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Local bank sets up fund for family

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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When the tornado struck her house Friday night, Judy Clendennen had her three grandchildren, 86 year-old mother, and husband who is recovering from a stroke, all at home. Her family made it, but her home did not. Although Clendennen had a cellar, she could not take her wheelchair-bound husband down to

First State Bank of Miami has set up a benefit fund for the Doyle and Judy Clendennen family at the Pampa office, 120 W Kingsmill. Those wishing to donate may make checks payable to The Doyle or Judy Clendennen Fun. For more information contact Linda or Jimmy at the bank, 8006-665-3669

safety when the storm hit. Instead, she huddled with her family in a room in the back of their house while their roof was ripped off. As the storm raged outside, Clendennen had her grandchildren fill pots of water as rain came seeping through the roof to help take their minds off the F2 outside. It was the first tornado Clendennen had been through in

her life. "I prayed to God for protection, but if it was my time, it was going to be my time," she said. After the storm died out, Clendennen and her family came out of the house to evaluate the damage. It was severe. A huge portion of the roof was ripped off, the moisture was dripping down the walls, and already
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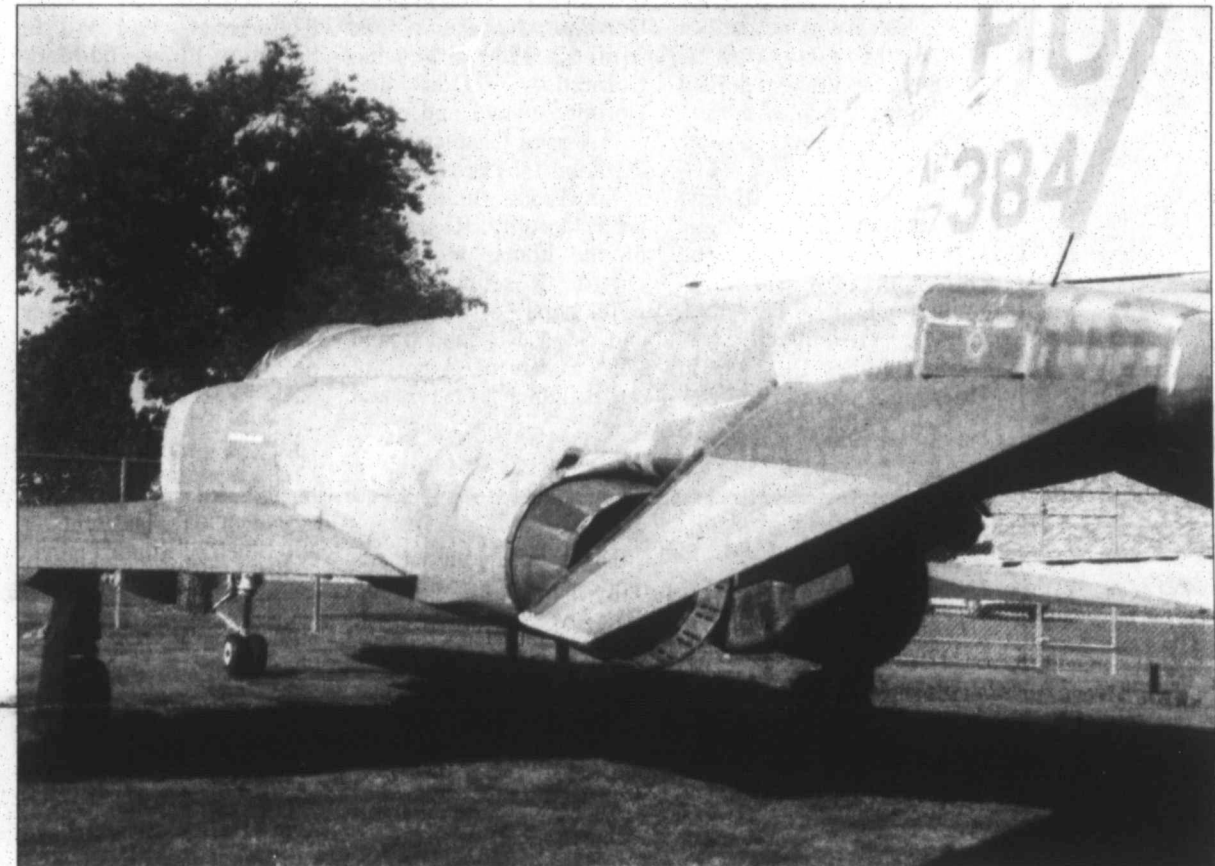
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TEST FLIGHT TONIGHT



staff photo by Betsy Phillips

This F-4 fighter jet at the Freedom museum will be dedicated Monday, May 25, Memorial Day to Col James H. Ayres, a Pampa native who lost his life in service to his country Laos during the Vietnam War.

