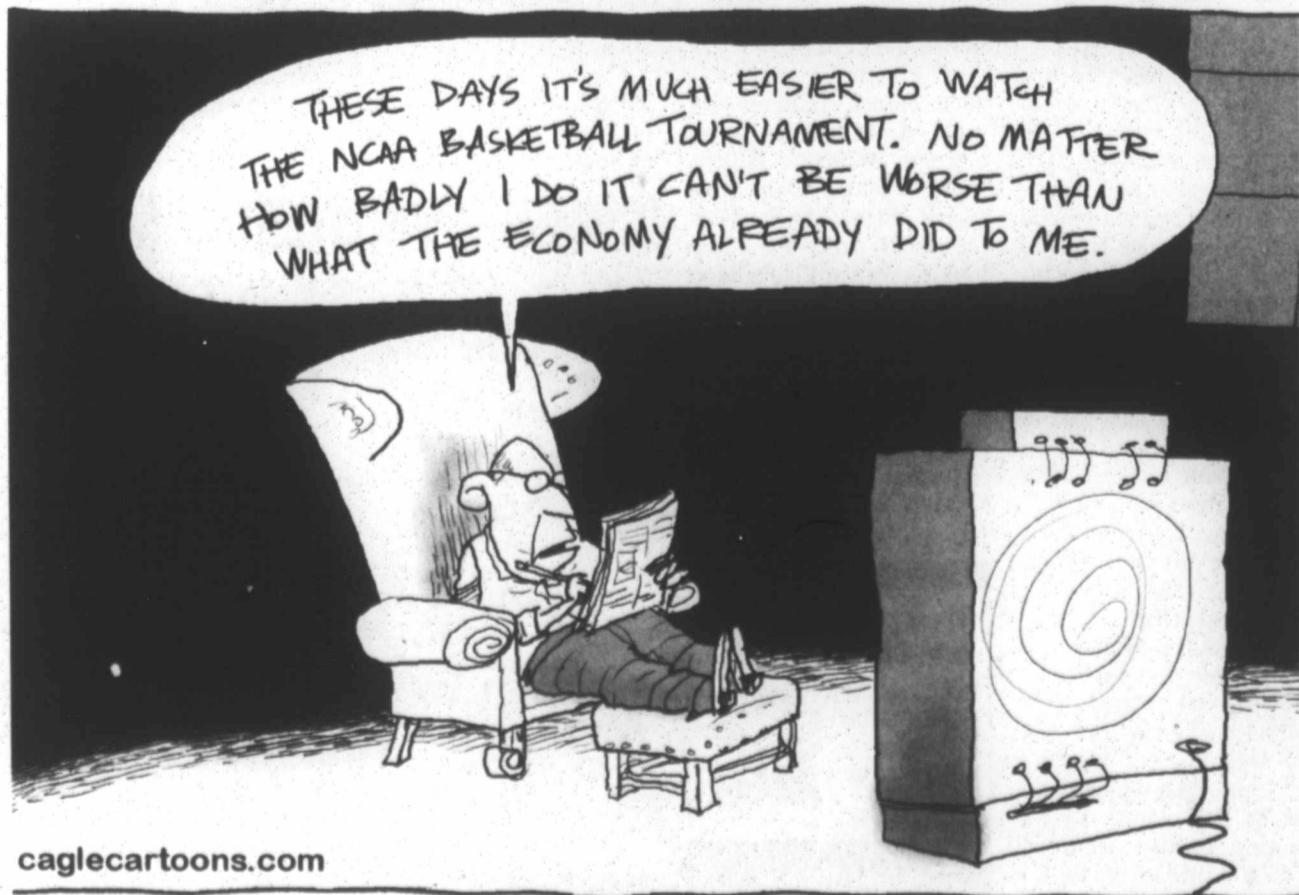
Sitting with Geithner at the witness table will be Bernanke and William Dudley, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The Fed, a source of AIG's assistance, was aware of the bonuses and concluded they were legally binding.

On Thursday, Geithner will testify before the House Financial Services Committee again, this time to unveil the administration's proposed overhaul of financial sector regulations. The administration and Congress are working on a series of fronts, including increased oversight and controls of previously unregulated markets such as hedge and private equity funds. Lawmakers and the administration also have embraced the idea of an overarching regulator, such as the Fed, that would oversee financial firms that could pose risks to the entire banking system.

