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BY BETSY PHILLIPS AND RACHEL STENNETT

Gray County officials spent the weekend assessing damage from Friday evening's storm, finally declared as tornadoes Saturday afternoon bout 4 p.m. by the National Weather Service.

At least one home appears to be a loss and others damaged, as well as outbuildings, fences and vehicles.

According to County Emergency Management Officer Joe Millican, County officials will put together a report to send to the state during a meeting Monday afternoon.

Millican said that depending on the amount and severity of damage, some grade of disaster declaration could be declared.

"Along with the tornadoes that developed, strong downburst winds combined with large hail up to the size of Grapefruits caused significant damage to homes," The NWS said.

Multiple buildings were damaged from the tornado and storm across Gray County Friday night, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office. Several houses on Highway 60 reported damages, as well as houses on North Loop 171 and at Wide Acres off Loop 171. The Jordan/Baten Prison Unit also reported damages from the storm.

A trailer house was overturned on Tumble Weed Road in Lefors, and a baseball park in Lefors received damage.

Vehicles were overturned on Highway 60 east of Pampa from the high winds during the tornado, and a motor vehicle accident was reported County Road 15 and Highway 162.

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter responded to two homes that were completely destroyed in Pampa, and two homes that were destroyed in Lefors, STORY cont. on page 3





Above, the roof was blown off Judy Clendennen's residence on Rabbit Lane off of Highway 60 Friday night, May 15. According to Clendennen the interior of the home was destroyed.

At left, a car port is wrapped around a power pole on Gray County Road 10 and Highway 60.

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BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

David Teichmann will be sworn in Tuesday night as a new school board member after the Pampa School Independent District board of trustees canvasses the May 9, election results.

Teichmann defeated incumbent Charles Smith for a spot on the school board. Since Smith was serving as president,

Tuesday night will also see a reorganization of the board.

The board will consider action on monthly financial reports, winter sports bids and bids on tax delinquent properties.

The board is expected to take action on the relocation of memorial and honor paving bricks at Pampa High School.

A representative of the PISD cont. on page 3

## **BOMB SCARE**





Emergency personnel responded to the Gray County Court House Monday morning after a call was reported concerning a bomb threat. Employees were evacuated out of the building while it was inspected, then, after no bomb was found, employees were allowed to reenter the court house about 15 minutes later.





Lady Harvesters after their win over El Paso Burgess Friday night.

## Ladies play Randall for regional quarterfinal championship today

The Lady Harvesters will face the Lady Raiders of Randall High School at 5 p.m. today on Pampa High School's softball diamond in the regional quarterfinals:

"The girls have really started clicking lately," said Head Softball Coach Bobbi Gill as she stood on the freshly groomed infield of her home ballpark Sunday afternoon. "I think they're ready."

They certainly appeared to click Friday night in Seminole. Pampa vanquished El Paso Burges in a double header, 10-0, 12-1.

This is the first time two panhandle teams have faced each other in the regional quarter finals in the nine years Gill said she's been here, and perhaps since the UIL began sanctioning softball in the Texas Panhandle.

Pampa Athletic Director Stuart Smith said Coach Gill won the flip of the coin Saturday night to play the game in Pampa.

"They're ready to play in front of a home crowd," Gill said.

Ace right-hander Carlyn Teichmann loosened up with catcher Sammie Pearson along the third base line Sunday afternoon as booster club members strung streamers and sign on the bleachers and fences.

The winner of today's game advances to the Regional Semi-Final playoff under the UIL revised playoff format, Smith said.



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For the record

#### PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday High 82 High 85 Low 57 Low 54 Low 54

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 85. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 82. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## **Obituaries**

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## Obituaries

### F.F. "Frank" Winkleblack, 91

Pampa, Texas- F.F. "Frank" Winkleblack, 91, died May 15, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday May 19, 2009 at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley **Funeral Directors** 

Winkleblack Mr. was born June 10, 1917 in Sapulpa, OK. He attended school in Berlin, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. in 1940 and was discharged on September 1, 1972. He received numerous awards during his military sertwo vice. He married Lola Mae Goin on March 29, 1942 in Berlin, Oklahoma; she preceded him in death on January 21, 1998. He was employed with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1982. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, and National Letter Carrier Association. He dedicated himself to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson; Douglas Winkleblack, parents; Alonzo and Lily Winkleblack, 4 brothers: Donald, James E., Clifton, and Robert Winkleblack, 1

sister: Wanda Mulkey. Survivors include

## **Pennie Chambliss McCormick**, 70

Pampa, Texas— Pennie Chambliss McCormick, 70, died May 14, 2009, in Pampa.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009 in the Pam Apartments Club House with Rev. Willard Kiper, officiating. Cremation and