Dedication Monday

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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If you hear or see a fighter jet over Pampa tonight, don't worry, we're not under attack. According to Danny Martin of VFW Post 1657, a fly over is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight by a fighter jet from Shepherd Air Force Base. The jet will be on a practice run, preparing for the fly over scheduled during the F-4 Phantom Fighter dedication on Memorial Day. The dedication will be at The Freedom Museum at 2 p.m., dedicating the F-4 at the museum to Lt. Col James H. Ayres. Ayres' wife Brenda, his mother, Lacy Ayers, his son Jim Ayers and his sister Dorothy will all be attending the dedication on Monday. Brenda will be bringing Sallie Stratton, wife of Lt. Col Charles W. Stratton, who was copilot when Ayer's aircraft went down in Laos, to honor Col Ayers. The men were considered missing in action for 36 years, until their remains were returned from Laos and identified through DNA evidence in 2007.

Defense asks for gag order to be lifted in Levi King murder case

BY DAVID BOWSER
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AMARILLO — The defense attorneys in the Levi King murder case are asking the Seventh Court of Appeals here to lift a gag order imposed by the district judge in Pampa who is hearing the case. Joe Marr Wilson and Maxwell Peck III, attorneys for King, 26, who is accused of killing a family south of Pampa in 2005, filed a petition with the appeals court here and have asked for oral arguments to overturn a gag order imposed by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert to prevent both

defense attorneys and prosecutors from speaking publicly about the capital murder case. Wilson and Peck argue that Judge Emmert failed to exercise proper discretion in issuing the gag order by not making specific findings of imminent and irreparable harm as required by the Texas Constitution or making specific findings of substantial likelihood of material prejudice to a fair trial as required by the U.S. Constitution. "When both state and federal principals require a district court, in issuing a gag order, to make specific findings that the gag order is the least restrictive means available, does the district court satisfy its burden via a conclusion that less-restrictive measures 'have been considered by the Court but are found to be ineffective?'" the attorneys asked in their petition. King is accused of killing Brian Conrad, 31; his six-month pregnant wife, Michell Conrad, 35 and her son Zach Doan, 14, at their home between Pampa and Interstate 40 in the predawn hours of Sept. 30, 2005. He was arrested on Sept. 30, 2005, as he crossed the border at El Paso, coming back into Texas from Mexico, on a warrant out of

Missouri in connection with the murder of two people in that state. King pleaded guilty a year ago in Missouri to the Sept. 29, 2005, murders of Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law, Laura Dawn McCool, 47, in exchange for two consecutive life sentences in prison without parole. In March, 2006, a Gray County grand jury indicted King on four counts of murder. King was returned to the Texas Panhandle in July where he is being held in the Hemphill County jail.

Sentences imposed in District, County Court

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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The following people were sentenced in the 223rd Judicial District Court on May 11. James Clyde Benson pleaded guilty of possession of marijuana in the 223rd District Court. He waived jury trial and was found guilty by Judge Lee Waters on. On October 22, 2003 Benson was found in possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 12 months confinement for

possession in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine, and \$140 in restitution in court on May 11. Benson was pleaded guilty to assault on a public servant, Texas DPS trooper Jason Henderson, a second-degree felony. Henderson was assaulted while he was attempting to arrest Benson. On October 22, 2003 Benson assaulted a public servant. He was sentenced to six years confinement

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The following people were sentenced in Gray County Court from May 13 to May 20. David Lee Ellison pleaded no contest to resisting arrest. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine. Renard Lee Villarreal pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine. Joshua Earl Davis pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana, greater than two ounces. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$400 fine. Jerry Lynn Norwood pleaded no con-

test to possession of marijuana, greater than two ounces. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$300 fine. Samuel Borrego Soria pleaded no contest to driving with an invalid license in Canadian. He was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$300 fine. Jesus Abel Chavez pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine. Jose M Juarez-Hernandez pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine. Gabriel Govea Elias pleaded no contest
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Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Saturday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 75. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.
Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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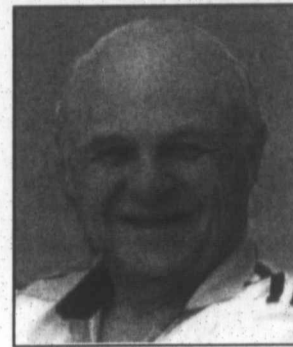
Obituaries

Doug Keller, 67

Pampa, Texas — Doug Keller, 67, died on May 19, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2009, at Briarwood Church, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, and Pastor Mike Stevens, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Keller was born April 6, 1942 in Ryan, Oklahoma. He married JoAnn Morris Stevens on November 17, 1984 in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1987. Doug worked for BNSF Railroad for 42 years in Amarillo, retiring on May 31, 2002. He was a veter-

eran of the U. S. Army, serving in Germany during the Korean Conflict. Doug was a member of Briarwood Church. He raised racing pigeons and show pigeons, belonging to various Racing and Fancy Bird Pigeon Clubs. He loved the Lord and looked forward to heaven. He touched many lives and will be missed by all. Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Keller of the home; two daughters, Tonya Madron and husband Mike of McPherson, Kansas, and Kristi Maloy and husband David of Hanford, California; one stepdaughter, Sherry Tyrrell and husband Gary of Pampa; two stepsons, Bubba Stevens of Pampa,