Risk has become the by-word of the current financial crisis. As Geithner emphasized Monday, too much risk caused it, too little risk is perpetuating it.

And for Geithner, the risks don't seem to end.

EDITOR'S NOTE— Jim Kuhnenn covers economics and politics for The Associated Press.



Special Olympics basketball teams play in two tourneys

submitted article
Pampa Special Olympics has two teams that play regular basketball. Teams are Pampa Golden Warriors and Pampa Storms. We have two teams that do team lead up. Teams are Pampa Go-Getters and Pampa Bouncing Stars.

We had two tournaments this season one being February 21st at Hereford which was Area and the other was the Regional in Amarillo on March 7th.

The Pampa Warriors team players are Cody Dyer, Liberty Bloxum, Hector Estrada, Cole Nall, Bobby Garcia, Eric Knott, Jeret Moore, Randy Swires, Kevin Reece,

Tina Hinson and Manager Mark McMinn. Coaches are Kyle Parnell, Jim Bob Nall and David Swires

Pampa Golden Warriors won the Gold Medal in Hereford and the Bronze in Amarillo.

Pampa Storms team members are Ashley Abbe, Michelle Blodgett, Shawn King, Ameer Street, Joann Morehart, Kasey Smith, Kinsey Smith, Taisey Phillips, Jeremy Loner, Tammy Marshall, Jennifer Roden and Lisa Busby. Coaches are Leslie Jones, Janet Abbe and John Hervey

Pampa Storms won the Silver medal in Hereford and the Gold medal in Amarillo

Pampa Go-Getters team players are Chris Bradley, Debbie Ellis, Tollie Jinks, Linda Pierce and Wauneta Reece

The team Coaches are Karol Hervey, Helen Robinson, Pat Childress

20th Century Club meets

The Twentieth Century Club of Pampa met Tuesday, March 24 in the home of its president, Dorothy Stowers. Twelve members attended.

Stowers led a group discussion of local events, cultural arts, education, science and electronics.

Phyllis White presented the program on Robots as a new pool of knowledge to work with humans in war, medicine and surgery, their mechanism, components, capabilities, and as testing ground for concepts and behavior. She cited them as an indispensable entity of global industry.

The next meeting will be held on April 14 in the home of Edna Hickman with Chleo Worley as program chairman.

Infant left in car dies

CEDAR HILL, Texas (AP) — Cedar Hill police say a 7-month-old left overnight inside the family car in North Texas has been found dead.

Dallas television station KTVT says the child was left in his car seat Tuesday evening after his mother brought him and two brothers home from day care.

LaHeather Wilson, 35, told police she went outside before 6 a.m. Wednesday and found her son unresponsive. Wilson was charged with injury to a child and was being held at the Dallas County Jail Wednesday night. It was not immediately known whether she had an attorney.

Pampa JV clips Falcons 9-0

The Pampa JV baseball team took the field against the Bushland Falcons at Harvester field.

Garrett Ericson took the mound for the third time this season and remained perfect 3-0. Ericson pitched four innings struck out seven, walked two and gave up two hits.

Collin Killgo came on in relief for three innings striking out one, walking one and allowing two hits. The defensive play came courtesy of Reid Bradley, who while diving, caught a ball softly hit to first base and was able to get up and touch first base for an unassisted double play.

Pampa took a 4-0 lead after one inning an added another run in the second.

In the fifth inning, the Harvesters widened their lead to 9-0.

Reid Miller led hitter 2 for 3, Smith, Bradley, Killgo and Simon each were 1 for 3. Pampa will start district play Friday at 5 pm at Dumas. The Harvesters record stands at 3-2.

Blizzard conditions possible Friday. Please use caution if you must travel.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 27, 2009.

Recognize how much you can accomplish this year. Saying no to power plays is the best way to come out ahead. Back off of people with that type of need for control. Meetings, networking and friendships play big roles and draw in more of your desires. Expand your immediate circle and meet new people. If you are single and you would like to "hook up," know that it can happen. Just be available. If you are attached, the two of you create much more of what you want through socializing and perhaps pursuing a new hobby. A fellow ARIES admires your way of handling difficult situations.

