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Bates exhibit opens at museum by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com An exhibit showcasing a Pampa woman's collection of antique and elegant

dresses and accessories dating back to the 1880's opens tomorrow (April 1) at the White Deer Land Museum.

The collection of flapper dresses, cocktail dresses, and wraps belonged to Bette Bates, a Pampa woman who died late last year. Bette's family donated the collection to the museum.

According to museum curator Anne Davidson, Bates was a collector of fashion items and used to put on style shows in the 1950's through the1970's at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

"She was a lovely woman and very refined," Davidson said of Bates and her collection. Her collection includes a variety of dresses from different eras, some which are family heirlooms belonging to her

grandmother in the late 1800's and many others belonging to her mother. One simple small red dress, Bates wore as a young girl, nearly 70 years ago.

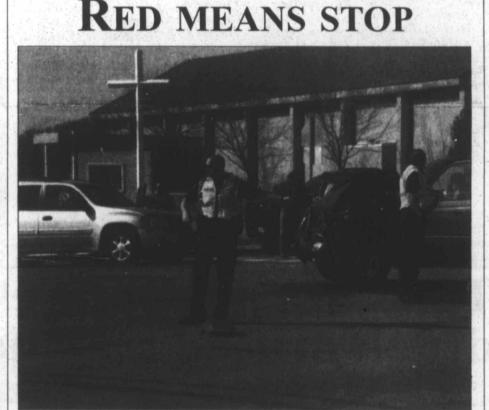
Other items include a summer frock with handmade lace and a blue underslip dating back to the 1900's, a heavy taffeta dress from the 1880's with a fox fur shoulder wrap, with the fox head still intact.

"Everything was handmade and very elegant," Davidson said of the collection. The collection included many dresses from the 1920's, flapper dresses with heavy bead work and cocktail dresses, which could easily be worn and considered beautiful today, Davidson said. The collection extends beyond formal wear to include an American Red Cross nurses uniform worn in World War II, a bonnet

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An exhibit featuring the vintage clothing collection of Bette Bates opens tomorrow at White Deer Land Museum.



Two area men sentenced to prison terms

by Rachel Stennett while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age The 31st District Court because he pleaded guilty to another cause in County Court.

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A Pampa Police Department officer directs traffic after a motor vehicle accident occurred at 5 p.m. yesterday at the intersection of 23rd Street and Perryton Parkway, after a vehicle ran a stop light. Kimberly McCall Curtis was driving a Toyota Land Cruiser northbound on Perryton Parkway when she disregarded the traffic light at the intersection. Alicia Snelgrooes was driving westbound from the 500 block of West 23rd when McCall drove through the intersection and hit her vehicle. No persons in the vehicles were seriously injured. Curtis was issued a citation for disregarding a red light.

Senate committee passes budget

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -The Senate Finance Committee gave unanimous approval Monday to a two-year, \$182 billion state budget, that includes \$11 billion in federal stimulus money.

The proposal for 2010-2011, at least for now, overcomes a multibillion dollar gap between the amount of state revenue available and spending needs for the budget period. Most of the money is spent on education and health care.

"The budget committee worked hard to address

many, many needs in state government," said state Sen. Steve Ogden, chairman of the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee. "We wouldn't have been able to do it without the federal stimulus money."

Ogden said he expects the full Senate to take up the budget on Wednesday.

State dollars, made up mostly of sales tax revenue and other taxes, comprise almost 48 percent of the total budget. Federal funds, including the stimulus money, make up about 36 percent of the budget.

Counting all funds, the plan spends about \$53 billion on public education, which makes up the largest portion of spending, based on current school finance law and projected student enrollment growth. But the bill also sets aside \$1.9 billion, contingent on the Legislature adopting a new

school finance plan. Federal stimulus money also is used to pay for textbooks in the plan.

While the committee gave 14-0 approval, a couple of senators expressed concern about measures in Stession - cont. on page 3

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disposed of five cases on March 19, sentencing two men to serve time in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Institutional Division.

Rickie Eugene Cates was sentenced to four years of confinement in the Texas Department, of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division for driving while intoxicated, enhanced, a second-degree felony. Cates was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine. He waived a jury trial.

Colby Wayne Scott was sentenced of 15 months of confinement in TDCJ for evading arrest with a vehicle. Scott was also ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine. He waived a jury trial. Scott was also sentenced for serve five years confinement at TDCJ, Institutional Division for manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance, greater than one gram, less than four grams. Scott was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine. Both sentences were ordered to run together concurrently.

A motion to dismiss was granted to Romeryl Edward Dowdy for driving

A motion to dismiss was granted to Karen Lynell Hathcoat for fraudulent possession of a controlled substance/prescription schedule III/IV because Hathcoat pleaded guilty in a different cause number in the 31st District Court of Gray County. Hathcoat was granted an order of deferred adjudication for fraudulent possession of a controlled substance/prescription schedule III/IV, a third-degree felony. Hathcoat was sentenced to serve four years of deferred adjudication probation, and a \$1,500 fine.

Adam Anthony Jaramillo had a clerical mistake corrected in his court case. The new court order said that Jaramillo was convicted of a felony and sentenced to five years confinement and a \$2,000 fine. The court moved for Jaramillo's probation to be revoked and impose the punishment assessed, Jaramillo was sentenced for 22 days confinement in Gray County Jail, ordered Court-cont. on page 3

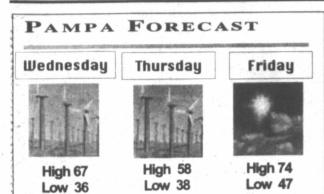
I-40 lane closure

Bushland - The Texas Department of Public Safety will be shutting down part of I-40 tomorrow to conduct an accident reconstruction. Eastbound lanes will be closed starting at Arnot Road and will be diverted to the service road, Westbound traffic will be down to one lane. The closure will last from 9:30 a.m. till 11:30 p.m. or longer depending on the amount of time needed to conclude the reconstruction.





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Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Wind chill values between 30 and 40 early. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mpn, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with

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Grain prices

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

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

Monday Officers conducted 14

traffic stops. A total of 10 calls and/or stops concerning animals were reported.

