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## Shack is gone, but the pickin' goes on



**BY DAVID BOWSER**  
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LEFORS -- Eudell Gifford is having family and friends over Saturday for his birthday.

Gifford, who turns 78 on Saturday, is having a party at the site of the Pickin' Shack, the place on Fourth Street in Lefors that for years he hosted bluegrass jam sessions.

But in March, the Pickin' Shack burned. Gifford who lived next door was not injured, but the Pickin' Shack was totally destroyed.

Among the items that perished in the fire were a guitar that Gifford's brother had given him for his birthday.

"It's the first new guitar I've ever had," Gifford said the Saturday night he celebrated his 74th birthday.

This spring's fire also destroyed the music, the photos and the autographs on the ceiling signed by those who had visited the Pickin' Shack.

"We got the call at 5:35 in the morning," said Lefors Fire Chief Floyd Lott said following the fire in March. "When we got to the fire the house was totally engulfed in flames."

But Gifford's daughter, Nita Wallace, said her father and mother and their friends will be back at the site of the Pickin' Shack beginning about 2 p.m. Saturday to celebrate her Dad's birthday.

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With his then new guitar, Eudell Gifford is surrounded by friends on his 74th birthday at the Pickin' Shack in Lefors. *staff photo by David Bowser*

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## Field school yields over 400 artifacts

**BY DAVID BOWSER**  
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PERRYTON -- The metal detection survey of archeological sites along Wolf Creek yielded more than 400 artifacts, according to Richard Mackie.

Mackie and Kelly Baker were the principle investigators for their team of 15, while more than 500 archeologists and volunteers, both youth and adults, were here during the week-long Texas Archeological Society's field school.

Working out of a camp at Lake Fryer, south of Perryton, the Mackie-Baker crew used metal

detectors for six days along Wolf Creek. They spent one day down on the Canadian north of Pampa.

Most of the sites were on land owned by Perryton oilman and rancher Harold Courson, who hosted the dig.

"This is the fourth time we've had them at Wolf Creek," said Danny Witt, who works for Courson.

The Texas Archeological Society's field school was held here twice in the 1980s and again last year.

Mackie said Monday that his and Baker's team found about 435

artifacts at some 25 different sites.

"That's double last year," he said.

They found 107 artifacts on the first day, including a trade ring.

"It had a set in it like a birth stone set," said Gerald Wright of Pampa. "That's pretty rare."

Mackie said that the first day was the best. On the second, his team found some 80 artifacts. Succeeding days yielded about 40 artifacts a day, he said.

Over the week, Mackie said they found metal points, or arrowheads made of iron and brass, and they found coscojos, or tinklers, that

the Indians used to decorate the brides of their horses.

"We got a whole bunch of them," Mackie said.

He said they found metal awls and medallions.

"We found buttons," he said. "Some fancy. Some not so fancy."

They also found balls from percussion rifles and pistols.

"Rifles started showing up around 1800," Mackie said.

They found shell casings from rifles that were used in the latter part of the 19th Century. The empty shell casings appeared to

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## 2 injured in crash

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Two Pampa women are recovering from minor injuries today following a two-vehicle collision Monday at Gray and Kingsmill.

Mandy Stephenson, 29, and Melodie Lane, 34, both of Pampa were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center Monday afternoon where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Stephenson was westbound on Kingsmill just after 12:30 p.m. Monday when her white 1993 Chrysler New Yorker was involved in a collision with a southbound silver 2004 Toyota pickup driven by Kenneth York, 76.

York failed to yield the right-of-way and his vehicle was struck by Stephenson's car.

The downtown intersection was closed for about 30 minutes while Pampa firefighters controlled the flow of gasoline from a ruptured gas tank on the pickup.



Pampa firefighter Jerry Brock, right, tries to stem the flow of gasoline from a pickup involved in a two-vehicle collision at Gray and Kingsmill while firefighters Jim Roberts, left, and Craig Harkcom watch. *staff photo by David Bowser*

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High 86  
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**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 73. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
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## Jimmy Carlton Lindsay, 71

Jimmy Carlton Lindsay, 71, of Denton, died Monday June 22, 2009 at the Denton Good Samaritan Village.

Mr. Lindsay was born on January 8, 1938 in Vernon, Texas to Virgil and Jewell (Booker) Lindsay. He married Marie Wages on January 11, 1958. He was a police officer in Vernon, TX as well as a member of the Santa Rosa Palomino Club. He worked as a carpenter and licensed master plumber. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Denton.

A graveside service will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday June 25, 2009 at Roselawn Memorial Park with Rev. Russ Tieken officiating.

## Jackie Dale Hembree, 51

McLean— Jackie Dale Hembree, 51, died Saturday, June 20, 2009, in Shamrock, Texas.

Services will be held 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in McLean with Rev. Brian Quisenberry, officiating.

Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Hembree was born April 18, 1958 in Shamrock and was the youngest of four children. He was a resident of Lela prior to moving to McLean 30 years ago. He graduated from Shamrock High School in 1976 and married Cathy Estes of McLean on January 6, 1979 in McLean.

Though a jack of all trades, his true love was farming. More than anything he enjoyed plowing and working with his grandson, Jaxon.

He was preceded in death by his father, E. C. "Pete" Hembree.

He is survived by his wife Cathy of McLean; a

visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday June 24 at the funeral home.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Carl Tatum of Pampa, TX; sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy Kyle and Sheila Lindsay of Jacksonville, Illinois; Kevin and Tracy Lindsay of Denton; sister, Carolyn McGann of Vernon, TX; eleven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, Karla Burchfield, and a grandson, Jim Bob Franklin.

Mulkey-Mason, Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Thomas Kervin Chisholm, 79

Thomas Kervin Chisholm, 79, died peacefully on June 20th, 2009.