and Mike Stevens and wife Tonya of Leander; mother, Rachel Keller of El Reno, Oklahoma; one sister, Donna Keller of El Reno, Oklahoma; one brother, Lanny Keller and wife Dottie of Yukon, Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren, Brandi Walters and husband Dominic, Mandy Archibald and husband Chris; Heath Stevens and wife Brenna, Brandon Stevens, Alex Stevens, Faith Madron, Seth Madron, Alexa Maloy, Brittany Maloy, Jensen Stevens, Kristin Stevens and Luke Stevens; 3threegreat-grandchildren, Rylee Archibald, Reagan Archibald, and Slayde Stevens. Doug was preceded in death by his father,



Keller

E. T. Keller; and a son, Kevin Keller.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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

Donald Dean "Don" Rosenbach, 75

Pampa, Texas — Donald Dean "Don" Rosenbach, 75, died on May 19, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be held at 10:30 AM Friday, May 22, 2009, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Entomment will be at Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Rosenbach was born October 12, 1933 in Sterling, Colorado and was

a 1951 graduate of Sterling High School. He served in the U. S. National Guard in Amarillo. He married Dorothy Robertson on April 12, 1980 in Sedalia, Colorado. Don and Dorothy owned and operated Vogue Cleaners from 1982 until the present. Survivors include his wife Dorothy Rosenbach of the home; two sons, David Rosenbach and wife Jana of Lubbock, and Scott Rosenbach and wife Susan of Amarillo; one daughter, Lori Ivie and

husband Alan of Lubbock; one stepdaughter, Lou Ann Robertson of Seabrook; two stepsons, Dr. Randy Robertson and wife Sandra of Elgin, and Mark Robertson of Austin; one brother, Wayne Rosenbach and wife Barbara of Littleton, Colorado; 15 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. **MEMORIALS:** Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029 or St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa,



Rosenbach

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

continued from Wednesday's issue.
 A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.
 A stolen vehicle was reported in the lobby of the PD.
 Wednesday
 A suspicious person was reported in the intersection of Atchison and Cuyler

streets.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner.
 A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.
 Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.
 Officers conducted 16 traffic stops.
 A total of seven calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.
 Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester, where five iPods were stolen, value \$2,500; the 00 block of South Wells; the 100 block of North Nelson, where a license plate was stolen off of a trailer; the lobby of the PD, where a purse with it's contents including money was stolen, value \$540; and the 100 block of South Wynne, where a lawnmower was stolen, value \$250.
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner.
 One alarm was investigated.
 Violations of a city ordinances were reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 1300 block of North Christine, and the 400 block of West Brown.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block

of North Charles, and the 600 block of South Plains.
 Welfare checks were made in the 200 block of South Miami, and the 700 block of North Dwight.
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of South Barnes.
 One attempt to serve papers was made.
 Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of Frost and Cook.
 Harassment was reported in the lobby of the PD.
 A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland, where a rear screen door and breaker box was damaged, value \$150.
 Civil matters were reported in the 800 block of North Gray.
 Suspicious person calls

were received from the 700 block of East Mora, the 1200 block of South Dwight, and the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets.
 One open door was investigated.
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of South Tignor.
 A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Russell and Atchison streets.
 Thursday
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 1700 block of West Montagu, and the intersection of Foster and Ballard streets.
 A burglary was reported in the 900 block of Wilcox.

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LAST MINUTE CLASSIFIED LINE ADS

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BEGINNING MAY 26, The Pampa News Office hours will be 8am-4pm. Monday through Friday. Night Service will still be available.
EARLY DEADLINES due to Memorial Day holiday: (No newspaper on Mon. Memorial Day). For Tues. May 26 classified ads-deadline Fri. May 22 before 4pm. For Wed. May 27 display ads-deadline Fri. May 22 at noon. Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!! Pampa News.

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PAMPA LIONS Club will be selling brooms for the Blind on Friday, May 22nd in the parking lot beside Brown Shoe Fit. 8:30 am-6:00 pm. For more information please call 662-5837.
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In Memory of Uncle Don Pacheco



I want to send out to my family and friends and to the universe, to cherish every moment of the days we are here, because life takes turns when you least expect it. My love and thoughts are an endless abundance. Uncle Don will be missed every day. I knew him enough to know that he was a loving, genuine soul and an amazing person. He was so funny and would have done anything for the ones he loved. This is for you, Uncle; you are a part of our world, in spirit every moment. Please know you've touched many people on such a deep level and that was your purpose here on earth. You were such a kind and loving soul and now you are with other souls as wonderful as you. Please know that I will think of you every moment of the day and we will miss you deeply. To a talented, funny, pure, and kind person, I love you, Uncle Don, and I know you will be watching over all of us.

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Father pleads guilty to injury, endangerment

BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)

The father of most of the seven children removed from a filthy Lubbock home where stacks of dirty diapers filled closets pleaded guilty Wednesday to child injury and endangerment charges.