Pampa, Texas- Shirley Ann Wyche, 68, died May 16, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Pastor Bob Kirk, of Priest Park Church of God, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wyche was born March 22, 1941 in Husband: Gerald Wyche

Mrs. McCormick was born October 15, 1938 in Pampa where she has lived for the past 12 years. She was a Methodist and was active in the Pam Apartment community. She was preceded Canadian. She had been

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a resident of Pampa since 1943 and was a 1960 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Gerald Wyche on Feb. 12, 1966 in Pampa. She managed One Hour Martinizing for 37 years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Priest Park Church of God and she loved to cook candies and

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in death by 1 sister: Billie Dumas and 1 brother: Tommie Chambliss.

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grandchildren:

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Wendel

Survivors include one son, Delton McCormick of Pampa. two sisters; Dollie Grant of Amarillo and Carlen Walker of Arlington. one brother, Vaughn L. Chambliss of Orange City,

Shirley Ann Wyche, 68

of the home. 2 brothers: Wayne Slater and Leroy Slater both of Pampa. 3 sisters: Nadine Moore and Maxine Howell both of Pampa, and Kay Smith of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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Chelsea Winkleblack and Kyra Moyer all of Pampa,

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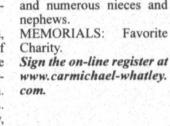
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their only escape route. Neighbors identified the dead mother as Brandy

Chesser. Witnesses say

lost consciousness. The American Red Cross says 30 to 40 other people were left homeless

Charity. com.







Charles C. Warminski, 95, died May 17, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas,

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Warminski was born July 30, 1913 in White Deer where he was a lifelong resident. He married Proxie Haiduk on October 30, 1940 in White Deer. She preceded him in death in 1997. He was a longtime Carson County farmer and cattleman. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons: Norman Warminski of Wichita, Kansas, Stephen Warminski and

Warminski and wife Beverly, all of White Deer; one daughter: Joanna Acker and husband Bernard of Madison, Alabama; a son-in-law: Ron Simmons of Keller; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter: Vivian Simmons; two sisters: Alice Haiduk and Jean Wyatt; and a grandson: Kevin Warminski.

**MEMORIALS:** BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105. or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

#### Luis Castillo Ochoa, 66

Luis Castillo Ochoa passed away at the age of 66 on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after being involved in an auto accident. He was born to Juan and Juana Castillo Ochoa on August 4, 1942 in Mexico. He married Herlinda Perez on January 10, 1964 in Cauhtemoc Chih. Mexico. After serving in the Mexico Army the family moved to Higgins Texas in 1978. Luis was engaged in farm and ranch operations his entire life and loved working with cattle.

He is survived by his wife Herlinda of the home. Six children; Martin and his wife Esperanza and their children Micahael, Isabel, and GianCarlos of Canadian, Texas. Luis Ochoa Jr., and his children Karla and George of Mexico. Sorroco and her husband Travis Strickland and their children Trista and Abby of Pampa, Texas. Elda and her husband Arturo Acosta and

their children Elizabeth, Victoria, Juvenal,, Marcos and Yadira of Perryton, Texas. Monse and her husband Martin Reyes and their children Briselda and Mario of Elk City, Oklahoma. Lionel and his wife Yesenia and their children Noah, Ricardo and Jasmine of Perryton, Texas. He is also survived by two borthers; Martin of Colorado and Pedro of Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Ignacio, and a brother Pablo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Canadian Texas. Father Bala Showredey officiating. Interment at Higgins in Higgins, Cemetery Texas

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Scotty Schilling Funeral Director at Follett Texas.

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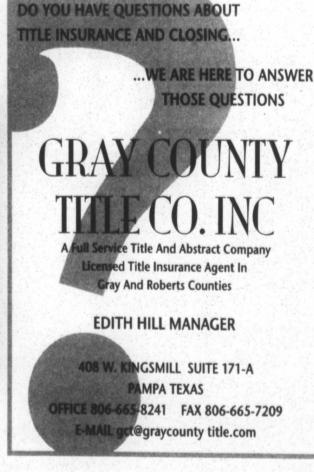
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## Fight reported at the Boom Boom Room

On Sunday, May 17 at approximately 2:45 a.m., Pampa Police responded to the Boom Boom Room in the 600 block of S. Gray in reference to an assault.

The Boom Boom Room is a local private party establishment. Two females were reported to have been in an altercation at the establishment.

One female fled the scene before officers arrived. A 23 year old female was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS. The woman is reported to have possible fractures in her nasal and sinus area. Pampa Police are continuing the investigation into the incident.

