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A respectable storm



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Schools were closed today across the panhandle as a spring blizzard blew in, dropping moisture and temperatures and closing down highways.

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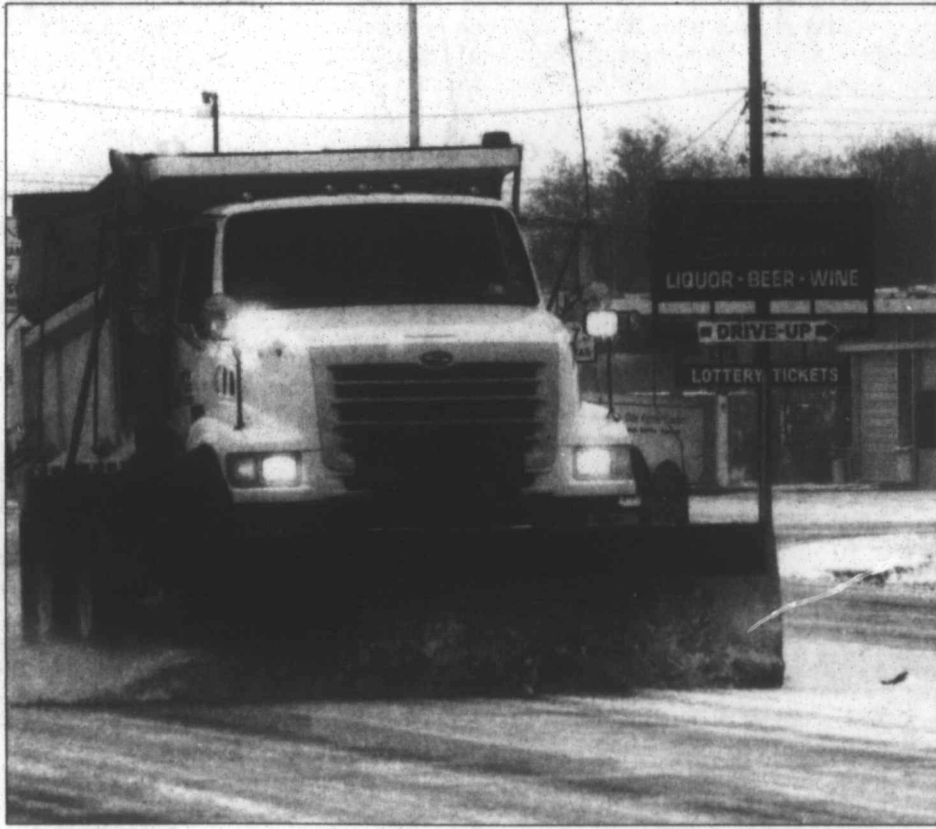
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Texas Department of Transportation trucks and snow plows were out today clearing highways, including U.S. 60 as it goes through Pampa, as a spring blizzard dropped temperatures and snow across the panhandle.

A good day to stay home

by The Pampa News staff

Gray County residents have waited all year for moisture. They got it with a vengeance today—and it's going to get worse as the day wears on.

Snow began falling overnight and by early morning roads were snowy and slushy. Conditions rapidly deteriorated to ice with blowing snow that increased until mid-morning. The radar screen just before 11 a.m. indicated a large second wave approaching Pampa.

Things are only supposed to get worse as the day goes on, with some agencies reporting that snow drifts in the panhandle may get as high as 10 feet. It's a good day to stay home. Residents are urged not to travel unless absolutely necessary.

A Red Cross emergency shelter has been set up at First Baptist Church, 203 N. Weest Street, for stranded motorists or anyone else in need. The shelter has not yet been activated.

Jana Gregory, Executive Director of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of Red Cross, said the shelter will service any stranded motorist who need a place for shelter from the storm. The shelter has been equipped with food and shelter and sleeping preparations if necessary. The emergency shelter will be opened if the city and Emergency Management Coordinator and city notify the Red Cross to do so.

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GRAY COUNTY ROAD CLOSURES

The following is a list of roads closed in Gray County as of 11 a.m. Friday.

All roads are described as having low visibility due to blowing snow travel with caution.

Patches of ice and snow present travel with caution. Motorists should expect delays and heavy snow accumulation. The Texas Department of Transportation is patrolling and plowing.

US 60
 West Pampa city limit to FM 2300 just east of Celanese. East of Pampa city limit to Roberts County line.

South Highway 70
 Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of Loop 171 South to I-40, Intersection of Loop 171 North to Roberts County line.

South Highway 152
 Eastbound and Westbound from the inter-

section of US 60 East to Wheeler County line, and intersection of South Highway 70 (Hobart) to Carson County line.

South Highway 273
 Northbound and Southbound Intersection of US 60 to I-40 at McLean.

South Loop 171
 Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of South Highway 70 South to Intersection of South Highway 70 North.

South 398
 Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of South Highway 273 north to the intersection of South Highway 273.

FM 282
 Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of US 60 W to Roberts County line.

FM 291
 Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of South Highway

273 south of Lefors to I-40.

FM 748
 Northbound and Southbound Roberts County line to Intersection of South Highway 152 east.




FM 749
 Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of Loop 171 south & South Highway 273 to Intersection of South Highway 70

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RECYCLE OLD PHONE BOOKS
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 (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
		
High 48 Low 28	High 56 Low 31	High 54 Low 26

Saturday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40. Wind chill values between 11 and 21. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Grand Jury indicts 11

A Gray County Grand Jury handed up 11 indictments on Thursday, March 19.

Randell Dale Northcut, 27, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On July 28, 2008 Northcut allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram.

Michael Scott Rabel, 29, was indicted for burglary of a building. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On Dec. 1, 2008 Rabel allegedly entered a building or a portion of a building not open to the public, without the effective consent of Russell Rabel, the owner.

Clarence Reed, 33, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set on the state jail felony for \$7,500.

On Aug. 24, 2008 allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Selena Susanne Rice, 30, was indicted for abandon/endanger a child with intent to return. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$12,500.

On July 18, 2008, Rice allegedly exposed a child under 15 years of age to candles and did not voluntarily seek designated emergency care for the child.

Andrew Manuel Santacruz, 22, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On Nov. 24, 2008, Santacruz possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram.

Jesus Manual Santacruz Jr., 24, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$7,500. Santacruz was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$10,000.

On April 16, 2008, Santacruz allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram. On the same day, Santacruz allegedly possessed methamphetamine in an amount less than one gram.