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 naturally move in the right circles and say the right thing. Nevertheless, a boss could pick holes in your actions. You'll prevail because of an innate gentleness. A meeting proves to be resourceful. Tonight: Only what would make you happy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Listen to what is being said. You'll gain more information through observation and thinking. Be careful with what looks like a secret. You'll see a situation in a new, dynamic light if you listen more. Tonight: Take a nap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You can be found where the action is. For those of you who are willing to make fewer judgments and stretch your thinking, success will follow. Network, schedule meetings and be sen-

sitive to others' alternatives. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Take a stand, but also be willing to listen to others' responses. You'll integrate new ideas as a result. Your humor and caring will come out if you drop your defenses. Be authentic. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Reach out for others and be willing to honor tradition. Make calls and touch base with the many important people in your life. Opportunity strikes out of the blue. You need to be able to make an immediate response. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Working with one person at a time could make all the difference. Your ability to grow and evolve is highlighted because of a key associate or partner. Know that you don't always have to agree. Also understand that power plays do not work — respect will. Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Let someone else make the call. You could be taken back by circumstances or a situation in your life. Remain open and direct when dealing with others or when asked a question. Don't let fear interfere with a relationship. Tonight: Out and about — TGIF.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Experience the feeling of a job well done. New beginnings are more than possible with a real estate or domestic matter. You'll achieve a lot if you don't try to push and just smile. Have faith in your abilities. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Allow yourself to become more

playful and understanding. Your visualization of a situation needs to be shared, even if it is funny. Others will appreciate the laugh. If you can take a long lunch, do. Think about leaving work early. Tonight: Take off asap. Start your weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Prioritize, and you will accomplish more. Be upbeat and handle a personal matter head-on. What you see and think could change radically with new information coming forward. Someone goes out of his or her way to make you comfortable. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your words have an unusual caring or appreciation in their tone. Others respond and finally want to talk. Let conversations flow and be sensitive to options. Your mannerisms and attitude speak more than your words. Tonight: Check out your favorite haunts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You might need to spend some money on yourself. If you are feeling insecure, perhaps you need to buy a new item to dress up your wardrobe. Your instincts lead you in a financial matter, whether buying a lottery ticket or a bigger investment. Tonight: Curb over-indulgence.

BORN TODAY

Singer Sarah Vaughn (1924), Brazilian TV star Xuxa (1963), actor Michael York (1942)

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer a suggestion to "Tired Mom in the City" (Jan. 17), whose baby's eight grandparents have overloaded the family with unneeded and redundant gifts. That mother should harness the generosity of those loving grandparents.

"Tired Mom" and her husband should set up a 529 college savings plan for their baby girl if they haven't already done so. It's a wonderful program that helps parents, family members and friends to save toward a child's college education. Those loving and obviously generous grandparents can contribute to the fund.

By contributing to their granddaughter's 529 fund, the grandparents will be giving a lifelong gift rather than an item that will be discarded or outgrown. They will be providing a college education for the child; and the parents will not be burdened by huge loans. -- MOM OF TWO IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR MOM OF TWO: Thank you for an excellent suggestion. Readers who are interested in setting up a 529 plan should consult their financial adviser or bank officer. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had the same problem with four sets of grandparents. We handled the duplication of gifts by having the grandparents keep them in THEIR homes so when it was their turn to baby-sit, or we visited them, they would have all the necessities at hand. "Tired Mom" might consider suggesting something similar. -- L.M. IN GREENWOOD, MO.

DEAR ABBY: My children received many gifts, but what they remember the most is the time they spent

with their grandparents. Having a book read to them, visiting the aquarium, being pushed in a stroller for a walk around town and hearing the birds and smelling the flowers -- even the loving greeting of a grandmother gave my little girls at the door when they visited -- these, not material things, were the "gifts" that counted the most. -- NO LONGER A TIRED MOM

DEAR ABBY: I set up an education account for each of my nine grandchildren. There is no better gift than a solid education that will enable my grandchildren to provide for themselves when they are grown.