## PISD

Class of 1956 told the district that the members of the class that he had spoken with liked the idea of having the pavers around the flag on the north side of the renovated high school by the new main entrance.

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The bricks had originally been around the Harvester statue on the south side by the old main entrance. The Harvester statue has been moved into the rotunda of the main entrance to the school.

The board will also consider action on student activities travel.

The district's policy has been limiting lodging expense to \$65 a night per person and four dollars for breakfast, five dollars for lunch and six dollars for supper for a total of \$15 per day for food. The new policy proposes to increase those numbers to \$80 per night per room and \$21 per day for food. The food allowance would be distributed as six dollars for breakfast, seven dollars for lunch and eight dollars for

supper.

The board will consider action on selecting a logo for the new Pampa Junior High School and will discuss the synthetic turf project at Harvester Stadium and graduation ceremonies there at the end of the month.

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They will also discuss using wind energy at the new Pampa Junior High School.

The board will hear finance, budget workshop and instruction and student performance reports.

They will also consider the employment of teachers for next year and internal transfers.

The board will hear the first reading of a new Texas Association of School Boards policy update and review the 2009-2010 property casualty insurance policy.

The school board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert.

## Storm damage

according to Jana Gregory, CEO of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross.

A home on Rabbit Lane off Highway 60, owned by Judy Clendennen, had most of it's roof ripped off during the tornado. Clendennen said that the interior of home will have to be gutted because of the extensive damage due to the roof, and water damage to sheetrock and the walls on the interior of the home. Clendennen and her husband will move into a motor home they own while the repair takes place.

Gregory said the Red Cross made sure that the families in Pampa and Lefors were taken care of Friday night with clothes, groceries, and other supplies. Gregory said more than 100 homes in Pampa and Lefors were effected from the tornado, rains, and hail.

Wes Reeves, Excel Energy Media Relations spokesman, said that at the height of 4,000 customers were without power in the Pampa and Lefors at the height of the outages.

Most of the outages and downed lines were repaired by Saturday evening, except for about 500 customers. About 70 extra personnel were called into to repair the downed poles. Crews came from Pampa, Borger, Amarillo, Hereford, Plainview and Lubbock.

"Damage to our lines does not appear to be tornado damage, but rather from straight-line winds," Reeves said of the downed power lines. "This type of damage is easier and faster to repair than tornado damage, but still challenging nonetheless because of ongoing storms and standing water in fields and ditches."

According to NWS in Amarillo, "Severe thunderstorms developed across the eastern Texas Panhandle producing large hail, intense winds, and five tornadoes.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo conducted damage surveys and determined that three of these tornadoes were EF0 on the Enhanced Fujita scale, while one tornado was an EF1, and the strongest tornado was rated as an EF2.

"The storms formed along a cold front that was moving south from Kansas. As the front passed from the Oklahoma Panhandle into the Texas Panhandle, storms rapidly developed in an area of deep moisture. Although limited wind shear (strong winds turning with height) was present on May 15, one storm was able to begin rotating and eventually spawned the tornadoes.

This storm first became severe over central Roberts county, but as it moved south, the storm began to rotate and the first tornado developed in southern Roberts County about 13 miles west of Miami.

"The second tornado formed a short while later also in Roberts county about 14 miles west southwest of Miami. The third tornado developed after the storm crossed into Gray County. This tornado lasted for about four minutes and occurred roughly five miles northeast of Pampa. The fourth tornado was the strongest of the day. This tornado touched down four miles east northeast of Pampa and caused the most damage. Finally, the

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last tornado developed 2 miles northwest of Lefors in Gray county and was rated as an EF1.

Calls to City of Pampa Public Information Officer Donny Hooper had no been returned as of press time.

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## East Texas man set to die Tuesday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Michael Riley was a frequent customer at the Shop-A-Minit convenience store in Quitman in East Texas, so when he walked in and asked for ice cream on a Saturday morning, clerk Wynona Lynn Harris told him to help himself as she counted money.

Riley pulled out a 10-inch butcher knife, stabbed her in the back and kept stabbing. After inflicting nearly three dozen wounds, he walked out with about \$1,000 in a money bag and a left a trail of bloody footprints leading toward his home a few blocks away. many years here, you should be prepared for it."

Riley readily acknowledged the 1986 slaying and blamed a gambling addiction for repeatedly getting him into trouble.

"Dice," he said. "I've been a gambler all my life. I was weak. Every time I was locked up, it was dice games I lost."

Riley was well known to authorities in



"He stabbed her with such force he bent the end of the blade and bent the handle on the concrete floor when he was ramming it through her," recalled Marcus Taylor, the former district attorney in Wood County who prosecuted Riley for capital murder. "The crime scene was extremely violent. He severed bones all over her body."