Anthony Moya accepted a plea agreement and was sentenced to eight years in prison on each of two injury to a child charges and two years on each of six child endangerment charges. Each sentence will be served concurrently.

Earlier this month, a jury sentenced Moya's common-law wife, Gloria Ramirez, to 10 years in prison in the case and fined her \$10,000. Police came to the couple's home in

2007 after Moya called a funeral home about a casket for a stillborn infant. The fetus had been placed in a baby wipe box and in a refrigerator.

Moya's decision to accept the state's offer was based on the outcome of his wife's trial, said Cynthia Mendoza, his attorney.

"We believe that this is a fair resolution to his case," she said.

Authorities also found decaying food around the home, overflowing trash bins, and rat and roach infestations. Agency investigators suspected the children were malnourished. The two youngest were hospitalized for suspected dehydration, and all seven had to be treated for head lice, documents show.

Prosecutor Jennifer

Bassett said the plea spares Ramirez's oldest child from testifying at a second trial. The girl testified in great detail at her mother's trial.

"Obviously the only reason we agreed to a plea was to keep her off the stand and hopefully get closure for all the victims," she said.

The youngster testified that her mother threatened her and her siblings' lives if they told anyone about the filthy conditions. The girl, 9 at the time of the removal, told jurors they all routinely ate only once a day and that Ramirez showed the dead fetus to all the children and blamed them for the miscarriage.

Moya and Ramirez had six children together at the time of the chil-

dren's removal. They had twins in May 2008 and Ramirez gave birth to her oldest child before meeting Moya. Ramirez is pregnant with her 10th child.

Five of the seven removed from the home the day of the miscarriage are in the state's permanent custody; The oldest girl is with her biological father and a family is in the process of adopting the youngest child. The twins are in temporary custody.

A family law judge in Lubbock will determine whether the children will visit their parents in prison, Child Protective Services spokesman Greg Cunningham said Wednesday.

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in the Institutional Division of TDCJ on May 11. He was also ordered to pay a \$3,000 fine.

Jason Samuel Shorter was placed on probation after he pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance on May 11.

On November 24, 2004, Shorter was found in possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

He was placed on two years deferred adjudication probation, ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine with \$500 to be paid on the date of the plea and \$500 to be paid during the period of probation, and \$140 in restitution to be paid on the date of the plea agreement.



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Texas sect follower taught at Pulaski County Jail

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A follower of the House of Yahweh sect in Texas taught classes at the Pulaski County jail for more than four years, giving inmates lessons designed by the ministry's embattled leader, officials told The Associated Press.

Sheriff Doc Holladay said the follower passed a background check and came with a letter of recommendation from House of Yahweh leader Yisrayl Hawkins. Hawkins faces charges in Texas that he performed polygamous weddings, practiced bigamy and forced about 40 children — some as young as 11 — to work.

Holladay said House of Yahweh follower David Knighten didn't proselytize during his classes at the jail, attended by at least 780 inmates over the past years. The sheriff even wrote Knighten a letter of recommendation before jailers realized Hawkins faced criminal charges.

The course, called Peaceful Solution

Character Education Program, focused on "the importance of asking" for permission in life, as well as on ownership, respect and self-control.

Knighten, 51, said the class discussed "not stealing" from others, whether that be physical objects or the intangible, like time or emotions. He said he volunteered his courses not only at the Pulaski County jail, but also within state prisons in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, while also working professionally as a business courier and bill auditor.

He said he stopped the practice after jailers complained some inmates felt uncomfortable with it. Jailers canceled Knighten's jail program in January, nearly a year after Hawkins had been charged in Texas courts. However, an Internet video features Knighten reading Holladay's letter, complete with a picture of the sheriff.

"I have a feeling that perhaps this organization

is trying to use certain people in certain positions as some kind of character witness, so to speak," Holladay told the AP. "I

think our acknowledgment of Mr. Knighten's abilities ... may be being stretched a little further than certainly my intent would be."

Clendennens

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the ceiling was starting to sag from rain and hail the size of grapefruit.

Clendennens realized that even though most of her house was still intact, it was still totally destroyed. The sheetrock was soaked, the ceilings were dripping, and the floors were squishing from the rain accumulation.

Help came for the Clendenn's quickly. The Eastern Texas Panhandle of the American Red Cross gave them any necessary supplies needed to survive, and luckily, Judy, her husband who has suffered a stroke, and her mother will all be able to stay on their motor home on their property.

As crews of work-

ers moved anything savable from the house to the barn Monday afternoon, Clendennens had a remarkably positive attitude and outlook for the future.

"I'm so thankful to God," she said smiling. "He protected us and this all could have been so much worse."

Clendennens and her family will work to repair the damage over the next months while living in the motor home they normally use for family vacations.

County sentences

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to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine.

Lino Soto Cabrales pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

Rosa Diaz pleaded no contest to resisting arrest. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$300 fine.

Daniel J. Lee pleaded no contest to possession of dangerous drugs. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$800 fine.

Edward Harry Miller pleaded no contest to resisting arrest, search. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$800 fine.