Tom is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara, his daughter, Carolyn, son, John, and grandson, Elijah, as well as extended family and friends. Tom was born April 18th, 1930 in Bradford, Pennsylvania to parents, Russell Arthur Chisholm and Francis Kervin Chisholm.

Tom grew up in a large household full of laughter and love. He is predeceased by four sisters, Ann, Sheila, Jean, and Colleen, and brother, Kevin.

Thomas retired from the University of Texas in 1993 after nineteen years as a safety engineer. Thomas grew up in Pampa, Texas and graduated from Pampa High School in 1948. Tom was a member of the Bengal Bouts at the University of Notre Dame where he graduated in 1952. A lifelong history buff, Thomas assisted with research which culminated in the placement of two historical markers. The Red River Expedition of 1852 marker credits the explorers who brought the Texas Panhandle to the attention of Americans. The second, a marker honoring one of his heroes, the Notre Dame football player and coach, Knute Rockne.

Thomas Chisholm was known for his kindness and sense of humor which

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## Obituaries

### San Jose "Joe" Albiar, 63

Pampa— San Jose "Joe" Albiar, 63, died June 22, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Vigil will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Joseph Ravi, associate pastor at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Military honors are courtesy of the U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Albiar was born January 7, 1946 in Paint

Rock, Texas, to Sixto and Rafaela Albiar. He married Natalia Galaviz on April 10, 1972 in Ballinger. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1973. Joe was a truck driver. He enjoyed camping and fishing, and was a huge NASCAR fan. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving from 1967 until 1969.

Survivors include his wife, Natalia Albiar of the home, two daughters; Sara Flores and husband Hunter, and Grace Deanda and husband Alex, all of Amarillo; 3 brothers: Alfonso Albiar and George Albiar, both

of Pampa, and Canuto Albiar of Irving; 7 sisters: Juanita Medrano of Yuma, Colorado, Tomasa Medrano of Ballinger, Julia Martinez of Guymon, Oklahoma, Mary Molina of Fort Myers, Florida, Pat Carpenter, Tina Villareal, and Irene Estrada, all of Pampa; 4 grandchildren: Alysia, Tessica and Moriah Deanda, and Ezekiel Flores, all of Amarillo; numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers: Felix Albiar, Jesse Albiar and Mario Albiar; and 2 sisters: Maria Albiar and Christina Albiar.

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### Zirix Lee Nix, 15

Pampa— Zirix Lee Nix, 15, died June 20, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery, with Levi Nunn, a cousin, and Rev. Willard Kiper, chaplain with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Jordan and Baten units, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Zirix was born August

20, 1993 in Pampa where he attended Pampa schools. He loved to play video games and listen to music. He had several special friends, including: Kaitlyn Wright, Alex Galaviz and Toby Weisenhunt.

Survivors include his parents: Charles and Suzanne Nix of the home; 2 brothers: Larry Kincaid of Ventura, California and Randy Nix, Jr., of Nacogdoches; birth mother: Kimberlee Sue Smith; grandparents: Dale and

Gloria Brown of Pampa; great-grandmother: Beverly Clark of Missouri; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Zirix was preceded in death by a brother: Thomas Eugene Smith in 1998; and an aunt: Summer Zirix in 1988.

Memorials may be made to any foundation for troubled children.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)



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### Thomas Kervin Chisholm, 79

stayed with him even in sickness. His family and friends will always remember his stories, his laughter and his great smile.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009 followed by a funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 4311 Small Dr. Interment will follow at

Austin Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 452-8811. Obituary and guestbook online at [http://wcfish.com/n\\_n\\_blankwcfish.com](http://wcfish.com/n_n_blankwcfish.com)



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# Texas town welcomes tainted *Birth*day Hudson River sludge

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**BETSY BLANEY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER  
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Later this month, the first trainloads of PCB-tainted sludge dredged from the Hudson River will arrive and, in the eyes of critics, will turn a stretch of West Texas into New York's "pay toilet."

They argue that burying dirt so toxic that General Electric Co. will spend at least six years and an estimated \$750 million to dig it up will only create a new mess for future generations to clean up.

But for 15 new jobs and the little bit of money it'll bring local businesses, the folks who live near the site are willing to take the risk, however remote, of tainting the area's groundwater by taking out somebody else's trash.

"The city is not against it and the city is not in an uproar," said Matt White, mayor of nearby Eunice, N.M. "It is a big impact on our city and definitely positive ... so we're very comfortable with it."

The deal has the blessing of government officials in both states, and New York environmental groups who have lobbied for decades for removal of the sludge say it will substantially lower the risk of PCBs, a likely carcinogen in high doses in humans, getting into the food chain.

White said the process is completely safe and there's no risk to Eunice's 3,000 residents in bringing the contaminated dirt into their back yard.

And the Dallas-based company that operates the disposal site, Waste Control Specialists, stands to make tens of millions of dollars, according to a company spokesman who declined to give an exact dollar amount.

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, are a family of chemicals that were commonly used as coolants and lubricants in electrical transformers before they were banned in 1977. GE plants in upstate New York discharged wastewater

containing PCBs into the Hudson River over several decades.

Waste Control plans to bury the tainted soil on top of 800 feet of clay and to cover it with plastic lining and uncontaminated soil. It also stores radioactive waste at the site, including 45,000 tons of waste from a former uranium-processing plant.

Ordinarily, the clay would prevent the PCBs from seeping into the groundwater below. But critics say the clay underlying the storage site has cracks.

Glenn Lewis, 61, a former technical writer with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, said geologists studying the site had recommended Waste Control not be licensed to dispose of the low-level radioactive waste after discovering problems with the clay, including holes and fissures of various widths.