Riley, 51, was set to die Tuesday evening for the slaying more than 23 years ago. His lethal injection would be the 15th this year in the nation's most active death penalty state.

In 2005, Riley was within days of execution when lawyers contending he was mentally disabled and ineligible for capital punishment won a court-ordered reprieve.

"I'm really not expecting a stay," Riley told The Associated Press recently from death row. "I've been locked up 23 years. I've been going through this over and over. It's getting old."

He said he's asked friends "to not pray for no stay."

"You can't be scared to die. After so



Quitman, about 75 miles east of Dallas. When charged with Harris' slaying, he was on probation for forgery for writing a bad check. He received a nine-year prison term in 1980 for burglary but was paroled three years later. He had an earlier prison stint for burglary, plus arrests and jail time in Wood County for burglary, public intoxication, assault and theft.

"It was all my doing," he said of the killing. "It was something that shouldn't have happened. I can't get it out of my head."

He turned himself in to the sheriff's office a few hours after the murder after learning authorities were looking for him. He'd been seen outside the store just before the time of the attack by a man who'd made a milk delivery there. He confessed after detectives found his blood-stained coveralls containing money taken from the store in a field near his home.

Riley was convicted and sentenced to death in 1986, but the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 1991 overturned the conviction, finding a potential juror was dismissed improperly. At his retrial in 1995, he pleaded guilty. At punishment, his lawyers argued for life in prison. Prosecutors sought death and jurors agreed with them.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, May 18, the 138th day of 2009. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 18, 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept the court renounced 58 years later with Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

On this date:

In 1642, Montreal was founded by French colonists

In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.

In 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared more than a month later, claiming to have been kid-

"Don't hurry, don't worry. You're only here for a short visit. So be sure to stop and smell the flowers."

Walter C. Hagen,

American golfer

napped. In 1927, a schoolhouse in Bath, Mich., was blown up with explosives planted by local Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a dynamiteladen automobile; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who'd ear-

farmer lier killed his wife.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces finally occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-

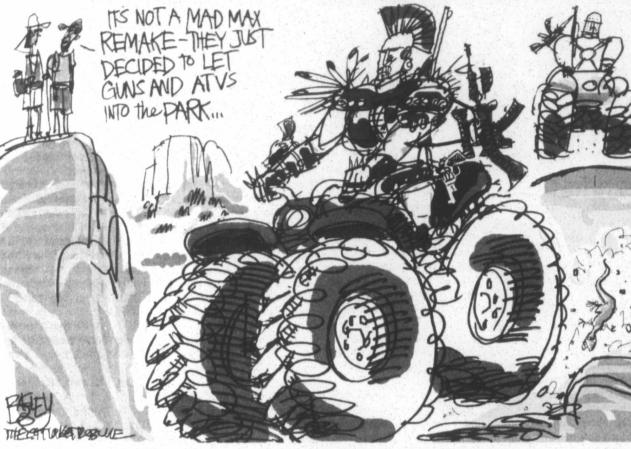
month struggle that claimed some 20,000 lives. In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first

woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.

In 1969, astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford and John W. Young blasted off aboard Apollo 10 on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 87. Hallof-Fame sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 85. Actor Pernell Roberts is 81. Actor Robert Morse is 78. Actor and television executive Dwayne Hickman is 75. Baseball Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson is 72. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 67. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 63. Actress Candice Azzara is 62. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 61. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 60. Actor James Stephens is 58. Country singer George Strait is 57. R&B singer Butch Tavares (Tavares) is 56. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 54. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 49. Contemporary Christian musician Barry Graul (MercyMe) is 48. Singer-actress Martika is 40. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 39. Rapper Special Ed is 35. Dallas Cowboys offensive tackle Flozell Adams is 34. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 34. R&B singer Darryl Allen (Mista) is 29. Actor Matt Long is 29. Christian-rock musician Kevin Huguley (Rush of Fools) is 27. Actor Spencer Breslin is 17.



# **Analysis: Democrats' security** feud may cost them

#### LIZ SIDOTI Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) Democrats just can't seem to get on the same page on national security — and it could cost them dearly on an issue Republicans have dominated for decades.

Increasingly, President Barack Obama and Democrats who run Congress are being pulled between the competing interests of party liberals and the rest of the country on Bush-era wartime matters of torture, detention and interrogation of suspected terrorists.

The Democratic Party's struggle over how to position itself on these issues is threatening to overshadow Obama's ambitious plans for energy, education and health care. It's also keeping the country looking backward on the eight years of George W. Bush's presidency, much to the chagrin of the new White House. And, it's creating an opening for an out-of-power GOP in an area where Democrats

detainees after a temporary suspension. "This is the best way to protect our country, while upholding our deeply held values,' he said.