Tommy Abernathy pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine.

Timothy Wayne Grant pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana. Rosario Camacho-Ortiz pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$400 fine.

Rosario Camacho-Ortiz was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

Joseph Adam Wilson pleaded no contest to hindering. He was sentenced to pay a 30 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine.

Christina Sheeree Young pleaded no contest to fail-

ure to identify. She was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$400 fine.

Joshua John Romero pleaded no contest to failure to identify. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$600 fine.

Helen Charmaine Hudson pleaded no contest to interfering with public duties. She was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$400 fine.

Ramon Rodrigo Para pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay a

\$600 fine.

Michael Dwayne Hood pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$900 fine.

Ignacia Jennifer Casias pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$900 fine.

Brittany Nichole Jones pleaded no contest to theft over \$50 but less than \$500. She was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$400 fine.

Jonathan Frank Cole pleaded no contest to illegal dumping. He was sen-

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Legislative Session

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 21, the 141st day of 2009. There are 224 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1541 - Members of a Spanish expedition seeking gold, led by Hernando de Soto, become the first Europeans to see the Mississippi River, south of what is now Memphis, Tennessee.
- 1840 - New Zealand is declared a British colony.
- 1927 - U.S. aviator Charles A. Lindbergh lands in Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across Atlantic Ocean.
- 1945 - Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart are married.
- 1956 - First hydrogen bomb is exploded by United States over Bikini Atoll in Pacific.
- 1967 - More than 300 people die in department store fire in Brussels, Belgium.
- 1968 - The nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard goes missing. The remains of the sub are later found on the ocean floor 645 kilometers (400 miles) southwest of the Azores.

'A ship in the harbor is safe. But that's not what the ships are built for.'

— Anonymous

for prime minister of India, is assassinated by Sri Lanka's separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels in a suicide bomb attack in the South Indian city of Madras.

1996 - A ferry strikes a rock and sinks in Lake Victoria in Tanzania. About 550 people drown.

1997 - Ukraine and Poland sign a reconciliation agreement to formally end conflict and put centuries of bloodshed behind them.

1998 - After weeks of protests and riots in Indonesia, President Suharto resigns, ending a 32-year reign.

2001 - The U.N. Security Council declares the Congo River open again after 2 1/2 years of war. The closure had affected food and medicine for millions across Congo.

2003 - An earthquake measuring 6.8 strikes Algeria's northern coast, 70 kilometers (45 miles) east of Algiers. At least 2,200 people are killed in the initial earthquake and in aftershocks.

2007 - Lebanese troops blast the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr el-Bared with artillery and tank fire, seeking to destroy a militant group with al-Qaida ties in the worst internal violence since the devastating 1975-1990 civil war.

2008 - A group of up to 300 young men brutally kill 11 people who were accused of being witches and wizards in western Kenya.

Today's Birthdays:

Albrecht Duerer, German artist (1471-1528); Alexander Pope, English poet (1686-1744); Henri Rousseau, French painter (1844-1910); Lazaro Cardenas, Mexican president (1895-1970); Andrey Sakharov, Russian physicist, dissident and Nobel Peace Prize laureate (1921-1989); J. Malcolm Fraser, former Australian prime minister (1930-); Leo Sayer, British singer (1948-); Mr. T, U.S. actor (1952-); Al Franken, U.S. comedian/politician (1951-).

Dems press leadership over partisan debate

House Democrats said Wednesday they are prepared to put up a fight to stop a looming battle over efforts to require Texans to show more ID before they can vote.

The bill has already been a partisan flashpoint in the Republican-led Senate, where it was approved along party lines in March. But whether the proposal becomes law will depend largely on how it fares this week in the House, a still healing chamber that has seen more bipartisan harmony in the past five months under the rookie leadership of Speaker Joe Straus than in the past five years.

But Democrats, who helped propel the Republican into power, say their good relations with Straus won't hamper them from waging an all out war over voter ID, a bill they say is an unfair attempt to suppress votes.

"If anyone doubts our resolve to protect the voting rights of our constituents, they are sadly mistaken," House Democratic Leader Jim Dunning said. "It's a very serious issue anytime you are trying to prevent people from voting."

Straus' office refused to comment.

With less than two

weeks left in the legislative session, the House has yet to deal with a number of substantive issues, like overhauling the Texas Department of Insurance, capping college admissions through the state's top 10 percent rule and lowering college tuition rates.

"We have so many other issues that this Legislature has yet to address," said Rep. Jessica Farrar, chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus. "Our concern is that those issues won't be addressed. What's being placed at the forefront of the agenda is a very partisan issue."

The biennial legislative session is set to adjourn June 1. The voter ID bill is expected to be in the House Friday, though that schedule had not yet been set.

"If the leadership chooses to bring this bill forward ... we are going to protect the voting rights of our constituents," Dunning said. "We hope that they don't make that choice because we want to continue this session as it has been, in a constructive manner and talking about the issues that really matter."