Theft was reported int he 500 block of North Lowry, and at Dollar General, 601 block of East Frederic, where candy, make-up, and clothing were stolen, value \$9.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Murhphy.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 2500 Perryton block of Parkway, the 1100 block of West Alock, and the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Duncan. harrassment Phone

waas reported in the lobby of the PD.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 100 block of North Russell, and the 1700 block of North Hobart. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 500 block of East Francis.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Fraud was reported in the lobby of the PD, where checks were forged, value \$120.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of Hughes. Tuesday

Officers conducted seven traffic stops.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of Neel.

Bartholomew Martinez, A prowler was reported 30, of Pampa was arrested

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Micahel Dewayne Cox, 45, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for public intoxication.

Melissa Ann Vanover, 36, of Wichita Falls was arrested by the Texas Rangers for warrants on theft of property, greater than \$20 but less than \$500 by check, possession transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, greater than four grams, but less than 200 grams, five counts of issuance of a bad checks, no valid driver's license, and possession of a controlled substance.

Jesus Rodriguez, 29, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for unlawful carrying of a weapon, and no driver's license.

Dwayne Kevin Nickleberry, 39, of Amarillo was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated, second, possession of marijuana, and no driver's license.

Riley Matthew Archibald, 31, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Kerry Lynn Cloud, 37, of Mobeetie was arrested by the PPD for a terroristic threat.

Jeffery Mearl Findley, 41, of Borger was arrested by the GCSO for bond surrender on burglary of a building.

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

Billy Ray Swanson, 41, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for 12 warrant char

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Brandy Elaine Devine, 54, of McLean was arrested by the PPD for theft of property.

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

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

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

Tobias Jajuan Rich, 28, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for four warrant counts.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday

7:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa **Regional Medical Center** and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Perry and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hjobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to PWTH Pavillion. 5:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded ot the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-14-19-25. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,598. Winning ticket purchased in San Antonio. Matching four of five: 90. Prize: \$118. Matching three of five: 3,092. Prize: \$8. Matching two of five: 29,375. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-24-28-30. Bonus Ball: 25

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Number matching four of four: 9. Prize: \$1,375. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 31. Prize: \$49.

Number matching three of four: 896. Prize: \$23. Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 689. Prize: \$20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4.507. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,230. Prize: \$5

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$300,000

North Texas police find 21 cats in motel

PLANO, Texas (AP) - A man who previously kept dead animals in cold storage and dozens more living in filthy conditions in a Dallas home was under investigation Monday after police found almost two dozen cats in his suburban motel room.

Plano police stopped Ron Teague on Sunday and found he had outstanding warrants for animal cruelty and outdated animal vaccinations related to his previous ease. Teague told police Monday morning that several cats at a Plano motel needed attention, The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition

When officers went to the motel, they found 21 cats in a room

Authorities say newspapers found in the room suggest Teague had obtained cats listed in classified ads. Officials also found receipts showing Teague had been paying for several motel rooms for some time.

It's unclear how long Teague had kept the cats at the motel or if he had been living there. Plano Animal Services will decide whether to press animal cruelty charges once the conditions of the cats have been assessed, department manager Jamey Cantrell said.

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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 three war-

Texas Senate approves drunk-driving crackdown

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas, which has more alcohol-related traffic deaths than any other state, would allow police to set up sobriety roadblocks and force more drunk-driving suspects to give blood or breath samples under legislation approved in the state Senate Monday.

The bill allowing police checkpoints in large counties and cities passed the Senate 20-11 Monday. The chamber unanimously passed separate legislation aimed at forcing compliance from motorists who initially refuse to give breath samples when police suspect they're intoxicated.

Both bills still have hurdles to overcome, including passage in the House, before becoming law.

Texas is one of only 11 states that does not allow sobriety checkpoints, according to a Senate analysis. The U.S. Supreme has ruled that checkpoints are constitutional but haven't been allowed in Texas since 1994. That's when a state court ruled they violated the Texas Constitution because there were no statewide guidelines.

The author of the sobriety check-

points legislation, Republican Sen. John Carona of Dallas, said the bill would make the roads safer while protecting civil liberties.

"We're not taking anyone's rights away," Carona said. "We're trying to ensure that my right and your right to drive safely on the roadway and be protected from drunk drivers is preserved."

Under his bill, SB 261, only the police in counties with a population of 250,000 or more, and cities with a population of 500,000 or more, would be allowed to set up roadblocks to check for drunk drivers.

According to the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration, Texas' 1,292 deaths in alcohol-related crashes in 2007 were the most in the nation. Another 30,000 were injured.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, police agencies and many local government associations support creating sobriety checkpoints. But civil libertarians and criminal defense attorneys say sobriety checkpoints are ineffective, promote racial profiling and treat innocent people like criminals.

Under the legislation, police would be required to consider the number of drunken driving arrests and accidents in an area the previous year. And checkpoints would have to be chosen without regard to the ethnic or economic makeup of an area. Police would also be required to announce the checkpoints in advance.

"Every law-abiding Texan could now be forced to stop and have contact with a police agency," Whitmire said. "If you're minding your own business you ought not be bothered."

Earlier Monday, the Senate passed a bill giving law enforcement more latitude in forcing motorists to submit to breath or blood tests. Currently, half of all Texans arrested for Driving While Intoxicated refuse a breathalyzer test, according to a Senate analysis.

Under a bill by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, police could take a breath or blood sample if the officer believes that the person caused a serious accident, was driving drunk while transporting a child or has evidence that the person had two prior DWI convictions.

Nine Houston firefighters, two others injured in wreck

HOUSTON (AP) - Eleven people, including nine firefighters, were injured Monday when two fire trucks responding to a call collided, officials said.

The fire trucks were responding to a report of an apartment fire when they collided at an intersection as one vehicle was going west and the other was going north, said Houston

District Fire Chief Tommy Dowdy. The force of the collision flipped one of the truck's onto a vehicle at

the intersection. Dowdy said two of the firefighters were severely injured and remain hospitalized. The other seven firefighters were treated at local hospitals and released.

A woman on a bicycle who was hit

by one of the trucks was in critical condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital. The driver of the vehicle was also injured.

Fire department officials later determined the apartment fire the two trucks were responding to was a false alarm.

The cause of the accident is still being investigated.