The developments riled liberals who are important campaign-year foot soldiers and fundraisers. "These recent deci-

sions are disheartening,' said Jameel Jaffer of the American Civil Liberties Union. "He has shown backbone on some issues and not on others."

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi protected the party's left flank by accusing the CIA of lying to her about the agency's use of a form of simulated drowning on suspected terrorists. "We

eager to retread the past. But House and Senate liberals, prodded by a vocal and active network of grass-roots and "netroots" supporters, relish doing just that, seemingly fixated on how Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney handled Iraq and terrorism.

And it's the popular new president who may have the most to lose.

Obama is facing the same predicament that confronted and confounded other recent Democratic presidents. While governing as centrists, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter bent over backward on issues of war and peace, working to appease the party's left wing without being held

U.S. neighborhoods.

In blogs and on cable TV, Democratic critics griped that Obama was appearing more like Bush than the Democrat who won the nomination by rallying liberals around his pledge to end the Iraq war quickly.

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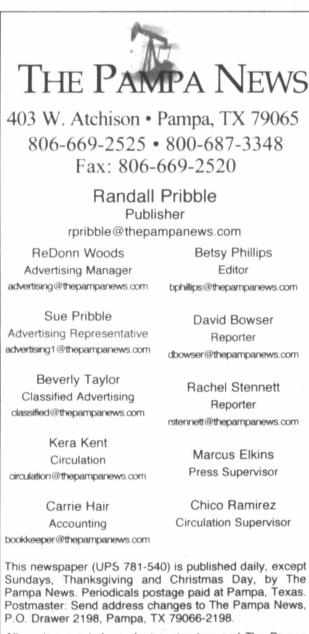
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Answering liberal complaints, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said: "First and foremost, the president does what is in the best security interest of the United States."

Obama is betting that liberals will forgive him for changing course on these issues. He does have several years to make it up to them before his likely re-election campaign.

Conversely, Obama



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have made inroads. Governing from the center and backtracking on a previous position, Obama decided this past week to fight the release of photos that show U.S. troops abusing prisoners. The president said he feared the pictures would "further inflame anti-American opinion" and endanger U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Then he decided to resume military tribunals for some Guantanamo

Letters to the editor

I thought I would just send this note in hopes that The Pampa News would put a note in the paper regarding how Pampa Walmart went out of their way during Friday's tornado episode. A the employees were prepared and very attentive to their patrons, insruing their safety by having them to go to a secure location in the store then going above and beyond by offering water, bananas, honey buns and pillows. It was a very calm situation and was handled in a very professional and caring way

Fay Gallagher Pampa

were told that waterboarding was not being used," said Pelosi, D-Calif. "And we now know that earlier they were." The CIA disputes Pelosi's account.

As Democrats splintered, Republicans watched with glee.

The irony is these are the same wartime issues created by Bush and the GOP-led Congress that Democrats successfully campaigned against in 2006 and 2008. The conflicting Democratic positions threaten to undercut the party's gains on national security; polls last fall showed Democrats had drawn even on national security issues long dominated by the GOP.

The White House desperately wants to get Democrats in Congress focused on the president's priorities. Obama's team has made it clear it's not

hostage by it.

Defeated Democratic nominees - John Kerry in 2004, Al Gore in 2000, Michael Dukakis in 1988 lost in part because Republicans successfully tagged them as soft on security.

Obama appears to be trying for a balance between keeping campaign promises to reverse Bush policies and protecting national security.

Overall, Obama seems less willing to systematically overturn Bush's national security positions than his domestic policies.

There are signs that making good on his promise to close Guantanamo in his first year is proving exceedingly difficult. Last week, Attorney General Eric Holder reassured lawmakers that the administration would not release Guantanamo prisoners into

may have further endeared himself to moderates and independents who are more hawkish on national security and are important to his winning coalition. It's also possible that conservative Republicans may now be more open to dealing with him because of his moves on security issues.

With those actions, Obama may have undercut Cheney's complaint that the Democrat's policies were endangering the country. The president also may have insulated himself from further weak-onsecurity attacks following a campaign during which skeptics questioned his readiness to lead the military in wartime.

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



# Chamber

## Pitner says farewell to Chamber, thanks community

This will be my last Chamber page letter. It has been a real pleasure to serve the Pampa Chamber of Commerce these past two years and work with the many Pampa volunteers who form the backbone of this community. Chamber members were always generous with

both their time and donations to help make our events successful—and I want to give my sincere thanks to all of you.