Dunning did not say how they would stop the measure, but Capitol hallways are abuzz with speculation that they'll make another

quorum-busting road trip out of Austin.

The strategy to bring House business to a halt was famously used when Democrats fled to Ardmore, Okla., in 2003 to stop a congressional redistricting effort.

"I would hope that we could stay here and debate the issue, take care of the concerns and at the end of the day have an electoral process that secures and protects the right of every eligible voter to vote," said Rep. Larry Taylor, chairman of the House Republican Caucus. "We have a lot of other important issues and the people of Texas expect us to stay here and get the job done."

The House voter ID bill, identical to the Senate version, would require Texans to provide a photo ID or two approved alternatives before casting a ballot.

Rep. Paula Pierson, D-Arlington, said she wouldn't be able to vote if the bill is adopted in its present form because she has different names, "married and maiden names", on her driver's license, voter registration card and Social Security card.

A House committee narrowly adopted the legislation last week, but only after Republican Rep.

Todd Smith, chairman of the panel, floated a series of proposals designed to attract a bipartisan coalition. He later said the chances of bridging the partisan divide were now "less than 50 percent."

Republicans, who control both houses of the Legislature and all statewide elective offices, say new rules are needed to protect against voter fraud. Democrats complain that the GOP wants to suppress Democratic turnout by erecting hurdles that suppresses their base vote.

The bill's passage in the Senate had been a foregone conclusion after Republicans tinkered with the filibuster rules to ensure it could come up for a vote.

But the narrow 76-74 GOP majority in the House makes things trickier for partisan legislation.

Smith had criticized the Senate's approach and pushed for a bipartisan compromise that would be phased in over four years and contain millions of dollars for voter education efforts. Some Democrats warmed to the idea, introduced late last month, but it was blocked by conservative Republicans.

Highlights from the Texas Legislature

With less than two weeks left in the legislative session, Democrats are complaining that the House has yet to deal with a number of substantive issues.

Among the legislation waiting for consideration are an effort to overhaul the Texas Department of Insurance, cap college admissions through the state's top 10 percent rule and lower college tuition rates.

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JUST SAYIN'

Gov. Rick Perry has been working the House floor.

He came to the chamber twice Wednesday to mingle and glad hand with lawmakers. Coincidentally, the day's schedule includes a measure that would allow lawmakers to do an end-run around Perry's rejection of \$555 million in federal economic stimulus money for the state's unemployment insurance fund.

Perry has tried to turn down the money, about 3 percent of the \$17 billion in federal stimulus money earmarked for Texas, even though he's accepted the rest of the federal allotment.

The legislation would expand state unemployment benefits to people seeking part-time work and those who quit their jobs for compelling reasons, such as a child's illness or family violence.

Perry says there are too many strings attached to the federal unemployment money. He says employers eventually will be stuck with the bill for expanded unemployment benefits.

STEM CELLS

The Senate approved creating a program to coordinate adult stem cell research and seek funding and direct grants to institutions around the state.

Directors of research at the University of Texas and Texas A&M University have said it would be invaluable in connecting research, making it more effective and easier to get funding.

Although the program would deal with adult stem cell research, the Senate added a provision to require

agencies and colleges to report any stem cell or human cloning research.

WINDSTORM INSURANCE

House Insurance Committee Chairman John Smithee, an Amarillo Republican, said Wednesday that Gov. Rick Perry is warning of a possible special session if windstorm insurance reform doesn't get accomplished by the time lawmakers adjourn June 1.

Smithee told the Austin American-Statesman the discussion was part of a 75-minute meeting Perry held with lawmakers.

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, the only wind insurer for property owners in 14 coastal counties, took a financial pounding last year and was depleted because of claims from Hurricanes Dolly and Ike. The insurance industry and coastal communities are looking for a change to the system, but finding a compromise has been elusive this session.

GUNS ON CAMPUS

Texas concealed handgun license holders could carry weapons into public college classrooms and dorms under a bill that

cleared the Texas Senate on Wednesday.

But in a last-minute change, the legislation exempts teaching hospitals run by institutions of higher education.

Supporters say the bill reinforces the constitutional right to bear arms and could prevent mass murders such as the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech. Opponents say it would make campuses more dangerous.

University of Texas-Arlington student Racquel Miller is among those who say they feel unsafe about letting people have guns on campus.

"Say a teacher gives a kid a bad grade and they are upset about it and their first initial reaction could be a bad reaction," said Miller.

But fellow UTA student Ryan Pfaffengut says guns on campus could help prevent more deaths.

"I think if we allow students to carry, then if somebody does 'nut out,' you can stop them," Pfaffengut said.

The bill passed 20-11 and now heads to the Texas House.

GUNS AT SCHOOL

Emergency Services

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Wednesday
Thomas Rom Brown, 31, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Trenton Wayne Choat, 17, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving under the influence-minor, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Amanda Sawn Hilton, 24, of Pampa was sent by the GCSO.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Today.

Tuesday
2:10 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart.
9:35 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West

Kentucky

Wednesday
8:49 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to East Frederic on a confined area standby.

12:15 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Love on a med assist.