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Bates collection at museum

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worn in the 1880's, and a er." parasol, which Davidson said was a key element to an outfit. "You weren't fully dressed without a parasol," she said.

"These clothes are in excellent condition, and I thought women would want to see them," Bates said. "The clothes might bring memories back to Gray County women who knew Better and her moth-

Some items in the collection are more recent, coming from the 1960's and 1970's, like a poodle skirt designed with umbrellas on it.

Davidson said she thought the collection was important to show to people who were alive during these time periods, but also to a younger generation who have never seen these

Two sentenced

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to pay \$700 to the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, and probation was extended for 12 months.

The court moved to revoke probation for Matthew Tyler Trusty, after he violated probation. On June 22,2006 Trusty was sentenced to ten years

confinements, a \$2,000 fine, and restitution of \$4,629 but was placed on probation. On March 19, 2009, the court revoked the probation. The defendant pleaded true the allegations stating he violated his probation, and the court imposed additional conditions on his probation terms. Trusty was

ordered to 60 days confinement in Gray County Jail, ordered to pay \$599 to Community the Supervision and Corrections Department in 60 days, and ordered to pay restitution to the City of Pampa in the amount of \$2,313.27.

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"There is a whole gener-

ation of people who

haven't seen these clothes.

For some, the 60's feels like it was 100 years ago."

Senate passes budget

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health and human services spending, including a provision that prohibits state money being spent on research that destroys human embryos.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said she was concerned the measure was added to the budget without allowing for public testimony.

Ogden said the provision could be debated by the full chamber before the budget is adopted.

The federal stimulus money is less than 10 percent of the total Senate budget. Another \$3.3 billion in federal stimulus money has been set aside for spending in the current budget period, which ends this summer.

The House is working on its own version of the budget, which is expected to come to a vote next month.

The two-year state budget is the one piece of legislation lawmakers are legally required to adopt during the biennial legislative session, which convened earlier this year and adjourns in June.

The budget is expected to run into some resistance in the House over the stimspending. ulus Conservatives argue it creates too much national debt and will leave Texas on the hook for funding new programs in the future, once the rescue money has dried up.

If a budget has not been given final approval by the time the regular session adjourns in June, the Legislature might be back for a special session this summer.

Hard times mean new opportunities for Big Oil

(AP)---HOUSTON begun to play out in favor

What the hell do we need Plunging crude prices have the majors for? We've got gobs of cash," said Amy Jaffe, an energy expert at Rice University's James A. Baker III Institute for

looking for deals that offer lower royalty and tax rates and a greater share of pro-



of Western oil companies in one regard, giving them leverage with oil-rich countries that only months ago had no reason to compromise.

Countries like Venezuela, Libya and Russia have kept a tight grip on their vast oil reserves in recent years as crude prices soared above \$100 per barrel, translating into big revenues. Much of that money, rather than going back into the oil industry, was spent on unrelated political and social programs.

At \$50 per barrel, these countries are far more constrained and can't adequately fund some oil and gas projects.

Experts say Western oil corporations, who stockpiled cash when profits were flush, can shift operations to any corner of the globe and have the capital that allows them to strike deals with state-controlled producers on very favorable terms. When that might happen is uncertain, but energy experts and some executives have said deals are imminent if prices remain at current levels.

The new opportunities for the major Western oil companies come even as the United States attempts to shift away from fossil fuels. Just this week, President Barack Obama said the nation must free itself "from the dangerous dependence on foreign oil.'

Still, the International Energy Agency and other forecasters have said fossil fuels will be the primary source of global energy for decades to come, and national oil companies control roughly three-quarters of the world's proven reserves. So, for Western oil companies, it makes sense to strike deals in places where they know there's crude.

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Public Policy. Now, some fields are not economical to develop with oil at current prices. In other cases, crumbling infrastructure makes the work more difficult and expensive, if not impossible, for state-run companies.

"As the economy and prices collapsed, it's a different picture," Jaffe said.

Chevron Corp., Royal Dutch Shell PLC and others have said they expect greater access to reserves in countries with nationalized oil and gas industries. something that could help them stem declining production.

But there are risks involved.

As recently as two years ago things went so badly in oil-rich Venezuela that Mobil Exxon and ConocoPhillips fled the country, leaving behind billions in assets. Libya's Moammar Gadhafi threatened earlier this year to nationalize his oil industry, again.

The reaction to oil prices, which recently hit five-year lows, is varied by country.

Saudi Arabia, the OPEC powerhouse, said it won't cut funding at its state-run Aramco. But oil production is dropping in other countries, slashing revenues that fund national budgets. Contractors are shutting down rigs in Venezuela because the government has stopped paying them.

The world's big oil corporations already do some business in countries with nationalized industries, but the terms are often slanted heavily in the country's favor. In the current environment, Yergin said, companies like Exxon and Shell will be looking for more favorable and "durable contracts, where the rules won't change."

In particular, they'll be

duction. "We're always looking

for other large resource owners and national oil companies that might be situated where we could bring a lot of value," Exxon Mobil chairman and chief executive Rex Tillerson told Wall Street analysts this month.

Even with the Obama administration's stance on oil dependency, and the potential backlash for doing business with leaders like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, closer partnerships with oil-rich countries could help avert energy spikes like the one last summer, when gasoline in the U.S. soared above \$4 a gallon for the first time.

The potential for Western oil producers to sign new exploration and production deals with resource-rich nations comes as oil majors are finding it increasingly difficult to find new reserves, in part from limited access and boost production. Big Oil output, in fact, has largely been in decline in the past few years.

And it doesn't look like the Obama administration is going to open up any new acreage at home anytime soon.

"That brings into question: Can you produce more here?" said John Felmy, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's trade association. "Certainly, (U.S. producers) would love to do that first and foremost, but they're not going to sit on their hands.

Mobil and Exxon ConocoPhillips remain in international arbitration nearly two years after Venezuela's Chavez nationalized that country's last privately run oil fields Orinoco, shouting in "Down with the U.S. empire!" as Russian-made fighter jets streaked overhead.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 31, the 90th day of 2009. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On this date: In 1809, English poet Edward FitzGerald, best known for his translation of "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," was born in Suffolk.

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway

"So often we rob tomorrow's memories by today's economies."