My grandfather gave me stock when I was a child. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but the dividends from that stock paid for summer camp, college tuition and, eventually, a down payment on a house. What better way to establish your grandchildren and help them to achieve a better life? -- NANA OF NINE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR ABBY: My grandparents were generous, too. What they lavished me with was time and attention. At Christmas and on birthdays, I received a small gift. But the really great gift -- which I didn't totally understand when I was young -- was a savings bond in my name. Those bonds added up over the years and helped to fund my college education.

I am 46 now. I remember how much they loved me and how concerned they were about my future. I still have some of the bonds my grandparents gave me tucked away for a rainy day. My husband and I are now continuing the tradition with our granddaughters. -- KELLY IN DECATUR, ILL.

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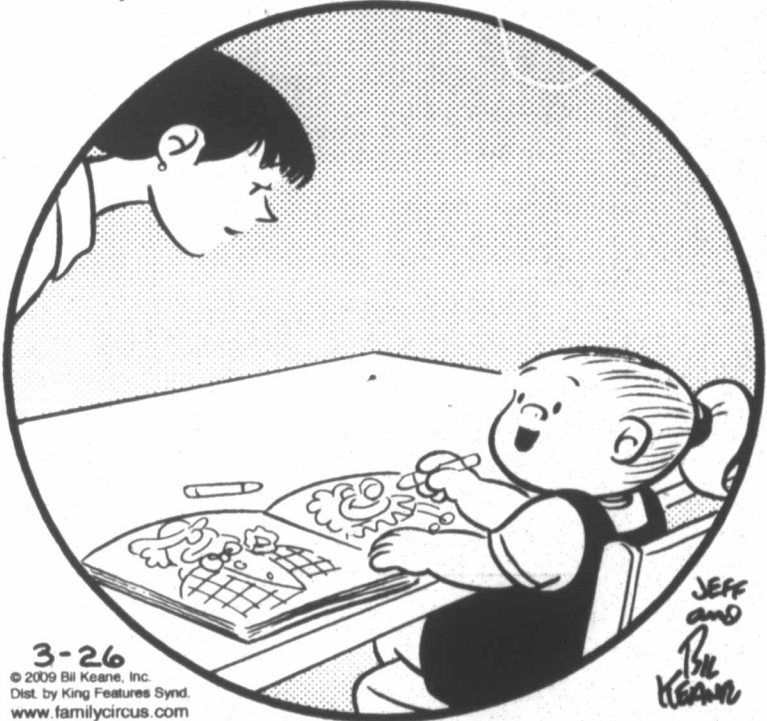
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"Sometimes he's more generous than people want him to be."