"The geology is awful. It leaks," said Lewis, who compiled the geologists' findings. He called the site "irredeemably inadequate" for radioactive waste.

One of the geologists who advised against licensing the company, Pat Bobeck, declined to comment about the matter to The Associated Press when reached by phone Thursday.

Lewis said he hasn't studied the parcel of clay where the PCB-laden dirt will be buried, but he said it's adjacent to the parcel of land where the radioactive waste is buried, and geology of the two sites is likely the same.

Melanie Barnes, a geology researcher at Texas Tech University, said there are fractures in the clay but that it's unknown if they reach all the way to the ground water. As such, she said she doesn't think burying the PCBs at the site is unreasonable.

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Waste Control, said such concerns are unfounded, and that the site has received

federal and state approval.

White said a leak wouldn't affect Eunice's drinking water because it comes from a part of the Ogallala Aquifer that is more than 20 miles from the site.

Another aquifer, the Santa Rosa, is near the site. People don't drink the Santa Rosa's brackish water, but it is used to water livestock, which could transfer PCBs to the human food chain in the event of a leak, Lewis said.

GE will ship the PCB-laden river silt to the Texas site by train. It plans to complete transport of material from the cleanup's first phase by November. To date, GE has spent \$629 million to clean up the river.

Neil Carman, an official with the Sierra Club in Texas, says the Environmental Protection Agency is letting GE use the "cheapest option" by not requiring it to neutralize the PCBs at a treatment facility it built near the dredging operation.

"There's no cleanup. It's just gone from the Hudson River," Carman said. He called Waste Control a "cheap pay toilet ... the cheapest GE could find," and said burying the dirt is only leaving a toxic mess for future generations.

In an April 21 letter to the Sierra Club, the EPA said it considered "feasible" treatment technologies GE could have used, but that the cost was "substantially more" than disposing of the chemical in an off-site location.

Rose Gardner, who is among a vocal minority in Eunice that opposes the plan, said it's hard to rationalize how bringing in thousands of tons of another state's contaminated soil will benefit her city.

"My real concern is the groundwater," she said. "What it all boils down to is we all need good clean water to survive. It's not a very good scene."

Like old times, there will be music and food.

Friends replaced Gifford's guitar, and while the wood and shingles may be gone, nothing can remove the memories or the music, she said.

Gifford always maintained that the folks who gathered for the jam sessions at the Pickin' Shack were the finest people he'd ever known.

Originally from Comanche County, Okla., Gifford was born in the community of Faxon.

His father moved the family to Borger during World War II, where his dad went to work at the Columbia Carbon Black Plant.

Gifford said he remembers the move.

"Melvin and I rode on top of the furniture in the back of the truck," he laughed. "We got pretty sunburned."

Growing up in company housing south of Borger, the Giffords were about three houses into Carson County. The rest of the kids in the neighborhood went to school in Borger. Gifford and his brother went to Panhandle.

Before and after school he worked at a local dairy, getting to bed at 11 p.m. only to get up at 4 a.m. to mix feed.

"Out in the bunkhouse," Gifford said, "there was an old guitar."

That's where Gifford first began playing. Initially, he

just wanted to accompany himself when he sang.

His mother taught him a few chords.

"Both my parents were musicians," Gifford said.

His father picked a five-string banjo.

"He picked in the old style," Gifford remembered fondly.

On his 17th birthday, Gifford went into the Navy where his musical ambition flourished.

"There was always some one with a guitar," Gifford said.

After getting out, he traveled back and forth across the country, stopping in Nashville and making friends with a man named Fred Rose, a partner with country music icon Roy Acuff in Acuff-Rose Music.

"I was writing songs at that time," Gifford said.

Rose liked the songs Gifford wrote and wanted Gifford to record them and send them to him, but in those days, tape recorders were large, bulky and expensive.

As Gifford began sending his songs to Rose, the old man died.

"I wrote a song about him," Gifford said.

Over the years that followed, Gifford formed several bands with friends. One of them was with Jody Grubb of Pampa.

"He and I picked for 30 years," Gifford said.

In 1965, Gifford married his bride Mary Ann, and

they settled in Lefors.

During that time, friends and acquaintances would stop by with their guitars, mandolins and banjos.

"We'd play in the living room or in the garage," Gifford said.

He decided they needed some place they could play other than at home, so in 1967, he bought a shotgun shack and turned it into what was to become known as the Pickin' Shack.

When it was blown away in a tornado in 1975, Gifford bought a vacant house in Skellytown and had it moved to Lefors.

It cost him \$500 for the two-bedroom house and another \$500 to move it.

"It took forever to get it plumbed," Gifford said.

Eventually, it became the place to gather for bluegrass musicians from across the region, indeed the country. The ceiling of the old house held the record. Visitors signed the ceiling and the names range from itinerant newspaper reporters to Arlo Guthrie.

"He was a picker," Gifford said of Woody Guthrie's son.

In 1988, Gifford added a large room on to the house just to accommodate the crowd that stopped by to play or just listen on Friday nights.

On soft summer evenings, the crowd gathered outside the Pickin' Shack on the patio as the music floated on the breeze.

# Gov. Perry Confident in Texas Longhorns

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal placed a friendly wager on the outcome of the College World Series, which takes place this week in Omaha, Neb.

"The Texas Longhorn baseball program has been winning national championships since the 1940s and I'm looking forward to Coach Garrido and his team bringing home yet another title from Omaha this week," said Gov. Perry. "With the winningest coach in college baseball history calling the shots and his players consistently stepping up in the clutch, I'm certain there is going to be some Louisiana seafood headed our way."

Gov. Perry put a tray of Texas bar-b-que on the line, confident that the Texas Longhorns will take home a seventh championship title. Gov. Jindal bet a tray of fresh Louisiana seafood that the Tigers would beat the Longhorns.