1945, In the Tennessee Williams "The Glass play Menagerie" opened on Broadway. 1949, In Newfoundland (now called Newfoundland

Labrador)

- John Mason Brown, American Critic and

province. In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in

entered confederation as Canada's 10th

and

a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Ten years ago: Three U.S. Army soldiers were captured by Serb forces near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border. (Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales were released more than a month later.) Four New York City police officers were charged with murder for killing Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, in a hail of bullets. (The officers were acquitted in February 2000.)

Five years ago: Four American civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah, Iraq; frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies and strung two of them from a bridge. Air America, intended as a liberal voice in network talk radio, made its debut on five stations.

One year ago: Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson announced his resignation amid the wreckage of the national housing crisis. A Bahamas jury ruled that Anna Nicole Smith's son, Daniel, died from an accidental drug overdose, just like his mother. American movie director Jules Dassin, whose Greek wife, Melina Mercouri, starred in his hit

cars are made in America or Japan or Germany. Designs have to be created, discussed, refined and broken down into potential costs that cover a wide range of issues. If even a tail light changes it affects what has to be discontinued to make a space on the assembly line and causes a momentary and expensive disruption as a

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Governor Granholm, (D) of Michigan appearing on the Today show after the news of his the company leaving referred to him as a "sacrificial lamb" apparently view-

load increased.

Now couple that with the mountain of research surrounding global warming and its affects on the environment and a growing consciousness by the American public. Every car company in the world got the memos.

Toyota and Honda started addressing the ramifications to the bottom line 20 years ago so that when the new century started they had

That holds true whether the as, "daring, self-assured, entrepreneurial people who see Hummer as being a reflection of themselves; unique."

> Apparently after the gas hikes and the downturn in the economy the buyers got over it and this year the Hummer is slated to be discontinued due to poor sales.

> That same year Honda introduced the first Honda Civic Hybrid and this year the company is coming out with a model priced under \$20,000 for a mass audience. Their bottom line is a much different picture and it all has to do with paying attention to the public.

Wagoner was asked about hybrids over the years and largely dismissed them, smiling for the camera while incessantly repeating the phrase, "as goes GM so goes the country." Let's all hope

Somebody really ought to have gotten the guy a meeting with Tadashi Arashima, CEO of Toyota Motor Europe who recently said in response to a decline in revenue, "We have decided we will not give any bonus or salary increase for the current fiscal year to anyone to share the effort to return to profitability.

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Instead, we're faced with the very real potential of an unraveling of GM. That will not only leave generations who have spent entire careers working in the plants without a job but will shutter thousands of car dealerships across America and close GM suppliers, auto repair shops and other ancillary businesses as well.

American car dealers in particular have long been the lifeblood of small town America generously providing good jobs, hefty donations to local charities and spearheading civic leadership. All of that is the real sacrificial American lamb that is the result of GM's executive suite. Wagoner can contemplate that from a million dollar perch during his retirement while all across America everyone else tries to figure out how to pay the mortgage and put food on the table.



As goes GM, so goes the country?

by Martha Randolph Carr

Rick Wagoner has been laid off. The newly-former CEO of General Motors was forced out by the Obama administration after failing to present a workable strategy in exchange for a request of \$16.6 billion in additional taxpayer dollars on top of the \$14.4 billion the company already received. The unemployed CEO was tasked with reducing the debt over the past three months and creating a plan that would further that resolve over the coming months. Instead, the debt

movie "Never on Sunday" and six more of his films, died in Athens at age 96.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Peggy Rea is 88. Actor William Daniels is 82. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 81. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 75. Actress Shirley Jones is 75. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 75. Musician Herb Alpert is 74. Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 69. Actor Christopher Walken is 66. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 64. Former Vice President Al Gore is 61. David Eisenhower is 61. Actress Rhea Perlman is 61. Actor Ed Marinaro is 59. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 54. Actor Ewan McGregor is 38. Rapper Tony Yayo is 31. Jazz musician Christian Scott is 26.



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ing him as a fallen leader who was forced to take one for the team.

The team, in case the governor has forgotten, would be the hundreds of thousands of hardworking Americans who are one step closer to losing their jobs, pensions and medical coverage as a result of Wagoner's management style. Let's review a little recent history. Nothing about the car business happens quickly.

something to offer.

GM's response was to introduce a new model of the gas-guzzling Hummer, the H2 and in 2003 stage a publicity stunt by driving a rainbow caravan of H2's to South Florida to promote the Inner-City Games Foundation chaired by California Governor Schwarzenegger. GM's Hummer marketing analyst, Randy Foutch described the Hummer buyer at the time

that one's not true.

Wagoner's more recent comments on the environment were to say that California and 16 other states should not be allowed to impose strict tailpipe emissions standards. The standards mandate that passenger cars average 43.7 mpg by 2016, which will slow global warming and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. Wagoner felt it was bad for business.

Obama tougher on autos than banks

AP Analysis by Charles Babington

President Barack Obama is dealing with the beleaguered auto industry more sternly than he has with bailed-out banks and insurers as he takes the nation another step into uncharted government regulation of industry.

By now, it may seem obvious that the government is playing major roles in running huge corporations. including banks, insurance companies and automakers receiving billions of dollars in federal aid. Yet the message is still hard to absorb by many unions, retailers and, most visibly, executives who took big bonuses or chartered jets to congressional hearings where they sought the money to keep their firms afloat.

The Obama administration, perhaps reflecting pubsentiment lic outside Michigan, has shown less patience with the auto industry than with other troubled sectors.

General Motors' chief executive, Richard Wagoner, must go, the administration said, workers must make concessions and Chrysler must pursue a merger with Italian automaker Fiat SpA if more government help is to be considered.

The administration is tightening its oversight of bailed-out financial companies, too, but it has generally been more lenient in terms of time, personnel and

other factors. Nor has Obama demanded that financial-sector workers and unions make more "painful concessions," although that sector is far less unionized than the auto industry.

Union contracts, it appears, are not as sacrosanct in the administration's opinion as the one it has left intact at AIG, which provided politically radioactive retention bonuses to employees.