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By Bil Keane



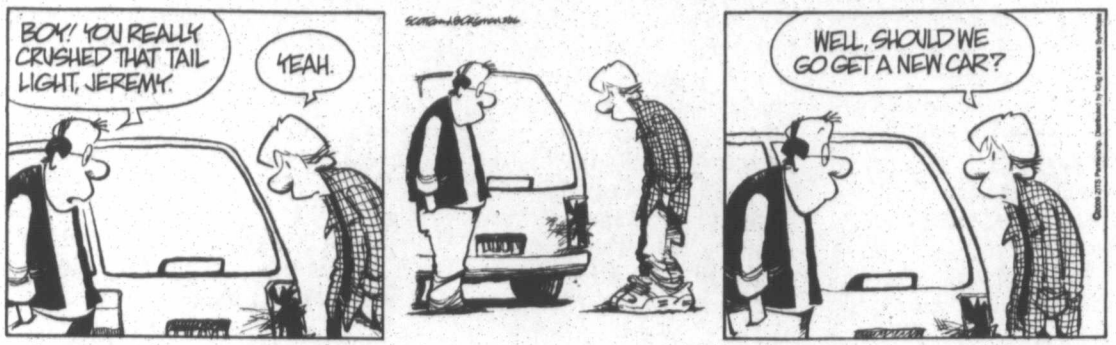
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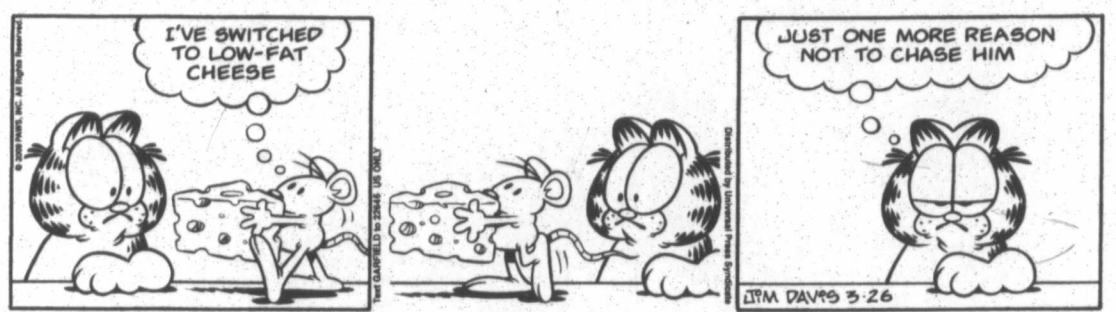
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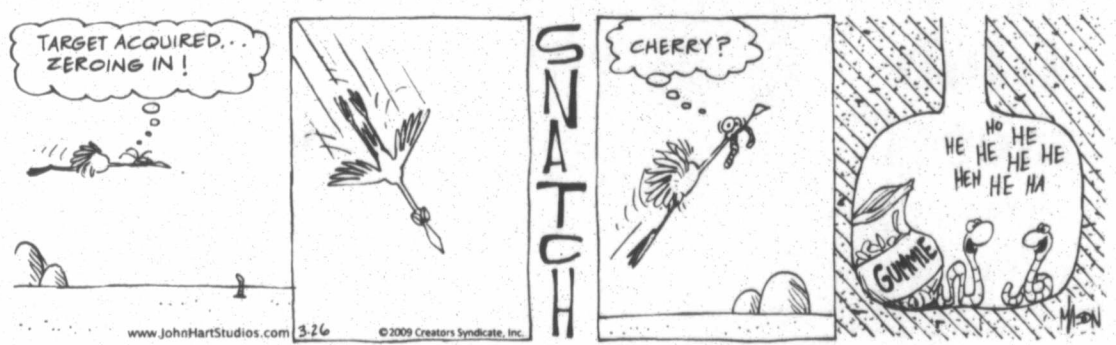
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Crawford sings about growing up in Texas

MINERAL WELLS, Texas (AP) — Mineral Wells musician and songwriter Stan Crawford attributes his learning to play music to a break-up with a girlfriend 11 years ago.

"My girlfriend and I had just split up," Crawford said. "She told me I would never learn to play guitar."

Sitting on a curb in a seedy neighborhood in Waco, Crawford learned guitar with a friend over the next three months.

Crawford listened to a lot of praise and worship music growing up as a Baptist.

Though his mother knew enough chords to play songs and he made three moves with an old Bentley acoustic guitar given to him, Crawford said he did not learn to play until he took his departing girlfriend's words as a challenge when he was 20 years old.

"I definitely want to thank her for that," Crawford said.

Crawford, a 1996 graduate of Grafard High School, is making a name for himself locally with his songs about growing up in the Mineral Wells area.

"In college, I was introduced to an awesome range of Texas music," including Guy Clark, Charlie Robinson and Robert Earl Keen, Crawford said. "This was the music some guys grew up around, but I was kind of isolated until then."

In May 2007, Crawford was running a multi-million dollar construction company in Houston when he abruptly decided to quit his job and pursue music as a career.

"I will never forget that day," Crawford said. "I knew exactly what I needed to do with the rest of my life."

"I was sitting there, feeling like I was in a monotonous situation," Crawford said. The decision was not

about "money, or title or where I was ... I realized I was passionate about music, wanted to do it well and be close to family."

Through his dad, Crawford made contact with Earl Clark of Ancient Tone Studio in Mineral Wells and began recording his first album, "Crazy Water."

"I was driving back and forth (from Houston) every single weekend before I moved back in October (2007)," Crawford said. "I was in the studio for almost a year."

"Earl really helped me grow in musical style and know what to expect," Crawford said.

Crawford describes his music as "Texas country with a tablespoon of rock and a whole lot of energy."

"It's definitely not traditional, it's very high energy," Crawford said. "I've got a baritone voice there are definitely remnants of country music for sure."

Crawford then began putting together a band with friends and ads on Craigslist and they began playing together about seven months ago.