During these past two years I have seen Pampa become world famous as a result of Boone Pickens's media blitz which kept our telephone lines buzzing. I received calls from as far away as New York City and even Denmark and even helped Timm Kroeger and his cameraman film about 2-hours of film around Pampa and Borger. Timm was with ZDF German Television located in Allemande, Germany. He could speak English very well, but his camera man could only speak a few words of the English lan-

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y rald his guage—and since the only two German words I knew were "Volkswagen" and "Mercedes-Benz" we didn't communicate very well. They sent me a DVD of the program which aired in Germany and our 2-hour segment had been edited down



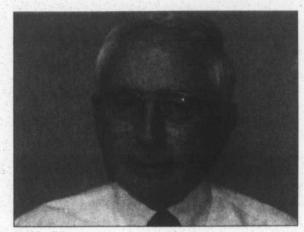
The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed Ronnie Wood Insurance Agency to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on May 14, 2009. Pictured L to R is: Bob Marx, Richard Morris, Pat Montoya, Ronnie Wood, owner, Ken Rheams, Jack Reeve, Jerry Foote, Kathy Cota, Shirley Jernigan, and Gladys Vanderpool.

Their main focus seemed to be a drilling rig outside of Borger and the numerous "pump jacks" along the way. But, back to my chain of thought-Pampa's fame, thanks to Boone, has spread all over the globe, and even though we have yet to see wind turbines all over Gray County-they are coming. A good sign of this is the soon to be opened local office for Cross Texas Transmission Co.-the company selected by the Texas Public Utility Commission to construct a new electric transmission

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line from our area to connect with the grid feeding the more populated areas of North Central Texas. This line will be one of the main lines supporting electricity generated by the turbines in this area and its completion date should roughly coincide with the first major installations of turbines by Mesa Power. I know, from a job creation standpoint, we want all of this to be taking place right now—but such large projects take time, but are definitely coming our way.

Our most recent Chamber "Gold Coatings" was at the Ronnie Wood



Keith Pitner

Insurance Agency. Welcome aboard Ronnie!

Remember the Chamber's Cookin' on the Bricks event June 12th & 13th. We have lowered the entry fee from \$100 to \$50 to encourage more participation—and trophies will be rewarded this year instead of certificates. Registration deadline is June 8, 2009. Call Holly at the Chamber number, 669-3241 for more details about entering. We promise you will have a good time and have an opportunity for bigtime "bragging rights".

2nd Annual Cookin' on the Bricks Saturday, June 13, 2009 with cooking starting the night before Contact Holly at 669-3241 or holly@pampachamber.com for more information. Deadline is June 8th.