The president went further down the road of federal intervention Monday. He embraced possible shortterm bankruptcy and reorganization by Chrysler and GM (Ford is not involved), an idea he had rejected as president-elect in November. Obama even advanced the novel idea of having the government back new-car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler to reassure buyers nervous about taking a chance on

those companies. "I know that when people even hear the word 'bankruptcy' it can be a bit unsettling," Obama said in his remarks at the White House. Indeed. But many other events, including plunging

job rates and savings accounts, have unsettled Americans even more.

Automakers brought much of this woe on themselves, resisting changes over the years that might have made them more efficient and competitive. Now they suffer from Americans' resentment of bailing out big companies, and from the

perception that the oncemighty auto industry is less vital to the nation's wellbeing than are financial institutions.

"The banking sector is much more important to the now," economy said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist for IHS Global Insight. The public, he said, 'is suffering from bailout fatigue."

factors give These Obama more leeway to be tough on the auto industry. As shocking as it would be to see a corporate icon like General Motors file for bankruptcy, it would do less damage to the overall economy than would the collapse of another major financial institution, several economists said.

"If they think a firm is less important to the economy, the less help they're willing to provide," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

The old saying, "as GM goes, so goes the economy," Zandi said, "no longer holds."

the Flexing White House's muscle so forcefully carries obvious risks. If the auto companies continue to wither, Obama's actions might look unwise at best, and harmful at worst.

In sheer political terms, they also might give Republicans a chance to pull Michigan into their column in a 2012 re-election bid by Obama. Labor unions are a key part of the Democratic Party's base, and auto workers feel they have made deep concessions in the benefits they had gained through collective bargaining. Their unwillingness to go further, however, is one reason the U.S. industry has not been more competitive.

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Obama tried to soften the workers' anger Monday, first noting that Michigan suffers the nation's highest unemployment rate, with more than one in 10 out of work

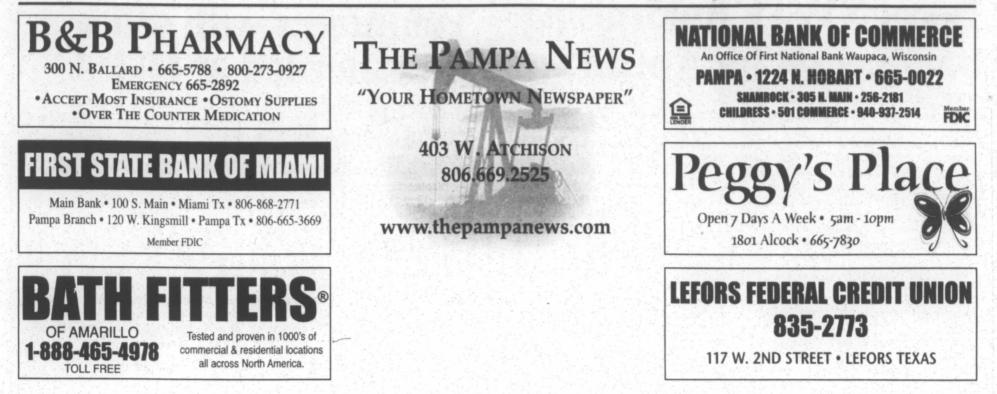
"The pain being felt in places that rely on our auto industry is not the fault of our workers, who labor tirelessly and desperately want to see their companies succeed," he said. "And it is not the fault of all the families and communities that supported manufacturing plants throughout the generations. Rather, it is a failure of leadership, from Washington to Detroit."

The politics of a troubled auto industry are murky enough to divide the Republican Party, at least for now.

"This is a marked departure from the past, truly breathtaking, and should send a chill through all Americans who believe in free enterprise," GOP Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee said of Obama's actions.

Republican Rep. Darrell Issa had the opposite view. Obama "has struck the right chord in seeking balance between supporting the American auto industry and calling for a much-needed restructuring of GM and Chrysler," he said.

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eded and All Fool's Day, also known as April Fool's Day, is celebrated annually on the first day of April. It is a time for the traditional playing of pranks upon unsuspecting people...the victim of such a prank being called an April Fool.

The origins of this custom are somewhat uncertain, but may have initially been

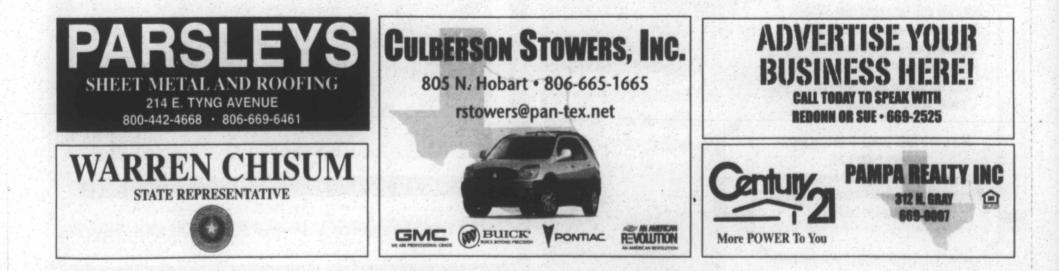
related to the arrival of Spring in late March, at which time Mother Nature is said to "fool" the human race with sudden and fickle changes in the weather...showers one minute and sunshine the next. The playing of practical jokes, however, dates back to Ancient Rome and such activities were an integral part of the Hilaria

celebrations held on March 25, a celebration which would again appear to be associated with the coming of Spring and the Vernal Equinox, held to honor the resurrection of Attis, Roman God of Vegetation who was linked to the seasonal cycle.

It is generally accepted that the All Fool's Day tradition began in France during the Sixteenth Century, when the beginning of the New Year was observed on April 1 and was celebrated in much the same way as New Year is today with parties and dancing late into the night. At that time, the festivities ran for a week, beginning on March 25, and included the exchanging of gifts. In 1582, however, during the reign of King Charles IX, Pope Gregory introduced a revised calendar for the Christian world wherein the New Year fell on January 1. Since it took some time, possibly even years, for many people to even hear word of the change (communications being what they were in the Sixteenth Century) and since others obstinately refused to accept such reform or simply forgot, New Year's Day continued to be celebrated on the first day of April in many areas Individuals who had accepted the dates of the new calendar played tricks on those who had not and referred to the unfortunate victims of such pranks as "April Fools," sending them on a "fool's errand" (an invitation to a nonexistent party, for example) or attempting to make them believe that something which was true was actually false. Over time, this practice evolved into an annual tradition of April 1 prank-playing, eventually migrating to England and Scotland during the Eighteenth Century and thus, introduced to the American colonies by British and French settlers.