William Donald Stanley, 41, was indicted for injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$12,500.

On Nov. 15, 2008, Stanley allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to Margo Stanley, an individual 65 years of age or older, by hitting her with a fish, throwing her on the floor, and spanking her.

Stephen Orin Stokes, 46, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On Oct. 29, 2007, Stokes allegedly passed a check to Bernardo Casanova knowing it was forged, and purported to be Wilburn Reger, who did not authorize the act.

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 38, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On August 27, 2008 Weatherford allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

Theodore Edward Whitley, 35, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$12,500.

On July 20, 2009 Whitley allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram. On June 16, 2005 Whitley was convicted of theft over \$1,500 but under \$20,000 and on July 22, 2002, Whitley was convicted of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Katina Ann Atchley, 31, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond for the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On July 30, 2008, Atchley allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram.

For the Record

Obituaries

Kenneth Pitner, 96

Big Springs—Kenneth was born August 13, 1913 and died March 26, 2009. He retired as the City Secretary of Snyder and was retired Army Captain who served in WW II in the 36th Infantry Division of the United States Army.

He is survived by one daughter, Kay and Joe Burns of Edmond, Okla., one son, Keith and Chiva Pitner of Snyder, five grandchildren, including former Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner, and 12 great grandchil-

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dren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ouida and son Ronnie. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday

March 29 at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

O.L. Williams, Jr., 88

Pampa—Elder O.L. Williams, Jr., 88, died Saturday, March 21, 2009, in Clarendon, Texas.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 in the First Baptist

Church in Clarendon with Elder Harry Williams, Pastor of the New

Jerusalem COGIC of Borger and Elder Roy S. Williams, Sr., Pastor of the St. Stephens Baptist Church of Clarendon, officiating.

Interment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Elder Williams, a long-time resident of Clarendon and the past 34 years in

Pampa, was born January 7, 1921 to the late, mother, Elvan Williams and O.L. Williams Sr., in Dawson, Texas where he also attended school. In 1944, he married Susie B. Jones and to that union was born ten children. Elder Williams accepted Christ and was called into the ministry in the Holiness Church in Clarendon, which is now called the True Church of God in Christ. Elder Williams served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He loved preaching, serving God, and his wife and children. He also loved farming and ranching. He worked many years for Jiggs Mann of Clarendon, and the Brittens of Groom. He

then later married, Zonia Lynn on July 7, 1975 in Clovis, NM.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; three sisters; his first wife, Susie B. Williams; three daughters, Lois Yarbrough, Barbara Walton, and Pamela March; and a grandchild, Ricky Yarbrough.

He is survived by his wife, Zonia Williams of Pampa; three sisters, Faye Conway of Austin, Betty Scott of Sweetwater, and Peggy Jackson of Dallas; two daughters, Peggy Smith and husband Mack of Clarendon, and Sandra Williams of Denver, CO; 5 sons, Ellis Williams of Amarillo, Elder Harry Williams and wife Ella of Amarillo, Billy D.

Williams of Denver, CO, Dwight Williams of Amarillo, and Elder Roy S. Williams, Sr. and wife Barbara of Clarendon; 3 step children, Sunni Wallace of Pampa, Delana of Colorado Springs, CO and Parnell Jackson of Pampa; 61 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

MEMORIALS - The family request memorials be to the Community Care Center of Clarendon / PO Box 1007 / Clarendon, Texas 79226.

Sign our guest book online: www.RobertsonFuneral.com

Maxine Andrew, 87

Olton, TX—Maxine Andrew, 87, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2009, in Lubbock.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Olton with Dr. Travis Hart and Brother Patrick

Hamilton officiating. Interment will be at 5:30 PM, Saturday, March 28 at Memory Gardens in Pampa, TX under the direction of Ramage Funeral Directors.

Maxine was born June 30, 1921 in Wellington, Texas. She married Harold

McCleery and they lived in Pampa. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1973. On April 15, 1978, she married Bud Andrew and moved to Olton. She was a member of First Baptist Church and involved in the Lydia Sunday School class. Maxine was a former volunteer for the Olton Ambulance Association. She thoroughly enjoyed her vegetable garden every year and loved sharing her vegetables with others.

Maxine is survived by her husband, Bud, of Olton, two sons, Kenneth

McCleery of Mishawaka, IN, and Neil Andrew of Newark, DE; seven grandchildren, Kelly McCleery, Kris McCleery, Shawn Andrew, Brent Andrew, Mark Boone, Michelle Coffman, and Melanie Word. She was also blessed with thirteen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Juanelle Andrew Boone in 1993, her brother, Travis Patterson, and her sister, Evelyn Osborne.

Memorials may be made



Andrew
 to the Olton Volunteer Ambulance Association P.O. Box 1087 Olton, TX 79064.

Emergency Services

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Friday

8:40 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a lift assist.

10:30 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Dwight on a good intent call.

2:06 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Russell on a med assist.

5:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident.

11:46 p.m. — One unit and two personnel

AMBULANCE

responded to the 900 block of Scott on a grass fire.

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

7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart. No patients were transported.

10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Dwight.

1:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and

transported a patient to PRMC.

5:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

5:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of West Kentucky

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Thursday
 Jeffery Mearl Findley,

41, of Borger was arrested by GCSO for bond surrender for burglary of a building.

Andrew Michael Hisock, 18, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for minor in possession.

Friday
 Billy Ray Swanson, 41, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for capias pro fine, 12 counts.

Edward Emil Berry, 44, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for public intoxication.

Ashley Dawn Ragan, 31, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrant charges, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

Henry Lee Williams, 50, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for public intoxication.

Recycle those old phone books

Delivery of new phone books will continue through the end of March.

In connection with the delivery of the new phone books, Keep Pampa Beautiful will be collecting used telephone books through Sunday, March 29, at four sites in Pampa.

Old phone books can be taken to Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston; Pampa Recycle Center at Hobart Street Park; Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, or Trinity Fellowship Church, 2225 N. Hobart for recycling. Melodie Dosch of Keep Pampa Beautiful said that each year Americans throw

away over 13 million pounds of phone book material into the nation's landfills.

"Each pound we toss costs us employee time, transportation costs, landfill fees and ever-shrinking landfill space," Dosch said. "On the other hand, recycled phone books are used for the next year's allotment of names, numbers and coupons. So toss your old phone books in the truck and recycle them at the community's phone recycling sites.