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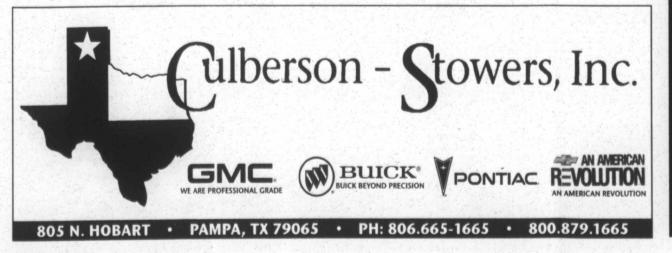
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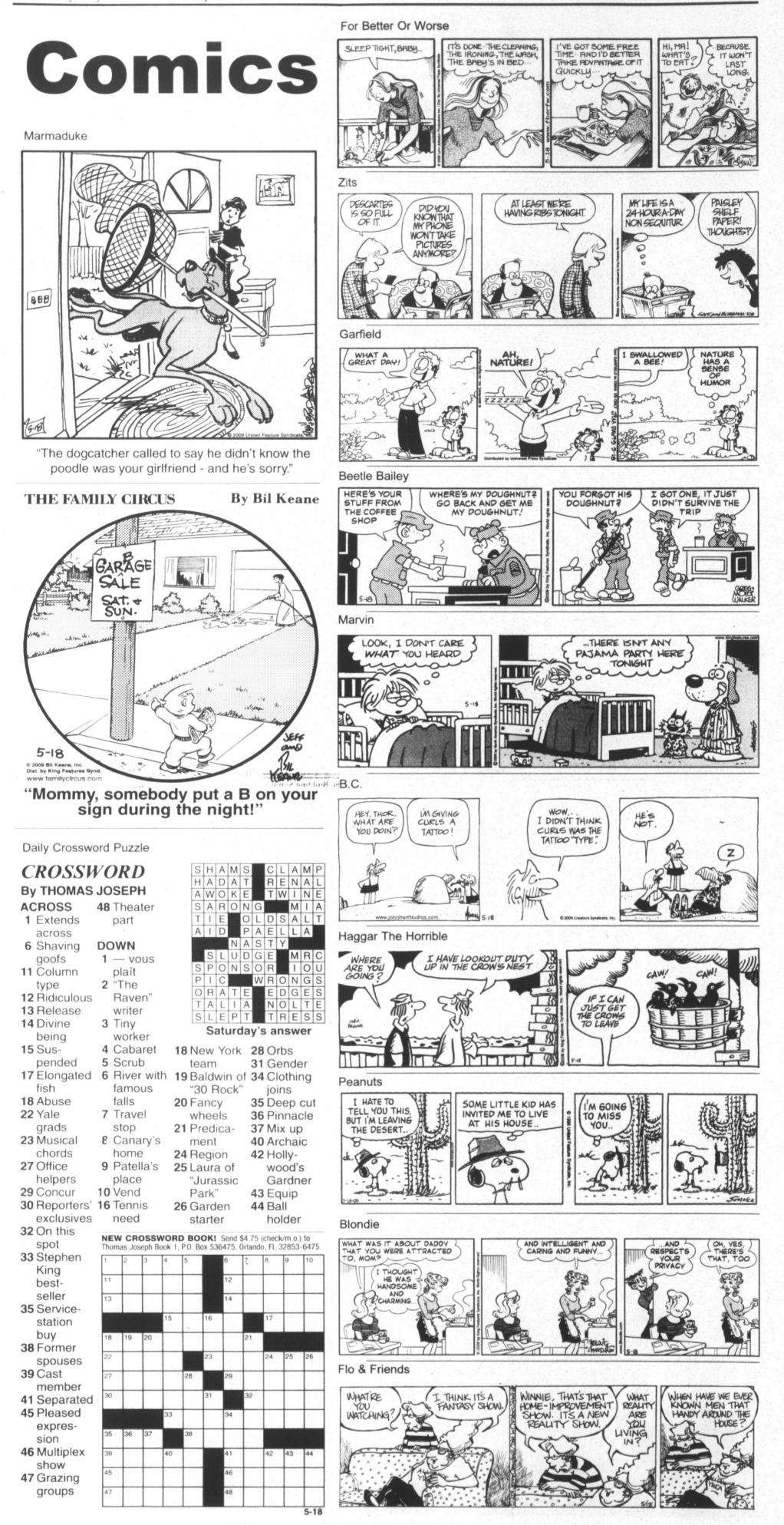
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## Dear Abby...

#### By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: It's traditional in my family to celebrate birthdays with other family members. This may seem trivial, but I have an issue with the cake. Ever since I was a child, my mom has made a chocolate cake with chocolate frosting for my birthday. The problem is, I don't like chocolate!

I have told this to Mom since I was a kid, but my comments seem to have been forgotten by the time the next birthday rolls

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around. Now that I'm older, I'm wondering if it's better to be gracious about it and just let it go. I never eat any of it and haven't in more than a decade, but nobody seems to notice.

I find it somewhat annoving to be served a birthday cake I don't even like. I try to put in perspective that it's a gift and I should be gracious for receiving it -- but it gets old. Any suggestions? -- VANILLA FELLA, COLUMBIA, MO.

DEAR VANILLA FELLA: You appear to be the odd man out in a family of chocoholics. Next year, tell your mother not to "bother" baking because YOU'RE bringing the cake.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old guy who has hit a road bump in life. My parents divorced when I was 12 and are still fighting. I get involved in their fights because I feel I have to, but it stresses me out.

I live full-time with Mom because Dad and I fight too much. Mom and I are also at odds nonstop. She has had several different boyfriends since the divorce. Three of them have moved into our house.

Mom and I have different opinions about her present boyfriend, who she calls her "fiance." He's the biggest reason we fight. Mom has told me her kids come first and if I really don't like him she'll ask him to leave, but I don't want her to do it if she's truly happy with him.

What should I do? Mom deserves to be happy, but I don't think this man is best for her. Please help. -- COLORADO TEEN

DEAR TEEN: Something is wrong when a person's front door becomes a revolving door, and whether this "engagement" will last is debatable. Your mother appears to be desperate for a companion, and someone

who has put her happiness above common sense or responsibility to her children. You should never have been placed in the position of feeling you "have" to be involved in your parents' dysfunctional relationship -- and the fact that you are stressed is understandable.