In many cultures, tradition dictates that the pranking period must expire at noon on April 1 and any jokes attempted after that hour will bring back luck to the perpetrator. In addition, any who fail to respond with a good humor to tricks played upon them are said to attract bad luck unto themselves. Such victims are, however, entitled to "turn the tables" after the hour of noon with the retort: "April Fool's gone past...and you're the biggest fool at last!" It should be noted that not all April Fool superstitions are negative. Males who are fooled by a pretty female, for example, are said to be fated to marry the girl...or at least enjoy a healthy friendship with her.

The style of April Fool's pranks has changed over the years. Sending unsuspecting parties on pointless errands was a particularly prized practical joke in the early history of the celebrations. Today, however, it is often a time of initiation rites into a club or group, especially by the adult population, and it is the children who appear to truly celebrate the day complete with its original sense of abandon. Otherwise, modern pranks tend to center more around bogus telephone calls and media-driven foolery. In sum, All Fool's Day is a "for fun only" observance...a time when nobody is expected to buy gifts, receive cards or spend money and there are no vacations from work or school. The primary force behind April Fool's Day jokes and pranks are that they should not be harmful but able to be enjoyed by everyone...especially the person upon whom the joke is played.



Local NWTF fundraising banquet set for April 18

Food, fun, fellowship and fundraising are set as the main events at the 4th annual Hunting Heritage banquet, hosted by Pampa's Top of Texas Longbeard Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) April 18, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard St.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Come early to relax and enjoy social hour before the meal.

The NWTF's Hunting Heritage Banquets raise funds for wild turkey conservation while combining a great meal with a chance to swap stories with other sportsmen and women. Theyíre also a great place to meet new friends who share a passion for the outdoors, win valuable prizes and purchase items unique to the NWTF.

Tickets to the Pampa chapter's Hunting Heritage banquet cost just \$60 for couples or \$45 for singles. Banquet attendees receive an NWTF membership while doing great things for wild turkey conservation and the preservation of hunting traditions.

The cost of admission also includes a one-year subscription either to Turkey Call magazine, which includes The Caller, NWTFis member publication; Women In The Outdoors magazine for novice or experienced outdoorswomen; or Wheelini Sportsmen magazine for members with disabilities who want to pursue an outdoors lifestyle. A free subscription to JAKES Magazine for youth up to age 12 or Xtreme JAKES Magazine, an interactive online magazine just for teens who enjoy the outdoors and hunting, is

included with every ticket purchase. Those who join the NWTFis Hunting Heritage Club receive Get in the Game magazine twice annually.

For only \$250.00 banquet attendees can become Sponsor Members and receive the 2009 NWTF sponsor gift plus a oneyear subscription to Turkey Call magazine, Women In The Outdoors magazine or Wheeliní Sportsmen magazine. Reserve a corporate table that seats eight people for only \$1,000. This price includes one sponsor membership and seven regular memberships, plus \$300 worth of raffle tickets an other prizes.

The NWTFis 2,350 chapters and nearly half a million members raise money through ticket sales, silent auctions, live auctions and raffles. The money is combined with donations from corporate sponsors and individuals concerned about wildlife conservation.

To join the nation's most progressive single-species conservation organization at this event, reserve tickets by calling Richie or Heather Thompson at 806-669-7032.

For more information about the NWTF, call (800) THE-NWTF or visit www.nwtf.org.

In 1973, Tom Rodgers founded the National Wild Turkey Federation in Fredericksburg, Va., as a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation and education organization with a mission dedicated to conserving wild turkeys and preserving hunting traditions. Shortly thereafter, Rodgers relocated the NWTF to Edgefield, S.C., where it's still headquartered today.

At the time NWTF was established, there were only 1.3 million wild turkeys. Today that number stands at more than seven million birds throughout North America, thanks to the efforts of state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTF and its members and partners.

Growth and progress define the NWTF as it has expanded from 1,300 members in 1973 to nearly a half million today. With that growth has come impressive strides in wildlife management as the NWTF has forged dynamic partnerships across the country to further its conservation mis-Together, sion. the NWTF's partners, sponsors and grassroots members have raised and spent more than \$286 million upholding hunting traditions and conserving nearly 14 million acres of wildlife habitat.

While wild turkey restoration is nearing completion, the NWTF still has much work to do. Across North America, supporters are working to enhance habitat for wild turkeys and other wildlife while providing hunters with more opportunities and access to public and private land. In addition, NWTF volunteers and partners are introducing youth, women and people with disabilities to the outdoors through special educational events.If you would like to become a member of Team NWTF, join a committee or start a chapter, please visit our Web site at http://www.nwtf.org or call us at 800-THE-NWTF.

Volunteers with office skills needed at HHSC

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is seeking volunteers to serve as office assistants within the Eligibility Services program in Pampa. skills while gaining work experience -HHSC has a number of activities to keep you involved: Pull cases for appointments; make agency and community referrals for individuals and

Eligibility Services helps provide low-income families with basic food, financial and medical assistance through the following programs: Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, (TANF), and Medicaid. Tasks available are varied and placement is based upon the volunteeris interest, capability and availability of openings.

Volunteering with HHSC is a rewarding way to give back to your community and make a difference. If you have a love for organization or simply want to retain your office skills or learn office skills while gaining work experience -HHSC has a number of activities to keep you involved: Pull cases for appointments; make agency and community referrals for individuals and families; assist families complete applications for assistance; file; collate forms; compile case folders and applications; answer phones; process mail; copy and fax documents.