For more information on recycling telephone books call Dosch at Keep Pampa Beautiful at 665-2514 or 664-2775.

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MCLEAN DANCE, Sat 28th, "Blue Denim II" 7:30pm-11pm.

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Good day to stay home

Storm— cont. from page 1

"We have our teams in place and shelters in place for any emergencies, we are prepared," Gregory explained. The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the Red Cross covers 11 different Counties. The chapter has not had to relieve any stranded motorist yet, but Gregory said the storm is slow moving and she expects people to need their services.

Anyone stranded can contact the Red Cross for help at 1-800-297-2270.

All schools National Oilwell Varco canceled its second shift, and county offices were closed, but some hearty souls were keeping the city offices running and Meals on Wheels were delivered with plenty of volunteers to fill all routes.

Most events scheduled for today and tomorrow have been canceled. Residents are urged to call regarding events before travelling.

According to National Weather Service Meteorologist Mike Johnson, the upper level low pressure system responsible for the severe weather is still in New Mexico, and as long as the pressure system remains there,

the Panhandle will experience extreme weather conditions.

Winds are to be in excess of 50 mph, causing blizzard conditions throughout the day.

"We expect the system to move south of Amarillo in the afternoon hours, but we can expect periods of heavy snow and low visibility through the afternoon," Johnson said. "The weather is expected to taper from west to east during the evening, and heavy snows will end near midnight."

Pampa is expected to get 8 to 10 inches of snow before the weather system moves from the Panhandle.

"Light snow will be hanging around after midnight. Winds may come way down, and the brunt of the weather will be done," Johnson said.

NWS has said alerted that the storm is potentially life threatening for anyone caught outside in the conditions, as they may become disoriented in white out conditions and not able to find shelter. Travel is considered dangerous and impossible through large portions of the Panhandle on Friday.

Patti Parker, a Holiday Inn

Express employee, reported extremely poor weather conditions while commuting to work this morning from White Deer. A drive that normally takes Parker 10 minutes, took her 45 minutes when she left for Pampa this morning at 6:15 a.m.

The snow put a damper on The Coffee Shop's birthday party today.

"We're saving the cake for Monday," said Renee Brown this morning, "but we have the coffee on."

The Cuyler Street coffee shop had been planning to celebrate their 10th anniversary today.

Liesa Knight with Allsup's at 1900 N. Hobart said all the Allsup's stores were open today. She said business at the Hobart store had been steady. Christy Ferguson with Easy Pop Shop said they were open today.

"Right now, we are," she said, "but we're watching the weather."

Nita Wallace, manager at United Supermarket, said they were open and busy with people stocking up on groceries.

Hail damage reported in North Texas

MONTAGUE, Texas (AP) — Golf ball-sized hail broke out windshields in fire trucks in Montague County as severe thunderstorms moved through portions of North Texas on Thursday night.

The Montague County Sheriff's Office said there were also reports Thursday night of funnel clouds but no major damage had been reported.

In nearby Cooke County, emergency management personnel kept an eye on the storm as it moved through. Hail was reported in various parts of the county, according to Vicki Barnes at the emergency management office.

Most of the area saw pea sized-hail, but no major damage was reported, Cooke County dispatcher Amanda King said.

Preliminary storm reports from the National Weather Service showed numerous reports of golf-ball sized hail and heavy damage to four fire department vehicles in the St. Jo area.

Earlier Thursday, thunderstorms passed through portions of Southeast Texas, including the Houston area, and more were expected on Friday, said Paul Lewis, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston.

Nickel-sized hail was reported around Sugar Land where 2.06 inches of rainfall was recorded through 4:30 p.m., Lewis said. A 40 percent chance of rain was forecast for the Houston area on Friday and thunderstorms were also possible in North Texas, he said.

A slight risk of severe weather was possible in East Texas on Friday with showers and thunderstorms likely after 1 p.m.

Morning road closures

Roads— cont. from page 1

FM 750
Eastbound and Westbound from the intersection of US 60 to intersection of South Highway 273

FM 2391
Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of US 60 east to Roberts County line

FM 2473
Eastbound and Westbound from the intersection of South Highway 273 S to Wheeler County line

FM2477
Intersection of SH 70 S to I-40
RM 1321
Eastbound and

Westbound from the intersection of SH 273 S of Lefors to Intersection of SH 273 & FM 2473
RM 1474
Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of SH 152 E to Intersection of RM 1321
RM 2375
Eastbound and

Westbound from the intersection of FM 749 to Intersection of SH 273
RM 2857
Northbound and Southbound from the intersection of SH 152 E to Intersection of RM 1321



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Gloria" for two years. We met at work, hit it off immediately and became close friends. I love her dearly, and I'm devastated by what's happening to her. Gloria is dying of AIDS and now has a rare brain infection that has caused her to lose most of her faculties. She goes in and out of dementia, and her prognosis is two months.

I have been by Gloria's side so frequently that her family has "adopted" me. I help with her care and am the only one of her friends and co-workers who has visited since she took this turn.

My problem is, since I have been around Gloria's family, I have learned that nearly everything she has ever told me is untrue. She has flat-out lied about many things -- big and small -- that weren't even necessary to lie about. I feel like I don't know my friend at all and never did.

As sad as I am to see Gloria suffering and dying, I am hurt and angry that I was repeatedly deceived by someone I thought was my friend. I keep telling myself it shouldn't matter now, but the more the truth comes out, the harder it is for me to go over there and help.

How can I get past this, forgive Gloria and get back to the business of helping her in her final weeks? -- WOUNDED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR WOUNDED: People lie for many reasons. Some of them do it because they are ashamed to tell the truth. Others lie out of fear or to gain an advantage, and some people do it because they can't help themselves. But somewhere in the tapestry of lies that this poor woman weaves is a part of her authentic self. It is the part that made you identify with her in the first place.

What you are doing for Gloria now is both generous and emotionally wrenching. You do not deserve the "pay-off" for your efforts to be spending the rest of your life resenting her for her shortcomings. You are giving her

one of the most important gifts a person can give to another, but it is one that you are also giving to yourself. If you remember that, you will have no regrets.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is a widow, living on a fixed income. From time to time various relatives have moved in with her. They offer limited financial assistance, but none appear inclined to keep the house in good repair.