"LSU's strong pitching and outstanding hitting will rack us up major wins against the Texas Longhorns in this series, and I am willing to bet a tray of fresh Louisiana seafood that the Tigers will be the champions of this match-up. Anyone can play Small Ball, but the LSU Tigers will teach Texas how Monster Ball is played," Gov. Jindal said.

# Chancellor says Murano didn't meet expectations

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)—Former Texas A&M University President Elsa Murano didn't live up to hopes and expectations before her abrupt resignation last week, the chancellor of the A&M system said Monday.

Chancellor Mike McKinney, speaking to A&M faculty senate members worried over the turmoil and shake-up, urged

faculty not to dwell on the past and quoted Scripture while explaining how he approached Murano about their strained relationship earlier this year.

Murano resigned June 14, less than two weeks after the public release of an unflattering performance review written by McKinney. She was on the job for just 17 months.

# Pampa ISD hires five new teachers

The Pampa school board hired five new teachers Thursday night, including one coach.

Aaron Walker, Jessie Ledesma, Heather Dean and Amanda Napoleon were hired as classroom

teachers on one-year probationary contracts.

Edwin "Forest" Harding was hired on a dual assignment probationary contract as a classroom teacher and a coach.

# Omission

Two optimist baseball coaches for the Rotary team were inadvertently left out of yesterday's story. Jeff Haley and Keenan Davis are also coaches of this team.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 23, the 174th day of 2009. There are 191 days left in the year.

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On this date:

In 1757, forces of the East India Company led by Robert Clive won the Battle of Plassey, which effectively marked the beginning of British colonial rule in India.

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer."

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

Suffering without understanding is a heap worse than suffering when you at least have a grain of an idea what it's all for.

— Mary Ellen Chase, American author

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, after a bomb widely believed to have been planted by Sikh separatists exploded.

In 1989, the Supreme Court refused to shut down the "dial-a-porn" industry, ruling Congress had gone too far in passing a law banning all sexually oriented phone message services.

Five years ago: In a major retreat, the United States abandoned an attempt to win a new exemption for American troops from international prosecution for war crimes — an effort that had faced strong opposition because of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

One year ago: Outraged at the turmoil in Zimbabwe, the U.N. Security Council declared that a fair presidential vote was impossible because of a "campaign of violence" waged by President Robert Mugabe's government.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 69. Musical conductor James Levine is 66. R&B singer Rosetta Hightower (The Orlons) is 65. Actor Ted Shackelford is 63. Actor Bryan Brown is 62. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 61. "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson is 53. Actress Frances McDormand is 52. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 47. Actor Paul La Greca is 47. R&B singer Chico DeBarge is 39. Actress Selma Blair is 37. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 34. R&B singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 34. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 32. New England Patriots offensive tackle Matt Light is 31. San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson is 30. Rock singer Duffy is 25. Country singer Katie Armiger is 18.



## A real clunker

By Tom Purcell  
I'm torn, if you want to know the truth.

Last week, the United States Senate passed the "Cash for Clunkers" bill — they tucked it into an emergency war-funding bill — and President Obama will soon sign it into law.

Here's how the clunker bill works:

If your current car averages 18 or fewer miles per gallon, you'll qualify for a \$3,500 voucher toward the cost of a new car — so long as the new car averages at least 4 mpg more.

Better: If you buy a new car that averages 10 mpg better than your current car, the government will give you a \$4,500 voucher.

That is why I'm torn. I own two vehicles: a 2001 Nissan Maxima SE and a 1992 Chevy S-10 truck, both in excellent condition.

My Maxima gets 19 mpg in the city — it averages 22 mpg — so it doesn't qualify for government dough.

But my truck surely does. It only gets about 10 mpg.

Of course, that isn't a problem. The truck sits in my father's garage most

of the time. It goes out only when someone in my family needs to pick up a piece of furniture or some mulch.

I love that truck.

Its dated two-tone silver-and-maroon paint job, white-letter tires and red velvet interior scream "1992." It's the kind of vehicle somebody like Bill Clinton might have used to pick up someone like Monica Lewinsky.

Despite its coolness — despite its near-mint condition — the truck is 17 years old. In the real market — the free market — it is worth only \$2,500.

Which puts me in a troubling position.

Once President Obama signs the clunker bill into law, my truck will instantly be worth \$4,500. All I have to do is find a new vehicle that gets 22 mpg — not hard to do.

Of course I don't need or want a new vehicle. I love my Maxima. And my truck is perfect for what it is intended to do.

And I can't bear the thought of what will happen to my beloved truck if I take the deal. All vehicles traded in under the clunker

program will be crushed into a block of steel and smelted. Not even the transmission or the motor can be salvaged.

But then again, one must keep emotion out of financial decisions. Only the government is dumb enough to pay me \$4,500 for a \$2,500 vehicle — and only a dummy would walk away from a \$2,000 gain.

Sure, I know what the critics are saying: The program's \$1 billion price tag is a waste of money at a time when we're bleeding red ink. I know we've already squandered some \$30 billion meddling in the private auto industry and have likely made things worse, not better.

I know the unintended consequences of the government's clunker program will hit the poor and middle class the hardest. Even with government perks, many people can't afford a new car. Because the program will take thousands of used cars out of service, it will cause the cost of used cars to go up.

I know the political class is trying to impose a desired outcome on us. They're eager for us to

drive ever dinkier cars. I know they're bribing us — with our own dough — to make us bend to their will.

But then again, this will surely be my last chance to qualify for a government perk of any kind.

I'm generally on the paying end of government programs — not the receiving end — and all of us will be paying plenty more if Obama succeeds in signing a torrent of big-spending programs into law.

And so I am torn. I had been happy with my two perfectly good vehicles, but, suddenly, I'm thrust into the throes of a major automotive decision.