12:27 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to the 400 block of North Sumner on a grass fire.

1:52 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Short on a med assist.

9:00 — One unit and two personnel responded to the 900 block of East Malone on a smoke scare.

Thursday
1:54 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of Red Deer on a med assist.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Today.

Tuesday

8:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Bernard. No patients were transported.

10:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Love. No patients were transported.

2:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Wednesday
2:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Varnon and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday
10:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of South Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Barnard and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to

North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo

12:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Love and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Cherokee. The call was cancelled in route.

1:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Plains. The call was cancelled in route.

1:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Short and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Rotary Club team now 7-0

The Rotary Club travelled to Panhandle and came away with a 14-2 victory on Wednesday night. Rotary used 3 pitchers to secure the victory. Blayne Troxell improved his record to 1-0 as he pitched 2 innings, giving up 1 run on no hits. Troxell struck out 4, walked 5 as he pitched

the first and second inning. Rance Tipps pitched a perfect 3rd inning, striking out 1. Cade Engle pitched the fourth and fifth inning to preserve the win. Engle gave up 1 run on 1 hit, striking out 1 and walking 2.

At the plate, Ethan Hunt led the team by going 3-4 with a single, double and he

also blasted his 4th home run of the season. Hunt had 5 RBI's and scored 3 runs. Engle went 2-3 with a single and double and also scored 3 runs. Troxell went 2-3 and scored 3 runs and had an RBI. Aaron McKinney did not record a base hit but drove in 2 runs. Tipps added 2 singles, a run scored and

an RBI. Andreas Losoya added a single and a run scored.

Rotary will take on DFB at 7:45 on Thursday. The Pampa Optimist club is a United Way agency.

Accolade to sponsor presentation and clinic

Pampa— In an effort to reduce stroke risk, Accolade Home Care is offering a stroke awareness presentation and blood pressure screening to Pampa and surrounding area residents on May 27 from 10.m.-2.m. at Pampa Senior Citizen Center, 500 W. Francis Pampa, TX 79065.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Each year in the U.S., about 795,000 people suffer a stroke. About 600,000 of these are first attacks, and 185,000 are recurrent attacks. High blood pressure is the most important risk factor for stroke.

Accolade blood pressure screenings will take approximately five minutes and the informative stroke presentation will take less than half an hour. Accolade will also provide individuals with blood pressure cards, risk factor handouts and stroke awareness handouts.

Irma Guerra understands the importance of educating yourself on stroke awareness. At the age of 82, her father had been suffering the effects of a stroke for the past five years. Lazaro Miranda, once an active farmer in Rotan, Texas, is now restricted to an

electric wheelchair due to his stroke. Lazaro was first admitted to a nursing home when the stroke happened.

"He became severely depressed and aged so drastically while in the nursing home," Irma said.

His wife moved him back home and became the sole caregiver, hiring Accolade Home Care to assist. "I noticed a major change once home care came into the picture. His spirits seemed to lift," Irma said.

Accolade Home Care also placed a vital sign monitor in his home. Accolade's program benefits patients by reducing hospital readmissions, ER visits and enables the

patient to better manage their condition. It monitors vital signs such as blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, temperature and weight. Accolade nurses are connected to patients seven days a week utilizing this vital information to improve early detection.

For more information about Accolade Home Care's stroke awareness presentation and blood pressure screenings, please contact Kristen Kennedy at Kristen.Kennedy@FMS-Regional.com or 940-220-2095 during regular business hours/ (806) 928-3448 after regular business hours.

Oil drops below \$61

Oil prices eased off six-month highs Thursday after rallying the day before to above \$62 a barrel on a bigger-than-expected fall in U.S. crude inventories.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was down \$1.16 to \$60.88 a barrel by mid-day in Europe in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, Brent prices fell \$1 to \$59.59 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Oil has surged about 75 percent since March on signs the global economy, while still struggling through a severe slowdown, may have avoided a worst-case scenario.

On Wednesday, the July contract rose \$1.94 to settle at \$62.04 after the government said U.S. crude inventories fell for a second week, suggesting demand may be improving.

Crude stockpiles dropped by 2.1 million barrels for the week ended May 15, according to Energy Department's Energy Information Administration. Gasoline inventories dropped by 4.3 million barrels.

That was a bigger decline than analysts had expected, especially for gasoline. Still, oil supplies remain at 19-year highs, and some analysts question whether the recent jump in prices is justified when demand remains weak.


Sudoku

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Cheri-Ann in Honolulu" (Feb. 21), who wanted to remind your readers that Hawaii is indeed one of the 50 states, reflects the lack of reasonable preparation on the part of tourists.