I have gone beyond my financial limits to help Mama with emergencies, such as paying the light bill and making repairs to her house. My husband and I also clean up and do yard work over there. I am not an only child, but my siblings do not feel inclined to help out.

Yesterday, Mama again asked me for financial help to make repairs to the house. Did I mention there are four other people living there? While I never resent helping my mother, I sometimes do resent struggling to pay for upkeep and repairs to a home while other able-bodied adults living there benefit from my hard work. They are freeloading off my generosity.

Should I continue paying for my mother's house and mine? I have offered several times to let her move in with me, but she can't bear to give up her home. -- FEELING USED IN GEORGIA

DEAR FEELING USED: It's time for you to have a heart-to-heart talk with your mother and your siblings and explain that you are no longer willing to shoulder this responsibility all by yourself. Tell her that if she's going to receive further help from you, she must either inform her "houseguests" they must pony up and contribute financially and with the chores, or allow you to tell them on her behalf. You are all adults, and it's time that everyone started acting like it. Please understand that unless you are willing to draw the line, nothing will change.

Please use caution if you must travel today and tonight. Authorities are advising that no one travel unless absolutely necessary.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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9	5	8	2	3	6	4	7	1
7	6	1	5	9	4	2	3	8
8	9	6	3	5	2	7	1	4
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1	7	5	6	4	9	8	2	3
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Pampa Harvesters named to 3-4A All District Teams

Pampa Harvesters finished district play in third place for the 2008-09 season with a record of 17-13. Several players were recognized for their excellent play in the All District Team Selections.

Alex Clendening, junior forward, was named to All District, First Team. Clendening led the Harvesters in scoring for the season with an average of 14.4 points per game for the season and 15.6 points for district competition. In addition, Alex led the 4A/5A Panhandle region in rebounds, averaging 11.0 for the season and 13.6 rebounds for district play. This was quite an accomplishment considering his closest competitors both stood at 6.7. He also added an average of two assists per game. Alex is a three-year starter for the Harvester team. He was named to All District, Second Team last season and was named All District, Honorable Mention for his freshman season. He was named to All Panhandle Plains Super Team. Coach Dustin Miller says of Clendening, "Alex had an outstanding season and his accomplishments at this point are very impressive and well deserved. I am very excited about his senior season." In addition to basketball, Alex is also a member of the Harvester Football Team. Last season he was quarterback and was named to Second Team, All District, for his performance as a punter. He also plays spring tennis with the

Harvester Tennis Team. In addition, Alex is a member of the National Honor Society and is currently ranked #1 in his class. Mike and Dawn Clendening are his parents.

Senior guard, Alex Torres, was named to All District, Second Team. Torres was a dynamic force on the Harvester team this season. He averaged 11.2 points for the season and 12.9 points for district games. He contributed 3.5 rebounds for the season and 4.3 for district competition. In addition, he led the team in steals at almost 3 per game and was responsible for two assists per game. Last season Torres was named All District, Honorable Mention. He was also named to South Plains Pre Season First Team All District. "Alex was an exciting player to watch as a basketball fan. He dedicated himself to basketball his senior year and it definitely showed," says Coach Dustin Miller. Torres was elected Basketball Homecoming King and is a member of the PHS Choir. Alex is the son of Cathy and Dean Crockett and Rodney and Teresa Torres.

Recognized with Honorable Mention for All District were Hayden Skinner and Blake Sieck.

Hayden Skinner, senior guard, was a forceful and energetic competitor, both on offense and defense. He averaged 13 and 14.5 points per game for the season and district games respectively. He threw in an additional 2 assists per game and

stole the ball an average of twice per game. Coach Miller says, "Hayden had an outstanding senior season. He was a nightmare for the opposing team defensively and many times late in the district season completely dominated his man offensively and defensively. His energy on the court will almost be impossible to replace." Hayden also is a member of the Harvester Golf Team. He is the son of Jeff and Kim Sinner and Traci Skinner.

Senior point guard, Blake Sieck, was also given Honorable Mention for All District Basketball. Blake has been the starting point guard for the Harvesters for three seasons now. "As our point guard for 3 seasons, Blake will be extremely difficult to replace. His assist to turnover ratio is exactly where great point guards should be. He had an extremely tough job being the extension of the coach on the floor but handled impressively," says Coach Miller. Blake led the team in assists, averaging 3.1 assists and 3.0 points per game for the season and 3.0 assists and 4.3 points for district play. In addition, Sieck is a pitcher and shortstop for the Harvester Baseball Team. He was named All District Baseball after his sophomore year. Blake is a member of the National Honor Society, PHS Show Choir, and serves as Student Body President of PHS. Blake is the son of Kevin and Tisha Sieck.

Texas author releases memoir

Local author Hope Rose, of Shamrock, Texas, shares her gripping personal story in her new memoir releasing nationwide this week, titled *Through It All*.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, Rose's book was written to offer hope and encourage faith for anyone who has gone through the trials of losing loved ones. The author shares the stories of family members lost and takes readers on a journey through the pain felt as she watched her brother go to jail, chronicling his story from conviction to redemption.

She also shares the grief she experienced when her parents and niece passed away, baring intimate details of their close relationships and showing how deeply their loss affected her. Through times were dark, Rose reveals how she remained strong in her faith in God and allowed him to lead her.

The book is available at any bookstore nationwide or can be ordered through the publisher at <http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore> or www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com or target.com. An audio version of the book also is available from the publisher.

Rose currently resides in Shamrock, Texas.

Texas retail gasoline prices surge upward

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices crept an average of 10 cents per gallon higher in Texas but still remain about \$1.24 per gallon cheaper than a year ago.

The weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Thursday finds regular self-serve was averaging \$1.92 per gallon in the 11 cities reporting. That's eight cents cheaper than the national average of \$2 per gallon.

San Antonio has the cheapest gas in the state at \$1.85 per gallon, while the most expensive is \$1.99 in El Paso.

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Truckers chapel helps spread the Lord's message

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — On a recent Sunday, inside what may be Lubbock's smallest church, the Yamaha keyboard was set to demo like always. It was playing itself softly. There was a preacher there, a deacon, the preacher's wife, and a reporter and a journalism student following the reporter for a class assignment.

That's it. There were plenty of rigs clustered across the parking lot of Chisum Travel Center, but the truckers were asleep in their racks.

Or they were inside Tech Cafe getting breakfast.