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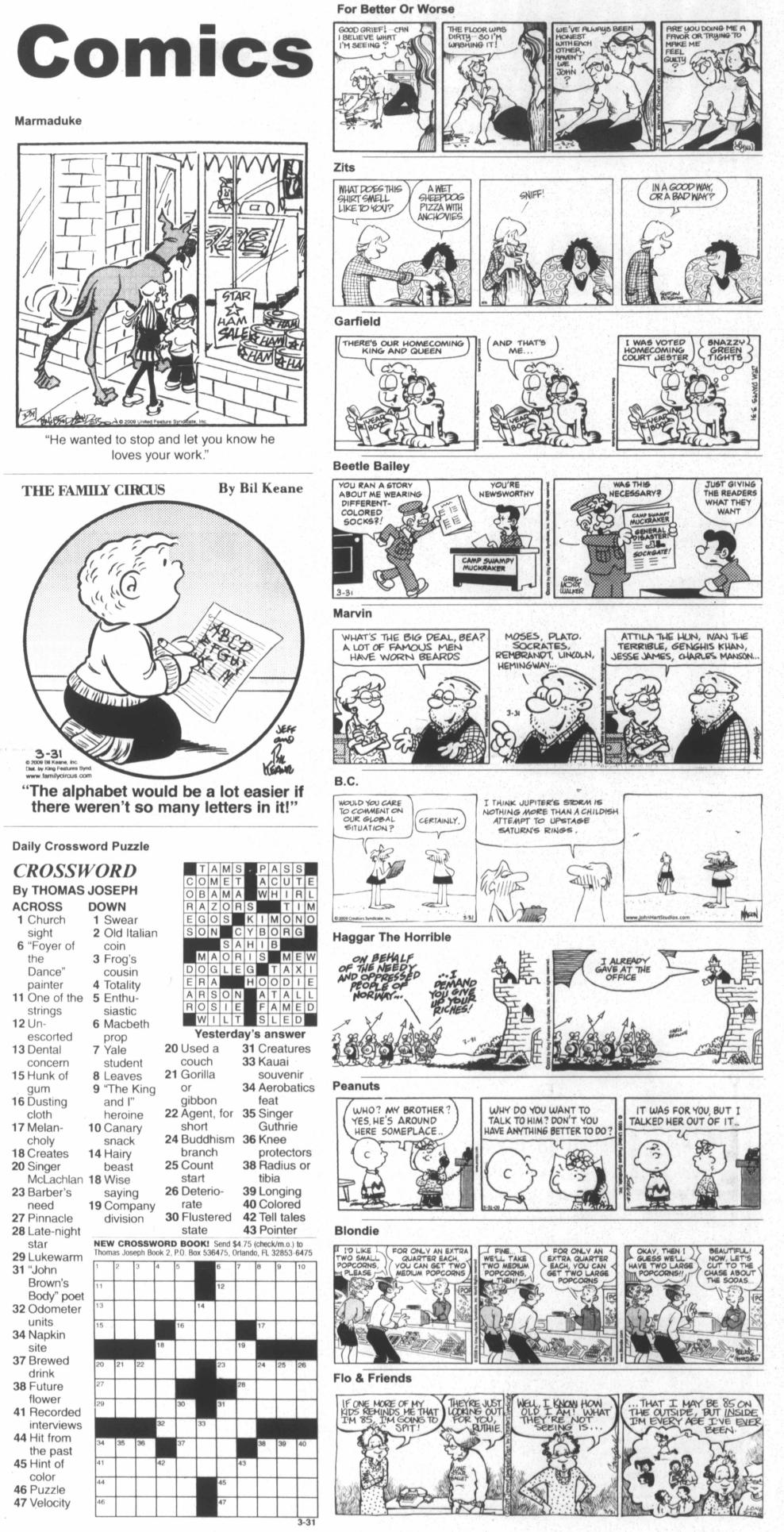
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DAILY HOROSCOPE sure to dot your i's and cross your t's. An issue involving budget, power and control arises in the a.m. Tonight: Gather your bills.

> CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Though you might be slow to start, you finish the day highly energized. Others admire your drive and get-upand-go. You easily could feel overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate, until you start tackling one piece after another. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Move quickly on any vital or key

calls, conversations or projects. By the after oon, look at the controlling nature

field to add to your expertise. Tonight: Let your imagination wander. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your popularity and requests walk hand in hand this morning. Clearly, by the afternoon someone demands your time and ideas. Don't fight the inevitable; go with the flow. Update your financial outlook. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Accomplish all you can in the a.m. By the afternoon, others seek you out. A meeting could become quite involved. Others really want to hear your views, especially as you seem to be changing and gaining new perspectives. Tonight:

HANDYMAN from yard work to siding, trim, and paint holes in fence or walls. Call Ty- son, I do it all, 898- 0571. 14r Plowing/Yard	A X Y D L B A A X R is L O N G F E L L O W One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.	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) **** Use the morning to hatch ideas	anternoon, took a of someone close past it is not to p power plays. Ton and R. VIRGO (Aug. 2: *** Much Responsibilities the power of de	
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No early bedtime for yo AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Self-discipline continues to be a major issue. Your workload or demands

keep mounting. Know that the sooner you tackle a task, the less overwhelmed you will be. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Getting going could be slow, with many distractions. By the afternoon, you are primed mentally and physically. The question becomes, What will it take to slow you down? A friend could play devil's advocate. Tonight: Act like it is Friday night.

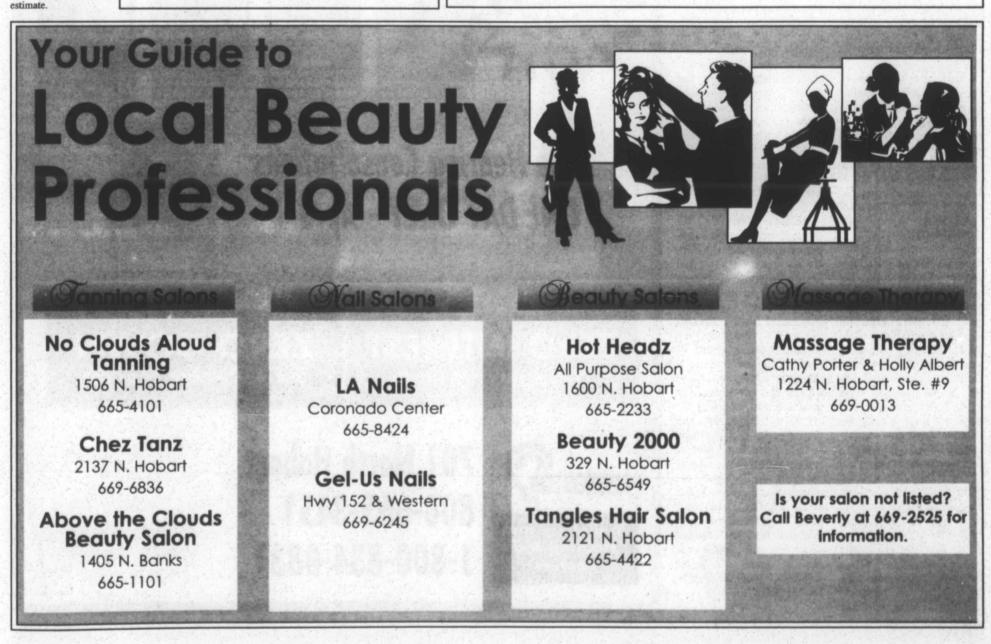
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Actress Ali MacGraw (1938), singer, actress Debbie Reynolds (1932), composer Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873) * * *