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If there is counseling available through your school, I am urging you to talk to a teacher, counselor or the principal and ask for some. It is important for your future that you keep your grades up without the kinds of distractions you're experiencing. Believe me, you have my sympathy.

is the proper thing to do when one sits on a squeaky seat and the seat makes a noise like someone has passed gas? My first instinct is not to call attention to it. Then again, as they say, "Silence implies guilt." My second impulse is to make light of it, but I'm afraid in certain formal situations it would paint me as immature. Your advice? -- IT WASN'T ME IN WILMINGTON DEL

DEAR WASN'T ME: In formal situations, everyone should pretend it never happened and the conversation should proceed as it normally would. However, in casual company it is acceptable to say, "That was the seat, not the seat that is on it."

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19, 2009:

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult Have: 4-Positive;

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* The unexpected Communication flourishes occurs. to an unprecedented level. A sense of what you need to do in the near future evolves. You smile and draw reactions. Don't allow others, especially a boss or parent, to pressure you too much. Tonight: All

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  Zero in on what you think is impossible. Smile, and you'll draw others. The unexpected earmarks plans, people and/or meetings. Use the morning to make appointments, return calls and focus on what is key. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others look for answers. Take a strong action and help others make equally strong choices. Though normally 1 plus 1 equals 2, today could be the exception. Don't over-question things; accept. A meeting proves to be important. Tonight: Where people are. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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\*\*\* Much lands on your plate, and quickly at that. You might wonder why you are doing what you are doing. Search for new answers, and question your choices and directions. You'll be all smiles once you find a solution that works! Tonight: A must appearance. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* A partner or associate demands your attention. If you look the other way, an interesting reaction could ensue. Be smart, and handle a situation directly. Encourage yourself to look beyond the obvious. You have a way or style that draws many. Tonight: Factor in fatigue. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  Others continue to run the show No matter what you do, you will not be a controlling factor in a discussion or decision. Relate individually, especially if an intense and highly vetted issue emerges. Go for more of what you want. Tonight: Togetherness works.

\*\*\* Dive into work, and get as much done as possible. Not everyone thinks the way you do, as you will discover later. Still, schedule meetings for the late afternoon, when you feel as if you have enough work under your belt. Tonight Defer to another's wish.

\*\*\* Allow greater give-and-take with a child or loved one. You might be surprised by what comes up if you allow this person to reveal his or her imagination. Emphasize accomplishment and getting the job done in the p.m. Tonight

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

# SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

If you can, walk home or squeeze in some exercise SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* If you can, stay close to home You have a lot to accomplish and will be

most effective working from your pad. An unexpected surprise and news could cast another perspective on a relationship. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomor-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Speak your mind, especially if a situation or someone's opinion surprises. if not shocks, you. Deal with a problem head-on rather than back off. You will adapt only if necessary. A domestic matter provides more insight. Tonight: Share with a roommate or friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Be aware of the implications of

surprising news. Take a risk with care, or you could have a problem. Lighten up and enjoy what is happening between you and another person. You might have to rethink an opinion or decision. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* You are full of fun and energy Impulsiveness could actually trigger some exciting events. Consider options that surround you and your finances more carefully. A meeting or a friend could color your thinking. Tonight: All

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Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh (1890), African-American leader Malcolm X (1925), model, singer Grace Jones (1948)

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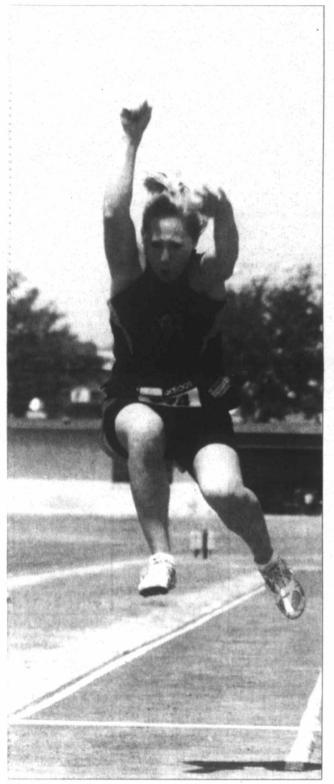
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# Three Lefors athletes compete at track regionals



Despite wet, foggy weather, Dustin Forysyth of Lefors performed well and placed 4th in the discuss competition at the Region 1-A track and field meet held last week in Levelland



Lefors had three athletes compete at the regional track meet held in Levelland last (27.98) week. Results were as follows:

Valerie Miller: Pole vault - 5th (9'0"); Long jump – 3rd (16'6 ¾"); Triple jump -14th (32'7")

Emily Jackson - 200 meter dash - 12th

Dustin Forsyth - Discus - 4th (148' 1"); Shot put - 7th (44' 6 1/2")

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Valerie Miller of Lefors jumped 16' 6 3/4" to place 3rd at regional competition held in Levelland last week

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