But the truckers weren't at the trailer, the one called Truckers CrossRoads Christian Chapel. Usually there's at least one or two or three truckers there.

They've had up to four. The trailer can seat 14, thanks to the pews installed atop the wheel wells.

The small tire-turned-clock hanging above the diamond aluminum lectern where Bolanle "Sam" Olaniran sat smiling had its little screwdriver on the 12 and even smaller wrench on the 10. It was time.

At 10:07, the man next to him, Tim Garrison, walked out into the parking lot, looked around and cleared his throat.

"Well, if there's not anybody here, we usually wait till about 15 after, give them just a few more minutes to get in there," Garrison said, squinting in the sun. "Dr. Sam is in the choir at Redbud, so he'll

lead us in one song. I usually open the service with prayer requests and that type of thing, and then he starts preaching."

Garrison, 63, is the deacon and administrator for Truckers CrossRoads Christian Chapel. Olaniran, 44, a Nigerian-born professor in Texas Tech's department of communication studies, is its preacher. He's been preaching there since the church moved out of the Chisum Travel Center's truckers' lounge and into its own facility across the parking lot in June.

"Truck drivers will come in here and say, 'Man, you really caught me up,'" Olaniran said. "I'll say, 'No, it's not me, it's the message.' I think that kind of lets you know you're doing it right, when people kind of get somewhat emotional. But we hope and pray it's not just a momentary thing. That it will last for the rest of their lives."

The church is a ministry of Redbud Baptist Church, where both men are members, and is loosely affiliated with the national organization Truckers' Christian Chapel Ministries.

"After we decided to build this trailer and make a church out of it, we knew we were going to need a preacher, and we had a search committee just like a regular church," Garrison said. "Those who wanted to preach here applied, and we settled on Dr. Sam. It's run just like a regular church. We don't take up an offering or anything, but if someone wants to leave something they do. We've got eight

wheels on it right now. If it was hooked up to a truck, it'd be an 18 wheeler."

Garrison doesn't drive trucks. But one day he was on his way to Amarillo, and he saw this big truck pull off the road at the big Texaco in New Deal where all these other trucks had stopped, and the Lord just put this idea in his mind.

"I don't know, I just thought there ought to be a truck stop ministry," he said.

That was six years ago. There's been a truck stop ministry in Lubbock ever since.

Inside, tacked to the wood panel walls Garrison put up, a map of the United States wears a constellation of colored pins stretching from the South Plains to the Carolinas, and as far away as Bellingham, Wash. That's where Jerry L. Holmes Jr. is from.

"I think the place is great," said Holmes, 40, who was hauling windmill hubs on a flatbed Columbia Freightliner out of the Lubbock rail yard when he stopped at the Chisum Travel Center in June. "I think it's wonderful that there are truckers' chapels for us truckers that are seeking the salvation of God. I'm a born-again Christian. God is my dispatcher and it's just nice."

Holmes — Mountain Beaver when he's on the road — was the first and only trucker to seek the salvation of God at the church's first service held in the trailer. He's traveled farther to get there than any driver since.

In eight months, about 40 have come.

On Feb. 15, there were none. It happens.

No matter. Garrison walked back inside.

"We'd like to welcome you here this morning," he said. "I realize you're from The Avalanche-Journal and you do have a purpose here, but God probably had a little bit to do with it. We feel like he did. Does anyone have a prayer request we could pray about this morning? ... Well, if there are no further prayer requests, we'll go to the Lord in prayer."

The journalism student didn't close his eyes. The reporter peeked a little.

"Lord, we thank you for this day," Garrison said.

"We just give you all the praise and the honor and glory for everything we received this past week and pray that the message that we hear this morning will help each of us to leave with a changed heart and learn a little bit more about you and what you want us to do and how you want us to do it. And Father, we thank you for the two guests we have this morning. We ask your blessings on them and your guidance and direction. We thank you for the love and grace and direction in our lives and in Christ's name we pray, Amen."

Olaniran stood up and sang hymn No. 263, "Revive Us Again." Then he opened his Bible.

"The Scripture tells us that faith is not things that we can see, but evidence in things hoped for," he said.

Outside, there was the hiss of air brakes.

Enron's Skilling hearing set for July

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has set former Enron Chief Executive Jeff Skilling's resentencing hearing for July 30 and created rules for victims of the Enron scandal to voice their opinions before the sentencing.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake set a May 29 deadline for Enron victims to state in writing if they want to be heard in court that day and to accept written comments from victims who do not wish to speak in court. Lake also ordered the government to take out newspaper ads to explain this to victims, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday in its online edition.

Skilling, who is serving a 24-year

term at a prison in suburban Denver, was tried in 2006. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in January that a re-sentencing hearing

should be held because it said Lake improperly applied a sentencing guideline that resulted in a longer prison term.

Design chosen for nuclear reactor

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A spokesman for Exelon Nuclear says the company planned to use the same design for its proposed nuclear plant in Victoria County as one planned in Matagorda County.

The company signed an agreement with General Electric Hitachi to build two 1,350-megawatt advanced boiling water reactors at the Victoria County site, company spokesman Craig Nesbit said in Thursday's online edition of the Victoria

Advocate. The paper reported that Exelon Nuclear is attempting to take over NRG Energy, part owner of the proposed Matagorda County nuclear site.

Texas is home to two nuclear power plants — the South Texas Project near Bay City in Matagorda County and an existing plant at Comanche Creek about 80 miles southwest of Dallas.

Tejada gets probation for misleading Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an apology to Congress, baseball fans and the kids who looked up to him, All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada received a sentence of one year of probation Thursday for misleading Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Tejada faced possible prison time, but U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay issued a sentence of probation, 100 hours of community service and a \$5,000 fine. Kay waived drug testing often required of other convicts on probation and said he wouldn't restrict the Houston Astros player's travel.

Tejada stood before the judge and gave a 45-second statement, speaking softly in accented English. He said he takes "full responsibility for not answering the question" and apologized to Congress, fans of his sport, "and especially the kids."

He added: "I learned a very important lesson."

Last month, the 34-year-old athlete pleaded guilty to withholding information when questioned by a House committee's investigators in August 2005 about an ex-teammate's use of steroids and human growth hormone.

He also acknowledged he bought HGH while playing for the Oakland Athletics, but said he threw the drugs away without using them. Prosecutors said they have no

evidence to contradict that.