My son lives in Hawaii and over the years we have visited him many times. The questions I have heard travelers ask flight attendants as they deplane in Honolulu run the gamut: "Where do I go to change money?" "Which side of the road do 'they' drive on?" "Is it safe here when it rains?" or "Is English widely spoken?" I think I've heard them all. -- ALOHA FROM ALICE IN BERKELEY

DEAR ALICE: Some of the letters I received in response to Cheri-Ann's were surprising -- and amusing. I hope she will take comfort in knowing that Hawaii isn't the only state that has been "overlooked." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am from Oregon and when I would go to visit family on the East Coast, some people did not know where my state is located. When I told them it was right above California, more than a few would then exclaim, "Oh, you're from Canada!" -- DIANE IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I spent our honeymoon in Alaska. A girl on our cruise ship asked where we were from. When I replied, "Vermont," she asked what state it was in, "Maine or Massachusetts?" in answer to which I politely pointed out that Vermont is the nation's 14th state. -- ERIC IN RUTLAND, VT.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago I married a Navy man. We moved from our home state to Virginia, and I was asked where I was from. I replied, "New York." I was then asked, "What's it like to live in such a big city?" "No," I responded, "I live in upstate New York. I've never been to the city." Then I was asked, "What is 'upstate'?" and had to explain that upstate means in the middle area of New York STATE, only to hear, "There's a state called New York?" -- SANDY IN ITALY (THE COUNTRY)

DEAR ABBY: When people hear I'm from Kentucky's Appalachia region, they automatically ask if my boyfriend is also my cousin, if possum is my favorite dish and if I've ever heard of the

Internet. Stereotypes still exist. Both Hawaiians and Appalachians have a long way to go before we will be accepted, in the eyes of some people, as "Americans." -- KENTUCKY NATIVE

DEAR ABBY: I work for the tourism department in New Mexico and want Cheri-Ann to know she is not alone. We frequently have to respond to questions like,

"Do I need a passport or visa to visit?" or, "Can I drink the water?" We even received a letter from a wedding magazine requesting information regarding our "traditional" customs for marriage so they could run an article on our "country." And yes, you CAN drink the water here. -- MAX FROM THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEAR ABBY: I once had to ask a bank teller here in Florida how much it would cost to wire money from my account to a bank in Minnesota. She said, "Minnesota? Is that in the United States?" The sad thing is this

woman actually handled money and accounts. No wonder our banks have to be bailed out. -- JUDY IN NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: People have asked me where I'm from. When I respond, "I'm from Delaware," I am then asked, "Is that a state?" To which I casually respond, "Yes. The first one." Maybe having a vice president from Delaware will finally "put us on the map." -- FIRST STATE NATIVE

DEAR NATIVE: And having a president from Hawaii may help, too.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 22, 2009.

You could change directions this year, as you realize in some ways you have been self-destructive. A partnership transforms, allowing you to update your views, if not your daily life. A change might come up in your home life, or you might decide to remodel or paint a room a new color. If you are single, you might move into a relationship slightly too fast. Slow down, for your sake as well as the other person. Tension seems to walk with you. If you are attached, you often feel out of sync. Let it go. TAURUS makes a great confidant.

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)

★★★★ Update your opinion about a boss. Give this person space. Be clear about what you will tolerate and what you will not. Others will respond to your boundaries. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies and a drink.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Look for a better idea, where you can avoid a problem rather than have one occur. Tension builds with a child or loved one. Perhaps stopping and buying a little gift will help loosen up the vibes. Tonight: Only what you want to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Don't feel pressured by a partner. You could be somewhat out of sync or not sure of yourself. You know, as well as others, that this attitude isn't really you. A domestic or personal matter is out of whack. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be sensitive to your potential when deciding what can happen or work for you. If you keep your focus but don't push, you will find that others will waver and adjust their stance, perhaps not immediately. Don't forget an important meeting. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to rethink a stance. How you might be guiding a project could need some revision. Your willingness to greet new and different technology separates you from others. Say no to impulsive spending. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep seeking out ideas and attempting to root out a problem. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you are hearing. Step back or take a walk to clear your mind. Ideas come as a result of brainstorming or chatting. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be a team with a key associate or partner. This person depends on you more than you realize. Consider your options more carefully, and don't just mix a situation because of the people involved. Make needed adjustments on the home front. Tonight: Chat over munchies with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others dominate. You need not feel challenged, as you are so much stronger than many realize. Let others discover the end result of their actions. A friend could disappoint you in an odd way. Revise your opinion or view of an immediate situation. Tonight: Sort

through options, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Making this a total workday shouldn't be a hassle. Some of you might even want to put in overtime. Strengthening your position and finances is smart. Others challenge you, making you feel as if somehow you missed the boat. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You are changing — consciously or unconsciously. Allow your creative juices to flow. Share ideas with others. News from a distance could cause a change of plans. Relax. Don't worry. Tonight: Now let that naughty side out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Do as much from home as possible. At work, you could feel as if someone is tormenting you on some level. No one can torment you unless you let them. Perhaps relaxing and taking a few days off could help revise your opinion. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Think about your words before they leave your mouth, or you could be quite upset with someone's reaction. Others are out of sorts, but they don't need to be encouraged to go on a rant. A friend presents a different view. Tonight: Talk through a problem.

BORN TODAY

Pianist Peter Nero (1934), actor Sir Lawrence Olivier (1907), writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859)

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