Crawford said the adjustment from construction to making a business from his music has been a bit of adjustment but enjoys getting up at 8 a.m. rather than 6 a.m.

"The main thing is the learning curve ... keeping an open mind about how things work," Crawford said.

"Crazy Water" was released in October and he has sold around 482 copies of it since then, Crawford said.

"We're doing about 30 shows every three months," Crawford said.

The Stan Crawford Band has recently played in various cities in Texas including Houston, Abilene, College Station and Fort Worth.

In February, the band made an appearance on

Dallas television station KDFW.

His audience has been hard to pinpoint, Crawford said. He said shows attract people from 25 years old to 55 years old.

"Part of that is credit to the single 'Crazy Water,'" Crawford said.

"Locally, it's been amazing to see how the fan base has grown," Crawford said. "It's been very fulfilling can't really ask for more than that in my opinion."

The Palo Pinto County area, family and relationships are the inspiration for his lyrics, Crawford said.

Crawford, his father and grandfather were all born in Palo Pinto County and all but one of his five siblings live in the area today.

Though he moved to Alabama for several years when he was young, "Mineral Wells was that place in my heart that I knew I wanted to come back to," Crawford said.

"The response was absolutely phenomenal" when he played at the Crazy Water Festival last year, between the Baker Hotel and Ancient Tone Studio, Crawford said. "It was the first showing that the community was behind what we were doing."

Crawford has also been getting calls to help out with local efforts, such as the recent Meals on Wheels fundraiser.

"I was more nervous playing for the fourth grade class at Travis (than KDFW)," Crawford said.

Crawford said he recently gave a lesson to 70 to 80 fourth-grade students at Travis Elementary on creative writing.

"If it's local, it's hard to say no," Crawford said. "When people call me up, it surprises me every time."

Currently, Crawford is working on his second album.

ALTRUSA meeting held

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF PAMPA, TEXAS met March 24, 2009 at Pampa Senior Center with President Barb Hahn presiding. Roxanne Funderburk and Marian Stroup served as greeters. Tracy Bruce, Marilyn Crafton and Nikki Routh attended as guests.

The Accent was presented by Kadda Schale who spoke on District Conference to be held April 17-19 at Kileen, Texas.

Barry Haenisch, PISD Superintendent, gave a power point presentation of the Pampa High School renovation and the plans for the new Pampa Junior High School. The pro-

jected completion for the high school is August, 2009 and July, 2110 for the junior high.

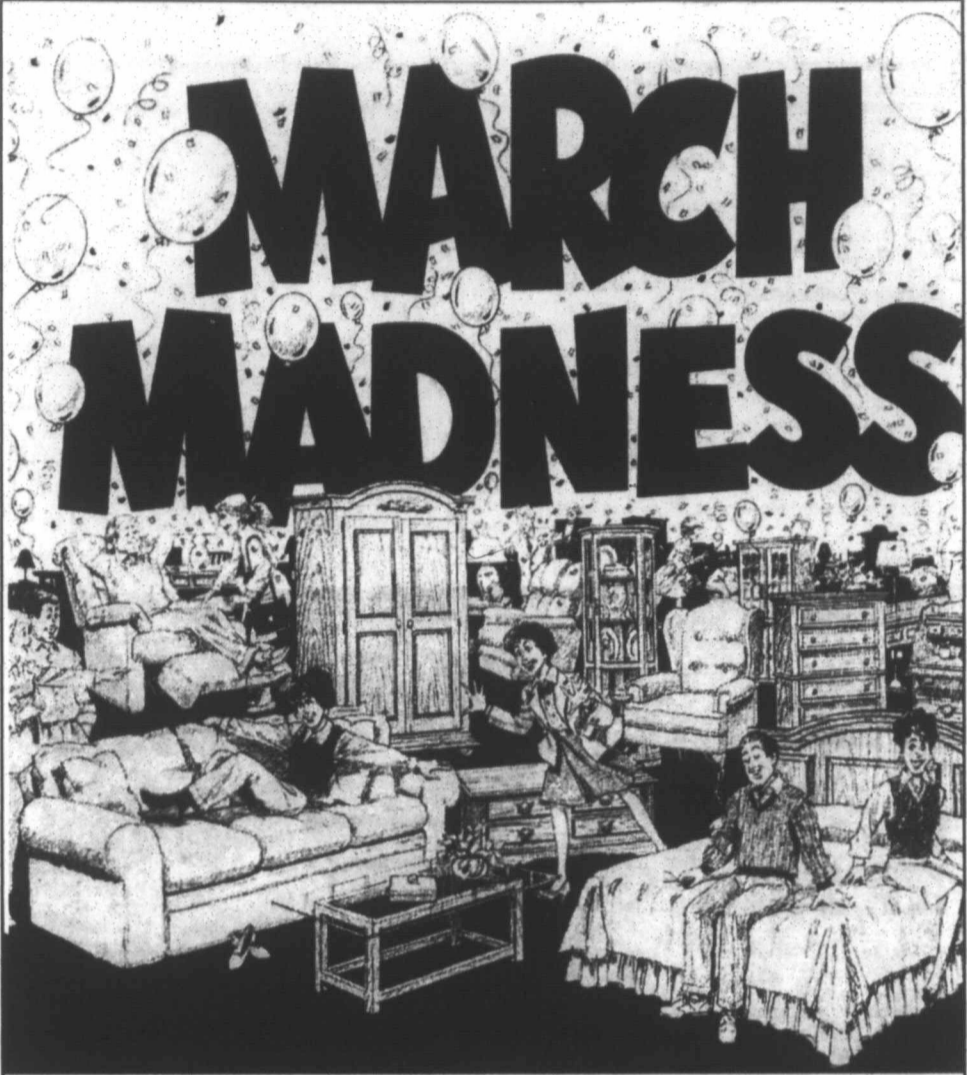
The following committee reports were given:

Gal Events will include a progressive dinner March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at the homes of Eileen Kludt, Kerrick Horton and Roxanne Funderburk.

Travis Reading Program will be held April 7. Volunteers are needed.

Members were asked to provide snacks for the Salvation Army after-school project.

The next meeting will be held April 14 at noon at First United Methodist Church.



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Ex-pastor indicted in wife's death

WACO, Texas (AP) — A former pastor has been indicted on a murder charge in his wife's 2006 death, which initially was ruled a suicide before her parents pressed authorities to reopen the case.

Matt Baker, 37, remained jailed on \$500,000 bond Thursday, one day after the grand jury handed up the indictment that alleges he killed his wife, Kari, by giving her drugs and suffocating her with a pillow.

Baker, who has since moved to Kerrville with his two daughters, has said in numerous media interviews that he did not kill his 31-year-old wife. He has said that she committed suicide by overdosing on sleeping pills because she remained despondent over the 1998 death of their young daughter from cancer.

"We are shocked and disappointed," his attorney Richard Ellison told the Waco Tribune-Herald, referring to Baker's indictment. "I think this is politically motivated. It is all caused by family pressure. He is innocent, and we look forward to our day in court so the truth will come out and put an end to all of this."

Her parents, Linda and James Dulin, never believed Baker's account of how their daughter died at the couple's home in Hewitt, a Waco suburb. They prodded Hewitt police to reopen the investigation, had their daughter's body exhumed for an autopsy and hired an array of experts who uncovered evidence for their wrongful-death lawsuit against Baker — information shared with authorities.

Kari Baker's family and friends denied that she was

depressed, saying the elementary teacher was looking forward to starting a job at a new school. Officials have said she told at least one friend and her counselor that she thought her husband was having an affair and feared for her life after finding crushed pills in his briefcase.

Baker, a former Baptist minister at several Central Texas churches, conducted research on Web sites relating to sleeping pills and overdoses, police officials said in records filed in the case.

Baker, who also was chaplain at the Waco Center for Youth, was arrested in late 2007 and has been free on bond since then.

But a year ago, McLennan County District Attorney John Segrest said

there was not enough evidence to seek an indictment.

He declined to comment Wednesday after prosecutors presented evidence to the grand jury.

One woman who testified Wednesday during the closed grand jury proceedings was reportedly given Kari Baker's cell phone after her death by Baker. Witnesses have told authorities that Baker and the woman were seen looking at engagement rings at a Waco jewelry store within days of his wife's death.

But Baker has told the Tribune-Herald that he and the woman were just friends and were looking for earrings for his daughters that day.

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