Tejada did not stop to take questions as he left the courtroom or on his way out of the building. Asked by a reporter if he was relieved, Tejada replied, "Yes."

"He's looking forward to playing ball," said one of his lawyers, Mark Tuohey.

The five-time All-Star and 2002 AL MVP is the first high-profile player convicted of a crime stemming from baseball's steroids era. He was sentenced at the same federal courthouse where a grand jury has been meeting to determine whether seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens should be indicted on charges of lying to Congress about whether he used steroids and human growth hormone.

Tejada faced up to a year imprisonment and a fine up to \$100,000, but Kay followed the recommendation of prosecutors who said he deserved the lighter sentence. Prosecutors noted that a \$5,000 fine should not be a hardship for Tejada, who has earned more than \$50 million over his baseball career.

"We're happy that this issue is resolved," Astros general manager Ed Wade said in a statement released by the team. "Miguel can now focus on baseball and direct all of his energy toward being a key member of the Astros. It was resolved the way Miguel and his representatives

believed it would be, and we can now all move forward."

U.S. Attorney Steven Durham told Kay that Tejada made a bad decision to mislead Congress.

"No one has that right — not the people who are well-known, not the people who are unknown," Durham said. "Since that point and time, he's made a series of good choices."

Durham praised Tejada for lifting himself out of the depths of poverty in the Dominican Republic and described him as hardworking, a mentor to young players who gives back to the community and cares for his father. He also said Tejada has accepted responsibility for his crime, understood what he did wrong and has no prior record.

Tuohey thanked the prosecutors for their gracious remarks and said he couldn't have said it better himself.

Kay told Tejada that he obviously was very successful through hard work and athletic skill, but that his achievements didn't minimize the seriousness of the crime. The judge said Congress was trying to protect baseball with its investigation, but he had no doubt that Tejada regretted his action. He said he hoped Tejada would use his status as a hero to young people to encourage disadvantaged youth and specifically tell them to avoid

conduct that violates the law.

Tejada's case grew out of the March 17, 2005, congressional hearings on steroids in baseball at which Mark McGwire refused "to talk about the past," and Rafael Palmeiro — Tejada's teammate with the Baltimore Orioles — jabbed a finger toward lawmakers and denied taking steroids.

Palmeiro was suspended by baseball later that year after failing a drug test. That House panel looked into whether Palmeiro should be investigated for perjury; he said the positive test must have been caused by a tainted B-12 vitamin injection given to him by Tejada.

That led investigators to Tejada, who was questioned at a Baltimore hotel. He was not under oath, but court documents say he was advised "of the importance of providing truthful answers."

During that interview, Tejada told congressional staff "he had no knowledge of other players using or even talking about steroids or other banned substances," court documents say.

But in the Mitchell report, Oakland outfielder Adam Piatt is cited saying he discussed steroid use with Tejada and provided Tejada with testosterone and HGH. The report included copies of checks allegedly written by Tejada to Piatt in March 2003 for \$3,100 and \$3,200.

NM man saw "economic warfare"

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A New Mexico man who admitted to sending threatening letters containing suspicious powder to dozens of banks and federal offices across the country says he did so as part of "economic warfare."

In a letter to The Associated Press, Richard Goyette wrote that he was responding to government incompetence, corruption and "illegal acts by corporate insiders" that contributed to the financial meltdown.

"I saw this as economic warfare with one side not taking any retaliatory hits," he said.

Goyette faces 15 years in prison after pleading guilty this month to mailing 65 to letters last fall to the banks and offices.

No one was injured from exposure to the letters and the powder was found to be calcium carbonate, a major component of blackboard chalk.

In a plea agreement with federal prosecutors, Goyette, 47, pleaded guilty March 16 to one count of threats and false information and one count of threats and hoaxes. His sentencing could be sometime in May.

Officials have said Goyette was apparently upset about losing more than \$60,000 in Washington Mutual Bank stock he held when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation took it over in late September. The next day, the FDIC sold the bank's deposits, branches and loan portfolio to JP Morgan Chase & Co. for a small fraction of their combined value.

Goyette had been indicted on one count of threats and false information and 64 counts of threats and hoaxes after mailing letters from Amarillo to 52 offices and banks in 11 states and the District of Columbia in October.

Had he gone to trial, Goyette writes, he wanted

to subpoena federal officials, including former Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, the heads of the FDIC and the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the chief executive officer of Washington Mutual.

"It was my intention to have them testify under oath, but the potential risks of obtaining a lengthy sentence versus a set sentencing range in a plea agreement will most likely result in not having a trial," his handwritten letter states. "The acts I took were the result of a culmination of events that took place over the past 5-6 years in the market."

"It has been a one sided transfer of wealth the past 4-5 years at the detriment of the average investor and pension funds."

Goyette was accused of sending some of the 64 letters to Chase Bank locations in Colorado, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Ohio. He sent others to the FDIC's offices in Arlington, Va.;

Washington, D.C.; and Dallas; and to thrift supervision offices in Chicago; Daly City, Calif.; Jersey City, N.J.; Irving, Texas, and Washington, D.C.

Each letter contained a threat that the person breathing the white powder inside would die within 10 days.

A 65th letter, sent to the headquarters of JPMorgan Chase in New York City, contained no powder but threatened to the "McVeighing of your corporate headquarters within six months," prosecutors said. Timothy McVeigh was the domestic terrorist executed for bombing a federal building and killing 168 people in Oklahoma City in 1995.

Goyette, who years ago attended community college in Amarillo, was working for a New Mexico energy provider at the time of his Feb. 2 arrest. He remained in the Randall County Jail on Thursday.

NRCS reopens two application periods for grant programs

Temple, Tx, March 3, 2009 — The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced submission of proposal applications for the 2009 Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) has been reopened until April 1, 2009. The previous deadline to submit applications was March 2.

Project proposals from

eligible partners may be sent to the Chief of NRCS per the previously issued Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP). Applicants who submitted proposals in time to meet the original deadline may re-submit applications with modifications to those proposals by the new deadline of April 1. Applicants who have already submitted are not required to re-

submit, but may do so in order to address the new ranking considerations.

The announcement to reopen the application period adds new ranking considerations to address energy conservation, renewable energy production, mitigating climate change and facilitating climate change adaptation, and carbon sequestration. In addition, NRCS also

announced the application period for 2009 Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) funding has been extended to March 20, 2009. The previous deadline to submit applications was March 2.