I've been avoiding my truck lately. Wracked with guilt — I can't believe I may be bought off for a lousy 2,000 bucks — I can't look my truck in the headlights.

Such are the peculiar thoughts that only the government can produce.

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## Letters to the editor

This is almost a "Public Service Announcement" for the people of

Pampa, Texas, and surrounding areas.

I went to the Taylor Mart on Sunday to fill up my pick-up with gasoline.

To start the new week, and when I drove up to the pumps, a receipt was blowing around still in the machine. I took the receipt out and was surprised to see that the customers' names and last 4 digits of credit card were printed on the receipt. I finished filling up with gas and proceeded to the store and gave the receipts to the clerk and explained that they were left in the machine.

When I got back to my vehicle, a receipt was in the machine of my purchase and I had NOT pushed the button to select a receipt. So, please be aware that sometimes a receipt is printed even when you do not select it and anyone would see your name and last four digits of your card on there and in this day and age.....Crooks are just waiting for an opportunity to steal your identity.

Christie Eads  
Pampa

Editor,  
After reading your article about the summer reading program at the Lovett Library, I want to say that I happened to be in the library last week and looked around the children's section. I was pleased with what I saw. It certainly is very child

friendly."

If you have not been to the library, you are invited to come and see what we have to offer.

I looked into the auditorium to see how it had been set up for the summer program. It was very impressive.

Misty Guy, Library Director and Marsha Rollins, Children's Librarian and the entire staff of the library are doing an excellent job.

They are always friendly and helpful.

I have served on the Friends of the Library Board for many years, and in that time we have always given support to the children's program. This year we gave the reading program \$1,000. I feel that this is a real contribution to the children of our city.

Doyve Massie  
Pampa  
Editor,

The letter from Dennis Palmetier echoed my thoughts.

I have served on the Friends of the Lovett Library board for over 20 years. I wish to say

that "right on Dennis" our library is truly a jewel. And is you have been to other libraries in cities our size, you will agree.

As to the location of the library, the land and money to build the library were given to the city by the Lovett family. The library was build on the site of the original homes of the Lovetts at virtually no cost to the city. The city does pay the saaries of the staff and see that the lawn is mowed. I'm sure they do much more than that, but,

through the years that I have been on the friends board, we have paid for the paint to paint the interior of the library, paid to have the windows cleaned. We paid for the first security system put in the library. The friends purchased and maintain the microfilm reader/printer and have paid for the microfilm and many of the area's newspapers and have paid for the microfilm of many of the local newspapers that are used by the public.

When the library was renovated about ten years ago, that was paid for by

the library foundation. When the library moved back into their plant, the Friends paid to install the sprinkler system, at a cost of \$8,463. we paid for the plants put by the building on the east side of the library and the flower garden on the north side of the library. We are still paying \$1,200 a year for the lawn treatment in the spring and fall. We purchased the stone benches, several trees and have at times in the past, paid for some weeding. Some of us on the board have been known to pull a few weeds.

The library has a lovely fenced garden that was made possible by the late Virginia Green. Virginia personally maintained the garden until her death.

All in all, since the library was renovated, the Friends have spent 438,056.16 on the grounds of the library. Our money is derived from membership dues and book sales. We did receive a grant from the Payne Foundation which helped immensely.