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OPPORTUNITIES

•Texas Dpartment of Health Services will conduct an immunization clinic Pampa from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. April 15. For more detaills call 806-665-4752

 Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet on Saturday, April 11, at the Waka Christian Center with a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. followed with sponsors training and a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited, and a nursery will be provided. RW is sponsoring a women's Walk to Emmaus on April 23-26 with Jill A. Rogers, lay director and Terry Danley, spiritual director. • Gray County Genealogical

Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. Visitors are welcome.

· Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989 are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.

• Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My

Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

Maddox USS Association Destroyer Reunion is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

· Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a selfaddressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a

SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

 Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line.

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

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

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Youth orchestras' free concert Sunday

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The Amarillo Youth Orchestras will give a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.

The concert wraps up a year of intensive work for students in the three ensembles that comprise the Youth Orchestras program: Amarillo Youth Sinfonia, a string ensemble for students with at least one year of playing experience; Amarillo Youth Philharmonic, an intermediate string ensemble; and Amarillo Youth Symphony, an advanced

orchestra. All three will perform during the con- will perform excerpts from

cert. Dr. Mark Bartley, associate conductor of the Amarillo Symphony, heads the 50-piece Youth Symphony. Jill Bradford, orchestra director at Austin

Middle School, leads the 57-piece Philharmonic and the 31-piece Sinfonia.

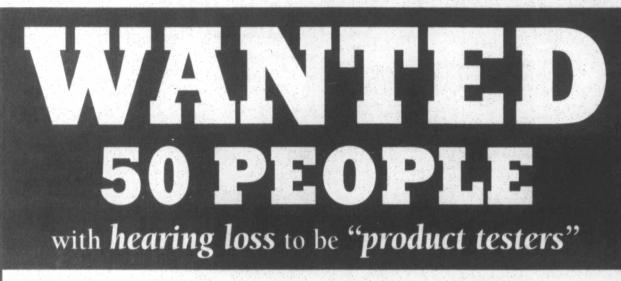
"These young musicians have all developed so much over the course of this year," Bartley said. "They're all playing challenging pieces that will really show their growth, as well as being entertain-

ing." The Youth Symphony

Georges Bizet's "l'Arlesienne Suites," as as Alexander Glazunov's "Cortege Solennel."

The Symphony considers the Youth Orchestras.

an integral part of its educational mission. Some of the Youth Orchestras' top students will be recognized with scholarships during the concert.



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DEAR ABBY: I am writing about your response to "John in Savannah" (Feb. 1), the 24-year-old man who is unsure how to explain to people that using a belt to discipline his three little girls is different from abuse.

Sometimes, in order to teach that actions or behaviors are inappropriate, some form of punish-

really hitting. Also, the humiliation of being beaten could last those kids a lifetime

Honestly, it takes more effort to come up with corrections other than spanking, but it is well worth it. We post our family rules and their consequences in plain view. Part of my son's allowance depends upon making good choices at home and at school. And yes -- it does work. My son just brought home his report card with excellent marks for conduct. --POSITIVELY **REIN-**FORCING IN MICHI-GAN

ment, whether it's a spanking or a time-out, becomes necessary. I give my children three chances when they misbehave. If they continue, they are punished. They know that there will be consequences if they do wrong. Like John's children, mine are also frequently praised for being courteous and wellbehaved.

Small children do not understand long-term punishment like grounding, taking away toys, etc. By the time the duration of that kind of discipline has passed, the child has forgotten the reason for it. For young children to understand the consequences of wrong behavior, the measures must be swift and short-term.

John should answer those who ask by saying he uses "consistent discipline accompanied by corporal punishment when necessary." If more parents did the same as John and me, we'd have fewer behavior problems in schools. --MOM IN CONTROL IN GAINESVILLE

DEAR MOM IN CON-TROL: Thank you for commenting. However, I stand by my position that there are more effective ways to discipline a child than by using physical punishment. After printing "John in Savannah's" letter, I was flooded with mail from parents and adult children across the country. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Are John's children obeying because they are making good choices or because they are afraid of the belt? Also, does he realize how badly he is hurting his children, both physically and emotionally? When you strike someone with an object, you have no idea how hard you are

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DEAR ABBY, F mink a little "old-fashioned discipline" is in order. I am a preschool teacher, and I am appalled at what the 2and 3-year-olds do and say. Swearing, hitting and disrespect are only a sampling of the things that have made my jaw drop. Time-outs, revocations of privileges and "talks" are laughed at, and the bad behavior is not curbed.

Parents allow their children to get away with things my mom would have screamed at me for, and we teachers get the fallout. My experiences as a baby sitter for older kids were much the same. Should we be "nice" to our children so they can grow up without boundaries? I think not. -- SACRA-MENTO EDUCATOR

DEAR ABBY: My father used a leather slipper on me instead of a belt. He also used his hand and his impressive vocabulary to keep me in line. Was I afraid of him? Absolutely! Did I love him? I am still not sure. I grew up to be a woman who is afraid of men, afraid of making a mistake, afraid to share myself and my ideas, and generally timid about life.

John's daughters are learning that the way men in their lives show love is to beat them. He is setting his girls up to marry an abuser because they think abuse is normal behavior. I hope John realizes soon that fear and love cannot share the same space in a child's heart. -- SUR-VIVOR FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

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