For more information, contact the Pampa NRCS office at 665-1751.

Local, not state issues on ballot

AUSTIN — While Texans will go to the polls on May 9 to decide many local issues, there are no statewide propositions on the ballot that day, according to Secretary of State Hope Andrade.

Rumors — fueled by an e-mail circulating around the state — of a constitutional amendment on the ballot regarding the homestead tax are not

accurate, Andrade said.

"Our office has been contacted by many citizens that received or heard of the e-mail," said Andrade. "We want to make sure people have correct information and are prepared to vote on the issues before them. Many cities, school districts and other local entities will be holding important elections, but there are no

statewide constitutional amendments on the May 9 ballot."

The deadline to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 9. Individuals who need to register to vote may obtain an application from several county offices, many post offices, libraries, or from the Secretary of State's voter information Web site: www.VOTEXAS.org.

NRCS will restore flood-prone lands with economic recovery funding

Temple, TX, March 9, 2009 — The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide up to \$145 million to eligible landowners nationwide through the floodplain easement component of its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program to restore an estimated 60,000 acres of frequently flooded land to their natural state.


Eligible landowners throughout Texas can sign up for these easements from March 9 — 27, 2009, at their local USDA Service Center. State, county, and city governments are also eligible to participate.

Floodplains are those lands that have been damaged by flooding at least twice in the previous 10 years or at least once in the last 12 months or would be inundated or adversely impacted as a result of a dam breach.

"We will be working with landowners who want to restore floodplains to their natural condition by placing their land into easements," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "These restored floodplains will generate many public and private benefits, such as increased flood protection, enhanced fish and wildlife habi-

at, improved water quality, and a reduced need for future public disaster assistance after flooding."

The funding, obtained from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, includes both technical and financial assistance to restore the easements. All funds will be spent on targeted projects that can be completed with economic stimulus monies. The goal is to have all floodplain easements acquired and restored within 12-18 months. No more than \$30 million can be spent in any one state.




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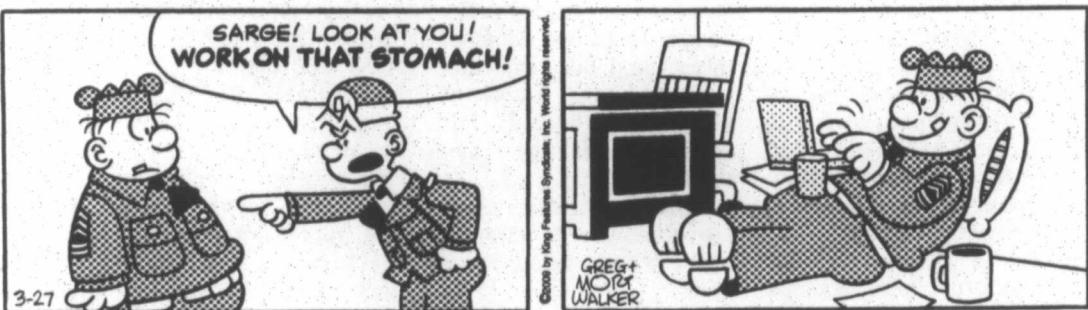
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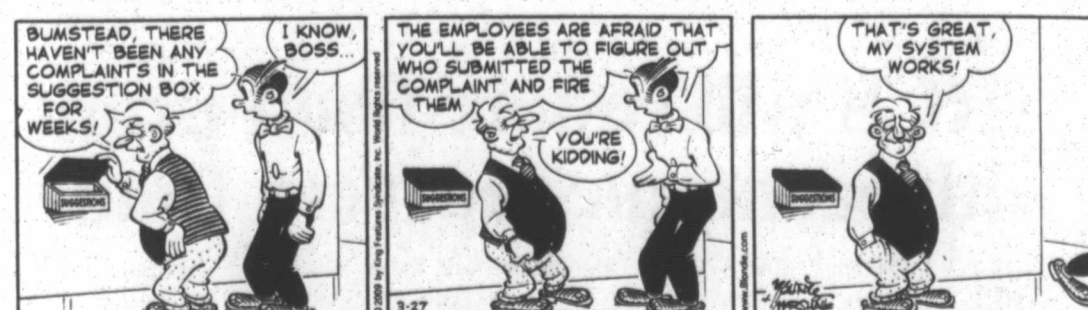
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 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 *** What has been a bone of contention can be leveled out. Direct communication works, especially with a sensitive issue. Do choose a private spot to chat. If you get a strong feeling — especially financially — act on it. Tonight: Your treat.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Your smile finally has the impact you desire. Travel, long-distance communication and a renewed perspective mix. Be willing to adjust your plans. Something whispered in your ear could be significant. Listen well. Tonight: A friend pushes you hard.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ** Play the day low-key, with the exception of a child or younger friend. Be honest about your needs. If you must, deal with a difficult elder. A partner relaxes and finally opens up. Tonight: Go for private and discreet.
CANCER (June 21-July 2)
 ***** Friends let you know in no uncertain terms that they would like your company. The real question remains whether a key partner can let go of jealousy or a need to be possessive. Information comes in from afar. Do you need to adjust your plans? Tonight: Is a trip in the near future possible?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Others want your attention. Easily, you could be on overload. A demanding partner could only add to the pressure. Adjust your pace and be willing to change plans. Flexibility could make events and people easier to deal with. Tonight: In the limelight.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Take an overview and decide what will work best. Your creativity gives plans and people an infusion of happiness and energy. Be open to an unusual idea or thought. Communication flourishes between you and another person. Tonight: Go for offbeat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Togetherness is earmarked by excellent communication. Someone wants to be the apple of your eye and have your attention, no matter what. New beginnings come from relating this closely to a special friend or loved one. Tonight: Dinner for two.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Clearly others want you involved. Make it your pleasure to be involved. Share a favorite pastime or hobby with a younger friend or child. You need more of an outlet. Take up a new physical sport or pastime. What would you like to do most? Tonight: Sort through invitations.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 *** Share more with a loved one or child. Talk about feelings and share a favorite pastime. It really doesn't matter what you do, as long as you do it together. A family member also wants to enlist you in a project. Tonight: Be a couch potato.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Honor your feelings and desires. You feel the beginning of spring, if not have a case of spring fever. Laugh and relax with those who are lighthearted. If someone acts aggressively, know that you could choose to respond differently. Tonight: Turn on the heat.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 *** Deal with familial and domestic matters. You might want to bypass another's demands and do more of what you want. A talk or phone call evokes very strong feelings. Do nothing halfway. Check out a purchase that could impact the quality of your life. Tonight: At home.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You won't allow a situation to die down. Your fiery nature emerges in a conversation. Could you have been sitting on some anger? Express your feelings before they hit this level. Reach out for a special friend. Tonight: Out and about.
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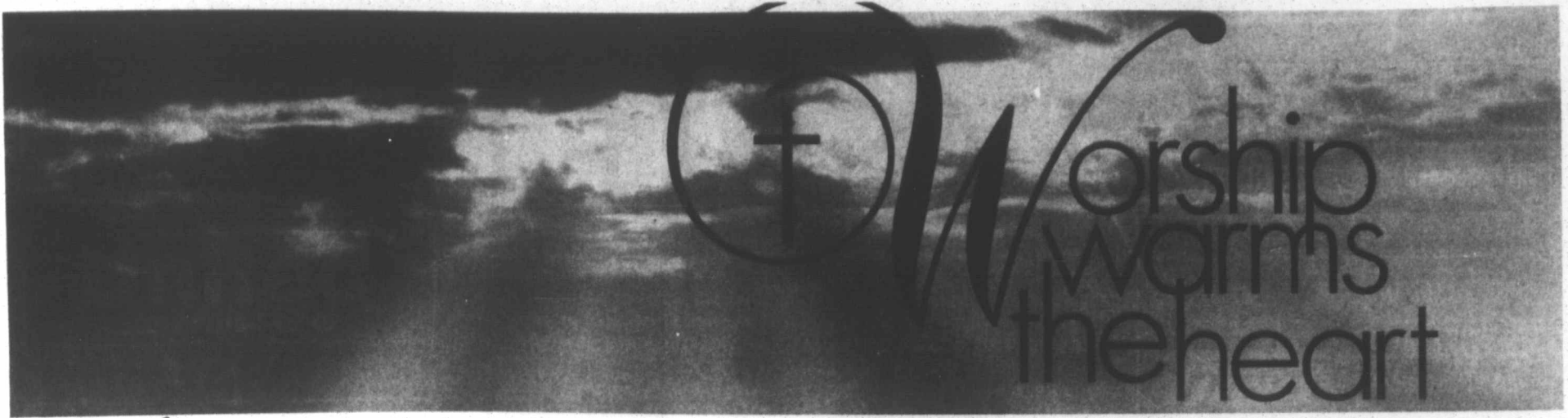
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“Kings” a wealth of biblical imagery