Vera Plunk  
Pampa

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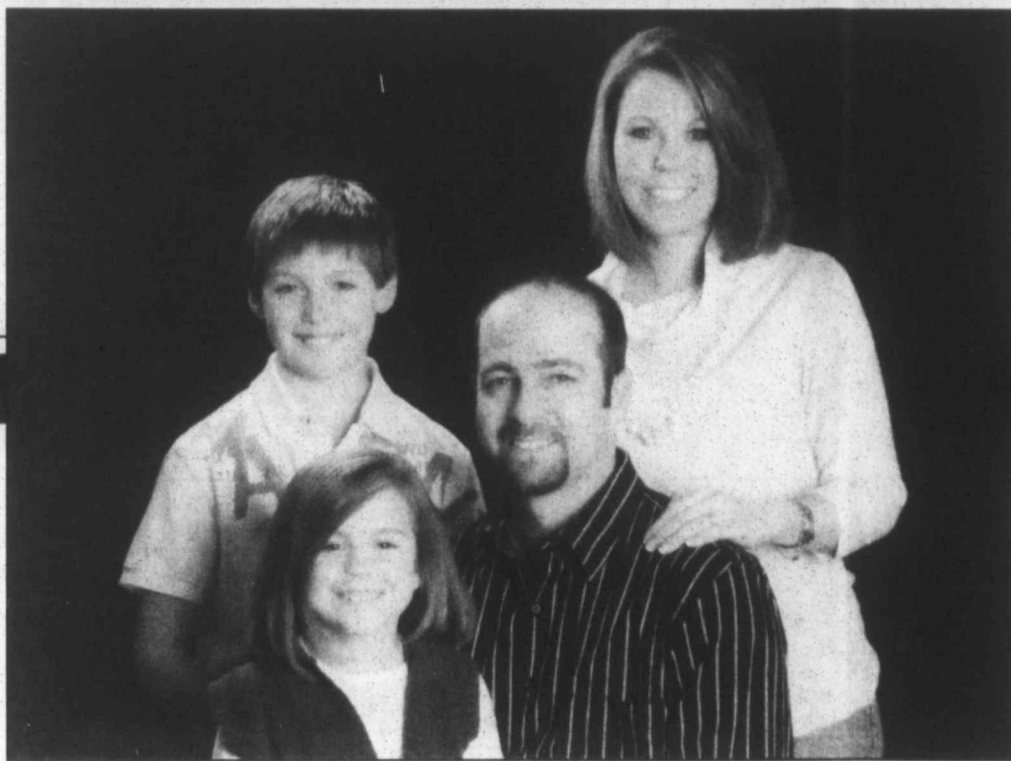
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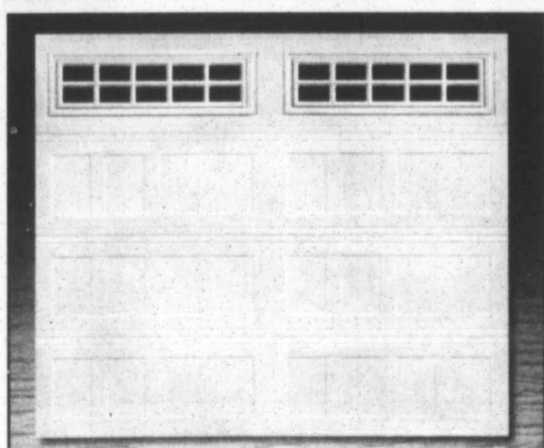
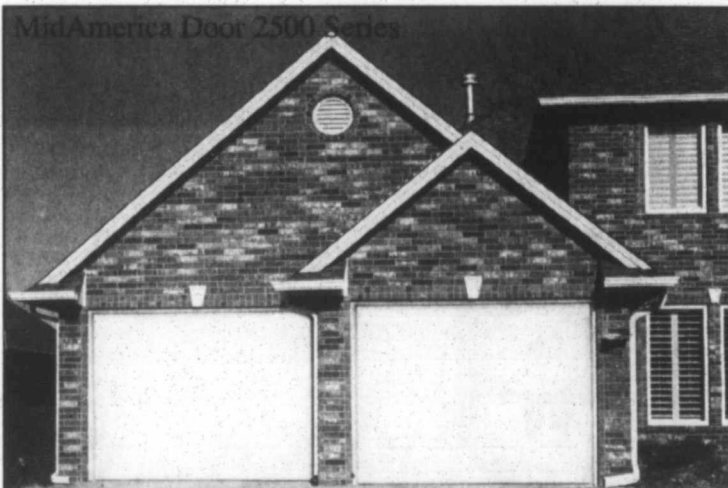
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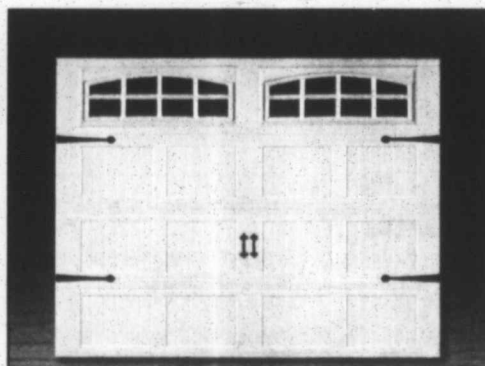
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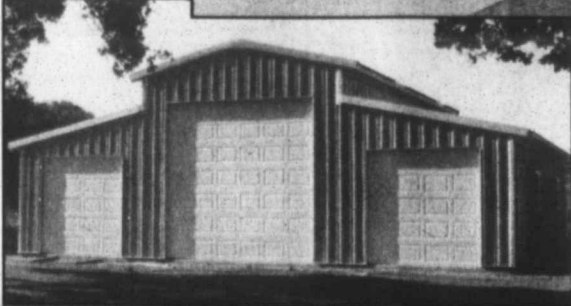


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By Bil Keane



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 2 River from Pittsburgh
  - 1 Private's denial
  - 3 Auction cry
  - 4 Under the weather
  - 5 Parish head
  - 6 Faucet
  - 7 Signing need
  - 8 Behind schedule
  - 9 File stand-in
  - 10 Watch over
  - 11 "... like I need — in the head"
  - 12 UN goal
  - 13 42nd president
  - 15 Lawn makeup
  - 16 Kids' game
  - 17 Terminus
  - 18 Metal man
  - 20 Air traffic aid
  - 23 Pester
  - 27 Had debts
  - 28 Inside picture
  - 29 Leary of "Rescue Me"
  - 31 "Alfie" star
  - 32 Burger add-on
  - 34 Cry of insight
  - 37 Greedy desire
  - 38 "Alfie" star (2004)
  - 41 44th president
  - 44 Mouse activity
  - 45 Black bird
  - 46 Louver parts
  - 47 Get to one's feet