by **Rev. Kenny Rigoulot**
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

When I first began seeing previews for NBC's new TV-drama, "Kings," I was intrigued. I thought the show was going to consider what America would be like if we had a monarchy rather than a democracy.

So last week I tuned in to see if the show would catch my interest.

It did, but it was not because of a political thought experiment but because of its biblical moorings.

It did not take long before my family and I recognized that the names of people and places in the show are from the Bible, more specifically 1 Samuel.

The king and his children have names that are derived from the Hebrew names of the first king of Israel and his family: Silas for Saul (Ian McShane), Jack for Jonathan (Sebastian Stan), and Michelle for Michal (Allison Miller).

The surname, Benjamin, is the name of the twelfth tribe of Israel. Reverend Samuels (Eamonn Walker) represents the prophet Samuel, from which the biblical books of 1 and 2 Samuel get their name.

David Shepherd (Chris Egan) represents the seventh son of Jesse, a shepherd by trade, and a "man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). David is known for slaying Goliath, a giant in the Bible and a tank in the show. The name for the country Gilboa comes from a range that served as the setting for the battle between Israel and the Philistines. Shiloh, the capitol city in the show, was the name of the religious center of Israel during the time of the Judges. These names are not a coincidence.

This show appears to be an adaptation of the biblical stories from 1 and 2 Samuel.

As a Christian, this raises a lot of questions for me. Is it the studio's intention to retell the biblical story in a modern context? If so, why was it not promoted as such?

At the beginning of the show, the king says in a speech that it is not popular to speak of God but he does so because he feels blessed.

Is this the motivation behind the show's production?

Are the studio executives trying to talk about God incognito?

Are they trying to share the stories of the Bible in a non-threatening way? Or did they choose to retell these stories because they felt like there is "nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes)?

How close is the studio planning to stick to the biblical stories?

I enjoyed the first two episodes and I am planning to watch the rest of the first season.

I am interested to hear how the

public will respond. Will people recognize the biblical story? Will people consult the Bible to see what really happened? Will they shrug their shoulders and change the channel?

Would more or less folks watch the show if they knew it was based on the Bible? How do Jews and Christians feel about a TV show adapting stories they consider scripture?

The studio will obviously need some ability to adjust the stories to fit a different context and to maintain interest, but I hope they stay close to the biblical model.

I would encourage folks to watch the show, read their bibles, and reflect on how God is speaking to them today. You can watch past episodes on www.nbc.com. If you choose to watch, some things we should remember are: 1) This is not our story, it's God's story; 2) We are called to share God's story; and 3) even if the show becomes a bad adaptation, it can be a great teaching moment. But first things first, we need to know the Bible before we can comment on how other's portray it. Perhaps it is time to read or re-read 1 and 2 Samuel. If you would like to comment on this review or read more of my comments on the show and other topics, you can do so at www.revrigoulot.blogspot.com or by finding the link on our church website, www.pampap-cusa.org.

Before I conclude this article I would like to point out some images and references to the resurrection found in the first episode. When David fixes Reverend Samuel's car, the reverend exclaims, "The dead has arisen." This could be preacher-talk for a car being fixed, but it may also be a subtle attempt to suggest that the dead can come back to life.

The butterfly is an important symbol in the show as it is prominently displayed on the Gilboa's flags and uniforms. When my family and I watched the first episode, my dad suggested that it was silly to have a butterfly on your flag because there is nothing less intimidating than a butterfly. However, the butterfly has served as a symbol of the resurrection for centuries.

Caterpillars seem to die when they form their cocoons and they seem to come back to life better than before when they emerge as butterflies. Butterflies may be peaceful, but they are powerful images of the life that overcomes death. It may not make much political or military sense, but God's foolishness is wiser than our wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:25). I would like to encourage people to watch the show and reflect on these Judeo-Christian stories, images, and themes as they are being presented by NBC.

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