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- 22 Bear's lair
- 24 "Entourage"
- 25 — Andreas
- 26 Pupil's place
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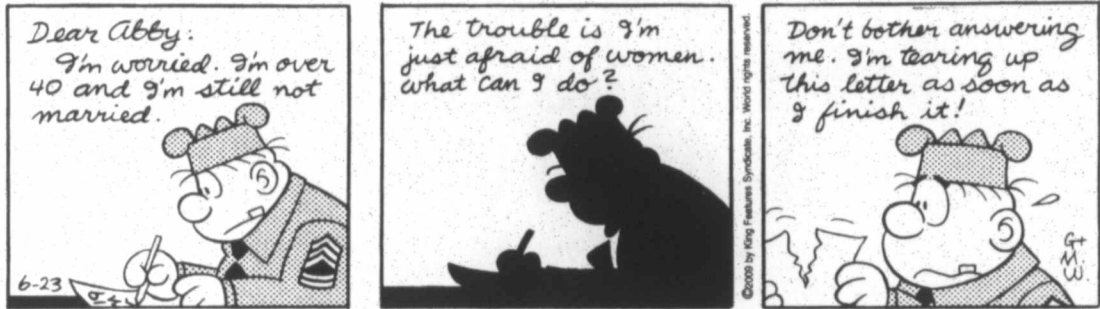
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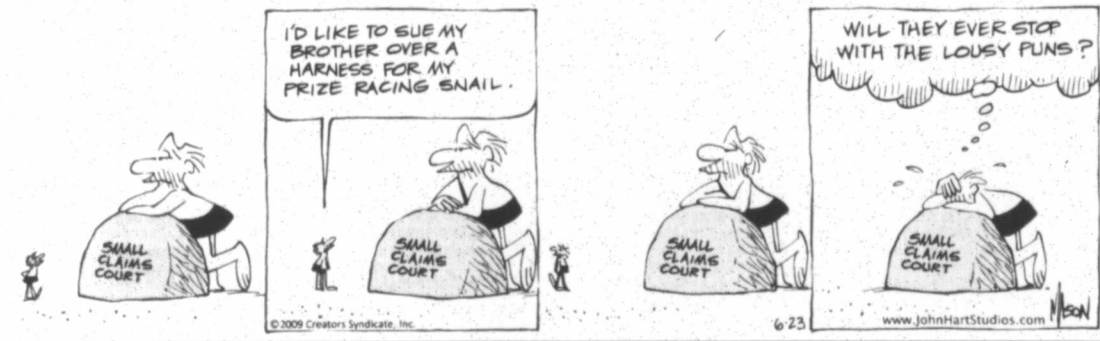
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, June 24, 2009. This year, tap into solutions through research and focused imagination. Once you have arrived at the right or appropriate path, assume a leadership role. No one can do exactly what you want except for you. Financial changes could benefit you, if you use your insight and drive. If you are single, others find you to be radiant and magnetic. Look at exceptions in a relationship when eyeing admirers. If you are attached, the only way to win a power play is not to play. Your sweetie could be unusually controlling. LEO offers a lot as a friend.

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) Take needed personal time. Clear out a mental obstacle first. Once you start working, or begin your normal day, you are on cruise control. Add that creative touch that others value. Tonight: Go with fun.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Keep communication flowing, especially if an associate or loved one starts revealing more. You could be surprised — attempt to respond appropriately. Honor your priorities, and you'll accomplish more. Tonight: Home is your castle.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Take a new look at your finances. Try not reacting to a situation, instead, pull back and understand. Detachment provides new ideas. You'll discover how many responsive people you have in your life. Stay centered. Tonight: Out and about.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Use the a.m. for key priorities. New information tosses another perspective on the situation. Someone might surprise you with the way he or she thinks. Though a suggestion appears to be wild, try applying it rather than negating it. Realize what you have to offer when you come into a situation. Tonight: Buy a new summer item on the way home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Understanding evolves from a discussion in the morning or in the recent past. Perhaps you have been digesting what needs to happen. Move out into the public, or take the lead in your immediate circle. Tonight: All smiles.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Meetings are favored in the morning. Don't sign papers in the afternoon. If you can wait for a few days, do. Nothing will be lost — more opinions and ideas could appear. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Use excitement to motivate you. Tonight: Just for you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Listen to news and stay on top of a situation that keeps reappearing. Bring associates or key people together to stop this revolving door. What you need to handle comes forward in a discussion. Willingly add that extra dynamic in your work. Tonight: Work with the unexpected.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Tap into your resources before making any decisions. You'll make stronger choices as a result. You are able to move situations forward with ease. Relax with others who have like minds. Assume a high profile with key issues that mean a lot to you personally. Tonight: A must appearance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A key associate demands extra attention. Clear out a discussion with this person first. Look for new answers. Eye the potential of actively seeking new information and knowledge. Challenge yourself to grow past the obvious. Tonight: Consider signing up for a workshop.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Defer to others and understand their perspective. Let those who have what they feel are better or stronger solutions try them out. Everyone could be surprised by the end results. Investigate other styles. See the value in different approaches. Tonight: Togetherness needs to be the theme.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Clear out your errands and any excess work. Listen to others' opinions. Schedule an important meeting. Networking is more important than you want to acknowledge. The unexpected occurs with finances. If you feel lucky, keep the risk to a minimum. Tonight: Others make suggestions before you can think!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Ingenuity could put an interesting twist to a problem and could be the path to a solution. Investigate rather than negate. Find the midpoint in your ideas and someone else's. Prioritize and focus in order to clear out as much work as possible, or else you could work quite late. Tonight: Go for a stress-buster.

**BORN TODAY** Musician Mick Fleetwood (1947), musician Jeff Beck (1944), actor Joe Penny (1956)

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**AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-23 CRYPTOQUOTE

UJCH KTI'PC BTUH DHB TIS.  
FTQCSJWHZ DVUDKF SIPHF IO  
— DHB WS'F IFIDVVK SJC  
HTFCF TX KTIP XPWCHBF.  
— TPFTH UCVCVF

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WALKING WITH A FRIEND IN THE DARK IS BETTER THAN WALKING ALONE IN THE LIGHT. — HELEN KELLER

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## IN BRIEF

### Now \$10 bill redone as \$100 in Amarillo

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Crooks passing fake \$100 bills in Amarillo are getting less return on their illegal efforts.

Amarillo police say a bogus \$100 bill that surfaced over the weekend was redone from a real \$10 bill.

Police last week announced they were seeking counterfeiters who were washing and altering \$5 bills to make them look like \$100s. About \$4,000 worth of fake \$100 bills have been circulating in Amarillo this month, being passed to various businesses.

Cpl. Jerry Neufeld says police are working with the Secret Service to try to stop the fraud.

### American Idol auditions at Cowboys Stadium

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Got talent and time to wait?

Registration for Texas auditions for the next season of Fox TV's "American Idol" will be Wednesday and Thursday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

Auditions will be held Friday at the \$1.15 billion Cowboys Stadium, which opened this month.

American Idol has a history of drawing thousands of contestants to tryout venues nationwide.

Kelly Clarkson, from nearby Burleson, rose to pop-rock fame after winning the first "American Idol" title in 2002.

### Ex-Bryan teacher gets 40 years for child indecency

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A former Bryan school teacher and soccer coach has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for aggravated assault of a child and other counts.

The former instructor at Neal Elementary School fled to the Ukraine, where he was caught in 2008 teaching English in a town near Kiev.

## DOUGLAS SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT



staff photo by David Bowser

Chelsea Douglas, left, shares a photograph with Pampa High School Volleyball Coach Libby Garza and Garza's baby Gabi after signing ceremonies in Valhalla, the athletic department's offices. Douglas signed with Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., to play volleyball for them this fall.

### 4th of July parade

Join members of VFW Post #1657 in celebrating Old Glory with a Fourth of July parade, beginning at the VFW Hall, 105 S Cuyler, and ending at the Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart St. Assemble at 10 a.m., bring your flags or flags will be provided, while the supply lasts. Prizes will be awarded to children for the best decorations or posters with a flag theme. A flag etiquette demonstration will be held before the parade. The parade will be sponsored by the VFW and Harmonicas Across America.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Please print this for "Ashamed in California" (March 28), who feels tremendous guilt for "not loving" her hard-to-manage son. I'm a psychotherapist and the mother of two boys, one of whom is "difficult."

The reason "Ashamed" hasn't heard other moms admit to having negative feelings toward their child is they, too, feel shame. Like her, they have accepted the idea that mothers are supposed to be perfect and feel positive toward their children all the time, even if they're behaving badly.

In my clinical practice, ALL the mothers admit to not liking their kids at times. Advising "Ashamed" to have her son evaluated for a possible disorder was good advice. But if she does and there is no diagnosis, her son could simply be a headstrong child. (They usually grow up to be likable, responsible adults, by the way.)

Her misery can be alleviated by understanding that she's not a bad parent for having totally normal feelings. Love for a child is constant. LIKING can vary from minute to minute, depending on how the child is acting. -- PSYCHOTHERAPIST IN S.C.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for sharing your insight. Many readers were eager to share their personal experiences of dealing with a difficult child and the range of emotions that goes along with it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I felt the same way! I loved my oldest son, but I wasn't "in love" with him as I was the other two. He was spinning out of control, constantly whining, aggressive toward his siblings, and unpleasant to be around even on a good day.

Eventually we discovered he has celiac disease (intolerance to gluten, causing a host of physical and behavior problems due to malnutrition). Once the fog cleared, we were able to see the wonderful boy he really was. For the first time in three years, I now feel love for him instead of a sense of obligation. -- ENLIGHTENED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: I tried many things to change my attitude toward my difficult child. As a last resort two months ago, we went to his pediatrician. After completing a

physical and some paperwork, he diagnosed my son with Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) as well as ADHD. He is now taking medication, and we have begun family counseling. My shame and anger dissolved as I began to understand the reasons behind his behavior and learn specific ways to deal with it. -- UNDERSTANDS HER PAIN IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: The

best advice I ever received for coping with my contrary daughter was from a neighbor who had a surly girl of her own. She made a conscientious effort to be more demonstrative to her daughter, hug her more and hold on a little tighter to show her how valued she was.

I tried it with my daughter, going out of my way several times a day to express my love for her.

It was awkward at first, but I persevered. I committed myself to loving that unlovable being, but slowly and surely it paid off. At first, she would lean away, but eventually she would ask me to hold on "just one more minute."

I also had to let go of the fantasy of who my child would be -- someone who would enjoy the things I enjoyed with my mom. We weren't going to cook together, visit museums or learn to sew. I had to meet her where she was. It was the challenge of my life.

My daughter is 24 now and on her own. Her life is not what I would have hoped or expected, but that's OK. We share a real and loving relationship, talk every day and I know I'm her touchstone for love and acceptance. I can't imagine my life without her. -- ANOTHER MOM IN CALIFORNIA

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	7	1	2	4	5	6	8	9
2	5	6	7	9	8	3	4	1
4	9	8	6	3	1	5	2	7
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5	4	9	8	6	3	1	7	2
1	6	2	5	7	4	8	9	3
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9	2	5	1	8	6	7	3	4
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Level: Beginner

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## 12th Annual Las Pampas Pond & Garden Tour

The Las Pampas Koi and Watergarden Society of Pampa will be conducting their 12th Annual Pond and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 27th.

Featuring 12 homes on the tour this year, there will be 10 available for viewing on the daytime tour and 8 on the twilight tour.

Times for the tour are 10am-5pm for daytime and 7:30pm-10:30pm for the twilight tour.

Ponds and Gardens on the tour this year:  
John and Faustina Curry-721 N. Russell  
Gene and Esther McAdoo-915 N. Gray  
Nita Hill-1001 N. Dwight  
Butch and Theresa Noble-1605 N. Christy  
Jack and Dorothy Chisum-2115 Lea  
Henry and Pam Spencer-2119 Lea  
Ryan and Jennifer Monroe-2135 Charles  
Lloyd and Thelma Waters-1939 Evergreen  
Kevin and Diane Karr-1915 Fir  
Keith, Phil, and Gladys Vanderpool- 4 Meadowlark Lane  
Ted and Becci Hutto-8606 Pear Dr, Keller Estates  
Lewis and Debbie Davis-641 County Line Rd (3 1/2 miles N on Hwy 70, 1/2 mi W. on County Line Rd.)

Admissions is \$5 for adults, with children admitted free. Profits from the annual tour are used for scholarships to Clarendon College - Pampa Center, Christmas baskets, Angel Tree participation and other projects in the community. Advance tickets will be available at all local nurseries and the Chamber of Commerce office. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at any of the participating sites.

For additional information, contact Debbie Davis at 665-0123 or Jack Chisum at 665-2878.